

Sacred Harp Sings

2009 & 2010

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Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association

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The Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association is delegated the responsibility for the publication, printing, and distribution of the *Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings* by the Alabama State Sacred Harp Convention. This publication has an annual circulation of more than 3,000 to singers across the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

SHMHA gratefully accepts tax deductible contributions of cash, stock, or other property to support projects to promote Sacred Harp singing. Memorial or in honor contributions will be acknowledged at your request. For more information, please see <http://fasola.org/shmha> or contact Jeff Sheppard or David Ivey.

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HOW TO SUBMIT MINUTES

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

- **Name/Location/Date/Time** Start the minutes with exactly three lines showing: 1) the name of the singing, 2) the location, and 3) the calendar date(s) on which it was held. Do *not* use all-caps.
- **Breaks** Indicate breaks using RECESS or LUNCH, capitalized as shown, and on a line by themselves.
- **Multi-Day Singings** Indicate the start of a second or third day of singing with the day and date spelled out on a line by itself.
- **Names** Verify the spellings of all names. Do not put state names or abbreviations after singers' names. Do not insert commas between the name and the first song number.
- **Song Numbers** List songs only by number. List the name of a song only if the song does not appear in a printed singing book. If two songs begin on the same page, be sure to add lower-case "t" for top or "b" for bottom to the page number. For example: 31t or 49b. If a particular song is the only song beginning on its page, a "t" or "b" should not be used. For example: 306 (not 306b).
- **Other Singing Books** Use abbreviations listed on page 40.
- **Memorial Lesson** When listing those memorialized, please indicate the state of origin and year of death if known.
- **Officers** List officers at the end of the minutes, ending with the name of the secretary.
- **Brevity** Please be brief with any descriptions of business sessions, resolutions reports, memorial lessons, and expressions of thanks. Submitted minutes will be edited as needed for space reasons.
- **E-Mail Instructions and Deadlines** Please see next page.
- **Payment** Each singing must pay a fee to appear in the minutes and receive 10 copies of the minutes book per singing day. Minutes sent without payment will not appear in the book.
- **Fees** \$40 per singing day if you want the books mailed to you
-or- \$30 per singing day if you will pick up the books in person.
- **Check Payable To** **Sacred Harp Minutes**
- **Submit To** Judy Caudle
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E-MAIL INSTRUCTIONS

Please read and follow these instructions carefully:

E-mail format

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

Style All styles will be applied during book production.

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

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

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

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

Always Send a Printout Even when you e-mail your minutes, please also mail a printout along with your payment. This allows us to re-type the minutes in the event the e-mail is lost or unreadable.

DEADLINES

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

January-October singings

The 15th of the following month.

November singings

The Friday following the singing.

December singings

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

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SACRED HARP SINGINGS

2010 DIRECTORY

ANNUAL SINGINGS

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January

Fri., 1st—New Year's Day Singing—Walnut Hills Christian Church—1438 East McMillan—Cincinnati, Ohio—From I-75 or I-471—Follow interstate to downtown—East on U.S. 50 (Columbia Parkway)—Left at first light (Kemper Lane)—At top of hill, right onto McMillan at light—About 0.5 mile to church at Ingleside—From I-71 southbound—Exit at Taft (Exit 3)—From ramp, make four successive rights onto Taft, Reading, Oak, and May—Go 2 blocks, then left on McMillan—About 1 mile to church at Ingleside—Always on New Year's Day—Info: John Bealle

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

Fri., 1st—New Year's Day Singing—11:15 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Mapperley Parish Church, Nr Ilkeston, Derbyshire, United Kingdom—Info: Helen Brown.

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

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 2nd—Covington County New Year's Singing—First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall—Dogwood Street—Collins, Mississippi—*Cooper Book*—From Hwy. 49 which runs between Jackson and Harrisburg—Take 84 east into Collins—Watch for Dogwood Street and signs to direct you to the church—First Saturday.

Sun., 3rd—Shady Grove Annual Singing—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—The first Sunday of each year +

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 9th, 6:00 p.m.—Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley Memorial Singing—Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church—Boldo (Walker County), Alabama—Saturday night before the second Sunday in January +

Sun., 10th—Uncle Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr Memorial—Camp Ground Methodist Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Fruithurst—Turn north onto County Road 49—Dutch Treat Singing—Meals are served at the church for a very reasonable price.

Sun., 10th—Anniversary Singing—Irish American Heritage Center—4626 North Knox—Chicago, Illinois—10:00 a.m.—Just off the I-94 Wilson exit

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 16th—Auburn Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.—St. Dunstons Episcopal Church—Auburn, Alabama—Info: David Ivey

Sat., 16th & Sun., 17th—All-California Sacred Harp Convention—Templar's Hall, Old Poway Park, Poway, California—Convention rotates Los Angeles (2011); San

Francisco (2012); San Diego (2013);—9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—
Info: Carla Smith (San Diego), Laura Boyd Russell (LA), Carolyn Deacy (SF)

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Baldwin County Cooper Book Singing—9:30 a.m.—Bay Minette Church of Christ Fellowship Hall—Pine and First Street—Bay Minette, Alabama—Info: Bill Hogan

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Keystone Pennsylvania Convention—Broad Street Ministry, 315 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA—Saturday 10:00 a.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m.—fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January—
Info: Joyce Homan, Tom Tucker or Ted Stokes

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

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

Sun., 31st—Ivey Memorial—9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—First fifth Sunday of year—Info: David Ivey or Rodney Ivey +
Sun., 31st—Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Jefferson County, Alabama—First fifth Sunday of year—
Info: Velton Chafin +

February

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 6th—Salem, Oregon—9:30 a.m.—First Congregational United Church of Christ, 700 Marion Street—Info: Melissa Stephenson

Sat., 6th—Rotunda Singing—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Alabama State Capitol—Bainbridge Street at Dexter Avenue—Montgomery, Alabama—Lunch provided with \$5.00 donation—Four books used: *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book/Christian Harmony/Colored Sacred Harp*—Info: Jim Carnes

Sun., 7th—Burnham and Brown Memorial—9:00 a.m.—Wesley Foundation—Jacksonville (Calhoun County), Alabama—Driving north on Hwy. 21, go through the square—Once past Mountain Street, look for the Wesley Foundation building on the left. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to help with lunch—
Info: Pearl Guier

Sun., 7th—J.D. Starnes Memorial—Mount Hope Missionary Baptist Church—Walker County, Alabama—Four miles northeast of Sipsey on highway from Sipsey to Wilburn (also called Bug Tussle)—County Road 9

Sun., 7th—Lincoln's Birthday Singing—1:00 p.m.—University of Chicago—Ida Noyes Hall—Chicago, Illinois—(Note: this singing is in connection with Folk Festival and will alternate with first, second, or third Sunday)—
Info: Cathryn Bearov

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 13th—Sanders Memorial—Liberty Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Alabama—Info: Velton Chafin +

Sat., 13th—Emory University—10:00 a.m.—Cannon Chapel—Decatur, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett or Elise Eskew.

Sat., 13th—Minnesota State Midwinter Singing—9:30 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., St. Paul—Info: Karen Swenson

Sat., 13th—Baylor University Singing—Truett Seminary Great Hall, Baylor U, Waco, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: David Music

Sat., 13th—Archdale Church of Christ, 2525 Archdale Dr., Charlotte, North Carolina—Info: CharlotteSacredHarp.org

Sat., 13th—Plymouth Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Community House at the East Sandwich Friend's Meeting House, East Sandwich, Massachusetts—
Info: Justin Levi

Sat., 13th—Home Counties Winter Shapenote Day—10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Oxted United Reformed Church, 21 Bluehouse Lane, Oxted, Surrey, UK—
Info: Tony Singleton/Martin Williams

Sat., 13th—Oldham Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Oldham Baptist Church, Chaucer St., Oldham, Lancs., UK—Info: Hannah Land

Sun., 14th—Roy Avery's Memorial/Birthday Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Tallapoosa County, Alabama

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 20th—Alabama Collegiate Singing—9:30 a.m.—Wesley Foundation Methodist Student Center—9th Street and Hackberry Lane—Tuscaloosa, Alabama—
Info: Tim Cook

Sat., 20th—South Yorkshire Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:30 a.m.—Oughtibridge Wesleyan Reform Chapel, Church Street, Oughtibridge, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, United Kingdom—Info: Sarah West

Sat., 20th & Sun., 21st—Ohio State Convention—Saturday 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—(Dayton Singers)The Golden Gate Park, Brookville, Ohio—Third Sunday and Saturday before in February—Convention alternates between Cincinnati and Dayton—Info: John Bayer

Sat., 20th & Sun., 21st—Pacific Northwest Convention-9:30 a.m.—Washington—Sunset Hill Community Center—Ballard (neighborhood of Seattle), Washington—Singing school and singing on Saturday, and all day singing on Sunday—
Info: Karen Willard.

Sun., 21st—State University of West Georgia Singing—9:30 a.m.—Food Service Building (Z-6)—Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 27th—J.L. White Sacred Harp/Eclectic Harmony I and II—10:00 a.m.—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur, Georgia—
Info: John Plunkett or Laura Akerman +

Sat., 27th—New York Regional (Midwinter) Singing—Clinton, New York—St. James Episcopal Church—9 Williams St.—
Info: Barbara Swetman or Ron/Margaret Bornick.

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Texas State Convention—Saturday—10:00 a.m.—Sunday—9:30 a.m.—Wellborn Community Center, 4119 Greens Prairie Rd.—College Station (Brazos County), Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—
Info: Kevin Powell

Sun., 28th—University of Georgia—Visitor Center, Botanical Gardens—Athens, Clarke County, Ga.—Turn right at intersection of Highway 129 and 441 (Milledge Avenue Extension)—Go 1 mile to Botanical Garden sign—Turn right—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Social Harp* books used—Info: John Garst

March

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 6th—Pauline Creel Childers Memorial Singing—9:30 a.m. EST—First Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne, Michigan—Cooper Book and 1991 Edition—Info: Henry Schuman

Sat., 6th—North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention—Page Walker Art and History Center, Cary, North Carolina—Info: Lynda Hambourger

Sat., 6th—Tucson Singing—9:30 a.m.—Sonora Cohousing—501 E. Roger Rd. (at 1st Ave.), Tucson, Arizona—1991 Edition—Info: Chloe Webb

Sun., 7th—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers Memorial—9:30 a.m.—Ephesus School Auditorium—Ephesus (Heard County), Georgia—On Georgia Hwy. 100

Sun., 7th—Martha Harper Nix/Lewis Keeton/McGough Memorial Singing—9:30 a.m.—New Flatwoods Church—Walker County, Alabama—Info: Jimmie Gilmore †

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 13th—Smith Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—New Harmony Community Center—Smith County, Texas—Northwest of Tyler on Farmers Market Rd. 724 in the New Harmony community—Between State Hwy. 64 and 110—*Cooper Book and 1991 Edition*—Changed from a two day convention—Info: Gaylon Powell

Sat., 13th—Zion Primitive Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Pickens County, Alabama+

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

Sat., 13th & Sun., 14th—Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention—9:30 a.m.—Northampton Center for the Arts—17 New South Street, Northampton, Massachusetts—Info: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, Julian Damashek, Christine Andrews

Sun., 14th—Oxford Singing—Oxford (Lafayette County), Mississippi—Choral Room—Scruggs Music Building, University of Mississippi—0.5 miles north of Hwy 6 (US 278) at Old Taylor Road Exit—Info: Warren Steel

Third Sunday and Saturday before

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

Sat., 20th—South Carolina State Singing in Memory of William Walker—10:00 a.m.—Burwell Building—Wofford College—North Church Street—Spartanburg, South Carolina—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony*—Info: Hugh McGraw.

Sat., 20th—Sussex Shape Note Singing Day—10:30 a.m.—Staplefield Village Hall, United Kingdom—Info: Tony Singleton

Sat., 20th, p.m.—Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial Singing—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Boldo (Walker County), Alabama †

Sun., 21st—Lookout Mountain Memorial Singing—(*J.L. White Book*) Pine Grove Church, Lookout Mountain, near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Info: Bud Oliver †

Sun., 21st—The Godsey Sisters Memorial (Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams)—10:00 a.m.—Shady Grove Church—Double Springs (Winston County), Alabama †

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 27th—Higher Ground Singing—10:00 a.m.—Centenary United Methodist Church, 301 N. 7th St.—Terre Haute, Indiana—Info: Darrell Swarens or Janet Fraembs

Sat., 27th—Pike's Peak Sacred Harp Singing—9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Chapel of Our Savior (in the Broadmoor), Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906—Denson and Cooper Books—Info: Debby Moody

Sat., 27th—Vermont State Singing—Grace Church, Rutland, Vermont—Note: Singing is on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March, unless it's Easter, then it's a week earlier—Info: Paul Gauthier

Sat., 27th—Liberty (McCormick) Singing (formerly Sardis On The River)—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Sumiton (Jefferson County), Alabama +

Sat., 27th—Holmfirth Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Choppards Mission, Choppards Bank Road, off Dunford Road, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire—United Kingdom—Info: Cath Ingham/Chris Brown/Judy Whiting

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Georgia State Convention—9:30 a.m.—Sweetwater Chapel, Lawrenceville, Georgia—Info: Michael Thompson

Sun., 28th—Palm Sunday Singing—Finstock Village Hall—Nr Whitney—Oxfordshire—United Kingdom—Info: Mandy Townsend

April

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 3rd—Jones Memorial Singing—Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Opp (Covington County), Alabama—0.5 miles east of Opp on Hwy. 84 east and Cool Springs Rd.—Info: Mike Jones or Wayne Jones.

Sat., 3rd—Harpeth Valley—Priestley Miller Memorial Singing—9:30 a.m.—Radnor Primitive Baptist Church, 503 Brewer Drive,—Nashville (Davidson County), Tennessee—From I-65—take Exit 74A (Old Hickory Blvd. east) turn left onto Edmondson Pike (2.2 mi.), turn right on McMurray Dr. (1.1 mi.), turn left on Brewer Dr. From I-24, take Exit 59 and go left on Bell Rd, turn right on Nolensville Rd. (3.3 mi.), turn left on Brewer Dr. (.5 mi.) Church (.6 mi.) Signs will be posted. Changed to Saturday before the first Sunday in April—Info: Tim Reynolds

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

Sat., 3rd—Omaha All Day Singing—10:00 a.m.—Saint Vincent's Church, 51st and Lake Streets, Omaha, Nebraska—Info: Jim Solheim

Easter Sunday

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

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

Sun., 4th—Old Enon Church—10:00 a.m.—Winston County, Alabama—North of Lynn—From U.S. 278 in Natural Bridge—Take Hwy. 5 south to Lynn—Turn East on County Road 25—Go approximately 2 ½ miles—Turn south on Rufus Mann Parkway—note sign for Old Enon Church—Go 1 ½ miles to church. **If singing date falls on Easter Sunday, the singing will not be held that year.**

Second Sunday and Saturday before

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

Sat., 10th—State Line Church—9:00 a.m. CT—Cleburne County, Alabama—From west to east—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to the Georgia State Line—*immediately* turn around and come back to first road to the right (Co. Rd. 69)—Go to the next road which will be dirt (NOT paved) (County Road 207) and turn right—Go approximately 500 yards and church will be on left—If you are coming from the east—Go to Georgia State Line and follow the same directions.

Sat., 10th & Sun., 11th—Potomac River Convention—Saturday session 1:00 p.m.—Sunday session 10:00 a.m.—Pohick Church, Lorton, Virginia and The Grange, Great Falls, Virginia (D.C. area)—Info: Steve Sabol.

Sun., 11th—Antioch Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Ider (DeKalb County), Alabama +

Sun., 11th—County Line Church—near Corner, (Jefferson County), Alabama +

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 17th—Middle Georgia Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Macon, Georgia—Vineville United Methodist Church, 2045 Vineville Avenue—I-75, exit 164 (Forsyth/Hardeman), turn west on Vineville Ave., go about 0.5 miles to church on the right—Info: Harry Eskew

Sat., 17th—Rhode Island All Day Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—North Scituate Grange, 706 Hartford Pike, North Scituate, Rhode Island 02857—Info: Charles Cofone

Sat., 17th—Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Marshall County, Alabama—2237 Guntersville Road, Arab, Alabama—2 miles east of Arab—off Ala. Hwy 69, follow signs.

Sat., 17th—Thomas Futral Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church—Goodwater, Alabama—From Hwy. 9, turn east in Goodwater on Hackneyville Road—Go approximately 5 miles to County Road 83, turn right (church sign there), go approximately 0.25 miles, church is on left. The singing was changed from Sunday to Saturday.

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

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

Sun., 18th—Pine Grove Church—9:30 a.m.—Lookout Mountain—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Info: Bud Oliver +

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 24th—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/Hopewell Road—North of Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia +

Sat., 24th—New York Regional (Spring)—10:00 a.m.—Rochester Mennonite Meetinghouse, 111 Hillside Avenue, Rochester, New York—Info: Chris Haller, Thom/Eileen Metzgar

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention—Village Hall—Kegworth, Leicestershire—United Kingdom—0.5 miles SE of M1 junction 24—5 minutes from East Midlands Airport and 45 minutes from Birmingham International Airport—Info: Ian West

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Harrod's Creek Shape Note Convention—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Harrod's Creek Baptist Church—Brownsboro, Kentucky—Held on the weekend before the first Saturday in May (because of Derby weekend). *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, Southern Harmony, and Cooper Book*—From Louisville—Take I-71

North—Go to exit 14—Turn left—Go 1.5 miles past Christian Church on right—Church will be on left—Info: Robert Meek

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

Sun., 25th—Alewine-Laminack Memorial—9:30 a.m. CT—St. Michael Church, near Fruithurst—Cleburne County, Alabama—Lunch 12:00 noon CT—Take U.S. 78 to Fruithurst—Turn north (County Road 35) at post office—Go to County Road 49—Follow County Road 49 north to County Road 14 (Rosewood Community)—Turn right—Go approximately 2 miles—Church on left.

Sun., 25th—Pine Grove Church Singing—Henderson, Texas—Off FM Road 2867 on County Road 364, southeast of Henderson—(*Cooper Book*)—Info: Robert Vaughn

Sun., 25th—Golden Gate All Day Singing—San Francisco Bay Area, California—<http://fasola.org/bayarea/>—Info: Rebecca Edwards

May

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 1st—Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.—Burritt Museum—3101 Burritt Drive on Monte Sano Mountain—Huntsville (Madison County), Alabama—Take U.S. 431 south (Governors Drive) to top of Monte Sano Mountain—Turn north onto Monte Sano Boulevard—Turn left onto Burritt Drive—Singing held on Saturday before the first Sunday in May—Info: David Ivey

Sat., 1st—Northwest Arkansas Convention—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—St. John's Episcopal Church—707 W. Central Ave—Harrison, Arkansas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Syd Caldwell

Sat., 1st—Portland Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Milwaukie Community Club—10666 SE 42nd Ave—Milwaukie, Oregon—Info: Jessica Beer

Sun., 2nd—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—Reid (Calhoun County), Mississippi—Hwy. 341—South of Reid—Dinner, followed by singing at 1:00 p.m.

Sun., 2nd—Shady Grove Baptist Church—Dutton (Jackson County), Alabama +

Sun., 2nd—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama +

Sun., 2nd—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church—Clay County, Alabama +

Sun., 2nd—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—West Blockton, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—Preaching service—11:00 a.m.—From S.R.5, go west on Co. Rd. 24 for 1.0 miles—Info: G. Wayne Crocker

Second Sunday and Saturday before

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

Sat., 8th—Boston Singing—10:00 a.m.—Location to be announced—Info: Kelsey Sunderland

Sun., 9th—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—10:00 a.m.—3 miles south of Nauvoo, Alabama—Info: Jimmie Gilmore +

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 15th—Los Angeles Regional Singing—San Pedro, California—Info: Rick/Laura Boyd Russell

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

Sat., 15th—Providence Singing—10:00 a.m.—Cullman, Alabama—Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church—corner of St. Joseph Street and Brunner Street—Info: Kenneth Fannin

Sat., 15th—Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention—Pisgah Presbyterian Church—Versailles, Kentucky—Near Lexington—Info: Charles Coulston

Sat., 15th—Pittsburgh Regional Singing—Franklin Park Baptist Church, north of Pittsburgh, within 4 miles of the intersection of I-79 and I-76—Info: Gerry Hoffman

Sun., 16th—Cane Creek Church—Cleburne County, Alabama +

Sun., 16th—Liberty Hill Church—Lamar County, Georgia—On Highway 36—Approximately 5 miles west of I-75—Take either High Falls exit or Barnesville / Jackson exit 201 and go west toward Barnesville—Please bring a dish to share.

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

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

Sun., 16th—Rocky Mount Homecoming—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Daviston, Tallapoosa County, Alabama +

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 21st p.m., Sat., 22nd—Garden State Singing Convention—Montclair Friends Meetinghouse—289 Park Street—Upper Montclair, New Jersey—Friday night singing school precedes convention—Info: Claire Simon

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

Sat., 22nd—Lewes Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:00 a.m.—South Malling Parish Church, Church Lane, Lewes, United Kingdom—Info: Rachel Jordan

Sun., 23rd—Gum Pond Decoration Day Singing—9:45 a.m.—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, 2086 Gum Pond Rd., Eva, (Morgan County), Alabama—Info: Judy Caudle +

Sun., 23rd—Darien Primitive Baptist Church Homecoming and Singing—10:00 a.m.—Tallapoosa County, Alabama—From Wadley, travel west on Hwy. 22 just past mile marker #142—Turn left at Cotney's old store on Mountain Spring Road—Church will be less than one mile on the left—Info: Don Clark

Sun., 23rd—The Big Singing—10:00 a.m.—*Southern Harmony*—Marshall County Courthouse on the Square, Benton, Kentucky—Info: Tim Reynolds

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

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

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—Midwest Convention—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., both days—Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago—1212 E. 59th St., Chicago, Illinois—Info: Ted Mercer

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—Holt Collier /Mississippi Bear Hunt Memorial Singing—Vicksburg, Mississippi—Location TBA—Info: John Merritt

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

Mon., 31st—Memorial Day—Jack C. Smith Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Oakhurst Baptist Church—222 East Lake Drive—Decatur, Georgia—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: John Plunkett

June

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 5th—Northern Shenandoah Valley—Berryville, Virginia—A set date of Saturday before the first Sunday in June—Info: John delRe/Kelly Macklin

Sat., 5th—Newcastle Singing—St. Bartholomew Church Hall—Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom—Info: Cath Tyler

Sat., 5th & Sun., 6th—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Near Bremen, Carroll County, Georgia+

Sun., 6th—Liberty Decoration Day Singing—9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—Info: David Ivey +

Sun., 6th—Hill Roane Memorial—Sherman Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—On Hwy. 32, 10 miles west of Bruce—Dutch treat: singers bring lunch.

Sun., 6th—Sherry Guthery Memorial Singing—9:30 a.m.—Fellowship Church, Cullman County, Alabama—8-10 miles west of Cullman just off Hwy. 278

Sun., 6th—Missouri Harmony Singing—Berryville, Virginia—Location to be announced—Info: John delRe/Kelly Macklin

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 12th—Iowa All Day Singing—10:00 a.m.—Berwick Congregation Church, Berwick, Iowa—Info: Annie Grieshop

Sat., 12th—New York State Regional Singing—10:00 a.m.—Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville, New York—
Info: Lauren Bock, George/Jean Seiler

Sat., 12th & Sun., 13th—Hopewell Homecoming—9:00 a.m.—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—3595 Airport Road, Altoona, Blount County, Alabama—
Info: Chris Green +

Sun., 13th—Alpharetta Singing—Performing Arts Center, Old Milton High School, Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—Info: Helen Bryson

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

Sun., 13th—Aldridge Memorial—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—Fayette County, Alabama—Info: Elene Stovall, Max Berueffy, or Joan Aldridge +

Sun., 13th (5:00 p.m.) - Thu., 17th (8:30 a.m.)—Camp Fasola—Adult Session—Camp McDowell—Double Springs, Alabama—Community Singing (all are invited) on Wed., June 16th—7:00 p.m.—Info: David Ivey—<http://fasola.org/camp>

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 17th, Fri., 18th & Sat., 19th—National Sacred Harp Singing Convention—9:30 a.m.—First Christian Church of Birmingham, 4954 Valleydale Road, Birmingham, Alabama—Info: Mark Davis

Sat., 19th—Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial—Addington Chapel Methodist Church—Cullman County, Alabama—from I-65 take exit 299-go south on Hwy 69 toward Jasper approximately 10.8 miles—turn right onto County Road 59-go 1.5 miles, church will be on your right.

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

Sun., 20th—Zion Hill Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Zion Hill Baptist Church—Brachfield (Rusk County), Texas—*Cooper Book*—About 12 miles southeast of Henderson—Take Farm to Market Road 840 to Brachfield from Henderson—Turn right at the Welch Cemetery on Farm to Market Road 1798 (aka County Road 368—Church is on the left—Info: Robert Vaughn

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

Sun., 20th—Clifford Wakefield Memorial—King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church)—Winston County, Alabama +

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

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

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 26th—Salem United Methodist Church Singing—9:30 a.m.—Near Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama—On Alabama Highway 9 between Cedar Bluff, Alabama and the Georgia state line—7 miles from Cedar Bluff and 1 mile from the Georgia line—Info: Henry Johnson

Sat., 26th—Oxford Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Seacourt Hall—Botley, Oxford, England—Info: Edwin/Sheila Macadam.

Sat., 26th—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama +

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

Sun., 27th—New Hope Church—Cullman County, Alabama +

Sun., 27th—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—Fayette County, Alabama +

July

First Sunday and Saturday before

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

Sat., 3rd—Pioneer Valley Singing—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Sunderland, Massachusetts—Info: Sheila Kelley

Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th—Henagar-Union Convention—Saturday 9:00 a.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church—Two miles north of Henagar—DeKalb County, Alabama—Info: David Ivey +

Sun., July 4th—Independence Day

Sun., 4th—Cross Roads Baptist Church—9:30 a.m. ET—North of Tallapoosa—Haralson County, Georgia+

Mon., 5th—Independence Day Singing—9:00 a.m. CT—Camp Lee, The Ark, Anniston, Alabama—from I20, exit 188, turn north to Choccolocco Road turn right, go 2.2 mi. Sign for camp on the left

Mon., July 5th (4:00 p.m.) - Fri., July 9th (8:30 a.m.)—Camp Fasola (Youth Session)—Camp Lee—Anniston, Alabama—Community Singing (all are invited) on Thurs., July 8th—7:00 p.m.—Info: David Ivey / <http://fasola.org/camp>

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 8th, Fri., 9th & Sat., 10th—Mountain View Shape Note Gathering, Ozark Folk Center, Mountain View, Arkansas—Teacher training Thurs—Singing Friday night & Saturday—Info: Charley Sandage

Fri. 9th, Sat., 10th & Sun. 11th—Stour Estuary Singing—Bradfield, Essex, United Kingdom—Info: Mick Verrier/Steve Fletcher

Fri. p.m., 9th p.m. & Sat., 10th—Quebec Convention—Location TBA—Quebec, Canada—Info: Chuck Neville

Sat., 10th—Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church Singing—Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church—2052 Fairview Road, Stockbridge, Georgia—Info: Jesse Roberts

Sat., 10th & Sun., 11th—Cullman County Singing Convention—9:30 a.m.—Cullman County Courthouse—Cullman, Alabama

Sun., 11th—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur (DeKalb County), Georgia—Preaching at 10:30 a.m.—Lunch at 12:15—Singing 1:15 p.m.—*J.L. White Book* +

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 15th—Capitol City Shape Note Singing—10:00 a.m.—Loeb Reception Center (near Kiwanis Park)—310 Columbus Ave.—Montgomery, Alabama—Bring a sack lunch for the noon lunch break—Sponsored by the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture—Info: Joe Brackner. Always held on the third Thursday in July

Sat., 17th—Walker County Convention—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Walker County, Alabama—Info: Velton Chafin +

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

Sat., 17th—Spivey Hall Singing—Spivey Hall—Clayton College and State University—Morrow, Georgia—Info: Hugh McGraw

Sat., 17th—“Connexion” All Day Singing—Boston University College of Fine Arts, Concert Hall—Boston, Massachusetts—855 Commonwealth Avenue—I-90 to Allston/Cambridge Exit, follow sign for Cambridge. Take a right on Storrow Drive before crossing the river and take the next right to get off of Storrow, take the next right onto Commonwealth. The College of Fine Arts is ahead one block on the right.—Info: Thomas Malone

Sat., 17th—Michiana Singing—Southwest Bible Church, 24899 County Road 40, Goshen, Indiana—Take State Road 119 southwest out of Goshen to County Road 40, turn right. Church is approx. 1/8 mile on right—Info: Samuel Sommers

Sat., 17th & Sun., 18th—South Wales Sacred Harp Singing—Saturday 10:00 a.m.—Sunday 10:30 a.m.—Location to be announced, United Kingdom—Info: Chris Brown/Judy Whiting

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

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

Sun., 18th—Hillabee Convention—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Daviston (Tallapoosa County), Alabama +

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 24th—Cotaco Convention—10:00 a.m.—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—2086 Gum Pond Rd. (Morgan County) Eva, Alabama—

Info: Judy Caudle †

Sat., 24th—Marilou and Don Jolly Memorial—Old Poway Park—Poway (San Diego County), California—From I-15 take Poway Road exit eastbound—Go approximately 4 miles—Turn left on Midland Road—The park is on the left—

Info: Carla Smith

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

Sat., 24th—Coastal Maine Singing—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—St. Paul's Union Chapel—Waldoboro, Maine—

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

Sat., 24th—Swannanoa Gathering Singing—10:00 a.m.—Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, North Carolina—*The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony/Southern Harmony—Info: Jane Spencer

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Coker Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Saturday 9:00-10:00 a.m. Singing School followed by singing—Sunday 9:30 a.m.—Coker United Methodist Church, 231 E. North Loop Road, San Antonio, Texas—

Info: Mike Hinton

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

Sun., 25th—John Etheridge Singing (in Memory of Winston Jones and Doss Bryan) (*Cooper Book*)—Valley Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Opp (Covington County), Alabama—10 miles north of Opp on Hwy. 331—Info: Wayne Jones

August

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., July 31st—Eugene Singing—9:30 a.m.—Eugene, Oregon area—Location to be announced—Saturday following the fourth Sunday in July—Info: Steve Helwig

Sat., July 31st & Sun., 1st—Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Convention—9:30 a.m.—Wilson's Chapel—Southeast of Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—From the southeastern section of 166 (Carrollton bypass) turn south on OLD Newnan Road, at fork, bear left onto Cross Plains Rd—at three way intersection, bear right onto dirt road, Chapel on left. From Alabama—Exit I20 at US Hwy 27, turn right, go about 10 miles, turn left at light onto Linda Lane, continue several miles until light at Old Newnan Road, turn left, after passing Cross Plains on right, keep straight after sharp curve, Chapel on left—Info: John Plunkett, Richard DeLong

Sun., 1st—Fayette County Convention—9:30 a.m.—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—Fayette County, Alabama †

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 7th—Calhoun County Convention—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Highway 9, one mile north of Bruce, Mississippi—church is on the right.

Sat., 7th—Geneva All-Day Singing—Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva, 102 South Second, Geneva, Illinois—Info: Ryan Wheeler

Sat., 7th—Big Sioux River Singing—1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.—Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve, 72 Westshore Drive, McCook Lake, South Dakota—

Info: Judy Hauff

Sat., 7th & Sun., 8th—East Texas Sacred Harp Convention—Henderson Community Center—302 Fair Park—Henderson (Rusk County), Texas—*Cooper Book*—Info: Robert Vaughn

Sun., 8th—Lamar and Pickens County Convention—Zion Primitive Baptist Church—Pickens County, Alabama †

Wednesday after second Sunday

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

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 14th—West Texas Singing—Crosbyton Primitive Baptist Church, 401 S. Emerald St., Crosbyton, Texas—10:00 a.m.—*1991 Edition*—Info: Kathy Taylor

Sat., 14th—Mt. Rainier Singing—*Cooper Book*—Buckley Hall, 127 N. River Ave., (between Main St. and Cottage St. N, Buckley, Washington—Info: Karen Willard

Sun., 15th—Willard Birthday Bash Singing—Buckley Hall, 127 N. River Ave., (between Main St. and Cottage St. N, Buckley, Washington—Info: Karen Willard

Sun., 15th—Clebune County Convention—9:30 a.m.—Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church—Near Heflin—Clebune County, Alabama—Info: Stanley Edwards

Sun., 15th—Emma Beasley, Belton Beasley, and Phillip Lee, III Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—Info: John Beasley †

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

Sun., 15th—*Cooper Book Singing*—Ramah Primitive Baptist Church—Lenox (Conecuh County), Ala.—On County Hwy. 6, about 4 miles west of I-65 near Lenox—Info: Hubert Nall

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 21st—Central Ontario All Day Singing—9:30 a.m. EDT—Detweiler Meetinghouse—3445 Roseville Road—North Dumfries Township (near Kitchener/Waterloo), Ontario, Canada—Info: Pleasance Crawford or Gillian Inksetter

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Mississippi State Convention—Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Near Forest (Scott County) Mississippi—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, Cooper Book and Christian Harmony*—Info: Mark Davis

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Lookout Mountain Convention—9:00 a.m.—Pine Grove Church—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Info: Bud Oliver †

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 28th—Young People's Singing Convention—9:30 a.m.—Fuller Cemetery—Ider, Alabama—Info: Blake Sisemore or Cheyenne Ivey. This singing is held on Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4th.

Sun., 29th—Lacy Memorial Singing—9:30 a.m.—Fuller Cemetery—Ider, Alabama—Just off AL Hwy. 117—1 mile north from intersection of Alabama Highways. 117 and 75—Church is just west of AL Hwy. 117—Follow sign—First fifth Sunday after July 4th

Sun., 29th—Moon and Guthrie Memorial—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Near Sumiton—Jefferson County, Alabama—Third fifth Sunday each year †

September

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 4th—Maidencreek Friends Meetinghouse—Near Leesport—Berks County, Pennsylvania—Saturday of Labor Day Weekend—Info: Ted Stokes

Sat., 4th—Mulberry River Convention—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Jefferson County, Alabama †

Sat., 4th—New Providence Primitive Baptist Church—Ringgold, Louisiana—Denson and Cooper books—Info: Robert Vaughn

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

Sun., 5th—Clear Creek Convention West—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—Fayette County, Alabama †

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

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

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

Mon., 6th (Labor Day)—Annual Picnic Singing—The big pavilion in Getzendaner Park, Waxahachie, Texas, just south of Main Street/Hwy 287 Business, on the west side of town—Info: Ron Ryan

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 11th—Northwest Pennsylvania Singing—Crossroads Community Baptist Church, 5827 Old French Rd., Erie, Pennsylvania—Info: Gerry Hoffman

Sat., 11th—Cooper Book Singing—Little Flock Church, Molino, Florida—Barrineau Park Road, 1.5 miles West of US Hwy. 29—Info: Hubert Nall

Sat., 11th—Rivanna River Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Charlottesville, Virginia—Info: Diane Ober, John Alexander

Sat., 11th—Gray Court (formerly Owings) Pioneer Day—10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—Gray Court, South Carolina—From the Greenville area, take I-385 south to exit 19, about 11 miles from I-85. Take SC Hwy. 14 to Owings, about 2 miles into Gray Court. Continue through the traffic light for about one quarter mile. Parking area will be on the left, then follow the signs—second Saturday in September

Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th—United Sacred Harp Musical Association (United Sacred Harp Singing Convention)—Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church, near Snead Cross Roads, Alabama—Off Hwy. 75—Turn west at Blount County line. Follow signs.

Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th—UK Sacred Harp Convention—Weedon Bec Village Hall, Northants, United Kingdom—Info: Mick Verrier/Steve Fletcher/Martin Williams

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 18th—New York City All Day Singing—9:30 a.m.—Location TBA—Info: Aldo Ceresa

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

Sat., 18th—Lee Rogers Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—*Christian Harmony*—Home of John and Elsie Hollingsworth, 1574 Adams Clarke Road, Commerce, Georgia—Info: John Hollingsworth

Sat., 18th—Pasadena United Methodist Church—10:00 a.m.—1062 Fairmont Parkway—Pasadena, Texas—Info: Crystal Meadows

Sat., 18th & Sun., 19th—Illinois State Convention—Taylorville, Illinois—Christian County Historical Society Museum—Third Sunday and Saturday before.—Info: Berkley Moore or Janet Fraembs

Sun., 19th—Cornelius Benjamin (Bennie) Keeton Memorial Singing—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama +

Sun., 19th—J.L. White Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur, Georgia—*J.L. White Book*—Info: John Plunkett or Sandra Wilkinson +

Sun., 19th—Smyrna Annual Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church—Goodwater, Alabama—From Hwy. 9, turn east in Goodwater on Hackneyville Road—Go approximately 5 miles to County Road 83, turn right (church sign there)—Go approximately 0.25 miles, church is on left.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 25th—Mountain Heritage Day Singing—10:30 a.m.—Administration Building—Western Carolina University—Cullowhee (Jackson County), North Carolina—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony*—Always the last Saturday in September—Info: Ed Smith

Sat., 25th—London Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:00 a.m.—St. Mary's Church Parish Centre, 18 Neasden Lane—Info: Michael Walker

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Minnesota State Convention—9:30 a.m.—Saturday—Location TBA—Sunday—Murphy's Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Rocky Mountain Convention—New Mexico—Location to be announced—Albuquerque, New Mexico—Convention alternates between Colorado and New Mexico.

Sun., 26th—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—10:00 a.m.—2086 Gum Pond Rd., Eva, Morgan County, Alabama—Info: Judy Caudle +

Sun., 26th—Winston County Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church +

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

Sun., 26th—Hamrick Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Old Carrollton Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia—Located on Old Carrollton Road, off Hwy 61 in Sand Hill—From I-20, take Exit 24 (Villa Rica), then go toward Carrollton on GA Hwy 61 for about 7 miles—Church on left at the corner of GA Hwy 61 and Old Carrollton Road. From Carrollton City Limits, take Hwy 61 toward Villa Rica about 3 miles—Church on right—Info: Curtis Hamrick

October

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 2nd—*Cooper Book* Singing—Shady Grove Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Between Dutton and Section—Jackson County, Alabama—Info: Syble Adams+

Sat., 2nd—Smyrna Baptist Church Sacred Harp Singing—Rusk County, Texas—*Cooper Book*—Church is on FM Road 2496—5 miles west of Mount Enterprise—Info: Robert Vaughn

Sat., 2nd—Church Music Heritage and Fall Festival—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—1859 USA Presbyterian Church—107 Church Street—Petersburg, Tennessee—Petersburg is located east of US 431 between Lewisburg and Fayetteville—Saturday before the first Sunday in October—Info: Tim Reynolds

Sat., 2nd & Sun., 3rd—New England Convention—Rhode Island—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Location to be announced—Date for this singing is selected by the host singers—Friday and Saturday OR Saturday and Sunday before the first Monday in October—Info: info@neconvention.net

Sun., 3rd—South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Liberty Hill Church—Lamar County, Georgia—On Highway 36—Approximately 5/6 miles west of I-75—Take either High Falls exit or Barnesville/Jackson exit 201 and go west toward Barnesville—Church is on the left.

Sun., 3rd—Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers, Wootten Memorial—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—3595 Airport Road, Altoona, Blount County, Alabama +

Second Sunday and Saturday before

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

Sat., 9th—Savannah All Day Singing—Faith Primitive Baptist Church—3212 Bee Road—Savannah, Georgia—Take Victory Dr. to Bee Rd, near Daffin Park—Go south on Bee Rd.—Church is 1/3 mile on left.—

Info: Gene Pinion. Saturday before the second Sunday

Sat., 9th—Columbia Singing—Dripping Springs Christian Church—2701 Dripping Springs Rd., Columbia, Missouri—Info: Wendy Hofmann or Lou/Penny Kujawinski

Sat., 9th—Rutherford County Sacred Harp Singing—King's Chapel—Hwy 96, Rutherford County Tennessee—Info: Ron Harper or Cassie Allen

Sat., 9th—Sheffield Sacred Harp Singing Day—11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Our Lady and St. Thomas Church, Meadowhead, Sheffield, United Kingdom—Info: Carmel Wood

Sat., 9th, p.m. & Sun., 10th—Tennessee State Convention—Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church—280 Second Creek Road, Five Points, Tennessee—Saturday p.m. singing—*Cooper Book*—Sunday singing—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—From Lawrenceburg: Take US 43 south. In Leoma, turn left onto Tennessee Hwy. 98 and go about 7 miles—turn right onto Second Creek Road—Cross Five Points—Liberty Grove Road at the Stop sign—Go about 1 mile to church on right.

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

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

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

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

Third Sunday and Saturday before

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

Sat., 16th—Tri-State Convention—9:00 a.m.—Tallahassee, Florida—Location to be announced—*Cooper Book*—Info: Morgan Bunch, Mary Whitehurst, Russ Scholz

Sat., 16th—Sacred Harp Singing Day—Hitchin, Herts—United Kingdom—Venue to be confirmed—Info: Steve Fletcher

Sat. 16th and Sun. 17th—New York State Convention—10:00 a.m.—Rochester Area—Mennonite Fellowship, 111 Hillside Ave, Rochester, New York—Info: Thom and Eileen Metzger, Chris Haller

Sat., 16th & Sun., 17th—Pacific Northwest Convention, Oregon—9:30 a.m., both days—Laurelhurst Club, 3712 SE Ankeny St., Portland, Oregon—Saturday a.m. devoted to singing school, normal singing Saturday afternoon and all day singing on Sunday—Info: Jessica Beer or Dan Thoma

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

Sun., 17th—Reid Memorial Singing—County Line Church—Jefferson County, Alabama †

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 22nd and Sat., 23rd—Alaska Sacred Harp Convention—United Methodist Church, Sitka, Alaska—Info: Kari Lundgren

Sat., 23rd—Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Emory Presbyterian Church—1886 North Decatur Road—Atlanta, Georgia—From I-85—Take the Clairmont Rd. exit and go south (passing the VA Hospital on the right) to the intersection of Clairmont and North Decatur Road. Turn right on North Decatur. Church is 0.5 miles west of the Clairmont/North Decatur intersection, at the corner of North Decatur and Westminster Way—Info: Kelly Morris or Laura Akerman

Sat., 23rd—Putnam, Light, and King Memorial—10:00 a.m.—Mt. Oak Methodist Church—Marshall County, Alabama—6 miles northwest of Arab—Turn west off Alabama Hwy 231 onto County Road 418 at Discount Warehouse Grocery, also called Ruth Eddy Road—Church is on the left.

Sat., 23rd—Bloomington All-Day Singing—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Friends Meetinghouse—Bloomington, Indiana—Info: Bill Shetter

Sat., 23rd—Northwest Arkansas Fall Singing—9:30 a.m.—Chapel, First United Methodist Church, 206 W. Johnson, Springdale, Arkansas—Info: Holly Childs, Sydney Caldwell

Sat., 23rd—Pratt-Woodard Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Houston Congregational Church, Houston, Alabama—From I-65 turn west on Hwy 278, then turn south on Hwy 63, the church is on the east side of road—Info: Don Robertson

Sat., 23rd—Boiling Springs Convention—9:30 a.m.—Jordan's Chapel, Newell (Randolph County), Alabama (see directions below)—Info: Jeff Sheppard or Eugene Forbes

Sun., 24th—Jordan's Chapel—9:30 a.m.—Newell (Randolph County), Alabama—U.S Hwy. 431 to County Road 82—Go across County Road 431 (Old U.S. 431) at Morrison's Cross Roads—Go 0.25 miles, left at fork, left at next fork—Church is approximately two miles on right.

Sun., 24th—Schoolhouse Singing—10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Eldridge Farm—near Orleans, Indiana—Info: Adrian Eldridge or Darrell Swarens

Sun., 24th—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers/W.A. Parker Memorial Singing—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Walker County, Alabama †

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 30th & Sun., 31st—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church, 7325 Roberts Drive, Dunwoody, Georgia—From I-285, exit Georgia 400 north at Northridge—From Atlanta, exit will be on right, go straight across onto Spalding Drive—From north, exit and cross bridge, turn right onto Spalding Drive—Church at light—

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

Sat., 30th & Sun., 31st—Southwest Texas Convention—Location TBA—Austin, Texas—Fall Session—*Cooper Book*—(August, September, or October)—Last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving—Info: Alexa Gilmore or Gaylon Powell

November

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 6th—Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Near Huntington—Angelina County, Texas—*Cooper Book*—4 miles on Farm to Market Road 1669 out of Huntington—Info: Burl Russell

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

Sat., 6th—Velton Chafin Birthday Singing—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Sumiton, (Jefferson County), Alabama—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* used in the morning, and the *Cooper Book* used in the afternoon. †

Sat., 6th—Denney Memorial—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—Take I-20 to Georgia, exit 11—U.S. Hwy. 27 south for about 13.5 miles—turn right on Oak Grove Road—Go about ½ miles—turn left on Oak Grove Church Road and go about ½ miles. Church is on the left—

Info: Tony Hammock or Philip Denney

Sat., 6th—University of Chicago/Hyde Park Sacred Harp Anniversary Singing—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Chicago, Illinois—Augustana Lutheran Church, on 55th St. between University and Woodlawn—Always Saturday before the first Sunday in November—Info: Cathryn Bearov

Sat., 6th—Pennsylvania Two Book Singing (*Cooper and Denson*)—Old Sadsbury Friends Meeting House, Christiana, Pennsylvania—First Saturday in November—Info: Laura Densmore

Sun., 7th—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—Info: Phillip Langley †

Sun., 7th—New Hope at Mt. Ebron Church Singing—10:00 a.m.—New Hope Missionary Baptist Church—Near Double Springs—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles west of Double Springs on Hwy. 25—Double Springs to Lynn—Info: Richard Mauldin

Second Sunday and Saturday before

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

Sat., 13th—Southern Wisconsin Singing—Plum Grove Church, Folklore Village Farm—3210 County Highway BB—Dodgeville, Wisconsin—County Highway BB, south of US Highway 18/151, between Ridgeway and Dodgeville.—Info: James Page

Sat., 13th—Dallas County Singing—9:30 a.m.—Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, 9200 Inwood Rd., Dallas, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Cheryl Foreman or Sonny Erwin

Sat., 13th—Stapleford Sacred Harp Singing—St. Luke's Church—Moorbridge Lane, Stapleford, Nottingham—United Kingdom—Info: Helen Brown

Sat., 13th—James River Convention—Richmond, Virginia—Saturday before the second Sunday in November—Info: Stephen McMaster or Pat Temple—PLEASE NOTE: Changed to a one day singing.

Sat., 13th—Berkshire Foothills Singing—10:00 a.m.—Milton Hall, 538 Milton Road, Milton (Litchfield), Connecticut—Info: Paula and Jim Picton

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

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 20th—Elmore County Convention—*Cooper Book*—First Presbyterian Church—Wetumpka, Alabama—Info: Bill Hogan

Sat., 20th—West Yorkshire Sacred Harp Day—West Lane Methodist Church—Haworth, United Kingdom—Info: Chris Brown/Judy Whiting

Sat., 20th—7:00 p.m.—Cross Roads Church—North of Tallapoosa—Haralson County, Georgia—Saturday night before the third Sunday in November. +

Sun., 21st—Elder and Mrs. Jason Davis Memorial—Harmony Primitive Baptist Church—Harmony Church Road—Calhoun (Gordon County), Georgia—From I-75 Exit 315 (Red Bud Road, GA 156)—Go east on Hwy. 156 to first traffic light—Turn right onto Harmony Church Road—Go about 100 yards—Church on left—Info: Judy Mincey

Sun., 21st—Ganus and Wilford Wakefield Memorial—King's School House (Mt. Vernon)—Near Lynn—Winston County, Alabama +

Thurs., 25th—Thanksgiving Day

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention—9:00 a.m.—Jefferson State Community College—Eugene Fitzgerald Student Center (Jefferson Campus)—2601 Carson Road—Birmingham, Alabama 35215—Info: David Ivey

Sat., 27th—3:00 p.m.—Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA)—Annual Meeting—Jefferson State Community College—Eugene Fitzgerald Student Center (Jefferson Campus)—2601 Carson Road—Birmingham, Alabama 35215

December

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 4th—Sacred Harp Singing—Heights Church of Christ—1548 Heights Blvd.—Houston, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book*—Info: Crystal Meadows

Sat., 4th & Sun., 5th—Florida State Sacred Harp Convention—Holiday Inn—2001 Cove Boulevard—Panama City, Florida—*Cooper Book*—For reservations call 850.769.0000

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th—Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—Info: John Beasley +

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 18th & Sun., 19th—No listings

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 24th and Sat., 25th—Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Sat., 25th & Sun. 26th—No listings

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

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

Info: John Hollingsworth

FIFTH SATURDAY/SUNDAY SINGINGS

First Fifth Weekend Saturday, January 30
Sunday, January 31

Second Fifth Weekend Saturday, May 29
Sunday, May 30

Third Fifth Weekend Saturday, August 28
Sunday, August 29

Fourth Fifth Weekend Saturday, October 30
Sunday, October 31

First Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

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

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

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock †

Second Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

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

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

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

Midwest Convention—Chicago, Illinois

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock †

Third Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

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

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

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

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock †

Fourth Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

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

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

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock †

LOCAL SINGINGS

Alabama

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

Auburn: Friday nights March 5 and September 17, 2010—St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church—136 E. Magnolia Avenue (just north of College Street—7:00 p.m.—Info: Karen Clark/David Ivey

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

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

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

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

Huntsville: First Friday Night—February 5, April 2, August 6, November 5—7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—Burritt Museum—3101 Burritt Drive, on Monte Sano Mountain—Take U.S. 431 south (Governors Drive) to top of Monte Sano Mountain—Turn north onto Monte Sano Boulevard—Turn onto Burritt Drive—Info: David Ivey

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

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

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

Montgomery area: Each third Tuesday—7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church, 10 River Bridge Road, Wetumpka, AL—Info: Bill Hogan

Alaska

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

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

Arizona

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

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

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

Arkansas

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

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

Mountain View: Second Thursday—6:30 p.m.—Ozark Folk Center—

Info: Charley Sandage

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

California

Berkeley: Every Monday (except major Monday holidays)—7:30-9:30 p.m.—All Saints Chapel, 2451 Ridge Road—Info: Jill Accetta

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

Los Angeles (Culver City): Fourth Thursday (and most other Thursdays)—7:00-8:30 p.m.—Info: David Olson

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

Info: Laura Boyd Russell

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

Info: Laura Boyd Russell

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

Info: Michael Armstrong; Jack and Kathy Herbig

Penninsula/South Bay: Second Sundays 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. and fourth Sundays 4:00-6:00 p.m.—Info: Terry Moore

Sacramento/Davis: Second Sunday—1:00 p.m. potluck—Singing, 2:00—4:30 p.m.—Held at home of Susan Jones and David Wright

San Diego: First Sundays—4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.—Los Penasquitos Ranch House, at Canyonside Community Park, 12350 Black Mountain Road—Info: Susanna Ball

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

San Diego: Third Sundays—3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Adobe Chapel, 3950 Conde St, in Old Town San Diego—Info: Jerry Schreiber

San Diego: Fourth Sundays—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Tierrasanta Lutheran Church, 11240 Clairemont Mesa Blvd—Info: Susanna Ball

San Francisco: Third Sundays in March, June, September, and December—4:30—8:00 p.m.—Potluck—Location varies—Info: Carolyn Deacy or Chris Thorman

San Francisco Bay Area-Oakland/East Bay: First Sundays—4:30-6:30 p.m.—followed by a potluck—Info: Alice Sharp or Vicki Solomon

San Francisco Bay Area-Penninsula/South Bay: Second Sundays—11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. and Fourth Sundays—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. (hosted lunch following)—Info: Terry Moore

San Francisco Bay Area-University of California/Berkeley: Every Monday—7:30—9:30 p.m.—location near UC Berkeley Campus—Info: Chris Thorman

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

Santa Cruz: First and third Sundays—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Info: Shelly Phillips

Colorado

Arkansas Valley: Fourth Mondays—6:30-8:30 p.m.—417 Carson Ave, La Junta, CO—singing from the 1991 Edition and Cooper Books—Info: Pete Mathewson

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

Colorado Springs: Second Sunday—1:30-3:30 p.m.—Pikes Peak Primitive Baptist Church—12th and Pikes Peak—Info: Pete Mathewson

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

Info: Patrick Dolan or Sharon Kermiet

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

Connecticut

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

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

District of Columbia

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

Florida

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

Info: Pat Morse

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

Tallahassee: Usually last Tuesday of each month—7 p.m.—Friends Meetinghouse, 2001 S. Magnolia Drive—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, Christian Harmony, or other shape note books—Call to verify—Info: Morgan Bunch

Georgia

Alpharetta: Friday before the third Sunday—S.O.F.A. Singing—September, October, February, and April—7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Take Georgia Hwy. 400—Exit 10—Old Milton Parkway—Alpharetta—Go east on Old Milton for 2.6 miles—Turn left at light onto Kimball Bridge Road—Go 0.2 miles—Church on left—Info: Faye Holbrook

Athens: Monthly evening singings, dates and locations vary—

Info: John Hollingsworth

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

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

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

Info: John Plunkett

Hoboken: Saturday before the third Sunday in each month—Hoboken Elementary School—7:00 p.m.—Take 82 East to Hoboken to the second caution light—Turn left on Kelly—Cross R.R. tracks—Take second paved street to the left—Go to the end of the block—The school and parking are on the right—

Info: David/Kathy Lee Clarke/Julie Lee or Johnny/Delorese Lee

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

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

Illinois

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

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

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

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

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

Indiana

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

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

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

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

Iowa

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

Cedar Rapids: Second and Fourth Sundays—10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.—Peoples
Church, 600 3rd Ave. SE—Info: Bryan Davis

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

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

Info: Kristin Bruchmann or Annie Grieshop

Kansas

Lawrence: First Sunday—1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.—usually at Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church, 2211 Inverness Dr—Info: Brad Levy

Kentucky

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

Lexington: Second Sunday—September through May—3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—
Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church—3534 Tates Creek Road—
Info: Mary Brinkman or Keith MacAdam

Louisville: Every third Sunday of the month—3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Ohio Valley
Shaped Note Singers—Vine Street Baptist Church—
Info: Bob Meek or Michelle Cull

Maine

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

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

Portland: First Sunday—1:00-4:00 p.m.—Location varies—
Info: Vicki Adams or Chris Holley

Waterville: Third Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—First Baptist Church, 1 Park Street—
Info: Peter Golden

Maryland

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

Baltimore: Every Thursday—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Peace Chapel of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, 4 E. University Parkway—Info: Carly Goss

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

Massachusetts

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

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

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

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

Leyden: Every fifth Thursday—910 Greenfield Rd.—Potluck supper at 6:00 p.m.—singing from 7:00-10:00 p.m.—Various books used—Info: Laura Timmerman

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

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

Michigan

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

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

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

Princeton: Dates vary—1:30-3:30 p.m.—Lawrenceville School Chapel, Craven Lane at Rt. 206, Lawrenceville—Info: Leon Pulsinelle

Minnesota

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

Minneapolis (Saint Paul): Second Sundays—5:00-7:00 p.m.—Saint Sahag's Armenian Church, 203 N. Howell Street, Saint Paul—Info: Stacey Berkheimer

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

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

Mississippi

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

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

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

Missouri

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

Kansas City: See listing under Lawrence, Kansas

Saint Louis: First, third, and fifth Mondays—7:00—9:30 p.m.—Sacred Harp, 1991 edition and Missouri Harmony, 2005—Info: Karen Isbell or Becky Browne

Nebraska

Lincoln: Third Sundays of each month—2:00 p.m.—CGS Music Store, 1244 High Street, lower level—Info: Aura Lee Furgason

Omaha: Second Sunday of the month—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—Fourth Saturday night—7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.—St. Vincent's Orthodox Church—2502 North 51st Street—Info: Jim Solheim or Kathy Wood

New Hampshire

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

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

New Jersey

Princeton: First Sunday—1:30 p.m.—Lawrenceville School Chapel, Craven Lane at Route 206, Lawrenceville, New Jersey—Info: Leon Pulsinelle

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

New Mexico

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

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

New York

Albany: First Saturday evenings—September through June, except when that coincides with a long weekend—7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.—Jonesville United Methodist Church, 963 Main Street, Clifton Park, New York—Info: George/Jean Seiler

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

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

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

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

Cambridge: Third Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Hubbard Hall's Lovejoy Bldg., 25 East Main St.—Info: Joanne Fuller

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

North Carolina

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

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

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

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

Swannanoa: Schedule and Location vary—Info: Rachel Rudi

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

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

Ohio

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

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

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

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

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City: Info: Nancy Powell/Claire Powell

Oregon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Salem: Every Monday—6:30-8:30 p.m.—Info: Melissa Stephenson

Pennsylvania

Bethlehem: Each second Sunday, 5:30-8:00 p.m.—the Café of Touchstone Theatre, 321 E. 4th Street—(please confirm date and location)—Info: Daniel Hunter

Dougllassville (near Reading): Third and fourth Sundays—6:30 p.m.—Exeter Friends Meetinghouse, 191 Meetinghouse Road—Berks Sacred Harp Singers—Info: Ted Stokes

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

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

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

Pittsburgh: Third Wednesdays—8:15 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—East Liberty Presbyterian Church—Info: Charles Anderson

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

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

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

Rhode Island

Providence: Fourth Sundays—3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Beneficent Congregational Church—300 Weybosset St., Parish meeting room, lower level—

Info: ri-sacredharp.net/singings.html

Providence: Weekly—Thursdays during the school year (Sep-early Dec and late Jan-April)—Brown University Campus—7:00-9:00 p.m.—

Info: ri-sacredharp.net/singings.html

South Carolina

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

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

Tennessee

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

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

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

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

Texas

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

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

Info: Lindsey Wiggins or Gaylon Powell

Dallas: Third Saturday—11:00 a.m-1:30 p.m.—(1991 Edition/Cooper Revision)—Highland Park Presbyterian Church, 3821 University Blvd—

Info: Sonny Erwin or Cheryl Foreman

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

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

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

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

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

Info: Jerry/Margaret Wright

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

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

Info: Robert Vaughn

San Antonio: Third Saturdays (except December)—3:00—5:00 p.m.—Coker United Methodist Church, Gibbs Bldg, 1st floor, 231 E. North Loop Road—

Info: Mike Hinton or Janie Short

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

Info: Morris Nelms

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

Waxahachie: First Saturdays—10:00 a.m.—Noon—First United Methodist Church—Info: Jeremy Boyd or Ron Ryan

Utah

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

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

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

Vermont

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

Burlington: Every Tuesday—6:30—8:30 p.m.—Ira Allen Chapel, 26 University Place—Info: Ian Smiley

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

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

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

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

Plainfield: Second Sundays—September through June—3:00—5:00 p.m.—Plainfield Community Center, 153 Main St.—Info: Pat Mayhew or Lynnette Combs

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

Virginia

Arlington: See District of Columbia

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

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

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

Richmond Sacred Harp Singers/Ashland: Third Saturday of September, October, December, March, April, and May—1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—St. John's Church, 2401

East Broad St.—Third Saturday in January—at the home of Pat Temple—Third Saturday in February—at the Visitor Center of Meadow Farm Park and Museum—Info: Stephen McMaster or Pat Temple

Washington

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

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

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

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

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

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

West Virginia

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

Wisconsin

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

Info: Jim Page or Julie Vea

Milwaukee: Fourth Sundays—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church, 125 W. Saveland Ave—Info: Karen Hagen

Canada

Durham, Ontario: Alternate Sundays—call to confirm dates—

Info: Gillian Inksetter

Grafton, Ontario: Second Sunday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Grafton Community Centre, 135 Old Danforth Rd. (off Hwy. 2)—Info: Elizabeth Barlow

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

United Kingdom

Derby: First Friday monthly—Info: Helen Brown

Herts: First Friday monthly—7:30-10:00 p.m.—Fairview Sacred Harp Singers, 176 Fairview Road, Stevenage, Hertfordshire—

Info: Steve/Mary Welch or Steve Fletcher

London: Second Tuesdays—7:00 p.m.—St. Mary's Church, Parish Centre, 18 Neasden Lane—Info: Michael Walker

Newcastle upon Tyne: Last Tuesday each month—7:30 p.m.—Coleman Education Centre, St. Oswald's Hospice, Regent Avenue, Gosforth—Info: Cath Tyler

Oxford: 'Teenth' Thursday each month—7:45 p.m.—30 Eynsham Road, Botley—Info: Sheila/Edwin Macadam

Transpennine: Second Fridays—7:30 p.m.—Either Sheffield or Oldham—Info: Sheffield/Sharon Langridge or Oldham/Hannah Land

West Yorks: Saturday night before the third Sunday in November—West Lane Methodist Church, Haworth—Info: Chris Brown

West Yorks: Second Fridays—7:30 p.m.—Various venues—Info: Chris Brown/Judy Whiting

DIRECTIONS TO CHURCHES WITH MULTIPLE SINGINGS

Alabama

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

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

Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—0.7 mile south of County Road 14—From Hwy. 78 in Winfield—Take Hwy. 129 North—County Road 14 turns west off Hwy. 129, then left at Church sign—Church is 0.7 mile on right.

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

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

Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—(Blount County), Alabama—3595 Airport Road, Altoona—6 miles east of Oneonta—1 mile east of Oneonta Airport—From I59—Take Hwy. 231 north—Go beyond mile marker 249—Take first paved road on right at sign for Robin Hill Baptist Church—Go to dead end—Turn right—Church is on left.

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

Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—2 miles north of Henagar on Liberty Road—From Henagar Crossing—Take Hwy. 40 west 0.6 mile to the Farmers Telephone Cooperative—Turn right and go to dead end—Turn right—Take first left past Henagar Methodist Church (Liberty Road)—Church is on right after 1.3 miles.

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

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

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church—(Clay County), Alabama—6 miles southwest of Ashland—From Interstate 20 at Oxford, exit 185, drive south on AL Hwy. 21 to Talladega. Turn east on AL Hwy. 77 to Ashland. In Ashland, turn south

on AL Hwy. 9, turn right, west, on County Road 5. The church is a little over a mile on the left.

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

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

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

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

Pine Grove Church—Lookout Mountain, near Collinsville (DeKalb County), Alabama—Take I-59 and turn east on Hwy. 68 (exit 205)—Follow signs to U.S. 11—Go south on U.S. 11—Look for sign to church between mile markers 210 and 211 (turn is almost directly in line with mile marker 211, Hwy. 469)—Go 2.6 miles, follow signs.

Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Boldo (Walker County), Alabama—6 miles northeast of Jasper—On Hwy. 69—Follow Hwy. 69 into Boldo—The church is on the right, next to the fire station.

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

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

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

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

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

Zion Primitive Baptist Church—(Pickens County), Alabama—8 miles north of Gordo—turn onto County Road 49—Church is .25 miles west of Hwy. 159

Florida

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—I-75 south to Hwy 674, then east on 674 to Fort Lonesome (from I-4 go south on Hwy 39) where 674 and 39 cross, east on Hwy 674 five miles to Bethlehem Road, then north one mile to church.

Georgia

Cross Roads Church, north of Tallapoosa, Haralson County, Georgia—Take Hwy 100 North from Tallapoosa for 8.6 miles to Cross Roads Church Road (just beyond mile marker 15)—Turn left—go 2.6 miles—Church is on right at intersection of Cross Roads Church Road and Steadman Road.

Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur, Georgia—From I-285, Exit 44, west (toward Atlanta) on Glenwood Rd. 1.4 miles—

Church is on left—From I-20, Exit 61, east on Glenwood Rd. 4.2 miles—church is on right—Church is between Columbia Dr. and Candler Rd.

Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen, (Carroll County), Georgia—2 miles south of Bremen off Hwy. 27—Exit #11 off I-20 and turn south on Hwy. 27—Go to top of hill at BP service station—Turn left—Go to dead end, turn left.

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

How other singing books appear in the Minutes

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

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

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| ACH | American Christmas Harp |
| AH | The American Harmony |
| AV | American Vocalist |
| CB | Cooper Book |
| CH | Christian Harmony |
| CHa | Alabama Christian Harmony |
| EH 1 | Eclectic Harmony |
| EH 2 | Eclectic Harmony II |
| SoH | Southern Harmony |
| GH | Georgian Harmony |
| HS | Harmonia Sacra |
| ICH | Ingalls Christian Harmony |
| JB | James Edition Book (#25 — Great Roll Call) |
| KsH | Keystone Harmony |
| KH | Kentucky Harmony |
| LD | Lloyd's Hymnal |
| MH | Missouri Harmony |
| NH | Northern Harmony |
| NHC | New Harp of Columbia |
| OSH | Old School Hymnal |
| ScH | Social Harp |
| WB | J.L. White Book |

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WOOTTEN FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama

Wednesday, December 31, 2008

The 47th session of the Wootten Family New Year's Eve Singing was called to order by Aaron Wootten and Jared Wootten leading 82t and 48t. The opening prayer was offered by Jeffrey Wootten.

Leaders: Aaron Wootten and Jared Wootten 39t; Levon Wootten 138b; Shane Wootten 138t; Mel Kersey 565; Eloise Wootten and Linda Thomas 47t; Phillip Wootten and Susan Pilcher 106, 196; Louis Hughes 166; Terry Wootten 383; Jeffrey Wootten 273; Judy Caudle 540; Michael Thompson 87; David Townson, Chase Townson, and Logan Townson 162; Cassie Allen, Ainslie Allen, Karolina Mann, and Jenny Mann 215, 110; Max Berueffy and Karin Covi 566; Jamie Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Cole Wootten 29t; Robert Walker 350; Drew Smith 129; Joan Aldridge 38t; Tony Ivey and Scott Ivey 528; Bridgett Hill 546; Ariella Perry and Melissa Troyer 203; Rodney Ivey 492; Pierce Phillips 573 (CB); David Carlton 272; Rachel Shaver and Natalia Zmudzin 142.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Terry Wootten leading 345b. Leaders: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 349; Loyd Ivey 426b; Aaron Little 313t; Betty Wright and Anzlea Maxwell 97; Nate Green and Norma Green 354t; Karen Rollins 46 (for Jimmy Denney); Lauren Bock 270; Ronald Patterson and Rita Patterson 359 (OSH), 518 (CB); Kennedy Wootten, Dani Townson, Raven Townson, Sarah Vaughn, Kaylee Mann, and Karolina Mann 186, 56t; Dewayne Wootten 478 (CB); Kristie Wootten and Danette Townson 28b, 460; Andrew Farris 408; Randa Harris 268; Aaron Wootten, Marty Wootten, Jeffrey Wootten, and Jenny Mann 452 (for Grandmother). Prayer was offered by Phillip Wootten before refreshments were served.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Aaron Wootten leading 101t. Leaders: Jerry Creason 74b; Boyd Scott 358; Sandy Ivey, Jaren Maxwell, and Avalea Maxwell 30t; Alexandra Craig 421; Hobert Ivey and Lorrie Wootten 398b (CB); Brian Maxwell, Zach Craig, Isaac Maxwell, Ryan Maxwell, and Gavin Maxwell 384; Reba Windom 411; Donna Wootten 274t; Britt Mann 68b; Coy Ivey 465 (CB); Jenny Mann "Sweet Beulah Land"; Marty Wootten 182, 389 (for Lonnie Rogers); Karen Swenson 344; Terry Wootten 32t; Aaron Wootten 490 (by request); Jeffrey Wootten 306.

RECESS

Terry Wootten brought the class to order leading 114b (CB) and 116 (CB). Leaders: Eloise Wootten 515 (CB), 299; Jenny Mann and Cassie Allen 559 (CB), 575 (CB); Shane Wootten 567 (CB), 517 (CB); Reba Windom and Shane Wootten 505 (CB); Aaron Wootten and Jared Wootten 484 (CB).

Terry Wootten led 176t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Tony Ivey, and the class was dismissed. Happy New Year!

Chairmen—Aaron Wootten and Jared Wootten; Secretary—Judy Caudle

NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING
Hollingsworth Home, Ila, Georgia
Wednesday, December 31, 2008

The 3rd session of the New Year's Eve Singing held in the Hollingsworth home was called to order by Billy Hollingsworth leading 21 (CH). The opening prayer was offered by John Plunkett. In the first session, all songs were from *The Christian Harmony*, 2002 Deason and Parris Revision.

Leaders: Billy Hollingsworth 31; Mildred Chandler 131; Shannon Primm 195, 282; Morgan Bunch 76b, 64; Chris Wilhelm 121t, 9b; Dorothy Lane 179, 235; Mike Spencer 361, 23b; Mary Baumeister 116, 130t; John Plunkett 161b, 300; Robert Kelley 198; Stephanie Tingler 175, 172; Terry Chandler 171, 135; Alexander Garden 269t.

RECESS

Jane Spencer brought the class back to order leading 172. Leaders: Jack Chandler, Jr. 107, 369; Erin Mills 11; Judy Mincey 268, 346; Sue Bunch 228, 86t.

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

Leaders: Matt Hinton and Alex Johns 142, 365; Greg Wilson 99, 269; Erica Hinton 209, 108t; Billy Hollingsworth 121; Anna Hinton and Jane Spencer 277, 282; Shannon Primm 250; Morgan Bunch 203; Chris Wilhelm 373; Dorothy Lane 457.

RECESS

Mike Spencer brought the class back to order leading 278t. Leaders: Mary Baumeister 180.

The songs led in the third session were "leader's choice". Leaders: John Plunkett 189t (CH Walker Ed.); Anna Hinton and Jane Spencer 32t; Robert Kelley 212; Stephanie Tingler 157; Alexander Garden 48t; Matt Hinton 473; Erica Hinton and Matt Hinton 472; Jane Spencer 134; Erin Mills 215; Judy Mincey 258 (CH); Sue Bunch 344; Billy Hollingsworth led his own composition "Macedonia"; Shannon Primm 350 (CH); Morgan Bunch 372 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 197 (CH); Dorothy Lane 184 (CH); Mike Spencer 385 (CH); Mary Baumeister 202 (CH); Greg Wilson 208; Robert Kelley 202; Alexander Garden 284; Jane Spencer 306; Erin Mills 430; Judy Mincey 51 (CH); Sue Bunch 448t; Billy Hollingsworth 287; Shannon Primm 178; Morgan Bunch 231; Chris Wilhelm 101t; Billy Hollingsworth 162t.

John Plunkett dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Billy Hollingsworth; Secretary—Jane Spencer

NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING
Holy Trinity Church, Mapperley, Derbyshire, United Kingdom
Thursday, January 1, 2009

The annual New Year's Day Singing was called to order by Helen Brown leading 171. A warm welcome was extended to all and Ruth Steggles offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Helen Brown; Vice Chairman—Ted Brown; Arranging Committee—Sarah West and Maria Wallace; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders.

Leaders: Ruth Steggles 47t; Michael Walker 134; Maria Wallace 448t; Chris Brown 114; Linda Reed 300; Ted Brown 49b; Rosalind Oldham 54t (CB); Benny Ross 143; Sharon Langridge 350; Steve Fletcher 40; Judy Whiting 212; Hannah Land 98 (CB); Sarah West 101t; Ruth Steggles 107; Chris Brown 275t; Gillian White 49t.

RECESS

Judy Whiting called the class back to order leading 480. Leaders: Steve Walsh 503; Linda Davies-Holmes 268; Margaret Gillanders 500 (CB); Ted Brown 505 (CB);

Sharon Langridge 563 (CB); Michael Walker 456; Linda Reed 344; Steve Fletcher 100; Rosalind Oldham 148; Benny Ross 38t; Helen Brown 50b. Hannah Land offered grace for the mid-day meal.

LUNCH

Sarah West re-convened the class by leading 84. Leaders: Hannah Land 228; Steve Welch 501; Linda Davies-Holmes 178; Maria Wallace 146; Margaret Gillanders 33b; Michael Walker 559 (CB); Judy Whiting 507b (CB); Ruth Steggles 511t (CB); Sharon Langridge 515.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Gillian White and the names of the following deceased were read from the list: Stan Shaw, Jean Cousins, John Etheridge (Florida, USA), Frank Hataway (Alabama, USA), Amanda Denson (Alabama, USA), Ivy Hughes, Beatrice Davies, Roy West, Lee Rogers (Georgia, USA), Rev. John (Jack) Walne, Yvonne Blake, Adrian Mitchell, Cicely Mary Smith-Bird, Sara Bernstone, Derek Froome, Don Chapman, Munro Dennis, Eileen White, John (NLN).

Ted Brown spoke for the sick and housebound and the names of the following were read: Olen J. Osborne (OH), Sue Briggs, David Daykin, Dorothy Williams, Ann Cox, Philip Higgins, David Lee, Gladys Buchanan, Barry Hills, Kathy Armstrong, Derek Lee, Les, Joan Mattock, Mick Lovely, Andy, and Ruth Parrish.

Helen Brown and Ted Brown led 96 (CB) for all those remembered and Gillian White concluded the lesson by leading the class in prayer.

Leaders: Steve Fletcher 106; Linda Reed 147t.

RECESS

Chris Brown called the class back together leading 338. Leaders: Helen Brown 573 (CB); Benny Ross 318; Sarah West 288; Steve Welch 479; Hannah Land 472; Linda Davies-Holmes 209; Margaret Gillanders 475; Michael Walker 495; Judy Whiting 546; Ruth Steggles 547; Ted Brown 99; Sharon Langridge 496; Steve Fletcher 481.

Following announcements, Helen Brown led 95 (CB) as the closing song. Simon White offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING (THE GEORGIAN HARMONY) Hollingsworth Home, Ila, Georgia Thursday, January 1, 2009

The 2nd session of the New Year's Day Singing held in the Hollingsworth home was called to order by John Hollingsworth leading 11. All songs were from The Georgian Harmony by Raymond Hamrick. The opening prayer was offered by John Plunkett.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Billy Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary and Arranging Committee—Jane Spencer.

Leaders: Billy Hollingsworth 25; John Plunkett 67; Jane Spencer 19; Robert Kelley 60; Chris Wilhelm 46; Alexander Garden 10; Mike Spencer 9; Shannon Primm 64; Helen Bryson 50; Morgan Bunch 89; Mary Baumeister 14; Sue Bunch 4; Bentley McGuire 87; Judy Mincey 72; Erin Mills 88; Greg Wilson 66; Lauren Bock 44.

RECESS

Billy Hollingsworth called the class back to order leading 29. Leaders: Stephanie Tingler 51; Joyce Walton 30; Jonathon Smith 48; Ed Thacker 43; Erica Hinton 78; Lela Crowder 15; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 16; B.M. Smith 42; Matt Hinton 18; Thom Fahrback 90; Hugh McGraw 3; Oscar McGuire 59; Ellie Soler 63; Susan Posey 1; Laura Akerman 26; Raymond Hamrick 94, 8.

LUNCH

Billy Hollingsworth called the class back to order leading 95. Leaders: John Plunkett 32; Jane Spencer 13; Robert Kelley 74; Alexander Garden 28; Mike Spencer 33; Shannon Primm 34; Helen Bryson 21; Morgan Bunch 82; Mary Baumeister 20; Sue Bunch 81; Bentley McGuire 36; Judy Mincey 93; Erin Mills 27; Greg Wilson 38; Lauren Bock 31; Joyce Walton 68; Ed Thacker 58; Erica Hinton 56; Lela Crowder 65.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class back to order leading 54 (for Mary Brownlee). Leaders: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 12; John Hollingsworth 26 (with added composition); B.M. Smith 80; Matt Hinton 2; Thom Fahrback 79; Oscar McGuire 45; Susan Posey 22; Laura Akerman 47; Chris Wilhelm 92; Raymond Hamrick 6.

Following announcements, Billy Hollingsworth led 54 (by request) as the closing song. John Plunkett dismissed the class with prayer.

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

CINCINNATI NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING **Walnut Hills Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio** **Thursday, January 1, 2009**

The 18th annual Cincinnati New Year's Day Singing was held at Walnut Hills Christian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, and began with Rich Overturf leading 34b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rich Overturf, Secretary—Judy Schuetz; Arranging Committee—John Bealle.

Leaders: Sheryl Pockrose 270; John Bealle 32t; Eloise Clark 27; Judy Schuetz 503; Wayne Dell 66; William Shetter 59; Randy Webber "Emmanuel"; Michael Domino 173; Joan Redd 385b; Anne Missavage 454; Bob Meek 511t (CB); Debbie Hall 273; Ruth Dolby 128; Bob French 313b; Richard Palmer 236; Henry Schuman 318; Rebecca Eldridge 36t.

RECESS

Rich Overturf called the class back together leading 479. Leaders: Carol Medicott 421; Karen Arnett 40; James Eldridge 186; Jim Coppock 71; Katherine Eldridge 117; Mary Brinkman 47b; Adrian Eldridge 96 (CB); Virginia Eldridge 29t; Eloise Clark 162; Anne Missavage 203; Henry Schuman 571 (CB); Richard Palmer 49t; Bob Meek 393t (CB); William Shetter 463 (CB); Randy Webber "Watauga"; Debbie Hall 192; Rebecca Eldridge 215; Paul Sorenson 176b. Bob Meek offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Rich Overturf called the class back together leading 312b. Leaders: Sheryl Pockrose 180 (CB); Shirley McKee 573 (CB); Sarah Scherer and Dave Carlotta 159; Steve Angell 112; Daniel Coppock 146; Adrian Eldridge 89; Mary Brinkman 178; Wayne Dell 572 (CB); Virginia Eldridge 278t; Bob French 496; Ruth Dolby 505 (CB); Eric Conrad 300; James Eldridge 134; Jim Coppock 273; Karen Arnett 551; Katherine Eldridge 335.

RECESS

Rich Overturf called the class back together leading 49b; Leaders: Eric Conrad 140 (CB); Carol Medicott 142; Mike Russell 38t; Daniel Coppock 344; Laura Russell 107; Leslie Scott 504; Anne Gilliland 143; Sarah Scherer and Dave Carlotta 155; Judy Schuetz 200; Joan Redd 114; Michael Domino 172; Allen DuBose 488b (CB); Eric Conrad 378b; Leslie Scott 481; Cecilia Kramer 268; Allen DuBose 451; Laura Russell 48b; Linda Coppock 532.

Rich Overturf led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rich Overturf, Secretary—Judy Schuetz

SHADY GROVE ANNUAL SINGING

**Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama
Sunday, January 4, 2009**

The Shady Grove annual singing was held on the first Sunday in January. Kermit Adams called the class to order leading 31b. The morning prayer was offered by Earl Ballinger.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Dawson Adams; Arranging Committee—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 36b; Don Robertson 216, 217; Kenneth Tate 490 (in memory of Wilton and Ivalene Donaldson), 159; Roma Rice 104, 373; Lena Keeton 63, 123t; Seth Poston 275b, 358; Stella Pratt 480, 379; Willodean Barton 391, 274t; Corene White 97; Dawson Adams 134, 77t; Parnell Berry 177, 283; Travis Keeton 176b, 68b (for Clarence McCool).

RECESS

Kermit Adams called the class back to order leading 46. Leaders: Warren Steel 135, 214; Elizabeth Keeton 297; Gravis Ballinger 120, 112; Lisa Geist 527, 528; Glenn Keeton 349 (for Clarence McCool), 43 (for Richard Mauldin); Earl Ballinger 75 (in memory of John Hyde), 99; Faye Donaldson 477, 168; Emily Jones 74t, 74b; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 309, 401; Harrison Creel 111b, 498.

LUNCH

Kermit Adams called the class back to order leading 78. Leaders: Mary Godsey 100, 111t; Amber Davis 378b, 440; Velton Chafin 83b, 222; Josie Hyde 220, 442; Loretta Whitman 82t, 323b, 81t (for her sister, Nellie Alexander); Lorene Gray, Lera Pollock, Margaret Keeton, Mary Godsey, Loretta Whitman, Roma Rice, Carolyn Pipkin, and Jane Velasque 426t, 146, 147t; Lisa Geist 472; Don Robertson 151; Warren Steel 189; Glenn

Keeton 150; Willodean Barton 454; Harrison Creel 512; Earl Ballinger 162; the class sang birthday wishes to Mr. Phillips; Travis Keeton 235; Kenneth Tate 163b; Parnell Berry 306.

Kermit Adams led 285t as the closing song. Earl Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

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

LILLIAN CALVERT AND IRENE WOODLEY MEMORIAL Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama Saturday night, January 10, 2009

The 54th session of the Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley Memorial singing was held at Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday night before the second Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Ken Tate leading 56t. The opening prayer was offered by John Merritt. Ken Tate led 335.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretaries—Wanda Capps and Emily Creel; Arranging Committee—Ann Jett and Cindy Tanner.

Leaders: Ken Tate 278t; Glenn Keeton 122; Bea Carnathan 472; Larry Ballinger 540; Hubert Nall 31b; Gary Smith 276; Velton Chafin 395; David Roberson 222;

Elene Stovall and Gresham Davis 37b; Mary Godsey 100; Sarah Smith and Danica Thornton 401; Willodean Barton 454; Eldagene Roberson 142; Judy Caudle 325; Brenda Merritt 277; Emily Creel 455; Henry Guthery 120; John Merritt and Max Berueffy 86; Cindy Tanner 436; Josh Keeton 268; Max Berueffy and Karin Covi 501, 566; Doris Talley 39b. Prayer was offered by Henry Guthery before refreshments were served.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Ken Tate leading 145t. Leaders: Hannah Tate 144; Wanda Capps 203; Lena Keeton 179; Bailey Jett and Julianna Jett 108b, 108t; Elsie Moon 376; Margaret Gowan 358; Jetty Naramore 460; Ann Jett and Yancey Jett 35, 64; Fay Kitchens 75; Travis Keeton 155; Harrison Creel 111b, 530; Ken Tate 340 (for Edna Graves); Glenn Keeton and Josh Keeton 511b (CB) (for L.H. Gilmore).

Following announcements, Ken Tate led 475 in memory of Flarce Creel. The closing prayer was offered by John Merritt, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Wanda Capps

CHICAGO ANNIVERSARY SINGING **Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, Illinois** **Sunday, January 11, 2009**

The 25th Chicago Anniversary Singing was held at the Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, Illinois, on the second Sunday in January. Carol Munro Mosley and Michael Mosley called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 38t. Anne Heider offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Molly Whedbee 47t; Jim Helke 123; Susan Geil 52t; Don Keeton 317; Ryan Wheeler 319; Rachel Adelstein 299; Randy Neufeld 171; Jo Dell Albi 211; Jim Swanson 353; Ginny Landgraf 538; Peter Bradley 351; Mark Dawson 236; Lori Graber 492; Anne Missavage 384; Sarah Burghardt 454; Marian Mitchell 34b; Grace Scrimgeour 33b.

RECESS

Carol Munro Mosley and Michael Mosley called the class to order leading 148. A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chairperson—Molly Whedbee; Vice Chairperson—Anita Shaperd; Memorial Committee—Daniel Braithwaite and John Seaton; Finance Committee—Jeff Breting and Nathan Rees; Arranging Committee—Susan Matthews and Susan Geil; Chaplain—Herb Schroeder; Secretary—Rochelle Lodder

Leaders: Anita Shaperd 421; Idy Kiser 312b; Jim Lawrie and Brett Kinfofer 178; Jeff Breting 107; Connie Karduck 276; Samuel Sommers 54; Zachary Marcus 27; Martha Beverly 546; Steve Warner 137; Chresten Hyde 458; Debbie Barford 383; James Page 184; Cathryn Bearov 216; Ted Johnson 368; Bob Borcharding 142; Shirley Figura 378b; Michael Mosley 440.

RECESS

Molly Whedbee called the class to order leading 122. Leaders: Ted Mercer 151; Liz Kiser 426b; Rochelle Lodder 344; Bill Beverly 547; Alda Balthrop-Lewis 455; Jonah Geil-Neufeld and Susan Geil 99; Ann Miczulski 361.

Daniel Braithwaite spoke on behalf of the deceased and led us in a moment of silence to recall those who had touched our lives. He read the following names of the deceased, and with John Seaton, led 365 in their memory: Shirley Mosley and Robert Huyser—Arizona; Karl Pegalow—Wisconsin; Chris Hade—Iowa; Pauline Creel Childers—Michigan; Amanda Denson-Brady, Milton Oliver, and Frank Hataway—Alabama; Bethalee Harpst—Ohio; Magda Lissau, Wally Bloch, Mr. Chico, Ms. McGuire, and Mary Radmacher—Illinois; John Etheridge—Florida; Jean

Anderberg—Maine; Miriam Lind—Indiana; Orwin Clifford Youngquist—Washington; Lilia Springer—Wisconsin/Georgia; Elizabeth Leigh—Panama; Delores Felton.

John Seaton spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins and led 414 in honor of the following: Joanne Bowman, Bill Ellason, Gary Gronau, Becky Browne, Johanna Fabke, Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, Joyce Anderson, John Blattner, Carol Thom, Cynthia Hockett, Shari Lodder, Rose Edwards, Richard Grayson, Emilia Sherman, Lisa Cohen, and Paul Streeter. Nathan Rees closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Marcia Johnson offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Anita Shaperd brought the class back to order leading 146. Leaders: Karen Swenson 269; Aldo Ceresa 434; Marcia Johnson 436; Jan Ketelle 168; Lisa Grayson 448t; Jonathan Smith 411; Anne Heider 47b; Paul Figura 158 (in memory of Jeanette Lowry); Wendy Wahn 215; Julie Vea 419; Jim Pfau 318; Nathan Rees 558; Tom Malone 550; Megan Jennings and Laurie Baden 504; Melanie Hauff 277; Petrina Lee Patti 217; Carol Crawford 369; Judy Hauff 536; Jeff Breting, Sandra Basile, and Cliff Zimmerman 163b.

Marcia Johnson spoke about the beginning of Sacred Harp singing in Chicago and urged us all to travel to distant singings. Marcia Johnson, Ted Johnson, Herb Schroeder, Judy Hauff, Ted Mercer, and Wendy Wahn led 155 as The Founders' Lesson.

RECESS

Molly Whedbee called the class to order leading 335. Leaders: Herb Schroeder 56b; Jim Crawford 522; Terry Hogg 523; Ellis Seiberling 186; Jane Whedbee and Molly Whedbee 65; Orwin Youngquist 494; Charles Zee and Idy Kiser 209; Dave Barford 481; Melissa Marquardt and Ben McKay 235; Aldo Ceresa 464; Donna-Marie Bock and Marian Mitchell 38b.

The finance committee reported that we met our financial needs. Molly Whedbee thanked everyone who helped make the singing a success.

Molly Whedbee led 62 as the closing song, and Herb Schroeder dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Molly Whedbee; Vice Chairperson—Anita Shaperd; Secretary—Rochelle Lodder

JACK KERR AND HENRY KERR MEMORIAL Camp Ground Methodist Church north of Fruithurst, Cleburne County, Alabama Sunday, January 11, 2009

The annual memorial singing for Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr was held on the second Sunday in January at Camp Ground Methodist Church, north of Fruithurst, in Cleburne County, Alabama. Henry Johnson brought the class to order leading 87. The class was welcomed by Rev. Jerry Miller, pastor of the church, who offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Tony Hammock; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 317 (for his sister); Tony Hammock 60, 314; Donna Bell 438 (in memory of Clark Sloman), 39t; Dennis George 35, 288; Karen Rollins 405, 501; John Plunkett 330b (in honor of Diane Loubaff), 68t; Reba Windom 276, 270; Lonnie Rogers 176b, 298; Rodney Ivey 373, 439 (in honor of Joyce Walton); Robert

Chambless 225t, 84; S.T. Reed 388, 403; Shelbie Sheppard 27, 142; Oscar McGuire 229, 344.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Tony Hammock leading 544. Leaders: Judy Caudle 460, 464; Shannon Primm 500, 312b; Eunice Webb 480, 475; Ed Thacker 303 (in memory of Billy Jo Harris and all other deceased bass singers), 456; Jeff Sheppard 342 (in memory of Elder Gerald Hand), 432; Charlene Wallace 63, 503; Bud Oliver 73t, 145t; B.M. Smith 72b, 28 (in memory of his mother, Myrtle Smith); Winfred Kerr 89, 294 (in honor of his wife, Sara Kerr); Cecil Roberts 435, 163b; Mary Jo Shafer 479, 410t.

Members of the Kerr family were asked to come forward. Mrs. Lois Bowman, daughter of Jack Kerr, welcomed everyone, gave a brief report with expressions of gratitude to those who came to make this a special day. Other members of the Kerr family introduced themselves to the class and explained their relationship to Uncle Jack and Uncle Henry Kerr. Mrs. Bowman played two songs from a CD, made up by her son, from a tape recording of her family singing on the front porch of the old home back in the 1960's or early 70's in memory of the deceased members of the Kerr family. Mrs. Bowman presented Shelbie Sheppard a copy of the CD in memory of her parents, Walker and Lessie Cates, who often sang with the Kerr's on their front porch. Mrs. Bowman thanked everyone for coming and invited them to come back next year. Ed Thacker offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Henry Johnson leading 338. Leaders: Evelyn Harris 30t; 47t; Virginia Dyer 340, 454; Michael Turner 358, 45t; Judy Chambless 40, 82t; John Plunkett 321 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Dennis George 319; Ed Thacker 472; Reba Windom 318; S.T. Reed 44; B.M. Smith 99; Oscar McGuire 155; Shannon Primm 168; Robert Chambless 145b; Bud Oliver 421; Rodney Ivey and Donna Bell 430; Cecil Roberts 399b; Jeff Sheppard 273; Karen Rollins 141 (by request of Lonnie Rogers); Judy Caudle 138b; Lonnie Rogers 343; Eunice Webb 328; Mary Jo Shafer 159; Tony Hammock 428; Virginia Dyer 269 (in memory of her aunt, Lessie Cates); Michael Turner 59; Shelbie Sheppard 263 (in memory of Uncle Jack Kerr).

Announcements were made. Henry Johnson, Tony Hammock, and Donna Bell led 97 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts dismissed the class with prayer.

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

AUBURN SACRED HARP SINGING **St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Auburn, Alabama** **Saturday, January 17, 2009**

The Auburn Sacred Harp Singing held at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church was called to order by Stuart Ivey leading 82t. Father Wells Warren offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Stuart Ivey; Vice Chairman/Arranging Committee—Joel Jenkins; Secretary—Jordan-Leigh Taylor.

Leaders: Stuart Ivey 48t; Jordan-Leigh Taylor 565; Jack Nelson 318; Nancy Hogan 178; Phillip Langley 217; Tom George 378t; B.M. Smith 475; Peggy Thomas 38b; Jonathan Blakely 213t; Judy Chambless 480; Blake Sisemore and James Paul Bailey 42; Gaylon Powell 564; Oscar McGuire 485; Floy Wilder 389; Ben Dicks 47b; Don Clark 99.

RECESS

Stuart Ivey called the class together leading 129. Leaders: Scott DePoy 179; Allison Mitchell and Fred Hoerr 148; Bufrey Dean 300; Seth Allred 29b; Lisa Geist 272; Matt Hinton and Carrie Williams 287; Jessica Ivey and Cheyenne Ivey 76b; Benjamin Pierce 431; Ed Thacker 315; Jennifer Lee 500 (in memory of John Etheridge); Nate Green and Norma Green 314; Tammy Powell 142; Beth Branscome 52b; Lela Crowder 448b; Robert Chambless 81t; Benjamin Pierce, Ben Dicks, Andrew Campbell, and Carrie Williams 277; Dennis George 53; Jeannette DePoy 384 (for Coy Ivey).

RECESS

The class was called together by Stuart Ivey leading 89. Leaders: Karen Clark and Marty Hoerr 354t; Bill Hogan 383; Tim Cook 174; Henry Johnson 467; Sharon DuPriest 222; Wendy Futral 145b; Karen Ivey 183; Reba Windom 168; Jeff Sheppard 556; Blair Stapp and Ben Dicks 448t; John Plunkett 486. Father Wells Warren offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Stuart Ivey leading 332. Leaders: Shelbie Sheppard 211; Cassie Allen 411; Sam Sommers 502; Verona Andrews 224; Jackson Harcrow and James Paul Bailey 59; Judy Caudle 85; Ann Webb 282; Loyd Ivey 283; Larry Ballinger 527; Rodney Ivey and Sarah Jenkins 328, 192; David Ivey 34t; Joel Jenkins 496; Blake Sisemore and Reba Windom 542; Cassie Allen and Oscar McGuire 573; Larry Ballinger and Lisa Geist 528; Gaylon Powell and Tammy Powell 216; Sam Sommers and Judy Caudle 437; Bill Hogan and Nancy Hogan 274t; B.M. Smith and Loyd Ivey 441; John Plunkett and Jeff Sheppard 409; Judy Chambless and Robert Chambless 84; Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest 172; Allison Mitchell and Verona Andrews 32t; Don Clark, Karen Clark, and Floy Wilder 350; Ed Thacker and Tim Cook 549; Dennis George and Tom George 186; Phillip Langley and Lela Crowder 215.

Following announcements, Stuart Ivey led 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed in prayer by Father Wells Warren. The 2010 Auburn Sacred Harp Singing will be held on Saturday, January 16th.

Chairman—Stuart Ivey; Vice Chairman—Joel Jenkins; Secretary—Jordan-Leigh Taylor

ALL-CALIFORNIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Casa de Flores, San Carlos, California** **January 17-18, 2009** **Saturday, January 17**

The 21st annual All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the Casa de Flores in San Carlos, California, on Saturday before and the third Sunday in January. The singing was opened by Pat Keating leading 448t. David Fetcho offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: David Fetcho 182; Mark Miller 131t; Anitra Kay 31b; Linda Selph 475; Will Fitzgerald 287.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Mark Miller; Vice Chairperson—Anitra Kaye; Secretary—Linda Selph.

Leaders: Carroll Lunsford 176; Chris Thorman 56t; Cornelia Stanton 171; Rebecca Edwards 460; Midge Harder 198; Inder Khalsa 29t; Hans Guttman 365; Cindy Overmyer 299; Shelby Sampson 327; James Baumgartner 163t; Jim Friedrich 117.

The Chairman announced the appointment of the following committees:

Chaplains—David Fetcho and Jim Friedrich; Arranging Committee—Carolyn Deacy and Natalia Cecire; Finance Committee—Cindy Overmyer, Rick Russell, and Inder Khalsa; Resolutions Committee—Betty Marvin and Bridgett Hill.

RECESS

Jon Giles called the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Rick Russell 446; Steve Cackley 349; James Welsch 358; Eli Wise 168; Caroline Bonnet 87; Jeremy Knight 86; Laura Boyd Russell 228; Rick Russell 297; Kay Huener 350; Gretchen Muller 48t; Terry Moore 218; Natalie Jablonski 399b; Susan Fetcho 200; Tom Ayres 260; Betty Marvin 543.

RECESS

Bridgett Hill called the class back to order leading 77t. Leaders: Carolyn Deacy 485; Erik Schwab 367; Peter Newton 268; Katie Mahoney 285t; Sandy Klein 452; Betty Herman 442; Joanne Orengo 107; Erika Wilson 216; Tammy Heinsohn 178; Bruce Hayes 254; Greg Mulkern 500; Doris Loughner 479; Tom Payne 146; Susan Turpin 546; Scott Kennedy 454; Eddie Huckaby 56b. David Fetcho offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Ted Mercer called the afternoon session to order leading 106. Leaders: Rich Lee 82t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 432; Jessica Beer 269; David Wright 189; Bridgett Hill 383; Tom McTighe 186; Mary Rose O'Leary 376; Hugh McGuire 108t; Claire Singleton 273; Kristie Harju 377; Xaris Martínez 304; Steve Helwig 296; Jon Giles 430; Kiri Miller 144; Ted Mercer 36t; Anne Heider 137; Myles Alexander 129; Tom Fahrback 193; Greg Freemon 419; Janet Herman 192; Terry Barber 528.

RECESS

Michael Kaye called the class back to order leading 68b. Leaders: Steve Warner 84; Karl Oswald 48b; Beth Huener 547; Ian Quinn 38b; Rachel Eley 162; Hal Eisen 410t; Bob Brylawski 122; Gerry Hoffman 477; Stephen Saxon 494; Steve Elrick 220; Natalia Cecire 36b.

Mark Miller, Megan Webster, and Wes Bonifay led 347 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, January 18

Mark Miller opened the Sunday session of the All-California Convention by leading 276. Jim Friedrich offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Anitra Kaye 48t; Susan Fetcho 371; Graham Waldon 114; Jim Friedrich 344; Steve Warner 475; Mark Forry 277; Steve Cackley 456; Chris Thorman 351; Sandy Klein 452; Susan Turpin 328; Kiri Miller 564; Scott Kennedy 503; Karl Oswald 532; David McFarlane 148; Natalie Jablonski 196.

RECESS

Laura Boyd Russell called the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Anne Heider 236; Midge Harder 159; Jon Giles 408; Bruce Hayes 504; Donald Klein 412; Carolyn Deacy 288; Inder Khalsa 312b; Pat Keating 538; Eddie Huckaby 448b; Betty Herman 464; Rich Lee 280; Steve Elrick 361; Tom Payne 52b; Tom McTighe 209; Tammy Heinsohn 155.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Claire Singleton leading 34b. Leaders: Janet Herman 203; Will Fitzgerald 274b; David Fetcho 444; Michael Kaye 340; Mary Rose O'Leary 290.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Will Fitzgerald and Greg Freemon. Greg Freemon spoke for the sick and shut-ins as follows, and led 285t in their honor: Molly (NLN), Peggy Wah, Carol Thom, Marilyn Brown, Marilyn Murata, Karen Huss, Diane Luboff, Mary Ann O'Toole, Elizabeth Colleran, David Porter, Pegg Belland, Sam Crivello, Francisco Rodriguez, Jean Schaefer, Brooksie Stanton, Nan Prout, Tim Prout, Liz Walters, and Renata Lang.

Will Fitzgerald spoke for the following deceased and led 77t in their memory: Francis (NLN), LaRue Muhammad, Bud Ogren, William Thomas Boyd, Rich

Johnson, Linda Riddle, Beatrice Sellers, Grace Baldrige, Garland Vaughn—California; Sandra Goulart, Elder Gerald Hand, Ginny Ebinger—New Mexico; Richard M. Sontag—New York; Martha Haig—Washington; Pauline Childers—Michigan; John S. Payne, Jean Marcotte—Oregon; John Etheridge—Florida; Katherine Benefield, Lee Rogers—Georgia; Amanda Denson—Alabama; Charles Piccolo, Mary Anne Piccolo, Alex Carbonaro—Maryland; Freda Hoare—Oxford, UK; Ramona Lang—Minnesota; Helen Lang—Montana; Sheldon Katz—Missouri; Richard Grayson—Illinois. Jim Friedrich closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Leaders: Gerry Hoffinan 446; David Wright 517; Joanne Orenge 455; Steve Helwig 311; Denise Brown 324; James Baumgartner 99. Jim Friedrich offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Jessica Beer leading 27. Leaders: Xaris Martinez 434; Ted Mercer 300; Kristie Harju 274t; Laura Boyd Russell 543; Claire Singleton 497; Erik Schwab 208; Jill Accetta 52t; Erika Wilson 215; Katie Mahoney 426t; Cornelia Stanton 318; Rick Russell 183; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 550; Bridgett Hill 391; Jessica Beer 436; Greg Mulkern 424; Myles Alexander 53; Thom Fahrbach 440; Hugh McGuire 406; Rebecca Edwards 283; Anitra Kaye 369; Mark Miller 217.

RECESS

Cindy Overmyer brought the class back together leading 31t. Leaders: Hal Eisen 384; Natalia Cecire 222; Peter Ross 163t; Terry Barber 411; Paul Kostka 198; James Welsch 250; Ruth Gorrin 122; Linda Selph 121; Terry Moore 451; Shelby Sampson 162; Ian Quinn 186; Betty Marvin 100; Inder Khalsa 168; Gretchen Muller 565; Greg Freemon 271t; Carroll Lunsford 457.

A business meeting was held for the purpose of hearing committee reports. The Finance Committee reported that expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that 79 songs were led on Saturday and 80 on Sunday; the following states were represented: Rhode Island, California, Oregon, Washington, Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan, Texas, Arkansas, Colorado, Maryland, Illinois, Minnesota, Alabama, and New Mexico. The Resolutions Committee thanked everyone who had participated in the singing and made it possible.

Announcements were made. Mark Miller, Anitra Kaye, and Linda Selph led 62 as the closing song. Jim Friedrich offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Mark Miller; Vice Chairperson—Anitra Kaye; Secretary—Linda Selph

FERAL FRUITS FARM ALL-DAY COUNTRY SINGING **Mossyrock, Washington** **Sunday, January 18, 2009**

The 2nd annual Feral Fruits Farm All-Day Country Singing was held on the third Sunday in January at Feral Fruits Farm on the Cowlitz River in Lewis County, Washington. Arcana Ferschke called the class together leading 39t.

Leaders: Tamara Harris 129; Kathy Vlach 171; Lyle Lindsey 346; Karen Willard 272; Chris Cotter 212; Rosie Lindsey 48t; Dan Thoma 122; Marla Elliot 40; Darlene Simpson Brown 448b; Harlan Walker-Young 481; Betsy Jeronen 28b; Tammi Ziola 369; Tigre Lusardi 29t; Leon Janssen 547; Anna Stoerch 496; Jenn Dolan 302; Arcana Ferschke 556; Rosie Lindsey 500; Chris Cotter 553; Darlene Simpson Brown 76b.

RECESS

Jenn Dolan called class back to order leading 176b. Leaders: Kathy Vlach 213b; Emily Winokur 318; Harlan Walker-Young 95; Karen Willard 183; Marla Elliot 268; Dan Thoma 269; Tammi Ziola 114; Arcana Ferschke 67; Betsy Jeronen 142;

Anna Stoerch 84; Lyle Lindsey 384; Tigre Lusardi 189; Leon Janssen 217 (NH); Tamara Harris 417; Jenn Dolan 130; Emily Winokur 383; Chris Cotter 512; Rosie Lindsey 472; Kathy Vlach 297; Darlene Simpson Brown 290; Heather Ikeler 155; Cindy Reuter 138t; Tammi Ziola 277; Lyle Lindsey 162; Karen Willard 362. Harlan Walker-Young offered a blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Tigre Lusardi called the class back to order leading 539. Leaders: Arcana Ferschke 298; Leon Janssen 47b; Emily Winokur 270; Harlan Walker-Young 83t; Jenn Dolan 506; Anna Stoerch 178; Chris Cotter 208; Marla Elliot 504; Lyle Lindsey 28t; Kathy Vlach 193; Tamara Harris 419; Darlene Simpson Brown 546; Betsy Jeronen 448t; Rosie Lindsey 72b; Karen Willard and Ken Hallock 373; Dan Thoma 35; Tammi Ziola 567; Cindy Reuter 452; Carmen Doerge 235; Dan Thoma 36t.

RECESS

Cindy Reuter called class back to order leading 99. Leaders: Tammi Ziola 282; Darlene Simpson Brown 480; Lyle Lindsey 276; Kathy Vlach 360; Rosie Lindsey and Chris Cotter 218; Tamara Harris “Sarabavam,” Tigre Lusardi 144; Arcana Ferschke 440; Heather Ikeler 38t; Karen Willard 497; Jenn Dolan 139; Dan Thoma 365; Anna Stoerch 479; Leon Janssen 163t; Harlan Walker-Young 179; Emily Winokur 335; Betsy Jeronen 217; Emily Pixie 288; Cindy Reuter 66; Tamara Harris 308; Karen Willard 198.

Following announcements, Harlan Walker-Young led 128 for the closing song, and class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Arcana Ferschke and Harlan Walker-Young

W.L. “BILL” GREEN MEMORIAL AND BALDWIN COUNTY SACRED HARP CONVENTION (COOPER EDITION) Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, Bay Minette, Alabama January 24-25, 2009

Saturday, January 24

The W.L. “Bill” Green Memorial and Baldwin County Sacred Harp Convention was opened by Bill Hogan, who gave a welcome to all in attendance and led 121 and 36b. Aubrey Barfield offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairmen—J.A. Mosley and Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Nancy Hogan.

Leaders: J.A. Mosley 75; Rodney Ivey 95b; Alice Mosley 45t; Nate Green and Norma Green 40; Nancy Hogan 145b; Aubrey Barfield 522; Henry Johnson 113; Daphene Causey 222; Janet King 82; Jeff Sheppard 507b; B.M. Smith 39; Adrian Nall 393; Bridgett Hill 486; Mary Whitehurst 383.

RECESS

J.A. and Alice Mosley brought the class back together leading 282. Leaders: Judy Caudle 563 (for Bud Oliver); Joan Aldridge 572; Earnestine Pipkin 146; Billy Kelley 558; Cassie Allen 443; Loretta Jones 497; Eva Padgett 242; Coy Ivey 137; J.C. Rutledge 229; Victoria and Bill Aplin 549.

RECESS

Bill Hogan called the class back to order leading 575. Leaders: Wayne and Barbara Jones 464; Paulette Chavers 447t; Martha Beverly 140; Christine Gandy 127; Uel Freeman 65; Wilburn Ellison 465; Charlotte Naylor 128; Gary Smith 63; Bill Beverly 573; Georgeanna Presnell 59; Robert Walker 546; Cleo Murphy and the Southwest Mobile County Vocal Singers (Willie Ford, Willie Steele, Mary Murphy, Rose Mary Pettway, Mary Lucy, Annie Mae Smith, Lula Mae Ford, Artemelia Rocker, Hester Gray) sang “Will Anyone Miss Me When I Am Gone” and “I Want

My Lord to Welcome Me". The class sang 369, and Bill Hogan offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Rodney Ivey and Cassie Allen brought the class to order leading 98. Leaders: Paul King 133; Voncile Nall 283t; Becky Briggs 442t; Lera Ellison 395b; Stanley Smith 463; Tommie Spurlock 86; Shelbie Sheppard 216; Sarah Smith 96 (in memory of John Etheridge); A.E. Probst 239; Buna Mae Purvis 408; Marion Patrick 516; Margaret Spurlock 108b; Ben Patrick 450; Ann Jett 515; Elsie Moon 156; Henry McGuire 365; Ethan Hardy 70t; Richard Graham 571; John Kelley 567.

RECESS

Mr. Murphy's choir sang "Shouting on the Hill". Bill Hogan called the class back together leading 539. Leaders: Morgan Bunch 359; Jewell Rowland 384; Mike Jones 47b; Henry Schuman 400; Reba Windom 505; John Merritt, Ryan Merritt, and Bridgett Merritt 392.

After announcements were made, the class sang 72 and shared the hand of fellowship. The day of singing was closed with prayer offered by Bill Hogan.

Sunday, January 25

Bill Hogan opened the Sunday morning session leading 76b. He read John 14:15-21 and led 567. The opening prayer was offered by Wayne Jones.

Leaders: J.A. Mosley 559; Rodney Ivey 577; Alice Mosley 484; Nate Green and Norma Green 30t, 436t; Genny Whitworth and Sandy 220; Nancy Hogan 171; Wayne Jones 553; Paul King 32t; Robert Walker 99; Earnestine Pipkin 276, 331b; Joan Aldridge 84; Bill Beverly 478; Barbara Jones 461; B.M. Smith 410; Brian Kelley 112; Tommie Spurlock 182; Coy Ivey 465.

RECESS

J.A. Mosley brought the class back together leading 572. Leaders: Billy Kelley 544; Henry Johnson 455t; Judy Caudle 380t; Martha Beverly 336t; J.C. Rutledge 199; Loretta Jones 138t; Aubrey Barfield 163t; Daphene Causey 500; Janet King 148; Mary Whitehurst 414; Gary Smith 54t; Henry Schuman 38t; Ann Jett 29b.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Rodney Ivey leading 356. Leaders: Morgan Bunch 552; Stanley Smith "Spurlock" (written in honor of Tommie and Margaret).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Bill Hogan. He read the names of the sick and shut-ins as follows and led 179 in their honor: Russ Scholz, Emma Mosley, Thurman and Lou Nall, Bud Oliver, Ann Ballard, and Harrison Creel.

Stanley Smith read the list of names of the deceased as follows and led 515 in their memory: John Etheridge—Florida; Frank Hataway, Mrs. Hershel King (Lolette), Mattie Townsel, Mary O. Smith, Milton Oliver, Amanda Denson Brady—Alabama; Myrtle Smith, Loy Garrison, Lee Rogers—Georgia; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Elder Gerald Hand—New Mexico; Betty Jerkins—No State Listed. Wayne Jones led 464 in memory of John Etheridge. To close the memorial lesson, John Merritt offered prayer.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 176t; Sarah Smith and Becky Briggs 518; Reba Windom and Tommie Spurlock 574; Elsie Moon 404. The class sang 369 and Aubrey Barfield offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Bill Hogan brought the afternoon session to order leading 142. Leaders: Shelbie Sheppard 195; Cassie Allen 355 (for Harrison Creel); John Merritt and Dana Foster 358; Georgeanna Presnell 511b; Ethan Hardy 193; Lloyd Jones 45t; Dana Foster 408; Sharon DuPriest 229; Martha Beverly and Bill Beverly 77t, 511t.

After announcements were made Nate Green, Norma Green, Genny Whitworth, Rodney Ivey, Bill Hogan, and Nancy Hogan led 527 as the closing song. Tommie Spurlock offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairmen—J.A. Mosley and Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Nancy Hogan

KEYSTONE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Broad Street Ministry, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
January 24-25, 2009

Saturday, January 24

The 11th annual Keystone Sacred Harp Convention was convened by Ina Shea and Elizabeth Stokes leading 82t. Lynne Hoyt offered the opening prayer.

The following officers and committees were elected or appointed to serve:

Chairmen—Ina Shea and Elizabeth Stokes; Arranging Committee—G.C. Waldrep, Cindy Wasson, Oliver Kindig-Stokes and Paula Picton; Secretaries—Anna Mays and Ruth Wampler.

Leaders: Anna Mays 72b; Ruth Wampler 394; G.C. Waldrep 112; Cindy Wasson 77b; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 322; Paula Picton 37b; Thom Metzger 522; Lauren Bock 125; Hal Kunkel 193; Lorah Hopkins 28t; Robert Stoddard 171; Jennie Brown 460; Lamar Matthew 35; Claire Simon 472; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 31t; Terry Ryan 344; Mary Julia Street 546; Chris Holley 61; Zachary Bullock 101t; Anna Hendrick 145b; Heather Batson 191; Eileen Metzger 68t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 572; Cathy Tucker 144; Stephen Hoyt 68b; Justin Levi 74t; Kelsey Sunderland 131t; Aldo Ceresa 478.

RECESS

Laura Densmore called the class to order leading 106. Leaders: John delRe 93; Kim Moreno 432; Elizabeth Stoddard 173; Doron Henkin 436; Kelly Macklin 195; Nancy Mandel 89; Jim Picton 282; Barbara Hohenstein 146; Kevin Griffin Moreno 353; Elizabeth Salvie 254; Guy Banks 327; Marian McKenzie 168; Nathan Zweig 348b; Philippa Stoddard 39t; Dan Hunter 498; Joanna Lampert 318; Kathy Manning 215; Tom Clay 56b; Lynne Hoyt 385b; Zoe Clay 155; Dean Jens 272; Ted Stokes 499. Lynne Hoyt offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Aldo Ceresa called the afternoon session to order leading 114. Leaders: Oliver Kindig-Stokes 216; Dan Coppock 304; Erin Kelly 278; Susan Bingham 542; Joel Miller 288; Laura Densmore 419; Karen Rath 277; John Plunkett 198; Leyland delRe 486; Sharona Nelson 66; Fiona Nugent 457; Rachel Speer 278t; Walter Smith 178; Mairi Quodovina 349; Peter Golden 492; Mary Gowins 430; Nora Dunn 212; Kevin Sims 32t; Nancy Tkacs 442; Jim Glaser 352; Becky Wright 183; Charlotte Ehrman 365; Tim Culbertson 287; Judy Clay 86; Grace McKenzie-Smith 209; Chris Mathews 452; Donna Mazziotti 159; Carl Baron 149; Diane Mennella 564.

RECESS

Dan Hunter called the class to order leading 81t. Leaders: Sheila Nugent 222; Brendan Cooney 569b; Susan Greensburg 47b; John Holbrook 475; Marian McKenzie and Chris Mathews 236; John Plunkett 130; Paula Picton and Sharona Nelson 373; G.C. Waldrep 269; Guy Banks 550; Chris Holley 551; Peter Golden 480; Robert Stoddard, Elizabeth Stoddard, and Philippa Stoddard 440; Joanna Lampert and Anna Bowen 270; Kelsey Sunderland 197; Fiona Nugent and Zoe Clay 274t; Jennie Brown 500; Jim Picton, Paula Picton, and Lucy O'Leary 501; Sarah Jane Leitao and Rachel Speer 33t; Justin Levi 196; Thom Metzger and Eileen Metzger 383; Lauren Bock and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 324; John delRe, Leyland delRe, and Kelly Macklin 448b; Ina Shea 111b; Elizabeth Stokes 142.

Ina Shea and Elizabeth Stokes led 323t as the closing song. Lynne Hoyt offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, January 25

The Sunday session of the Keystone Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Ina Shea and Elizabeth Stokes leading 34b. Dan Coppock offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Anna Mays 31b; Ruth Wampler 49b; Guy Bankes 77b; Lamar Matthew 312b; Barbara Hohenstein 32b; Ted Stokes 462; Doron Henkin 466; Fiona Nugent and Lucy O'Leary 148; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 371; Nancy Tkacs 313b; Heather Batson 504; Lynne Hoyt 317b; Dan Coppock 361; Molly Sayvetz 171; Claire Simon 114; Cindy Wasson 456; Terry Ryan 38t; Dean Jens 276; Charlotte Ehrman 157; Jan Steel 270; Nancy Mandel 77t; Sharona Nelson 441; John Holbrook 549; Aldo Ceresa 232; Zachary Bullock 335; Sheila Nugent 358; Becky Wright 271t; Dwayne Grant, Ina Shea, and Elizabeth Stokes 315; Jim Glaser 80t.

RECESS

Hal Kunkel called the class to order leading 105. Leaders: Kevin Griffin Moreno 558; Allison Schofield 411; Patricia Coyne and Stephen Hoyt 515; Kathy Manning 161; Nora Dunn 108t; Joel Miller 517.

Stephen Hoyt and Tom Tucker conducted the memorial lesson. Stephen Hoyt spoke for the sick and shut-ins and led 154 in honor of the following: Violet Thomason, Joyce Walton, Ron Bornick, John Knight, Jean Knight, Skip Trout, Jon Levison, Evelyn Seidman, David Bornick, Margaret Bornick, Dan Macklin, and Karen Keller.

Tom Tucker spoke for the deceased and led 285t in memory of the following: Amanda Denson—Alabama; Marilyn Darch—California; Wendy Karlsberg-Meltzer—Connecticut; John Etheridge—Florida; Lee Rodgers and Katherine Benefield—Georgia; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Doug Fitzgerald and Charlotte Fitzgerald—New Jersey; Becky Thompson and Alex Mennella—New York; Elmer Shirk, Susan Shirk, Bettie Sims, Rebequa Murphy, Gihon Jordan, Mark Wampler, and Connie Wampler—Pennsylvania; Lil Cosgrove—Maryland; Kat Kincaid—Virginia. Ted Stokes closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Paula Picton 475; Robert Stoddard 362; Anna Hendrick 217; Dan Hunter 110; Kathy Tucker 193; Brendan Cooney 268; Kim Moreno 230; Mary Gowins 328; John delRe 370; Jim Picton 384; Philippa Stoddard 300; Karen Rath 107; Kelsey Sunderland 392. Dan Coppock offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Ina Shea and Elizabeth Stokes called the afternoon session to order leading 128. Leaders: Peter Golden 99; Joanna Lampert 564; John Plunkett 562; Laura Densmore and Doron Henkin 333; Kevin Sims 208; Susan Bingham 455; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 302; Jennie Brown 192; Hal Kunkel 380; Leyland delRe 280; Chris Holley 480; Lauren Bock 292; Nancy Tkacs, Jennifer Albernathy, Jessica Way, and Steven Way 146; Justin Levi 170; Rachel Speer 172; Tom Tucker 339; Joyce Homan, Cindy Wasson, and Heather Batson 496; Allison Schofield 542; John Holbrook 347; Elizabeth Stoddard 444; Laura Keeler and Laura Densmore 163b; Kelly Macklin 477; Sarah Whites-Koditschek and Leon Pulsinelle 84; Kevin Griffin Moreno 278t; Guy Bankes 556; Anna Mays and Shareef Pillar 298.

RECESS

Dan Coppock called the class together leading 454. Leaders: Leland Kusmer 163t; Jan Steel 274t; Doron Henkin 377; Lamar Mathew and Barbara Hohenstein 176b; Ted Stokes and Larry Bonczar 117; Dan Hunter 547; Ruth Wampler 393; Dean Jens 396; John Plunkett and Aldo Ceresa 150; Becky Wright 567; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Oliver Kindig-Stokes 463; Nora Dunn and Joel Miller 213t; Fiona

Nugent, Rachel Speer, and Kim Moreno 410t; Anna Hendrick and Lauren Bock 436; Jennie Brown and Kelsey Sunderland 112; Susan Bingham and Charlotte Ehrman 490; Sheila Nugent and Kathy Tucker 224; Zachary Bullock 503; Elizabeth Stokes and Brendan Cooney 428.

Ina Shea and Elizabeth Stokes led 62 as the closing song. Dan Coppock offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairmen—Ina Shea and Elizabeth Stokes; Secretaries—Anna Mays and Ruth Wampler

ROTUNDA SINGING **Alabama State Capitol, Montgomery, Alabama** **Saturday, January 31, 2009**

The 12th annual session of the Rotunda Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in February at the Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama. The class was called to order by Jim Carnes leading 48t. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Guthery.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—Joey Brackner; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

The first session of singing was from the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition. Leaders: Bill Hogan 171; Judy Caudle 85; Jeff Sheppard 276; Jordan Leigh Taylor 270; Harrison Creel 498; Beth Branscome 77b; Stuart Ivey 351; Corene White and Jim Carnes 97; Gary Smith 66; Linda Thomas 32t; Ken Sundberg 358.

The second session of singing was from the Alabama *Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Tim Cook 61b; David Daniel 180; Karen Clark 189; Danny Creel 149; Nancy Hogan 214; Robert DuPree 86t; Billy Thompson 248; Henry Guthery 64; Stanley Smith 43; Bill Hogan 54; Sarah Smith 47; Alice Sundberg 81t; Gary Smith 142.

RECESS

The third session of singing was from the *B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*. The class was brought back to order by Bill Hogan leading 292b. Leaders: Tommie Spurlock 140; Kennon Smith 189; Adrian Nall 393t; Sam Smith 239; Jonathon Blakeley and Audrey Blakeley 96 (in memory of John Etheridge and Guy Hunt); Voncile Nall 133; Hubert Nall 573; Gavin Blakeley 138t; Karen Clark 55 (in memory of John Etheridge).

The last morning session of singing was from the *Colored Sacred Harp*. Leaders: Bill Hogan 25; Henry Guthery 24; Ken Sundberg 12; Karen Clark 19; Kennon Smith 65t; Steve Grauberger 4; Stanley Smith 87. Kennon Smith offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 383. The first afternoon session of singing was from the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition. Leaders: Elene Stovall 203; Doug Conn 460; Pam Nunn 220; Ann Webb 282; Chita Blakeley 196; Erycl Vidrine 490; Harrison Creel 111b; Jim Carnes 440; Joey Brackner and Jeb Brackner 361; Beth Branscome 201; Hubert Nall 64; Gavin Blakeley 192; Henry Guthery 543; Judy Caudle and Ed Bridges 312b.

The second afternoon session of singing was from the Alabama *Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Kennon Smith 253; Steve Grauberger 117; Jonathon Blakeley 111t; Judy Caudle 76b (in memory of Guy Hunt); Danny Creel 338; Tim Cook 133; Karen Clark 258; David Daniel 109; Jim Carnes 16; Stanley Smith 186; Billy Thompson 178; Robert DuPree 91; Henry Guthery 316.

The third afternoon session of singing was from the *B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*. Leaders: Henry Guthery 38t (by request); Nancy Hogan 114b; Seth

Holloway 406; Stanley Smith 559; Tommie Spurlock 574; Adrian Nall and Voncile Nall 464; Linda Thomas and Doug Conn 500; Linda Thomas 54t (in memory of Flarce Creel); Hubert Nall 313; Elene Stovall 478. Stanley Smith led “Lord, Give Me Just A Little More Time” for Bernice Harvey.

Bill Hogan and Jim Carnes led 146 as the closing song. Tommie Spurlock offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—Joey Brackner; Secretary—Judy Caudle

WILLIAM J. REYNOLDS SACRED HARP SINGING
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas
Saturday, January 31, 2009

The 25th annual Sacred Harp Singing was held in Cowden Hall at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, on the last Saturday of January. This is the eighteenth year that the “1991 Revision of the Sacred Harp” has been used. With combined morning and afternoon attendance there were 153 singers and observers.

Dr. Tim Studstill welcomed everyone and introduced Dr. Gordon Borrer, a faculty member of the School of Church Music at Southwestern. Dr. Borrer opened with a word of prayer at 8:45 a.m.

Mrs. Beverly Coates gave a brief history of Sacred Harp singing and also led a “how-to” session. Dr. Studstill announced information regarding future Sacred Harp singings and dismissed everyone for refreshments.

Dr. Studstill called the morning session to order at 9:30 a.m. and led 59. Dr. Studstill introduced Mike Hinton, who offered prayer. Dr. Studstill then introduced Tim Reynolds, who gave a brief history of Dr. Reynolds’s Sacred Harp involvement and led 128. Leaders: Donald Ross 278b; Beverly Coates 318; Leon Ballinger 99; Gaylon Powell 340; Kris Wiggins 522; Cheryl Foreman 481; Ashley Leffel 45t; Bruce Coates 503; Evelyn Lamb 505; Sonny Huckaby 142; Michele Rogan 375; Sonny Erwin 480; Jerry Ryan 274t; Dianne Ross 543; LuAnn Thomas 86; Jo Pendleton 72b; Baron Powers 268; Chris Nicholson 162; Tammy Powell 454.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds read a letter from Dr. Reynolds and led 148. Leaders: David Music 97; Owen Howard 388; Ryan Ross 385t; Catherine Rogan 196; Lindsey Wiggins 542; Esther Huckaby 270; Forrest Ward 164; Bill Coldwell 178; Shannon Seyler 352; Robert Vaughn 566; Douglas Foster 32t; Stephanie Turney 159; Grant Howard 373; Scott Curran 472; Vivian Rogan 312b; Myrl Jones 430; Mike Hinton 532; Trevor Howard 149; Gary Rogan 384; Bill Sanner 133; Crystal Meadows 455. Dr. Studstill offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Dr. Studstill called everyone together at 1:15 p.m. by leading 127. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 490; Donald Ross 225t; Gaylon Powell 198; Kris Wiggins 528; Beverly Coates 347; Sonny Huckaby 348b; Ashley Leffel 479; Cheryl Foreman 344; Myrl Jones 189; Michele Rogan 324; Evelyn Lamb 550; Bruce Coates 313t; Jo Pendleton 31t; Chris Nicholson 452; Jerry Ryan 145t; Tim Reynolds 492; Dianne Ross 523; Baron Powers 119; Crystal Meadows 192; Ryan Ross 171; Forrest Ward 358; Catherine Rogan 436; Lindsay Wiggins 434; Bill Coldwell 240; Shannon Seyler 302; Robert Vaughn 224; Douglas Foster 342; Mike Hinton 456; Vivian Rogan 163b; Tammy Powell 217; Gary Rogan 276; Scott Curran 269; Forrest Ward 401.

David Jones offered prayer, and the class was dismissed. The Bowld Music Library at Southwestern held a presentation and display of unique historic 4 and 7-note tunebooks and shape-note artifacts.

Chairman—Dr. Tim Studstill; Secretary—Sarah Bedee

BURNHAM AND BROWN MEMORIAL
Wesley Foundation Student Center, Jacksonville, Alabama
Sunday, February 1, 2009

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

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 63; Judy Caudle 336; Pam Nunn 186; Bud Oliver 343; Stanley Edwards and Marilyn Bradley 303; S.T. Reed 411; Judy Chambless 565; Tom George 134; Paula Oliver and Arleigh Beard 354b; Nate Green and Norma Green 310; Linda Thomas 131b; Robert Walker 99; Ed Thacker 398 (for Joyce Walton and in memory of Billy Beaty); Jan House 100; B.M. Smith 64; Joel Jenkins 37b; Robert Chambless 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson and Guy Hunt); Lonnie Rogers 141.

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

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Jeff Sheppard leading 101t. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 492; Louis Hughes 472; Cheyenne Ivey and Jessica Ivey 128; Betty Wright 97; Myron House 173; Charlene Wallace 371; Evelyn Harris 155; Scot Oliver, Pattie Oliver, Pauline Oliver, Paula Oliver, and Alana Blanks 145b, 405; Carlene Williams 45t; Henry Johnson 69b; Kenneith Calvert 73b; Judy Mincey 468; Daphene Causey 200; Cindy Tanner 299; Sarah Jenkins 418; Denney Rogers 318 (for his uncle); Marty Wootten, Lorrie Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 475; Andrew Farris 503; Natalie Jablonski 335; Elene Stovall 534; Nathan Rees 292; Susan Harcrow 426b; Reba Windom 455 (for Joyce Walton); Dennis George 220; Cassie Allen 419; Jonathan Smith 442; Buell Cobb 138t; Rene Greene 142; David Ivey 502; Jackson Harcrow 47t; Karen Rollins 354t; Joan Aldridge 540. Louis Hughes offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 57. Leaders: Mary Jo Shafer 452; John Plunkett 410b; Ann Simpson 445; Cecil Roberts 480; Jeff Sheppard, David Ivey, and Rodney Ivey 421 (by request); Lonnie Rogers, Denney Rogers, Carlene Williams, and Karen Rollins 225t; Rene Greene and Reba Windom 436; Joel Jenkins, Sarah Jenkins, and Jackson Harcrow 171; Scot Oliver, Pattie Oliver, Arleigh Beard, Alana Blanks, and Paula Oliver 551; Nate Green, Norma Green, and Betty Wright 317; Linda Thomas and Henry Johnson 460; Nathan Rees, Cassie Allen, and Jonathan Smith 89; Marty Wootten, Lorrie Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 164; Josh Bullock 532; Bud Oliver, S.T. Reed, and B.M. Smith 42; Tom George, Paula Oliver, and Mary Jo Shafer 229; Shelbie Sheppard and Pam Nunn 269; Robert Walker and Kenneith Calvert 350; Cindy Tanner, Natalie Jablonski, and Susan Harcrow 430; Ed Thacker, Charlene Wallace, Evelyn Harris, and Ruth Daniel 86; Elene Stovall, Joan Aldridge, and Judy Caudle 222; Myron House, Jan House, Robert Chambless, and Judy Chambless 143; Andrew Farris, Cecil Roberts, and Judy Mincey 399b; Pearl Guier and Louis Hughes 348b.

Pearl Guier and Jeff Sheppard led 46 as the closing song. John Plunkett offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Pearl Guier; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—Judy Caudle

J. D. STARNES MEMORIAL
Mt. Hope Baptist Church, northeast of Sipsey, Alabama
Sunday, February 1, 2009

The J.D. Starnes Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Mt. Hope Baptist Church on the first Sunday in February. Henry Guthery called the class to order leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Marlin Beasley. Henry Guthery led 108t. The pastor, Patrick Watson, welcomed everyone.

Leaders: Faye Donaldson 176b, 138t; Don Robertson 99, 100; Julianna Jett 108b, 410t; Anne Chalker 146, 147t; Stella Pratt 143, 129; Leona Haynes 142, 222; Travis Keeton 343, 418; Ann Jett 37b, 47b; Lena Keeton 175, 546; Margaret Keeton 517, 276.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Henry Guthery leading 97 (for Corene White).

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

Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Ken Tate 213t; Elsie Moon 181, 104; Marlin Beasley 336, 337; Josie Hyde 507; Harrison Creel 111b, 512. Pastor Patrick Watson offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Henry Guthery leading 225t.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 417, 325; Richard Mauldin 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin), 35 (in memory of Edith Tate and Amanda Denson); Don Robertson 151, 540; Heaven Watson (solo) 79, 45t; Ann Jett 327, 269; Anne Chalker 388; Elsie Moon 392, 494; Faye Donaldson 270; Julianna Jett 399b, 30t; Lena Keeton 282; Travis Keeton 285t, 335; Marlin Beasley 73t, 61; Leona Haynes 277; Harrison Creel 498; Josie Hyde 454; Richard Mauldin 43; Velton Chafin 463.

Following announcements, Ken Tate led 477 and 378b as the closing songs. Pastor Patrick Watson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

OLDHAM SACRED HARP SINGING DAY
Oldham Baptist Church, Oldham, Lancashire, United Kingdom
Saturday, February 7, 2009

The class was called to order by Hannah Land leading 34b, and offering the opening prayer.

Hannah Land taught a singing school during which the class received instruction on the shape note system, major and minor scales, and beating time. The following songs were sung: 47t, 47b, 49b, and 146.

RECESS

Hannah Land called the class to order leading 501. Leaders: Ian West 39t; Ruth Steggle 48t; Michael Walker 134; Judy Whiting 171; Phil Tyler 290; Helen Brown 365; Chris Brown 127; Carmel Wood 270; Cath Tyler 318; Richard Percival 490.

Hannah Land offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Sarah West called the class back to order leading 89. Leaders: Maria Wallace 142; Ted Brown 111b; Margaret Gillanders 475; Sharon Langridge 350; Shelby Sampson 29t; Ian West 480; Hannah Land 481; Judy Whiting 491; Helen Brown 384; Cath Tyler 183; Chris Brown 38t; Carmel Wood 472.

Ruth Steggles conducted the memorial lesson, leading 448b in memory of the following deceased: Jean Cousins, Ian Ferguson, Trevor Sanderson, David Little, Angela Lee, Lee Rogers, Amanda Denson, Stan Shaw, Jim Oss, Lorna Lenox, Pauline Childers, Ann Cox, and Sheila Maiden.

Michael Walker conducted the sick and housebound lesson and led 330b for the following: John Green, Dorothy Williams, Jack Crawford, David Daykin, Kathy Armstrong, Fraser Hay, Bill Craven, Sue Briggs, David George, Betty Hine, and Eugenia Minor. Ruth Steggles closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Margaret Gillanders 203; Phil Tyler 227; Sarah West 288.

RECESS

Ted Brown called the class back to order leading 97. Leaders: Maria Wallace 504; Sharon Langridge 27; Shelby Sampson 99; Richard Percival 344; Sarah West 335; Ruth Steggles 198; Michael Walker 322; Phil Tyler 157; Ted Brown 77t; Margaret Gillanders 569b; Cath Tyler 148; Helen Brown 107.

Hannah Land led 323t as the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Hannah Land; Secretary—Judy Whiting

EMORY SACRED HARP SINGING Cannon Chapel, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia Saturday, February 7, 2009

The 5th annual Emory Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by John Plunkett leading 34b. Andy Morse offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 47t; Laura Akerman 147t, 344; Andy Morse 497, 73t; John Shippee 117, 155; Debora Grosse 171, 222; Susan Firestone 178, 504; Scott DePoy 277, 179; Leslie Hunter 282, 159; Tony Hammock 321, 314; Charles Woods 271t, 142; John Plunkett and Jimmy Abbington, Associate Professor of Music and Worship in the Candler School of Theology, 270. John Plunkett thanked Pat Graham, Director of the Pitts Theology Library, for his support in arranging this singing.

RECESS

Elise Eskew Sparks brought the class back together by leading 72b and 40. Leaders: Henry Slack 300, 535; Ariella Perry 448t, 430; Jeanette DePoy 492, 494; Susan Posey 551, 148.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairperson—Debora Grosse; Secretary—Laura Akerman.

Leaders: Bob Goodman 475, 36b; Ellie Soler 143, 454; Bentley McGuire 91, 95; Malinda Snow 196, 197.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by John Plunkett leading 167. Leaders: Kelly Morris 47b, 114; Lela Crowder 70b, 101b; Judy Mincey 468; Karen Rollins 354t, 405; Raymond Hamrick 287, 291; Jenna Strizak 76b, 384; Shannon Primm 43, 347; John Alexander 566 (for Diane Obert), 163b; Oscar McGuire 229, 327; Barbara Larsen 66, 84; Martin Hardin 38b, 45t; George Burnette 81t, 85; Gabriel Pline 408, 345t; Sandra Wilkinson 278b.

RECESS

The class returned to singing with John Plunkett leading 325. Leaders: Tony Hammock 83b; John Alexander 312b; Karen Rollins 540; Ariella Perry 168; Judy Mincey 474; Bentley McGuire 133.

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

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairperson—Debora Grosse; Secretary—Laura Akerman

CHARLOTTE SACRED HARP SINGING **Archdale Church of Christ, Charlotte, North Carolina** **Saturday, February 7, 2009**

The 1st annual Charlotte Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Archdale Church of Christ, Charlotte, North Carolina, on Saturday before the second Sunday in February.

Elder Russ McCollough began the day by offering prayer. Katherine Sullivan and Walter Hartley called the class to order, and introduced Hugh McGraw, singing school master. Mr. McGraw instructed the class in the rudiments of Sacred Harp music, then led 49t, 49b, 64, and 155. He called others to stand in the square to lead songs, and concluded the singing school with singing.

RECESS

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Katherine Sullivan; Vice Chairman—Walter Hartley; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Danny Arms; Treasurer—Nick Bowen.

Walter Hartley brought the class to order by leading 299. Leaders: Danny Arms 177; Rachel Rudi 162, 335; Michael Johnston 198, 208; Eddie Mash 178, 66; Laura Krueger 183, 277; Jonathan Smith 276, 46; Nathan Rees 517, 73t; Tina Becker 186, 40; Mary Baumeister 30b, 56b; Dan Huger 386, 99; Linda Schissler 59, 145t; Diane Eskewasy 200, 222; Betsy Graham sang “Fifty Miles of Elbow Room” solo. Brother Jack Furr offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Walter Hartley brought the afternoon session to order by leading 236. Katherine Sullivan conducted the memorial lesson. She spoke and read the following names of the deceased: Charles Young, Michael Pollack, and Jack Thompson. She then read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Faith Haynes, Charles Haynes, Lolita Cotaco, Diana Nelson, Ruby Graham, Lillian Graham, Lillian B. Graham, Charles Haymaker, Venson Arms, Carol (NLN), and Vera (NLN). Walter Hartley led 347, and the memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: Danny Arms 218, 547; Nathan House 159; Hugh McGraw and his great-granddaughter, Mia Biehler 45t; Chris Wilhem 30t (for Mary Thompson’s father), 480; Mary Cicotello 72b, 81t; Tina Becker 535, 273; Nathan Rees 75, 217; Jonathan Smith 224, 215; Laura Krueger 547, 504; Mary Baumeister 499, 484; Dan Huger 268, 137; Micheal Johnston 479; John Apple 151, 39b; David Witherspoon 566, 448b.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Walter Hartley leading 146 and 147t. Leaders: Eddie Mash and Anne Strange 481, 500; Chris Wilhem 77t, 86; Nathan Rees and Meridith Edgerton 384; Jonathan Smith 383, 182; Mary Baumeister 565, 51; Dan Huger 501, 497; David Witherspoon 128; John Apple 254; Laura Krueger 160b, 338; Danny Arms 282, 304; Nathan Rees 171.

Following announcements, Eddie Mash led 62 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. Elder Russ McCollough offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Katherine Sullivan; Vice Chairman—Walter Hartley; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Danny Arms

BAYLOR SACRED HARP SINGING
George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, Texas
Saturday, February 7, 2009

The 7th annual Baylor University Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Great Hall of the George W. Truett Theological Seminary on the Baylor University campus in Waco, Texas, on Saturday before the second Sunday in February. Donald Ross taught a singing school from 9:30 to 9:45 a.m.

Dr. David Music called the class together leading 59. Dr. Terry York offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Dr. David Music; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Diane Ross.

Leaders: Diane Ross 430; Jerry Ryan 421; Leon Ballinger 268; Jonathan Pendleton 388; Dr. Randall Bradley and students 128; Ron Ryan 546; Dr. Terry York and students 34b; Ashley Leffel 39t; Tammy Powell 163b; Dr. Tim Studstill 72b; Gaylon Powell 542; Jo Pendleton 479; Virginia Courtney 354b; Dr. Gayle Avant 178; Donald Ross 183; Jamie Short 477; Mike Hinton 146; Robert Vaughn 457; Chris Nicholson 569b; Dr. David Music and students 63.

RECESS

The singing continued with Dr. Randall Bradley leading 87. Leaders: Evelyn Lamb 99; Crystal Meadows 384; Lindsey Wiggins 189; Justin Latimer 328; Ben Griffin 85; Dr. David Music and students 162; Ben Tallcott 155; Dr. Terry York and Trey Harper 147b; Diane Ross 81t; Jerry Ryan 274t; Leon Ballinger 297; Jonathan Pendleton 24b; Ron Ryan 333; Ashley Leffel 541; Justin Latimer 198; Jonathan Coffield 282. Dr. David Music offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session opened with Dr. Terry York leading 106. Leaders: Chris Nicholson 566; Lindsey Wiggins 36t; Stephen Caner 94; Tammy Powell 454; Jamie Short 217; Robert Vaughn 56b; Jonathan Coffield 150; Crystal Meadows 158; Mike Hinton 527; Ben Griffin 148; Jo Pendleton 68b; Gaylon Powell 86; Donald Ross 338; Dr. Terry York 337; Dr. Gayle Avant 147t; Evelyn Lamb 442; Dr. Randall Bradley 218; Ashley Leffel 112; Dr. David Music 99; Justin Latimer 236; Lindsey Wiggins 476; Gaylon Powell 380; Crystal Meadows 318; Chris Nicholson 32t; Mark Abbott 45t; Chris Pillsbury 38b; Jacob Garcia 159; Donald Ross 347.

The class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dr. David W. Music; Secretary—Diane Ross

MINNESOTA MIDWINTER COOPER BOOK SINGING
Park House, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Saturday, February 7, 2009

The 10th Minnesota Midwinter *Cooper Book* Singing was held Saturday before the second Sunday in February at Park House in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Carol Buche called the class to order leading 484. Jane Wells offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kristie Harju 268b; Steve Luttinen 268t; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 434; Jeanette Nelson 132; Denise Kania and Dean Jurek 140; Matt Wells 138t; Eleanor Haase 575; Irene Lawrence 186; Guy Bankes 494; Ryan Wheeler 314; Steve Schmidgall 55; Jim Goetz 159; Bill Beverley 573; Jeff Bell 414.

RECESS

Karen Clark called the class back together by leading 96. Leaders: Carol Buche and Will Gilman 488b; Christine Stevens 270; Jim Pfau 203; Anna Pfau 112; Cathy Lutz and a group of St. Thomas students 218; Charlie Obert and a group of St. Thomas students 38t; Michael Moore 163b; Martha Henderson 450; Keith Willard 463 (by

request); Steven Levine 486 (for his father); Stacey Berkheimer 155; Martha Beverley 515; Dan Edwards, Karen Edwards, and Finnian Edwards 99; Doron Henkin and Laura Densmore 98.

RECESS

Steven Levine called the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Tanya Cothran 290; Claudia Egelhoff 152; Cindy Kisse 128; Charlie Obert 216; Jim Pfau 319; Jenny Willard 478; Gordon Olsen 199; Chris Holley 168; Doug Donley 127. Jane Wells offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Steve Schmidgall leading 391. Leaders: Midge Olsen 210; Ann Sleeva 91; Connie Stanton 229; Laura Densmore 511t; Gerry Skerbitz and Dylan Skerbitz 508; Kristie Harju 411; Steve Luttinen and a group of Bethel University students 133; Karen Swenson 393t; Paul Wyatt 505; Scott Schroeder 274t; Doron Henkin 522; Claudia Egelhoff 422t; Martha Beverley 39; Bill Beverley 392; Chris Holley 42; Irene Lawrence 300; Ryan Wheeler 292b; Guy Bankes 410.

RECESS

Gordon Olsen brought the class back together leading 47t. Leaders: Cathy Lutz 559; Karen Clark “Spurlock”; Laura Densmore and Karen Clark 386; Will Gilman 146; Michael Moore 54b; Connie Stanton 571; Kit Canright 54t; Matt Wells 137; Steven Levine 28b; Stacey Berkheimer 516; Jeanette Nelson 41; Jenny Willard 367.

Upcoming singings were announced. The Treasurer reported that expenses had been met. The class represented the following states and provinces: Alabama, Alaska, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Manitoba, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

Carol Buche and Karen Clark led 95b as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand. Keith Willard offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairlady—Carol Buche; Secretary—Karen Swenson

PLYMOUTH SINGING

East Sandwich Friend’s Meetinghouse, East Sandwich, Massachusetts Saturday, February 7, 2009

The singing was opened by Justin Levi leading 176b. The opening prayer was offered by Chuck Miccichi.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Justin Levi; Vice Chairman—Shelley Otis; Secretary—Whitney Chapman.

Allison Schofield conducted a singing school focused on leading. Allison led 32t, 111b, and 400 as lessons.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Shelley Otis leading 284. Leaders: Whitney Chapman 476; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 134, 138t; Tom Padwa 523, 480; Joanna Lampert 101t, 230; Liz Cantrell 384, 318; Laura Borrelli 82t, 457; James Baumgartner 410t, 217; Robert Dove 473, 66; Joanne DeVoe 31t, 327; Lucy O’Leary 35. Grace was offered by Chuck Miccichi for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Aldo Ceresa leading 114. Leaders: Bill Holt 274t, 430; Jennie Brown 37b, 220; Elizabeth Stoddard 216, 165; Allison Schofield 439, 269; Aldo Ceresa 478, 546; Mary Gowins 224, 328; Lauren Bock 270, 486; Kiri Miller 69t, 411; Joanne Fuller 39b, 129; Tom Liebert 159; Kelsey Sunderland 313t, 419; Robert Stoddard 349, 377; Lynne deBenedette 569b, 196; Bob Parr 201, 528; Celia Devine 362, 198.

RECESS

Justin Levi brought the class to order leading 278b. Leaders: Whitney Chapman 229, 38b; Shelley Otis 504, 245; Chuck Miccichi 503; John Travers 155; Aaron [NLN] 472, 186; Justin Levi 434, 442; Liz Cantrell and Lynne deBenedette 325; Allison Schofield and Mary Gowins 142; Joanna Lampert and Bill Holt 335; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Aldo Ceresa 532; Joanne Fuller and Lauren Bock 192; Laura Borelli, Lucy O'Leary, Kelsey Sunderland, and Jennie Brown 454; Robert Stoddard and Elizabeth Stoddard 564; Robert Dove and Bob Parr 228.

A business session was held. The Secretary reported that 72 songs had been led by 30 leaders, and that expenses had been met. The business session was closed.

Justin Levi, Shelley Otis, and Whitney Chapman led 62 as the closing song. Chuck Miccichi offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Justin Levi; Vice Chairman—Shelley Otis; Secretary—Whitney Chapman

CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING SCHOOL AND SINGING Old County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama February 7-8, 2009 Saturday, February 7

Danny Creel opened the singing school with announcements and thanked the Alabama State Council for the Arts for grant money provided to have the school. Steve Grauberger was present representing the Council. He also acknowledged the crew members present to film the singing school courtesy of the Beasley Foundation. Danny Creel led 131 to open the singing school. Tim Cook began the lessons by going over the notes and having the class sing the scale. Tim went over individual parts in several songs, so each student would hear the different parts, and then the class sang 67b and 30b.

Bill Hogan began teaching about more rudiments, such as beating time and time signatures. The class sang songs to demonstrate these rudiments. He then began instructing the class in elements of learning to key music.

Cassie Allen taught the class about the history of the 1958 revision of the *Christian Harmony* songbook, and about its revisers, O.A. Parris and John Deason. She spoke of Alabama singers and their roots to this tune book through the present day. Cassie also gave details about the changes to the previous songbooks over the years and what revisions were made. The class sang songs by Parris (43, 131, 172); Deason (186, 322); John Hocutt (167b, 120); William Walker (307, 208b); William "Bennie" Rigdon (352); A.M. Cagle (54); Elsie Calvert Moon (10). Elsie was present to help lead the song she wrote when she was a teen. Cassie closed her session by leading 204t.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 261; SuNell Ellis 248; Lucy Heidorn and Ken Tate 346; Danny Creel and Kelly Isbell 155b; Emily Creel 238; David Daniel 165; Jane Spencer 133; Yancey Jett 287; Yancey Jett and Ann Jett 360; Yancey Jett 117. Announcements were made. Danny Creel offered prayer, and the class sang 85b to close the day.

Sunday, February 8

Bill Hogan welcomed the class to the singing, then he and Tim Cook led 64 to open the singing.

The following officers were appointed serve: Co-Chairmen—Bill Hogan and Tim Cook; Secretary—Emily Creel; Arranging Committee—Cassie Allen. Tim Cook led 31t and Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Emily Creel 57, 93 (for Harrison Creel); Cassie Allen 281t, 354t; Gary Smith 281b, 204t; Danny Creel 308, 149; Carolyn Thompson 54, 148; Mike Spencer 235, 361; Marlin Beasley 255, 325b; Billy Thompson 248, 277b; Nancy Hogan 274, 321.

RECESS

Tim Cook brought the class back together by leading “Aberdeen” and “Fish Pond” (North Carolina *Christian Harmony*). Leaders: Hannah Tate 157b; Henry Guthery 59b, 4; Ann Jett 180, 264; J.C. Rutledge 178, 179; Joan Aldridge 19, 280t; Ed Thacker 163b, 309t; Judy Caudle 76b, 172; Steve Grauberger 35b, 77; Robert Walker 214, 128t; SuNell Ellis 143, 142.

LUNCH

Cassie Allen called the afternoon session to order by leading 170. Leaders: Jane Spencer 105t, 74; Yancey Jett 117, 109; Henry Johnson 105b, 80; Julianna Jett and Ann Jett 85b; Bea Carnathan 131, 189; Ken Tate 253, 186; Sarah Smith 238, 239t; Cindy Tanner 322, 51; Velton Chafin 332, 120; James Parker 323, “Sweet Beulah Land” (by request); Billy Williams 254, 272; Judy Caudle 172 (for video taken to Harrison Creel, who was in the hospital); Cassie Allen 10 (by request), 176; Bill Hogan 284 (by request).

Announcements were made. Bill Hogan, Tim Cook, and Cassie Allen led 50 as the closing song. Henry Guthery offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Bill Hogan and Tim Cook—Co-Chairmen; Emily Creel—Secretary

LINCOLN’S BIRTHDAY SINGING **University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois** **Sunday, February 8, 2009**

The 17th annual Lincoln’s Birthday singing was held the second Sunday in February at Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago, in conjunction with the University of Chicago Folk Festival.

Rachel Adelstein called the class to order at 2:30 p.m. and led 128. She introduced Ted Mercer, who taught a brief singing school and led 38t and 38b. John Seaton was then appointed as Arranging Committee.

Leaders: John Seaton 47t; Randy Neufeld 171; Melanie Hauff 421; Deborah DNC 282; Jo Dell Albi 209; Ginny Landgraf 504; Judy Hauff 155; Ellis Seiberling 191; Benny Harnish 314; Jim Helke 186; Jeff Breting 107; Chresten DNC 387; Molly Whedbee 77t; Jim Swanson 546.

RECESS

David Barford brought the class back together leading 40. Leaders: David Hoekema 269; Daniel Braithwaite 445; Steve Warner 168; Nick Pasqual 72b; Ann Heider 528; Debbie Barford 215; Lisa Grayson 334; Aida Baldrop-Lewis 178; Anita Shaperd 224; Susan Matthews 312b; Susan Geil 565; Petrina Patti 217; Becky Havard 99; Eran Rhodes 457; Rochelle Lodder 47b.

Announcements were made. Ted Mercer led 146 as the class took the parting hand. John Seaton offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Ted Mercer; Secretary—Jim Swanson

ELDER ROY AVERY MEMORIAL SINGING **Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama** **Sunday, February 8, 2009**

The annual Elder Roy Avery Memorial singing was held on the second Sunday in February at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church in Daviston, Alabama. Jack Nelson and Jacob Acton called the class to order by leading 282.

The class elected the following officers for the day: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretary—Jenny Acton; Arranging Committee—Charlotte Bishop. The morning prayer was offered by Stanley Edwards.

Leaders: Jack Nelson 480; Jenny Acton 340, 229 (CB); Jack Nelson 318, 268; Don Clark 30t; Stanley Edwards 58, 59; Jacob Acton 44; Judy Chambless 28b, 565; Floy Wilder 475, 382; Oscar McGuire 171, 336; John Merritt 312b, 274t.

RECESS

Jack Nelson led 438 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Myrline Redmon 147t, 358; Robert Chambless 39b, 32t (dedicated to Connie Rogers, who was unable to attend due to family illness); Carla Smith 143, 354b; Ted Price 290, 196 (by request); Marion Patrick 100, 388. Jack Nelson led 45t. Elder Keeble offered prayer, and then Elder Staphelson preached.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Jack Nelson leading 314. The memorial lesson was held at this time. Nell Estes and Mary Jean Payne led 560 in memory of their dad, Elder R.H. Avery. Jean Payne led 490. Stan Perry spoke about her grandfather, Elder Avery.

Jack Nelson led 30b for following deceased: John Etheridge-Florida; William Frederick, Milton Oliver, Becky Merritt, and Waymond Price-Alabama; and for the following sick and shut-ins: Adress Gurley, Eugene Forbes, Harrison Creel, Mrs. Nelson, Lonnie Rogers, and Virginia Futral. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by John Merritt.

Leaders: Diane Avery 186, 300; William Futral 68b, 341; Wendy Futral 35, 491; Charlotte Bishop 229 (CB), 339 (for Susan, Mary Jean Payne's daughter); Jonathan Blakely 123t, 146; John Merritt "Talitha Cumi"; Jacob Acton 282; Jack Nelson 569b, 47b.

Announcements were made. Jack Nelson led 46, and Elder Keeble dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretary—Jenny Acton

ALABAMA COLLEGIATE SINGING **University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama** **Saturday, February 14, 2009**

The 11th annual session of the Alabama Collegiate Singing was held at the Wesley Foundation Methodist Student Center on the campus of the University of Alabama. Tim Cook welcomed everyone and called the class to order by leading 49t. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Johnson.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tim Cook; Vice Chairman—Emily Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Carolyn Thompson.

Leaders: Tim Cook 350; Emily Thompson 215, 349; Judy Caudle 478, 76t; Loyd Ivey 76b, 340; Bridgett Hill 33b; Ed Thacker 468, 220; Anne Chalker 146, 235; Malik Williams 37b, 128; Wendell Rinehart 445, 159; Alison Mitchell 32t, 61.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Tim Cook leading 99. Leaders: Lena Keeton 82t, 475 (for Harrison Creel, Glenn Keeton, and Elizabeth Keeton); Will Kerby 335; Tyron Morris 63; Richard Mauldin 358 (in memory of Dick Mauldin), 312b (in memory of Amanda Denson); Verona Andrews 274t; Travis Keeton 290, 480; Elene Stovall 186 (in memory of Amanda Denson); Elene Stovall and Toney Smith 316.

RECESS

Tim Cook brought the class back to order by leading 66. Leaders: Henry Guthery 511; Eddie Pierce and Nancy Callahan 282, 117; Linton Ballinger 142.

The memorial lesson was conducted by J.L. Hopper and Richard Mauldin. Elder Hopper spoke, and then led 138b and 512 in memory of the following deceased: Milton Oliver, Kim Jenkins, L.H. Gilmore, Mary Smith, Mattie Townsel, Amanda Denson, and Mary Ernestine Deason Thompson—Alabama; Katherine Benefield—Georgia; John Etheridge—Florida; Pauline Childers—Michigan. Richard Mauldin spoke and led 143 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Ruth Wyers, Joyce Walton, Harrison Creel, Ann Ballard, Eugene Forbes, Clarence McCool, Peggy Bergman, and Ed Howton. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Elder J.L. Hopper.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Tim Cook leading 277. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 224; Karen Clark 278t; Gravis Ballinger 112; Karin Covi and Max Berueffy 164; Margaret Keeton 276; Henry Johnson 88t; Gary Smith 565; J.L. Hopper 304; Sarah Smith 341; Carolyn Thompson 502; Max Berueffy 392; Don Clark 387; Josie Hyde 507; Floy Wilder 422 (for Eugene Forbes); Toney Smith 193; Lomax Ballinger and Earl Ballinger 168; Ola Meadows 388; Jack Pate 535; Wayne Hutchison 45t; Marlec Ray 432 (for Arlene Kitchens); Bridgett Hill 500; Mako Cook 503; Jerry Kitchens 64.

Following announcements, Tim Cook led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Eddie Pierce, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tim Cook; Vice Chairman—Emily Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle

OHIO STATE CONVENTION **Little Red Schoolhouse, Cincinnati, Ohio** **February 14-15, 2009**

Saturday, February 14

The 17th annual Ohio State Convention was called to order by Cleve Callison leading 34b. John Bayer offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Bayer 440; Linda Coppock 147t; Karen Arnett 532; Rich Overturf 312b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cleve Callison; Vice Chairman—John Bayer; Secretaries—Linda Coppock and Karen Arnett; Treasurer—Rich Overturf.

Leaders: Eloise Clark 209; Roger Crabtree 86; Claire Outten 113; Marky Aden 62; Brad Oglesby 145t; Stephanie Fida 192; Lorraine Bayer 32b; Joe Todd 157; Brad Bahler 550; Katie Duff 354b; Kalee Duncan 345t; Melanie Hauff 421; Karen Isbell 270.

RECESS

John Bealle called the class back together leading 108t. Leaders: Richard Palmer 236; Hans Bayer 504; Briana Meek 87; Nate Zweig 59; Jim Herr 172; Mike Grimes 106; David Casenhiser 569b; Karen Bahler 155; Tim Binkley 335; Mary Brinkman 313b; Thomas Smith 276; Laura Lee Earles 148; John Seaton 47t; Bobette Olson 76b; Shawn Fenton 460; Karen Swenson 149; Greg Creech 74b; Darrell Swarens 72b; Ruth E. Dolby 40; Eddie Mash 534; Ann Holzer 373; Charles Crawford 287; Wayne Dell 459. A blessing on the noon meal was offered by Steve Duff.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order with Claire Outten leading 315.

Leaders: Michael Darby 285t; John Bahler 448t; William Shetter 181; Beth Todd 501; Judy Hauff 528; Joanna Lampert 316; Joan Aldridge 486; Regina Frick 142; Carol Medicott 500; Jubal Bayer 183; Tom Malone 455; Jo Schultz 234; Ted Mercer 542; Bob Meek 441; Tim Morton 503; Steve Duff 313t; Laura Russell 318; Pleasance Crawford 187; Michelle Cull 384.

RECESS

The afternoon session resumed with Debbie Hall leading 497. Leaders: Sylvia Thomas 372; Randy Webber 49b; Ray Rechenberg 163b; Stephanie Hysmith 178; Karen Carrelli and Eloise Clark 66; Joel-Henry Mansfield 56b; Susan Zurcher 551; Michael Domino 173; Nancy Huerta 288; Michael Hieber 324; Tom Malone 491; Joanna Lampert 549; Jim Herr 182; Jim Coppock 344; Bob Meek 193; Brad Bahler, John Bahler, and Karen Bahler 29t; Laure Lee Earles and Mary Brinkman 63. After announcements, Cleve Callison led 347. John Bayer offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, February 15

The Sunday session of the Ohio State Sacred Harp Convention was called together by Cleve Callison leading 77b. Bob Meek offered an opening prayer.

Leaders: Linda Coppock 112; Carol Medlicott 71; Claire Outten 191; Bob Meek 274t; Debbie Hall 362; Rich Overturf 100; Karen Arnett 217; Michael Darby 77t; Marky Aden 67; John Bealle 436; Susan Zurcher 34b; Greg Howard 547; Bobette Olson 283; John Bayer 300; Ann Holzer 556; Tom Kochan 99; Sylvia Thomas 171; Jackson Pietrzak 385b; Earlene Cunningham 288; Eddie Mash 518; Anita Shaperd 377.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Rich Overturf leading 105. Leaders: Hans Bayer 86; Roger Crabtree 282; Rebecca Eldridge 383; Peggy Mistak and Bob Sullivan 30t; Joan Aldridge 540; Karen Isbell 110; Ted Mercer 468; Melanie Hauff 196; Virginia Eldridge 530; Joe Todd 102; Ruth Dolby 350; Beth Todd 68b; Judy Hauff 536; James Eldridge 39b; Karen Swenson 434; Jo Schulz 147t; John Seaton 150.

Ted Mercer, Claire Outten, and Darrell Swarens conducted the memorial lesson. Appreciation was expressed especially for Pauline Childers's years of support and instruction. Ted Mercer led 88t in memory of the following deceased: Milton Oliver—Alabama; Xenia DeMarco—California; John Etheridge—Florida; Pauline Udis and Betty Fish—Kentucky; Pauline Childers and Stephen Domino—Michigan; Alice Casenhiser, Clarence Stanley, Margaret Schuur, Ray Rechenberg, Sr., Sally Weiss, Don Cunningham, and Dallas Fish—Ohio.

Claire Outten led 176t for the following sick and shut-ins: Jeff Sheppard, Harrison Creel, Richard DeLong, Peggy Lietzenmayer, Marie Smith, Laurel Sherer, Gary Gronau, Charlie Derleth, Bill Ellason, Janet Fraembs, Suzanne Abbott, Roy Cornett, Helen Spriegal, Christine Cox, and all those serving the country in Iraq and Afghanistan. Darrell Swarens concluded the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Charles Crawford 72b; Pleasance Crawford 232; Greg Creech 159. Greg Creech offered dinner blessing.

LUNCH

Linda Coppock called the class back together leading 299. Leaders: Shawn Fenton 163t; Judy Schutz 200; Jubal Bayer 29b; Brad Oglesby 73t; William Shetter 198; Eric Conrad 378b; Wayne Dell 66; the Lost Tribe of Louisville (Joe Manning, Nathan Salsburg, Valerie Magnuson, Pavel Ovechkin, Lydelle Abbott, Tim Morton, Alex Udis and Dana Fadel) 49t; Michael Domino 39t; Darrell Swarens 542; Katie Duff and Katherine Eldridge 345b; Ray Rechenberg 480; Tim Morton and Nathan Salsburg 47b; Laura Russell 81t; Cleve Callison 195; Rich Kern 254.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Karen Arnett leading 40. Leaders: Steve Duff 36b; Lorraine Bayer 146; Anne Gilliland 64; Jim Herr 35; Nathan Salsburg 186; Michelle Cull 496; Eloise Clark and Karen Carrelli 269; Allen Dubose 268; Rebecca Eldridge 507; Karen Isbell 215; Karen Swenson 228; Melanie Hauff 277; Beth Todd 430; Eddie Mash 174; Judy Hauff 189.

Following announcements, Cleve Callison led 62 as the closing song. Eddie Mash offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Cleve Callison, Vice Chairman—John Bayer; Secretaries—Karen Arnett and Linda Coppock

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST SACRED HARP CONVENTION
(WASHINGTON)**

Seattle Labor Temple, Seattle, Washington

February 14-15, 2009

Saturday, February 14

The 18th annual session of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Convention—Washington, was held at the Seattle Labor Temple on the third Sunday and Saturday before in February. Anne Huckins and Bill Walters opened the convention by leading 171. Reed Schilbach offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Erika Wilson 73t; David Wright and Linda Jweinat 64; Reed Schilbach 297; Darlene Simpson-Brown 368; Bob Schinske 187; Shannon McGuire 137; Jack Lofton 276; Jinx McGuire 86; Susan Helf 112; Tom Yeager 107; Anna Stoerch 49b; Ken Cofield 47b.

RECESS

Erik Schwab called the class to order leading 565. The class entered into a business session and approved the following officers: Chairman—Bill Walters; Vice Chairperson—Erika Wilson; Secretary—David Wright; Treasurer—Linda Jweinat. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Steve Helwig 528; Mryka Hall-Beyer 277; Gaea Singer and Karen Willard 376; Thom Fahrback 143 (by request, for Leta Marshall); Bruce Rowland 282; Alice Poinier 193; Greg Mulkern 214; Marilyn Murata 506; Arcana Ferschke 192; Lynne Hyerle 178; Dan Thoma 518; Jane Grant 373; Eric Burton 383; Marcia Stedman 36b; Dorothy Robinson 275t; Michael Walsh 45t.

RECESS

Jinx McGuire brought the class back together by leading 40. Leaders: Karen Stingle 254; Steve Cackley 77b; Meg Larson 323b; David Kreiss-Tomkins 82t; Cornelia Stanton 150; Scott Kennedy 547; Lucinda Saue 163b; Harlan Walker-Young 332; Tammi Ziola 455; Jean Murphy 82b. Reed Schilbach offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Anne Huckins opened the afternoon session by leading 448b. Leaders: Tamara Harris 434; Cornelia Stanton 350; Greg Saue 99; Mary Ditson 532; Betsy Jeronen 328; Carol Selleck 499; Jordan Singer 285t; Katharine Hough 269; Carolyn Gilkey 474; Karen Willard 550; Martha Sherwood 53; David Wright 168; Alice Poinier 454; Bill Walters 313b; Dorothy Robinson 456; Thom Fahrback 419; Marilyn Murata 200; David Kreiss-Tomkins 385b; Mryka Hall-Beyer 327; Greg Mulkern 553.

RECESS

Steve Helwig called the class back to order leading 270. Leaders: Kathy Vlach 280; Eric Burton 504; Erika Wilson 500; Darlene Simpson-Brown 39b; Bruce Rowland 551; Meg Larson 452; Arcana Ferschke 216; Dan Thoma 324; Cornelia Stanton 217; Scott Kennedy 228; Susan Helf 198; Greg Saue and Lucinda Saue 535; Tammi Ziola 480; Harlan Walker-Young 51; Carolyn Gilkey 475; Anna Stoerch 84; Reed Schilbach 318; Shannon McGuire 441. All singers were invited to a social at the home of Bill Walters on Saturday evening.
Bill Walters and Erika Wilson led 157 (CB) as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Abe Miller.

Sunday, February 15

Bill Walters and Erika Wilson began the second day of the convention by leading 49t. Reed Schilbach offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Kathy Vlach 48t; Lucinda Saue 49b; Erik Schwab 187; Karen Willard 46; Ken Cofield 313b; Marcia Stedman 180; Darlene Simpson-Brown 207; Steve Cackley 124; Karen Stingle 475; Jinx McGuire 148; Jean Squires 268.

RECESS

Karen Willard called the class to order leading 30t. Leaders: Martha Sherwood 117; Betsy Jeronen 440; Tom McTighe 70b; Kathryn Eastburn 159; Bruce Rowland 426b; Sophia Schinske 384; Jack Lofton 215; Harlan Walker-Young 42; Mary McDonald-Lewis 110; Bob Schinske 411; Tamara Harris 542; Mary Ditson 146; Elizabeth Riggs 479; Anne Huckins 142; Mryka Hall-Beyer 68b; David Kreiss-Tomkins 59; Reed Schilbach 344; Bill Walters 348t; Fran Ross 350; Susan Helf 497.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Erik Schwab leading 426t. Leaders: Greg Saue 448t; Marilyn Murata 80t; Thom Fahrback 197; David Wright and Henry Schuman 234 (in memory of Pauline Childers); Chris Cotter 212; Arcana Ferschke 134.

Anne Huckins and Jinx McGuire conducted the memorial lesson. Jinx McGuire led 473 for the following sick and shut-ins: Laura Anthony, Mother Felicitas Curti, Leta Marshall, Dorothy Herival, Bruce Rye, Arthur Denker, Helen Schley, Liz May, Debbie Hodges, Christina Robinson, Ned Cantrell, Winnie Cantrell, Magda Costantino, Shisue Sukimoto, Fumie Murata, Brooksie Stanton, and Phyllis Pere. Anne Huckins led 66 for the following deceased: Santiago El Mundo, Bruce Phillips—California; John Etheridge—Florida; Jayne Bull, Pauline Childers, Ann Schilbach—Michigan; Elder Gerald Hand—New Mexico; Dagmar Branson—New York; Scott Carpenter, Ruby Little, Jean Marcotte—Oregon; Kim Carpenter, Sandra Dennis, Tracy McGuire—Texas; Quincy Coleman, David Fuentes, Steve Hale, John Huckins, Denis Daniel Murphy, Jack Stephenson—Washington; Jane Rule—Canada. Scott Kennedy closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Jordan Singer 320; Anna Stoerch 122. Scott Kennedy offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Bill Walters called the afternoon session to order by leading 35. Leaders: Dan Thoma 300; Robert Fleming 277; Steve Helwig 302; Erik Schwab 272; Tamara Harris 428; Jessica Beer 522; Henry Schuman 299; Erika Wilson 203; Greg Mulkern 292; Tammi Ziola 406; Katharine Hough 236; Meg Larson 549; Carol Selleck 379; Scott Kennedy 347; Tigre Lusardi 284; Audrey Karabinus 503; Jean Murphy 504; Steve Cackley 274b; Mary Ditson 312b; Jen Morris 89; Mryka Hall-Beyer 569b; David Kreiss-Tomkins 410t; Cornelia Stanton 472; David Hough 101t.

RECESS

Bob Schinske called the class back to order leading 145t. Leaders: Carolyn Gilkey 38t; Karen Stingle 274t; Martha Sherwood 29t; Hazel Rickard 162; Mary McDonald-Lewis 547; Chris Cotter 250; Tom McTighe 228; Shannon McGuire 358; Marilyn Murata 218; Thom Fahrback 316; Betsy Jeronen 546; Jessica Beer 82t; Carol Selleck 401; Linda Jweinat 149; Tigre Lusardi 144; Robert Fleming 276; Audrey Karabinus and Liz May 496; Lea Kouba 76b; Carmen Doerge 235.

The class entered into a business session for the purpose of hearing committee reports. The Treasurer, Linda Jweinat, reported that all expenses had been met. The Arranging Committee, David Wright and Kathy Vlach, reported that 134 singers from ten states and Canada were registered and 158 lessons had been led during the weekend. Erik Schwab and Henry Schuman gave the Resolutions Committee report,

thanking all the officers, workers, cooks, and singers who contributed to the success of the convention. All reports were accepted as read and the business meeting was closed. Announcements of future singings were made.

Bill Walters and Erika Wilson led 36b while singers took the parting hand. Abe Miller closed the convention with prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Walters; Vice Chairperson—Erika Wilson; Secretary—David Wright

UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA **Food Services Building, Carrollton, Georgia** **Sunday, February 15, 2009**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia, was held on the third Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Myron House, who welcomed everyone and led 52t. Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Myron House 127; Charlene Wallace 99, 139; Lela Crowder 30t, 33b.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Myron House; Vice Chairperson—Jan House; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee—Lela Crowder; Memorial Committee—Oscar McGuire.

Leaders: Myron House 102; Jan House 171, 361; Donna Bell 155 (for Eugene Forbes), 106; Ed Thacker 273, 568; Melinda Snow 569t, 510; Denney Rogers 100, 345t; Shannon Primm 91, 78; Mike Spencer 451, 382; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 282, 101t; Jane Spencer 494, 478; Stanley Edwards 500, 271t.

RECESS

The class was called together by Jan House leading 284. Leaders: Henry Johnson 123t, 111b; Charles Woods 283, 207; Mary Brownlee 182, 183; Bentley McGuire 316, 212; Evelyn Harris 89, 47t; Scott DePoy 47b, 277; Kathy Williams 108t, 437; Lonnie Rogers 97, 222; Tony Hammock 303, 544; Mary Jo Shafer 225t, 82t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Myron House leading 109. Leaders: B.M. Smith 72b, 318; Jeff Sheppard 472, 556.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Oscar McGuire, who spoke and led 229 and 146 in memory of the following deceased: Myrtle Smith, Katherine Benefield, Lee Rogers—Georgia; Jesse Cotney, Milton Oliver, Mary Smith, Dale Harris—Alabama; Elder Gerald Hand—New Mexico; Mirtha Young—(No State Listed).

Kathy Williams spoke and led 330b and 340 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Lucy Garner, George Garner, Richard DeLong, Harrison Creel, Reba Norton, Mary Florence Smith, and Frank Block. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Ed Thacker.

Leaders: John Plunkett 161; Laura Frey and Jenna Frey 133, 163b; Earlis McGraw 389, 435; Andy Anderson 34b; Sheri Taylor 275b, 148; Cecil Roberts 32t, 399b; Ruth Daniel 378t, 335; Jenna Frey 294, 46; Oscar McGuire 407; Bentley McGuire 145t (by request); Mary Brownlee and Shelbie Sheppard 66, 481; Louise Holland 73t, 63; Paige Harrod 373, 143.

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

Chairman—Myron House; Vice Chairperson—Jan House; Secretary—Charlene Wallace

SANDERS MEMORIAL

**Liberty Primitive Baptist Church, (McCormick), Sumiton, Alabama
Saturday, February 21, 2009**

The annual Sanders Memorial singing was held at Liberty Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February. This singing was formerly held on the third Sunday in February at Sardis Church on the Warrior River, but had to be moved to another location and the time changed. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 32t. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Brenda Merritt; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton and Bridgett Hill.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 34b, 30t; Anne Chalker 146, 235; Beth Branscome 565, 569t; Eldagene Roberson 313t, 203; Bridgett Hill 129, 36b; Jerry Kitchens 35; David Roberson 220, 222; Travis Keeton 112, 155; Lena Keeton 382, 546; Eugene Forbes 318, 426t; Roma Rice 90, 182; J.L. Hopper 149, 174; Velton Chafin 390 (in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Sanders).

RECESS

The class was called back together by Velton Chafin leading 380 (in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Sanders). Leaders: Tim Cook 406 (in memory of Peggy Bergman), 448t; Brenda Merritt 430, 428; Arlon Gardner 111b (for Harrison Creel), 201, 277; Charles Kitchens 418, 122; Richard Mauldin 268, 358 (in memory of Dick Mauldin); Judy Caudle 123b, 272; Larry Ballinger 206, 207; Ken Tate 347, 532 (in memory of Edith Tate). Richard Mauldin offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 325. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 163t, 336; Cecil Sanders 434, 460; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 569b; Clayton Ezell 66, 119, 300; Henry Guthery 572, 465; John Merritt 232, 271t, 274t; Beth Branscome 467; Jim Aaron and Henry Guthery 68b, 163b, J.L. Hopper 311; Bridgett Hill 432 (for Ozella Blackmon); Charles Kitchens 275b; Arlon Gardner 76b; Tim Cook 285b; Eugene Forbes 80b; Judy Caudle 437; Anne Chalker and Richard Mauldin 388.

Velton Chafin led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Clayton Ezell, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Brenda Merritt

SOUTH YORKSHIRE SACRED HARP SINGING DAY

**Wesleyan Reform Chapel, Oughtibridge, Sheffield, United Kingdom
Saturday, February 21, 2009**

The annual South Yorkshire Sacred Harp Singing Day was held at the Wesleyan Reform Chapel, Oughtibridge, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Ian West leading 101t. Ruth Steggles offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Hannah Land 515; David Richardson 48t; Maria Wallace 171; Margaret Gillanders 36b; Aaron Kahn 107; Judy Whiting 391; Sharon Langridge 350; Michael Walker 134; Ruth Steggles 147t; Ted Brown 176b; Sarah West 370; Rosalind Oldham 32t; Chris Brown 34b; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 314; Phil Tyler 160b; Richard Percival 441; Benny Ross 330t; Hannah Land 501.

RECESS

Ian West brought the class back together by leading 445. Leaders: Steve Fletcher 108b; Maria Wallace 106; Aaron Kahn 168; Jenny Reid 178; Michael Walker 442; Margaret Gillanders 270; Judy Whiting 556; Ted Brown 77t; Sharon Langridge 481. Hannah Land conducted the memorial lesson, and led 50t in memory of the following deceased: David Little, Rabbi Arnold Wolfe, Mary Germaine, Ian Fergusson, Florence Mellor, Ann Cox, Angela Lee, Mrs. Tieger, Jim Oss, Jean Cousins, Lorna Know, Stan Shaw, Trevor Sanderson, Deirdre Powell, Gladys Buchanan, Orla Machin, and Brian Cheetham.

Chris Brown led 159 in honor of the following sick and housebound: David Daykin, Sue Briggs, Alex Fox, Dorothy Williams, David George, Betty Hine, Bob Morgan, Stef Puchalka, Peter Ogden, Edwin Macadam, David Lee (of Essex), Bill Craven, Joan Swift, and Kathy Armstrong. Ruth Steggles offered a prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: David Richardson 473; Sarah West 405; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 457; Cath Tyler 367; Ruth Steggles 198. Michael Walker said grace for the midday meal.

LUNCH

Phil Tyler began the afternoon session by leading 274t. Leaders: Steve Fletcher 383; Benny Ross 474; Jenny Reid 68b; Rosalind Oldham 480; Anna Baldini 146; Richard Percival 38b; Helen Brown 534; Aaron Kahn 284; Maria Wallace 155; Ian West 500; Hannah Land 185; Michael Walker 89; Margaret Gillanders 182; Ted Brown 43; Judy Whiting 373; David Richardson 153; Sharon Langridge 35.

RECESS

Sarah West called the class to order leading 324. Leaders: Chris Brown 211; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 100; Phil Tyler 477; Helen Brown 426b; Benny Ross 142; Ruth Steggles 454; Steve Fletcher 269; Richard Percival 66; Jenny Reid 99; Rosalind Oldham 299; Michael Walker 406; Cath Tyler 378b; Margaret Gillanders 475; Ted Brown 569b; Judy Whiting 546; Aaron Kahn 183; Hannah Land 472; David Richardson 496.

Following announcements, Ian West and Sharon Langridge led 56t as the closing song. Sharon Langridge offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Ian West; Vice Chairperson—Sharon Langridge; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders

J.L. WHITE AND ECLECTIC HARMONY SINGING **Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia** **Saturday, February 21, 2009**

The 10th annual J.L. White and Eclectic Harmony singing was held at Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February. John Plunkett called the class to order and welcomed everyone, leading 30t (WB). John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

For the first hour, song selection was from the J.L. White book. Leaders: John Plunkett 35; Malinda Snow 155; Sandra Wilkinson 59; Bill Hollingsworth 317; Judy Mincey 54t, 55t; Andy Morse 512; Henry Johnson 455t; Hermon Wilkinson 61; Laura Akerman 446t; Bob Goodman 478t; Hugh McGuire 511; Russ Hanson 540 (for his father, Tom Hanson); Donna Bell 483b; Mike Spencer 91b; Robert Kelly 336; John Hollingsworth 60.

RECESS

For the second hour, leaders chose songs from the Eclectic Harmony books. Russ Hanson called the class back in session leading 63 (EH2). Leaders: Jane Spencer 66 (EH2); Eddie Mash 18 (EH1); Tom Gray 45 (EH1); Mary Baumeister 82 (EH1); Mike McNeil 50 (EH2); Shannon Primm 13 (EH1); Rachel Rudi 92 (EH1); Jean

Gray 110 (EH1); Chris Wilhelm 12 (EH2); Haley Gray and Kate Gray 56 (EH1); Dan Huger 31b (EH2); Laura Krueger 91 (EH1); Tim Gray 59 (EH1).

In a business session, the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Laura Akerman; Secretary—Malinda Snow.

Hermon Wilkinson offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

During the afternoon, leaders chose songs from any of the three books. John Plunkett brought the class back together leading 393t (WB). Leaders: Tony Hammock 65 (WB); Junie McNeil 517 (WB); Carson Gray 388 (WB); Haley Gray and Kate Gray 354 (WB); Sandra Wilkinson 491t (WB); Malinda Snow 40t (EC2); Judy Mincey 76 (EC2); Andy Morse 7 (EC2); Hugh McGuire 292t (WB); Henry Johnson 501t (WB); Tim Gray 239 (WB); Carol Hanson 36b (WB); Laura Krueger 84 (EH2); Chris Wilhelm 26t (EC2); Hermon Wilkinson 215 (WB).

RECESS

Laura Akerman brought the class back together leading 74b (EC1). Leaders: Mike McNeil 60 (EC1); Dan Huger 22b (EC1); Alexander Garden 522 (WB); Tom Gray 136 (WB); Rachel Rudi 48 (EC2); Eddie Mash 103 (EC1); Mary Baumeister 160b (WB); Donna Bell 382t (WB); Kate Gray, Haley Gray, and Jean Gray 70 (EC1); Junie McNeil 33 (EC2); Robert Kelly 64 (EC2); Jane Spencer 97 (WB); Bill Hollingsworth 486t (WB); Mike Spencer 65 (EC1); Shannon Primm 491b (WB); Tony Hammock 268 (EC2); Alexander Garden 60 (EC2).

After announcements, John Plunkett led 389 (WB) as the closing song. Dan Huger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Laura Akerman; Secretary—Malinda Snow

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING (CLINTON) **St. James Episcopal Church, Clinton, New York** **Saturday, February 21, 2009**

The New York State Regional Singing was held at St. James Episcopal Church in Clinton, New York, on Saturday, February 21, 2009. The class was called to order by Barbara Swetman leading 34b. Dennis Leipold offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Barbara Swetman 40; Katherine Collett 47b, 299; Margaret Bornick 45t, 47t; Ron Bornick 66, 148; Brian Collett 49b, 334; Lauren Bock 278b, 208; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 318, 371; Dennis Leipold 300, 189; Thom Metzger 216, 272; Susan Hengelsberg 38t, 504; George Seiler 503, 159; Mary Skidmore 168, 282.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order. Leaders: Jean Seiler 82t, 472; Eileen Metzger 383, 522; Lucy Roberts 408, 35; Fred Henson 535, 63; Ginny Huszagh 474, 68b; Eric Bean 475, 285t; Barbara Swetman 370, 390; Katherine Collett 245; Margaret Bornick 162, 497; Ron Bornick 276, 178; Brian Collett 273, 198; Lauren Bock 192, 217; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 564, 240; Dennis Leipold 196, 155. Eileen Metzger offered a blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Barbara Swetman leading 312b. Leaders: Thom Metzger 131t, 269; Denise Morris 77b, 72b; Susan Hengelsberg 175, 277; George Seiler 84, 480; Mary Skidmore 203, 146; Jean Seiler 147t, 209; Eileen Metzger 68t, 179; Lucy Roberts 163t, 448b; Fred Henson 268, 117; Ginny Huszagh 48t, 87; Eric Bean 335, 270; Barbara Swetman 542; Katherine Collett 122 (in memory of Gracie Schell's grandmother, Juanita Bartlett Kirby); Margaret Bornick 455.

RECESS

The class was brought back together. Leaders: Ron Bornick 228, 454; Brian Collett 532; Lauren Bock 385b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 423; Dennis Leipold 112; Thom Metzger 29b; Denise Morris 193; Susan Hengelsberg 344; George Seiler 473; Mary Skidmore 352; Jean Seiler 142; Eileen Metzger 182; Lucy Roberts 442; Ginny Huszagh 391; Eric Bean 71; Lauren Bock and Gracie Schell 107; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 394; Dennis Leipold 345b; Thom Metzger 224; Susan Hengelsberg 306; George Seiler 99; Mary Skidmore 180; Jean Seiler 143; Eileen Metzger 101t; Lucy Roberts 566; Ginny Huszagh 200; Eric Bean 547; Katherine Collett 86; Margaret Bornick 486; Brian Collett 479; Ron Bornick 186; Barbara Swetman 347. George Seiler offered the closing prayer.

Co-Chairpersons—Barbara Swetman and Margaret Bornick; Secretary—Katherine Collett

TEXAS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

College Station, Texas

February 21-22, 2009

Saturday, February 21

The Texas State Convention was held at the Wellborn Community Center just outside of College Station, Texas, on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in February. The convention was called to order by Katie Mahoney leading 48t and 88t. The morning prayer was offered by Tom Owen.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Katie Mahoney; Vice Chairman—Crystal Meadows; Secretary/Treasurer—Liz Owen. Leaders: Crystal Meadows 155; Liz Owen 74b; Cheryl Foreman 53; Mike Moseley 503; Gaylon Powell 500; Bruce Coates 535; Jonathan Pendleton 354b; Reed Coates 565; Sonny Erwin 454; Riley Owen 401; Leon Ballinger 313b; Michele Rogan 31t; Owen Ross 362; Bill Giesenschlag 59; Scott Curran 532; Peter Golden 99; Rich Lee 377; Jeb Owen 472; Jo Pendleton 452; Alexa Gilmore 475; Gary Rogan 300.

RECESS

Crystal Meadows brought the class back together leading 171. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 61; Amanda Bowles 350; Lindsey Wiggins 183; Beverly Coates 180; Justin Latimer 480; Donald Ross 327; Greg Bowles 30b; Sarah Huckaby 163b; Tammy Powell 542; Tom Owen 528; Amanda Deardorff 143; Vivian Rogan 84; Sonny Huckaby 70b; Bill Bailey 63; Evelyn Lamb 373; Diane Ross 168; Anne Moseley 86; Jessica Garris 217; Liz Owen and Alex Muller 159. The noon prayer was offered by Owen Ross.

LUNCH

The class was called back together by Katie Mahoney leading 81t. Leaders: Catherine Rogan 186; Ron Ryan 145t; Owen Ross 442; Mike Moseley 338; Bill Giesenschlag 103; Olivia Powell 274t; Jo Pendleton 448b; Robert Vaughn 280; Donald Ross 399b; Jonathan Pendleton 388; Anne Moseley 270; Sonny Huckaby 430; Diane Ross 347; Gaylon Powell 457; Bruce Coates 147t; Sonny Erwin 568; Reed Coates 67; Leon Ballinger 273; Michele Rogan 39t; Peter Golden 120; Rich Lee 138b; Scott Curran 328.

RECESS

The class was called together by Crystal Meadows leading 36b. Leaders: Jeb Owen 385; Evelyn Lamb 456; Kevin Powell 448t; Alexa Gilmore 142; Gary Rogan 203; Amanda Bowles 47b; Lindsey Wiggins 182; Beverly Coates 492; Greg Bowles 268; Jessica Garris 455; Sarah Huckaby 209; Tammy Powell 222; Cheryl Foreman 546; Justin Latimer 192; Tom Owen 316; Amanda Deardorff 40; Vivian Rogan 49t; Bill Bailey 451; Catherine Rogan 35; Kevin Powell 201.

Katie Mahoney led 323t. The closing prayer was offered by Robert Vaughn.

Sunday, February 22

The Sunday session of the Texas State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Katie Mahoney leading 131b and 27. The opening prayer was offered by Kevin Powell.

Leaders: Crystal Meadows 276; Liz Owen 110; Catherine Rogan 82t; Mike Hinton 340 (in memory of John Etheridge); Sonny Erwin 501; Greg Bowles 163b; Alexa Gilmore 68b; Riley Owen 274t; Amanda Deardorff 47t; Leon Ballinger 195; Tom Owen 477; Evelyn Lamb 58; Peter Golden 52t; Olivia Powell 146; Justin Latimer 300; Lindsey Wiggins 481; Sarah Huckaby 299; Michele Rogan 178; Rich Lee 466; Gary Rogan 234; Jessica Garris 278t; Jeb Owen 277.

RECESS

Crystal Meadows brought the class back together leading 112. Leaders: Bruce Coates 86; Scott Curran 460; Tammy Powell 189; Vivian Rogan 344; Bill Bailey 324; Ron Ryan 294; Kevin Powell 200; Cheryl Foreman 354t; Amanda Bowles 34b; Gaylon Powell 505; Beverly Coates 531; Liz Owen 208; Catherine Rogan 137; Mike Hinton 534; Sonny Erwin 312b; Greg Bowles 38b; Alexa Gilmore 319; Leon Ballinger 424; Tom Owen 532.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Bruce Coates, Beverly Coates, and Jeb Owen. Bruce Coates led 129 for the following sick and shut-ins: Beau Caldwell, Marion Grant, Ruth Redmon, Molly Appleberry, Dick Steil, Ophelia Matthews, Myra Palmer, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Leland Owen, Doris Hanks, Cindy Kisse, and Richard DeLong.

Beverly Coates led 122 in memory of the following deceased: Monnie Ross, Adele Reed—Texas; Peggy Bergman, Kim Jenkins—Alabama; John Etheridge—Florida.

The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Jeb Owen.

Leaders: Evelyn Lamb 271; Peter Golden 38t; Justin Latimer 518; Lindsey Wiggins 348b; Sarah Huckaby 499; Michele Rogan 215; Rich Lee 220. The noon prayer was offered by Gary Rogan.

LUNCH

The class was called together once more by Katie Mahoney leading 33b. A business meeting was convened, and reports were given from the Placement and Nominating Committees and the Financial Report was read by Liz Owen.

Leaders: Gary Rogan 218; Jessica Garris 106; Jeb Owen 318; Bruce Coates 150; Olivia Powell 480; Scott Curran 283; Tammy Powell 216; Amanda Deardorff 148; Ron Ryan 515; Kevin Powell 107; Amanda Bowles 441; Gaylon Powell 434.

The officers led 62 as the closing song. The convention was closed with prayer.

Chairman—Katie Mahoney; Vice Chairman—Crystal Meadows; Secretary—Liz Owen

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA State Botanical Garden, Athens, Georgia Sunday, February 22, 2009

The 36th session of the University of Georgia singing was held at the State Botanical Garden Visitor's Center in Athens, Georgia, on the fourth Sunday in February. The class was called to order by John Garst leading 191 (ScH). John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer. John Garst welcomed everyone and led 37t (ScH).

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Garst; Vice Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Secretary—Jane Spencer; Arranging Committee—Judy Mincey; Memorial Committee—Jeannette DePoy and Scott DePoy.

The Social Harp was used for singing in the morning session. Leaders: John Hollingsworth 250; Jane Spencer 194; Nathan Rees 153; Chris Wilhelm 198; Mike

McNeil 27t; Billy Hollingsworth 182; Laura Krueger 103; Eddie Mash 61b; Alexander Garden 185; Shannon Primm 135; Robert Kelley 95; Jonathon Smith 31; Junie McNeil 156; Earlis McGraw 60; Faye Hollis 88; Mike Spencer 200; Hugh McGuire 22; Mary Baumeister 69; Charles Woods 75; Jean Gray, Haley Gray, and Cate Gray 40; John Plunkett 37b.

RECESS

John Garst called the class back to order leading 52b. Leaders: Judy Mincey 53; Richard DeLong 154; Caroline Parsons 89; Haley Gray and Cate Gray 237; Rachel Rudi 102; Oscar McGuire 127; David Grant 83; Charlene Wallace 159; Tom Gray 90; Tim Gray and Carson Gray 79; Nathan Rees 170; Scott DePoy and Holly Mixon 55b; Richard DeLong 87; Alexander Garden 168; Hugh McGuire 114; John Plunkett 51; Jonathon Smith 137; Eddie Mash 212; Robert Kelley 34; Richard DeLong 86; John Garst 155.

LUNCH

The afternoon singing was from *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Revision. John Hollingsworth called the class back to order leading 138t. Leaders: Henry Zittrouer 452; Holly Mixon 388; Holly Mixon and Jeannette DePoy 99; B.M. Smith 182; Bentley McGuire 329; Jason Hollis 276; Kevin Kelly 133; Karen Redwine 312b; Bruce King 183.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy. Scott DePoy led 122 in memory of the following deceased: Lee Rogers, Loy Garrison, Elizabeth Tolbert, and Myrtle Smith—Georgia; John Etheridge and Erica Hinton's grandmother—Florida; Franklin Hataway and Milton Oliver—Alabama; Pauline Childers—Michigan.

Jeanette DePoy led 72b in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Frank Block and Violet Thomason. John Hollingsworth closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

RECESS

Billy Hollingsworth called the class back to order leading 236. Leaders: Laura Krueger 538; Shannon Primm 371; Earlis McGraw 225t; Faye Hollis 283; Mike Spencer 382; Mary Baumeister 539; Caroline Parsons 335; Rachel Rudi 376; Oscar McGuire 485; Nathan Rees 410b; Erin Mills 267; Stephanie Tingle 146; Judy Mincey, Judy Scanlon, and Jim Scanlon 475; Jonathon Smith 189; Richard DeLong 521; Alexander Garden 203; Eddie Mash, Charlene Wallace, and Richard DeLong 365; Robert Kelley 377; Jane Spencer 428; Ken George 569b; David Grant 34b. John Hollingsworth led 347 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by David Grant.

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

PAULINE CREEL CHILDERS MEMORIAL SINGING **First Methodist Church, Wayne, Michigan** **Saturday, February 28, 2009**

Henry Schuman opened the first annual Pauline Creel Childers Memorial singing leading 30t. Will Fitzgerald offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Schuman; Vice Chairpersons—Jennifer Hanford and Laurie Schuman; Secretary—Martha Beverly.

Leaders: Henry Schuman 318; Martha Beverly 171, 269; Tom Malone 283, 189; Sarah Trumbore 277, 117; Roger Crabtree 282; 47b; Ann Miczulski 300, 569b; Liz Kiser 335, 426b; Gillian Inksetter and Greg Jenkins 472, 32b; Brian How 515, 114.

RECESS

Will Fitzgerald called the class to order leading 56b. Leaders: Henry Schuman 572 (CB); Katie White 39b, 40; Bob Sullivan and Peggy Mistak 45t, 312b; Beth Todd and Craig Mattis 32t, 234; Bess Fitzgerald 73b, 49t; Gerry Hoffman 272, 77t; Martha Beverly 112 (in memory of Andrew Roth), 268; Mary List 267, 264 (CB); Bob Borcharding 122, 113; Marion Mitchell 198, 547; Nate Zweig 123t, 59; B.J. Schnorenberg 82t, 87.

Will Fitzgerald spoke of memories of the Creel family and led 111b and 498 in memory of the following deceased: Marie Aldridge, Hayden Creel, Lucille Tolbert, Edith Tate, and Pauline Childers. He led 512 in honor of Harrison Creel.

Leaders: Idy Kiser and Liz Kiser 168, 47t; Jim Helke 540 (CB), 485 (CB); Jo Schultz 393 (CB), 449 (CB).

LUNCH

Henry Schuman called the class back together by leading 96 (CB). Leaders: Jeremy York 124, 126; Karen Arnett 504, 106; John Bayer 462 (CB), 571 (CB); Jen LaCluyze 84, 192; Andrew Kiser 319, 146; Anne Missavage 288, 488b (CB); Bill Beverly 505 (CB), 511t (CB); Francesca Cassara 392 (CB), 142; David Stowe 313b, 178; Charlotte Wolfe 72b, 196; Cecelia Kramer 49b, 34b; Peter Trumbore 29t, 107; Eloise Clark 46, 333; Will Fitzgerald 179, 48b; Megan Jennings 203, 532; Karen Westhouse 155, 454.

Announcements were made. Henry Schuman led 347 as the closing song. Will Fitzgerald dismissed the class with prayer.

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

NORTH CAROLINA SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Cary, North Carolina** **Saturday, February 28, 2009**

The 21st annual North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Page Walker Art and History Center, Cary, North Carolina, on Saturday before the first Sunday in March. Leslie Alperin opened the convention by leading 49t. Sally Owens offered the morning prayer.

Leslie Alperin welcomed the class. A business session was held with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Leslie Alperin; Vice Chairman—John Feddersen; Secretary—Pat Ward; Treasurer—Don Ward.

Leaders: John Feddersen 46; Lynda Hambourger 29t; Suzanne Newton 150; Mary Johnston 34b; Erin Newton 377; Pat Ward 147t; Dave Gardner 66; Sally Owens and Jamie Latimer 45t; Kathy Kaiser 107; Pat Temple 27; Walter Hartley 159; Mary Wright 35; Catherine Sullivan 86; Don Ward 300; Leslie Alperin 228; John Feddersen 236; Suzanne Newton 350; Mary Johnston 344.

RECESS

Leslie Alperin called the class to order by leading 59.

Sally MacLeod Owens conducted the memorial lesson. Lynda Hambourger led 348b and John Cardarelli led 106 for the following deceased: William Gilbert, Louise Harris, Robert Smith, Daisy Howard, Hulda Day, Hassan Oloumi, Henry Harding Latham, and Grace Cooper Croley. Also remembered were Jacob and Helen Walker, Samuel F. Cary, Frank and Catherine Page, and Jacob and Helen Yates, who made possible our singing venue.

Suzanne Newton led 340 for the following sick and shut-ins: Johanna Fabke, Dick Baker, Esther Medlen, Walt Lewellen, Henry Bizzell, Bob Hambourger, Carol Serwint, Doris Newell, John Manifold, Jim Hutchinson, and Martha MacLeod. Leaders: Erin Newton 315; Brad Hunnicut 122; Nancy Newell 163b; James Latimer 178; Pat Ward 224; Margaret Morse 49b; Dave Gardner 503; Win Quackenbush

101t; Pat Temple 232; Walter Hartley 347; Nancy Ping Robbins 475; Mary Wright 180; Kathy Kaiser 142; Don Ward 448t; Katy Loebrich 117; Sally Owens 47b; John Feddersen 268; Mary Johnston 40. Sally Owens offered a prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Leslie Alperin leading 155. Leaders: Erin Newton 181; Tim Hambourger 183; Lynda Hambourger 89; Catherine Sullivan 497; Brad Hunnicut 448b (for Johanna Fabke); Nancy Newell 276; James Latimer 277; Avery Book 77t; Margaret Morse 65; Dave Gardner 569b; Pat Ward 454; Nancy Ping Robbins 163t; Pat Temple 473; Katy Loebrich 128; Walter Hartley 254; Mary Wright 480; Kathy Kiser 384; Don Ward 31t; Sally Owens 82t. Don Ward gave the Treasurer's Report and stated that expenses were met.

RECESS

John Feddersen reconvened the class by leading 285t. Leaders: Leslie Alperin 504; Brad Hunnicut 179; Tim Hambourger 209; Catherine Sullivan 63; Mary Wright 148; Avery Book 203; Pat Temple "The Apple Tree" by Jeremiah Ingalls; Walter Hartley 145b; Mary Johnston 313b; Kathy Kaiser 368; Margaret Morse 547; Pat Ward 472; Nancy Newell 267; Erin Newton 569t; Lynda Hambourger 189; Katy Loebrich 361; James Latimer 165.

Announcements were made. Leslie Alperin thanked all who participated in the singing of the singing and who brought food for the noon meal. She led 62 as the closing song. Sally Owens offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Leslie Alperin; Vice-Chairman—John Feddersen; Secretary—Pat Boyd Ward

TUCSON SINGING **Sonora Cohousing, Tucson, Arizona** **February 28 - March 1, 2009** **Saturday, February 28**

The 5th annual Tucson Singing was called to order by Sue Hanson leading 40. J.P. Thom-Gronachan led opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairlady—Sue Hanson; Arranging Committee—Maggie Leonard and Sue Hanson; Treasurer—Paige Winslett; Secretary—Erika Roush.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 203; Hans Guttman 365; Donna Sewell 171; Dave McPherson 430; Lori Rodgers 454; Janet Morgan 77t; Jerry Schreiber 66; Chloe Webb 81t; Pete Mathewson 515; Nancy Nortz 71; Craig Averill 49b; Erika Roush 455; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 324; Paige Winslett 178; Tony Park 299; Maggie Leonard 99.

RECESS

Sue Hanson reconvened the class leading 82t. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 312b; Hans Guttman 28b; Susie Mathewson 145b; Dave McPherson 282; Lori Rodgers 196; Janet Morgan 460; Jerry Schreiber 473; Chloe Webb 270; Pete Mathewson 496; Nancy Nortz 34b; Craig Averill 145t; Erika Roush 276; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 268; Paige Winslett 452; Maggie Leonard 344; Tony Park 551; Sue Hanson 556; Gaylon Powell 542; Hans Guttman 549; Donna Sewell 63; Susie Mathewson 569b; Dave McPherson 300; Lori Rodgers 222; Janet Morgan 105; Jerry Schreiber 474; Chloe Webb 35; Pete Mathewson 369. J.P. Thom-Gronachan offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Sue Hanson brought the class back to order leading 117. Leaders: Nancy Nortz 288; Craig Averill 159; Erika Roush 228; J.P. Thom-Gronachan

535; Tony Park 84; Susie Mathewson 32t; Jerry Schreiber 260; Donna Sewell 107; Gaylon Powell 240; Lori Rodgers 480; Maggie Leonard 81b; Erika Roush 163t; Dave McPherson 128; Nancy Nortz 38b; Janet Morgan 106; Pete Mathewson 501; Chloe Webb 490; Hans Guttman 503; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 181; Craig Averill 55; Paige Winslett 148; Tony Park 163b; Jerry Schreiber 333; Donna Sewell 146; Gaylon Powell 272; Lori Rodgers 143; Maggie Leonard 122; Erika Roush 334; Dave McPherson 183.

Announcements were made. Nancy Nortz led 209 as the closing song. J.P. Thom-Gronachan offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 1

The Sunday session of the Tucson Singing was called to order by Sue Hanson leading 479. The morning prayer was offered by J.P. Thom-Gronachan.

Leaders: Pete Mathewson 313b; Nancy Nortz 312b; Dave McPherson 59; Janet Morgan 87; Hans Guttman 34t; Gaylon Powell 297; Susie Mathewson 147t; Jerry Schreiber 220; Donna Sewell 448b; Craig Averill 159; Lori Rodgers 142; Erika Roush 48b; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 47b; Paige Winslett 42; Maggie Leonard 318; Marion Lewis 401; Sue Hanson 280; Pete Mathewson 89; Nancy Nortz 315; Dave McPherson 290; Janet Morgan 114.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Sue Hanson leading 49t. A memorial lesson was conducted by Sue Hanson. She read the names of the following sick and household: Marie Smith, Bonnie Jacob, Dick Stein, Ophelia Matthews, Myra Palmer, Mick McKernan, Mike Garrett, Diana Carpenter, and Brenda Hoeck. J.P. Thom-Gronachan offered prayer, and led 45t.

The following deceased were remembered: Gerald Hand—New Mexico; John Etheridge—Florida; Mr. Lonnie Rogers's brother—Georgia; Betsy Yung—Vermont; Grace Baldrige—California; Antonio—Arizona. Donna and sisters led 379 in memory of the deceased.

Leaders: Hans Guttman 340; Gaylon Powell 538; Susie Mathewson 47t; Chloe Webb 512; Jerry Schreiber 528; Craig Averill 319; Erika Roush 472; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 358; Paige Winslett 58; Maggie Leonard 38t; Sue Hanson 347; Pete Mathewson 39t; Nancy Nortz 385b; Dave McPherson 189; Hans Guttman 37b; Gaylon Powell 39b; Susie Mathewson 79; Chloe Webb 137; Jerry Schreiber 131t; Craig Averill 285t. J.P. Thom-Gronachan offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Erika Roush brought the class back to order for the afternoon session by leading 31t.

Leaders: J.P. Thom-Gronachan 428; Maggie Leonard 168; Paige Winslett 474; Susie Mathewson 497; Dave McPherson 341; Sue Hanson 481; Gaylon Powell 467; Nancy Nortz 547; Hans Guttman 499; Pete Mathewson 373; Jerry Schreiber 236; Craig Averill 86; Erika Roush 277; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 66; Paige Winslett 34b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Maggie Leonard leading 77b. Leaders: Sue Hanson 504; Gaylon Powell 225b; Nancy Nortz 171; Hans Guttman 112; Pete Mathewson 147b; Jerry Schreiber 327; Maggie Leonard 566; Erika Roush 383; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 192; Paige Hanson 535; Jerry Schreiber 198; Sue Hanson 203; Craig Averill 49b.

J.P. Thom-Gronachan led 62 as the closing song, and offered the closing prayer.

The class was dismissed.

Chairlady—Sue Hanson; Secretary—Erika Roush

**MARTHA HARPER NIX, LEWIS KEETON
AND LAVADA MCGOUGH GILMORE MEMORIAL
New Flatwoods Church, Nauvoo, Walker County, Alabama
Sunday, March 1, 2009**

The Martha Harper Nix, Lewis Keeton, and Lavada McGough Gilmore Memorial, New Flatwoods Church, Nauvoo, Walker County, Alabama, was not held this year due to bad weather. The singing will be held in 2010, Lord willing.

Respectfully submitted by Josie Hyde

**MR. AND MRS. FRANK ROGERS MEMORIAL SINGING
Ephesus School, Ropoville, Georgia
Sunday, March 1, 2009**

The annual memorial singing for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers was held at Ephesus Elementary School on Sunday, March 1, 2009. The singing commenced at 9:30 a.m. with Denney Rogers leading 101t. Rev. Wayne Reed offered the invocation. Stanley Edwards led 52t and Karen Rollins led 274t (in memory of Frank Rogers and Dick Mauldin).

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Denney Rogers; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Karen Rollins; Arranging Committee—Sherry Lovvorn and Margie Smith; Memorial Committee—Paige Harrod. Mayor Denney Rogers welcomed the singers to the city. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 89 (in memory of Elder Gerald Hand); Judy Caudle 48t; Oscar McGuire 276; Jeanette DePoy 129; Phillip Langley 130t; Charlene Wallace 171; Bud Oliver 421; Judy Chambless 168; Henry Johnson 278b; Donna Bell 278t; S.T. Reed 39b; David Ivey 298; Lela Crowder 383; Phillip Denney 84; Nathan Rees 39b (for Richard DeLong), 516; Lou Cotney 300; Louis Hughes 56t (in memory of Elder Homer Benefield); Reba Windom 159; Cheyenne Ivey and April Watkins 146; Henry Guthery 512 (for Harrison Creel).

RECESS

Rodney Ivey and Karen Ivey brought the class together by leading 328.

A decision was made to lead multiple leaders so that everyone could lead by noon because of the bad weather. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 225t; the Marty Wooten family 99; Dennis George and Tom George 112; B.M. Smith and Loyd Ivey 475; Matt Hinton and Erica Hinton 157; Richard Mauldin and Robert Chambless 378t; Jade Thompson and Karen Rollins 97; Ed Thacker and Jonathon Smith 532; John Plunkett and Shannon Primm 123t; Wayne Reed 285t; Scott DePoy and Rodney Ivey 65; Betty Wright 59 (for her grandchildren); Gene Duke and Donna Duke 405 (in memory of his sister); Judy Mincey and Joan Aldridge 474 (in memory of Lee Rogers); Bobby Watkins 348b; Cecil Roberts 229; Beverly Thompson, Randa Harris, and Barry Rollins 294.

Paige Harrod spoke briefly to begin the memorial lesson. The children of Lonnie Rogers (Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, Paige Harrod, Sherry Lovvorn, and Denney Rogers) led 358 and 143 in memory of the following: Jane Bruner, Ed Holloway, Nora Huddleston, Junior Rogers, and Jesse Cotney.

Charlene Wallace and Nathan Rees led 105 for the following sick and shut-ins: Beau Caldwell, Clarence McCool, Harrison Creel, Shelbie Sheppard, Tokay Shoemake, Mary Florence Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. George Garner. Prayer was offered by Louis Hughes.

LUNCH

The singing ended after lunch because of the increasing amount of snowfall. Chairman—Denney Rogers; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Karen Rollins

**SMITH MEMORIAL SACRED HARP SINGING
(COOPER BOOK/THE SACRED HARP, 1991 REVISION)
New Harmony Community Center, New Harmony, Texas
Saturday, March 7, 2009**

The 30th session of the Smith Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Sonny Erwin leading 49t (CB). David Jones offered the opening prayer.

Committee appointments were made as follows: Chaplin Pro-Tem—David Jones; Nominations Committee—Gaylon Powell and Lindsey Wiggins; Memorial Committee—Crystal Meadows and Judy Hughes.

Leaders: Sonny Erwin 282 (CB); Crystal Meadows 553 (CB), 567 (CB); Tammy Powell 559 (CB), 171 (CB); Leon Ballinger 168 (CB), 507b (CB); Sue Utz 335 (CB), 557 (CB); Lindsey Wiggins 176b, 475; Cheryl Foreman 138b (CB), 470 (CB); Priscilla Wiggins 31t, 70; David Jones 312b, 350; Ron Ryan 573 (CB), 383 (CB).

RECESS

Crystal Meadows called the class back to order by leading 276 (CB). Leaders: Kris Wiggins 505 (CB), 192 (CB); Margaret Rounsaval 450 (CB), 112 (CB); Marcelene Hardy 172 (CB), 189 (CB); Myrl Jones 142 (CB), 491 (CB).

The memorial lesson was conducted. Judy Hughes led 355 (CB) for the following sick and shut-ins: Harrison Creel, Myra Palmer, Ophelia Matthews, Marian Grant, Adelaide Vaughn, Dick Steil, Toby Utz, Kat Krone, and Debbie Wallace.

Crystal Meadows led 285t (CB) for the following deceased: John Etheridge—Florida; Monnie Ross and Dallas Smith—Texas. It was noted that Dallas Coy Smith was born July 30, 1923, in Smith County and died December 23, 2008. Interment was in the New Harmony Cemetery. He had served faithfully as chaplain of the Smith County Memorial Sacred Harp Singing for 19 years. He will be greatly missed. Gaylon Powell closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Thomas Smith 235 (CB); Gaylon Powell 349, 454; Judy Hughes 516 (CB), 463 (CB); A.A. Smith, Jr. 53 (CB), 67 (CB). The noon prayer was offered by David Jones.

LUNCH

Sonny Erwin called the class back together by leading 563 (CB) and 568 (CB).

Leaders: Crystal Meadows 37b, 441; Myrl Jones, David Jones, and Sue Utz 406 (CB); David Rousseau 127 (CB), 119 (CB); Cheryl Foreman 497 (CB), 336b (CB); Priscilla Wiggins 159 (CB), 408 (CB); Lawson Smith 108b (CB), 270 (CB); Leon Ballinger 99, 490; Kris Wiggins 528, 299; Lindsey Wiggins 522 (CB), 400 (CB).

A business meeting was held. A motion was made and passed unanimously to start having an ongoing welcoming committee. The Treasurer reported that all expenses were met. The Nomination Committee gave their report as follows: Chairperson—Crystal Meadows; Vice Chairperson—Priscilla Wiggins; Secretary—Tammy Powell; Treasurer—Barbara Smith; Assistant Treasurer—Judy Hughes; Chaplin—David Jones. Announcements were made of upcoming singings.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 341 (CB), 174 (CB); Ron Ryan 84 (CB), 404 (CB); Margaret Rounsaval 137 (CB), 300 (CB); Marcelene Hardy 100 (CB), 384 (CB); Judy Hughes 45t (CB), 501 (CB); A.A. Smith, Jr. 546 (CB), 571 (CB); Tammy Powell 39 (CB); Tammy Powell and Myrl Jones 183 (CB).

Sonny Erwin, Crystal Meadows and Tammy Powell led 62 for the closing song. David Jones offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Sonny Erwin; Vice Chairman—Crystal Meadows; Secretary—Tammy Powell

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION
St. John's United Church of Christ, Pinckney, Missouri
March 7-8, 2009
Saturday, March 7

The 24th annual Missouri State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ by Charlie Derleth leading 496 and 137. Rebecca Browne offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Charles Derleth; Secretary—Dave Ressler; Arranging Committee—Rebecca Browne and Lisa Bulawski; Finance Committee—Paul Figura and David Lloyd; Memorial Committee—David Carlton, Clara Herr, and Dave Kaeser. Songs were called from the 1991 edition of *The Sacred Harp* and *The Missouri Harmony* 2005.

Leaders: Rebecca Browne 36b; Presley Barker 28b; Roberta Strauss 480; Tommy Schultz 59; Joan Aldridge 200; John Uhlemann 212; Penny Kujawinski 300; Dennis Corcoran 276; Anne Drexler 87; Gary Gronau 168; Sylwinn Tudor and Susanna Eisenbraun 68b; Karen Isbell 313t; David Lloyd 56b; Carla Pepmiller and Steven Bermudez 122 (MH); Dave Ressler 67; Pattie Doss 175 (MH); Mark Bruns 182.

RECESS

Charlie Derleth and Dave Ressler called the class to order leading 142. Leaders: Shirley Figura 361; Bill Rintz 155; David Kaeser 127 (MH); Meg Stauffer 40; Peggy Mistak and Bob Sullivan 45t; Catherine Pepmiller 312b; Lisa Bulawsky 474; Lou Kujawinski 489; Paul Figura 19 (MH); Jo Dell Albi 81 (MH); Jubal Schultz 268; Edward Thomas 76b; Peggy Brayfield 250.

RECESS

Pattie Doss and Gary Gronau led 217 to call the class together. Leaders: Jan Kettle 89 (MH); Terry Hogg 147 (MH); Shannon Seyler 306; Ted Mercer 468; Aura Lee Furgason 344; Berkley Moore 328; Judy Hauff 70 (MH); Lamar Schlabach and Marye Yeomans 282; Anita Buswell 145b. Roberta Strauss offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Charlie Derleth called the next session together by leading 38b. Leaders: Eddie Mash 126 (MH); John Seaton 62 (MH); Coy Ivey and Marcia Johnson 454, 384; Paul Wyatt 440; Melody Von Engeln and Chris Jang 113 (MH); David Carlton 138 (MH); B.M. Smith 318; Janet Fraembs 91; Nate Green and Norma Green 400; Jim Page 170 (MH); Karen Ivey 503; Ted Johnson 302; Martha Beverly 564; Darrell Swarens 542; Melanie Hauff 135 (MH).

RECESS

Charlie Derleth began this session by leading 99. Leaders: Syd Caldwell, David Ivey, and Michelle Raine 543; Annie Grieshop 209; Nate Zweig 16 (MH); Jim Herr 475; Lori Graber 128 (MH); Paul Landskroener 45 (MH); Roger Crabtree 29t; Ryan Wheeler 149 (MH); Carol Medlicott 442; Connie Karduck 203.

Announcements were made. Becky Browne closed the day with a prayer. The class was dismissed with Charlie Derleth leading 62.

Sunday, March 8

The Sunday session of the Missouri State Convention was brought to order at 9:30 a.m. by Charlie Derleth leading 39t and 36b. Judy Mincey offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Rebecca Browne 411; Wendy Hofmann 13 (MH); Barbara Uhlemann 299; Bill Caldwell 240; Julie Vea 189; Bill Beverly 171; Clara Herr 63; David Ivey 481; Gerry Skerbitz 38t; Virginia Eldridge 455; Lisa Grayson 218; Alexis Walker 335; Matt Shoemaker 436; Rebecca Eldridge 442; Bob Meek 145 (MH).

RECESS

David Lloyd and Laura Lloyd led 354b to call the class back together. Leaders: Judy Mincey 75 (MH); Darrell Swarens 72b; Peggy Mistak and Bob Sullivan 30t; Syd Caldwell and B.M. Smith 28b; Ethan Schultz 135 (MH); Adrian Eldridge 124; Anita Busol 274t; Annie Grieshop 198; Shannon Seyler 110; Roger Crabtree 177 (MH); Carol Medicott 99 (MH); Lori Graber 109 (MH).

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Charlie Derleth leading 348b. Leaders: Ted Mercer 42; Aura Lee Furgason 549; Lamar Schlabach and Marye Yeomans 131b; James Eldridge 172.

David Carlton conducted the memorial lesson and offered his thoughts. David Kaeser read the following list of those deceased since the last convention: Jesse William Cotney, Art Deason, L.H. Gilmore, Frank Hataway, Odetta Holmes, Peggy Howton, Milton Oliver, Alan Rosser, Mary Smith, Mattie Ivey Townsel—Alabama; Sue Cate, Ruth Hunt—Arkansas; John Etheridge—Florida; Katherine Benefield, Lee Rogers, Junior Rogers, Myrtle Smith, Elizabeth Tolbert—Georgia; Sally Schneider—Arizona; Wally Block, Richard Grayson, Ellen Kaluzny, Doris Holly Peters—Illinois; Pauline Creel Childers—Michigan; Mary Alice Caldwell—Missouri; Monnie Ross—Texas; Lilia Springer—Wisconsin. He led 163b in their memory. Clara Herr read the list of the sick and shut-ins as follows: Harrison Creel, Jimmy Gilmore, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Betty Bowen, Dan Brittain, Beau Caldwell, Gwen Mathis, Bruce Rye, Richard DeLong, Mary Florence Smith, Andy Worthington, Katherine Worthington, Elnora June Hart, Sandy Sullivan, John Blattner, Joanne Bowman, Roy Wyatt, Bill Ellason, Laura Hearne, John Bayer, Hans Bayer, Jubal Bayer, Bob Anderson, Joyce Anderson, Johanna Fabke, and Bob Skorgie. David Carlton closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: James Page 67 (MH); Connie Karduck 391; Berkley Moore 158 (MH); Jo Dell Albi 32 (MH). Jim Herr offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Charlie Derleth called the class to order by leading 137. Leaders: Lisa Grayson 528; Eddie Mash 144 (MH); Bob Meek 496; Joan Aldridge 546; Jim Herr 222; Melanie Hauff 68 (MH); David Carlton 272; Ryan Wheeler 139 (MH); Paul Landskroener 473; Nate Green and Norma Green 354t; B.M. Smith 273; Paul Wyatt 430; Katherine Eldridge, Marcella Swoboda, and Elizabeth Schultz 354b; Jubal Schultz 87; Dylan Skerbitz 107; Katherine Eldridge, Marcella Swoboda, and Elizabeth Schultz 162; Pattie Doss, Brent Harris, Thomas Young, Blair Brown, Joseph Layton, and Gene Ditch 216.

RECESS

The final session was brought to order by Charlie Derleth leading 269. Leaders: Julie Vea 208; Martha Beverly 498; Bill Caldwell 497; Judy Mincey 8 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 174; Bill Beverly 86; Janet Fraembs 385b; Judy Hauff 171 (MH); Jan Ketelle 368.

Announcements were made. The class sang 77 (MH). Becky Browne offered the closing prayer. The class sung 62, and those who wished took the parting hand. Chairman—Charlie Derleth; Secretary—Dave Ressler

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Center for the Arts, Northampton, Massachusetts
March 7-8, 2009
Saturday, March 7

The 11th annual Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Jennie Brown leading 101t. Blake Sisemore offered the opening prayer. The following officers for the convention were elected to serve: Chairlady—Jennie Brown; Vice Chairlady—Kate Richardson; Secretary—Deidra Montgomery. Leaders: Kate Richardson 32t; Deidra Montgomery 48t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 56t; Cheri Hardy 72b; Ed Smith 528; Mary Gowins 29t; John Holbrook 38t; Julian Damashek 47t; Tim Eriksen 118; Kelsey Wessels 228; Jan-Erik Steel 270; Mary Andrews 457; Lauren Bock 87; Jeremy Galvagni 440; Laura Timmerman and Blazej Matusiak 475; Kelsey Sunderland 36b; Allison Schofield 345b; Ruth Hooke 198; Rick Johnston 436; Paul Butler 319; Liz Meitzler 142; Sarah Knox and Kelsey Wessels 335; Sheila Kelley 383.

RECESS

Kshama Ananthapura called the class back to order leading 89. Leaders: Becky Wright 430; Daniel Hunter 397; Sarah Galper and Emily Hale-Sills 107; Myles Dakan 149; Peter Golden 176b; Stefan Amidon 48b; Rosemarie Yntema 105; Claire Simon 178; Bob Parr 542; Joanne Fuller 290; Molly Merrett and Lisa DiPiano 82t; Effie Cummings and Betsy Maislen 344; Chris Noren 268; Laura Clawson 442; Scott Luscombe 353; George Seiler 68b; Ian Smiley 214; Sheila Nugent and Fiona Nugent 454; Dana Borrelli 186; Debby Moody 504; Jim Ulrich 479.

RECESS

Justin Levi called the class back together leading 201. Leaders: Laura Borrelli 274t; Benjamin Bath 428; Nick Kinsey and Lauren Bock 384; Aldo Ceresa 550; Bobbie Goodell 318; Neely Bruce 333; Katie Mahoney 27; David Boyle 163b; Kevin Griffin Moreno 500; Jean Seiler 448t; Jeff Colby 38b; Robert Doyle 474; Matthew Wojcik 40; Rachel Speer and Ellen Lueck 121; Kim Moreno 432; Robert Stoddard 556; Karen Freund and Gloria Freund 30b; Kiri Miller 564; Joanne DeVoe 327. Jenna Strizak and Kelsey Wessels led the Children's Lesson singing 145b. Chuck Micciche offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Peter Irvine and Maciej Kazinski brought the class to order for the afternoon session leading 39t. Leaders: Dan Hertzler 300; Cathy Tucker 192; Karen Swenson 538; Dennis George 328; Michael Walker 434; Nora Dunn 439; Rodney Ivey 411; Caitlin Caulfield 455; Bridgett Hill 377; Drew Smith 385b; Diane Mennella 278t; Judy Caudle 250; James Nugent 168; Blake Sisemore 299; Elene Stovall 392; Mike Hinton 532; Jerry Enright 370; Matt Hinton 365; Anita Shaperd 95; Henry Johnson 435; Ross Brand 260.

RECESS

Linda Shea led 230 to call the class back together. Leaders: Guy Bankes 193; Elizabeth Stoddard 276; Chris Holley 47b; Natalie Jablonski 102; Jenna Strizak 418; Erica Hinton and Jean Gernett 389; Nina Fitzerman-Blue 515; Rich Lee 229; Katherine Collett 84; Peter Sutherland 37b; Sue Ulrich 569b; Betsy Maislen 49t; Rebecca Edwards 283; Susan Bingham 340; Alexander Jones and Allison Schofield 162; Bill Schults 99; Hal Booth 254; Jeff Breting and Rachel Ingraham 448b; Brian

Collett 143; Tom Padwa 452; Carolyn Deacy 269; Ron Trial 480; Jessica Keyes 111b; Alice Noyes 179; Gillian Inksetter 66.
Jennie Brown led 46 to close. Kim Moreno offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 8

The Sunday session of the Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Jennie Brown leading 30t. The morning prayer was offered by Chris Holley.

Leaders: Kate Richardson and Deidra Montgomery 171; Philippa Stoddard 217; Brian How 503; Dan Adams 56b; Rosalie Elkinton 182; Joanna Lampert 573; Gerry Hoffman 203; D.J. Hatfield 521; Anne Kazlauskas 218; Ben Vincent 198; Katie White 155; Dean Jens and Naomi Kaye 131t; Barb Ames 34t; Dan Hunter 292; Barbara Swetman 114; Mariana Faircloth 282; Liz Cantrell 318; Zachary Marcus 27; James Baumgartner 472; Terry Ryan 408.

RECESS

Lynne deBenedette called the class back to order leading 81t. Leaders: Mary Gowins 111b; Ina Shea 394; Bill Dunn 300; Anita Shaperd 168; Cindy Bean 277; Lucy O'Leary 148; Gabriel Kastle 506; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 77b; Carole Dempsey 157; Bill Holt 497; Aaron Girard 193; Caitlin Caulfield 442; Ames Bielenberg 284; Anna Maria Irvine and Alexandra Irvine 460; Justin Levi 216; Ines Lüttgen 522; Nora Dunn 379; Karen Swenson and Melissa Kelley 29t; Adam Simon 163t; Ross Brand 376; Peter Golden 354t; Asa Horvitz 410t.

RECESS

Julian Damashek brought the class back together leading 76b. Leaders: Amy Finlay, Sheldon Finlay, and Erin Finlay 189; Leon Pulsinelle 159; Jim Bean 178; Leonard Spencer 220; Sheila Nugent and Fiona Nugent 113; Kelly House 384; Bradford West 542; Paula Picton 196; Laura Borrelli and Dana Borrelli 77t; Jerry Enright 458; Rachel Speer and Cathy Tucker 454.

John Holbrook spoke about the following sick and shut-ins and led 163b in their honor: Cathy Ferree, Robert Rossheim, Susan Brande, Felice Yeskel, Harrison Creel, Haren Keller, Miles Schofield, Linda Marker, Seve Dinin, Laura Larsen, Robert Hall, Suman Kandlikar, Bill Farnon, Dan Brittain, Ron Bornick, Vera Dorozynsky, Phyllis Glick, Sammie Oliver, Sierra Dompierre, Paul McFarland, Dorothy Starlin, Dick Stiles, John Ceraso, Elizabeth Ashford, Lonnie Rogers, Raymond Hamrick, Virginia Luscombe, Skip Trout, Paul Setford, and Susan Setford.

Henry Johnson led 418 in memory of the following deceased: Frank Hataway, Milton Oliver, Mattie Townsel, and Amanda Denson Brady—Alabama; Marge Burch—Arkansas; Bud Ogren, Beverly Jessup, and Janelle Jessup—California; Tyler Bush, Fenno Heath, and Peter Callahan—Connecticut; Jane Bruner and John Etheridge—Florida; Katherine Benefield and Lee Rogers—Georgia; Crysogonus Waddell—Kentucky; Paul Genova, Rosie Shiras, and John McKeon—Maine; Rich Morse, Paul Tetrault, Mriscilla Parke, Margaret Conway, William Sansalone, Arthur Dobias, Bonnie Rogers, Aulikki Olsen—Massachusetts; Pauline Creel Childers—Michigan; Pat Blanford and George Swanwich—Ohio; Carol Lee and James Lee—Oklahoma; Jean Weyl Rossheim—Pennsylvania; Monnie Ross—Texas; Kat Kincaid—Virginia; Dolly Bignell and Baby Gaia—Ontario; Cora Murchie—Canada; Mary Ann Koester—Unknown. George Seiler closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Chris Holley and Bobbie Goodell 285t; Barbara Swetman and Scott Luscombe 481; Aldo Ceresa and Dean Jens 377; Lynne deBenedette and Liz Cantrell 426b; Kiri Miller and James Baumgartner 112; Becky Wright, Ames

Bielenberg, Myles Dakan, and Jessi Holler 267. Liz Cantrell offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Allison Schofield led 82t to call the class back to order for the afternoon session. Leaders: Robert Stoddard and Elizabeth Stoddard 546; Guy Banks 475; Mike Hinton 534; Linda Thomas 391; Michael Walker and Judy Caudle 134; Carolyn Deacy 485; Elene Stovall and Allison Schofield 430; Blake Sisemore and Drew Smith 349; Blazej Matusiak 146; Bridget Hill, Somen Ways Mills, and Masti Mayrand 110; Rodney Ivey, Dennis George, and Benjamin Bath 492; Jenna Strizak, Rebecca Edwards, and Briana Bean Hirsch 222; Matt Hinton, Erica Hinton, and Henry Johnson 99; Maciej Kazinski and Tim Eriksen 200; Karen Freund 456; George Seiler and Jean Seiler 480; Rich Lee and Katie Mahoney 441; Jessica Keyes and Kevin Griffin Moreno 424; Zachary Marcus, Natalie Jablonski, and Triin Vallaste 38t; Philippa Stoddard and Lucy O'Leary 383; D.J. Hatfield and Joanna Lampert 530; Jeff Breting 108b; Gabriel Kastle and Dan Adams 73t; Alice Noyes 90.

RECESS

Kevin Griffin Moreno and Kim Moreno brought the class back to order leading 70t. Leaders: Allison Schofield and Anna Elliot 448t; Nellie Farrington 117; Andy Lebrun 352; Anne Johnston 294; John Ostwald 126; Maggie Shar and Molly Merrett 67; Wing Mui 107; Libby Brownell 106; Laura Clawson 186; Susan Greenberg 547; James Nugent 355; Ines Lüttgen and Carole Dempsey 302; Barb Ames 435; Adam Simon 273; Terry Ryan 339; Cindy Bean and Jim Bean 142; Linda Shea and Eliza Cavanaugh 306; Matthew Wojcik, Rosie Wojcik, and Marian Wojcik 477.

Jennie Brown opened the business meeting. Matt Wojcik submitted the Finance Committee report, declaring that all expenses had been met. Deidra Montgomery submitted the Secretary Report, announcing that 213 songs had been led and that 427 singers had registered from twenty-five states and four foreign countries. Mike Hinton submitted the Resolutions Committee Report, resolving to be green people, to remember the sick and homebound and those who have passed, and to remember these two days. They also thanked everyone who was involved in planning the convention. The business meeting was concluded.

Jennie Brown, Kate Richardson, and Deidra Montgomery led 62 as the closing song. Jenna Strizak offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairlady—Jennie Brown; Vice-Chairlady—Kate Richardson; Secretary—Deidra Montgomery

OXFORD SINGING **University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi** **Sunday, March 8, 2009**

The 29th annual Oxford Sacred Harp singing took place in the choral room of the music building at the University of Mississippi. Warren Steel called the class to order by leading 48t. Mark Davis offered the morning prayer.

Mark Tew led 108t, and the class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Tew; Secretary—John Merritt; Arranging Committee—Carolyn Thompson; Hospitality—Anne Steel and Brenda Merritt.

Leaders: John Merritt 176t; Gravis Ballinger 182; Hugh Bill McGuire 472; Will Gilman 268; John Wall 338; Lena Keeton 480; Bunk Beasley 45t; Wanda Capps 430; Gary Smith 565; Nathan Zweig 34b; Lela Crowder 77t; Bea Carnathan 205; Danny Creel 498; Mark Davis 47b; Kathy Robinson 546; Emily Creel 504; Velton Chafin 355; Henry Guthery 528; Tim Watkins 35; Jeff Corbett 125.

RECESS

Warren Steel called the class together leading 411. Leaders: Anne Steel 348b; Kevin Dyess 274t; Jan Murray 36b; Josie Hyde 361; Chuck Howell 569b; Larry Ballinger 133; Brenda Merritt 542; Ken Tate 107; Arlon Gardner 277; Dorothea Maynard 319; Jessica Burnett 282; Juanita Beasley 61; Henry McGuire 183; Margaret Keeton 91; Faye Donaldson 225t; Lee Burnett 29b; Natalie Davis 354b; Sarah Smith 340; John Van Horn 189; Jim Greer 135; Lisa Geist 304.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Mark Tew leading 269. Leaders: Hannah Tate 454; Chiquita Walls 30t; Jack Barbera 335; Marlin Beasley 318; Phil Kliewer 330b; Sister Susan Karina 128; Sarah Gilman 108t; Carolyn Thompson 442; Nathan Zweig 331; Janet Jenkins 288; John Merritt 400; John Wall 236; Danny Creel 34t; Velton Chafin 177; Lela Crowder 422.

A memorial lesson was held at this time. Warren Steel led 163b in memory of Joe Cobb, John Etheridge, Pauline Childers, and Betty Maynard.

Danny Creel led 530 in honor of homebound singers Harrison Creel and Ann Ballard.

Leaders: Dorothea Maynard 57; Chuck Howell 232; Brenda Merritt 436; Henry McGuire 490; Arlon Gardner 163t; Bunk Beasley and Marlin Beasley 72b; Tim Watkins 48b; Josie Hyde 507; Kevin Dyess 63; Kathy Robinson 192; Will Gilman 273; Hugh Bill McGuire 396; Wanda Capps 142; Carolyn Thompson 383; Henry Guthery 140; Emily Creel 228.

Following announcements, Warren Steel led 134 as the closing song. John Van Horn dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Tew; Secretary—John Merritt

HOBOKEN SCHOOL SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

Hoboken, Georgia

Saturday, March 14, 2009

The annual Hoboken School Singing was called to order by David Lee and Clarke Lee leading 68b. Jimmy Carter offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Clarke Lee 287; Kathy Lee and Julie Lee 31t, 558b; Amy Lee 268t; Louis Hughes 138t; Karen Clark 386; Gaylon Powell 450; Laura Densmore 370; Riley Lee 201b; Karen Rollins 136; William Shetter 336t; Reba Windom 505; Stephen Conte 345b; Stephanie Steuver and Regan Norris 511t; Micah Roberts 119; David Richardson 344; John Gentry 268b.

RECESS

Trevor East brought the class back to order leading 171. Leaders: Rexanna Lester 572; Bob Meek 516; Josh Devane 484b; Shelbie Sheppard 216; Daniel Aycock 326; Syble Adams 541; Kendra Strickland and Macy Crawford 393t, 145b; Gene Pinion 38t; B.M. Smith 559; Mary Elizabeth Lee 222; Tor Bejnar and Alice Bejnar 112; Frank Strickland 515; Michael Walker 292b; Trevor East 447t.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class back together leading 76b. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 507b; Donna Smith 303.

David Lee conducted the memorial lesson. He led 96 in memory of the deceased and in honor of the sick and shut-ins. Elder Clarke Lee closed with prayer.

Leaders: Steven Taylor 45b; Jessica Altman and Jesse Roberts 203; Brooks Strickland 72; Sharon Kermiet 553b; Stanley Smith 210; Jenny Steuver 488b; Lynn Batten and Tony Batten 63.

LUNCH

Clarke Lee and Brooks Strickland brought the afternoon session to order leading 106. Leaders: Ashley Thompson 168; David Lee and family 500; Les Singleton 334;

Morgan Bunch 163t; Laurie Sommers 463; Jason Deal 264b; Mallie Kermiet 54t; Shane O'Neal 395b; Sue Bunch 293b; Ross Brand 331b; Delorese Lee, daughters, and granddaughters 95b; Judith Parker 518; Jesse Roberts and daughters 142; Phillip Reeves 146; Dinah East 358; Lois Bonnell 82; Tommie Spurlock 464; Job Driggers 392.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class back to order leading 274t. Leaders: Susie Jacobs 563; Doug Hyden 49t; Karen Martin and Grace Rowell 361; Bob Bonnell 511b; Johnny Lee 45t; Terry Herrin 571; Claudine Townsend and Syble Adams 540; Ann Barnett 427; Kenny Hickox and Willis Lee 164; Karen Clark 380t; the young people came to the square and sang "Old Time Religion".

Announcements were made. David Lee and Clarke Lee led 51 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts, and the class was dismissed. Co Chairmen—David Lee and Clarke Lee; Secretary—Amy Lee

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE SINGING IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM WALKER Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina Saturday, March 14, 2009

The 15th annual session of the South Carolina State Singing in Memory of William Walker was held in the Burwell Building at Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, on the Saturday before the third Sunday in March. The books used during the singing were *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, and *The Christian Harmony (1873/1994 Edition)*.

Dr. Doyle Boggs of Wofford College welcomed the participants. Jonathon Smith taught an introductory lesson covering four shapes and seven shapes.

The first session of singing was from *The Sacred Harp*. Jonathon Smith brought the class to order leading 59. John Plunkett offered prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Hugh McGraw; Vice Chairmen—Jonathon Smith and Dan Huger; Secretary—Jane Spencer.

Leaders: Jonathon Smith 48t; Nathan Rees 37b; Michael Spencer 68b; John Plunkett 130; David Mitchum 35; Dorothy Lane 312b; Adam Lockamy 47b; Brent Holcomb 40; Danny Arms 177; Tom Taylor 72b; Tina Becker 273; Jane Spencer 213t; Gib Rogers 63; Ken George 45t; Bobbi Albert 278t; Shannon Primm 410b; Ann Strange 38b; Walter Hartley 300; Caroline Parsons 142; Robert Kelley 161; Charlene Wallace 155.

RECESS

Jonathon Smith brought the class back to order leading 56b. Leaders: Chris Wilhelm 65; Harry Eskew 146; Diane Eskenasy 200; Mary Baumeister 569b; Sandra Whittle and Nathan Rees 284; Nate Zweig 225t; Tom Taylor 48b; Henry Zittrouer 127; Rachel Rudi 160b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing was from *The Christian Harmony*. Jonathon Smith brought the class to order leading 135. Leaders: Nathan Rees 323t; Michael Spencer 361; John Plunkett 175t; David Mitchum 43t; Adam Lockamy 381A; Danny Arms 355; Tom Taylor 174t; Tina Becker 339; Jane Spencer 318; Gib Rogers 63b; Ken George 208b; Bobbi Albert 265; Shannon Primm 327; Ann Strange 359; Walter Hartley 369; Caroline Parsons 147t; Robert Kelley 101t.

RECESS

Jonathon Smith brought the class back to order leading 100. Leaders: Dorothy Lane 235; Chris Wilhelm 337t; Harry Eskew 336; Diane Eskenasy 51; Mary Baumeister 287; Sandra Whittle and Robert Kelley 117; Nate Zweig 81t; Tom Taylor 30b; Harry Eskew 381B; Charles Lowery and Victoria Wellborn 291b.

Announcements were made. Jonathon Smith led 200b as the closing song. John Plunkett offered the closing prayer and the class was dismissed. After the singing, several singers met at the grave site of William Walker, A.S.H. to sing "New Britain".

Chairman—Hugh McGraw; Vice Chairmen—Jonathon Smith and Dan Huger; Secretary—Jane Spencer

STEPHENSON, WALL, AND HOCUTT MEMORIAL Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama Saturday night, March 14, 2009

The annual Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in March at Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Boldo, Alabama. Velton Chafin brought the class together by leading 33b. Prayer was offered by Charles Kitchens. Velton Chafin led 30t and 42.

The following officers were retained to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel (who was unable to attend); Secretary—Willodean Barton; Arranging Committee—Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: Seth Poston 275b, 274t; Willodean Barton 498; Sarah Smith and Danica Thornton 401; Bailey Jett 108b; Julianna Jett 410t, 47b; Blaire Waters 107, 64; Ann Jett 495, 496; Kathleen Robbins 436; Charles Kitchens 333, 418; Brenda Merritt 278b, 300; Jim Aaron 163b, 569b; Josie Hyde 200, 224, 507; Lena Keeton 425, 270; Kathy Robinson 546, 142; Margaret Gowan 358, 141; Mary Gardner 43, 196; Hubert Nall 312b, 313t; Juanita Beasley 39b; Glenn Keeton 86, 178; Marlin Beasley 298, 512; Alvin Beasley 343; Henry Guthery 511, 549; Sarah Smith 145b; John Merritt 515; Gary Smith 155, 276; Yancey Jett 35, 129; Travis Keeton 157, 56t; Velton Chafin 494.

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

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Willodean Barton

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL SINGING (WHITE BOOK) Pine Grove Church, near Collinsville, Alabama Sunday, March 15, 2009

The annual Lookout Mountain Memorial Singing was held at Pine Grove Church on the third Sunday in March. Rodney Ivey called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. by leading 52t. Eddie Mash offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were retained to serve: Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—Bud Oliver; Secretary—Judy Caudle. Dennis George was appointed as Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 82t; Bud Oliver 61, 42 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Dennis George 60, 267b; S.T. Reed 138t, 70b; Nate Green and Norma Green 546t, 511; Scot Oliver and Alanna Blanks 328, 526; Betty Wright 491b, 417; Robert Walker 499t, 547t; Wayne Reed 108t, 108b; Scott Ivey 54t, 37t; Tom George 548b, 501t; Paula Oliver and Maggie Cox 502, 354; Jarrod George 422b, 380t; Joel Jenkins 548t, 213t; Boyd Scott 517, 127.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Tom George leading 29b. Leaders: Andrew Farris 498t, 186; Russ Hanson 512, 299; Sarah Jenkins 330t, 490t; John Plunkett 279, 435b; David Ivey 494, 292b; Shannon Primm 208, 490b; Shane Wootten 132, 320; Ed Thacker 491t, 426b; Sandra Wilkinson 496b, 91t; Jackson Harcrow 505, 159. Wayne Reed offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Shane Wootten leading 513. Leaders: Pierce Phillips 492, 495; Eddie Mash 544t, 118b; Cindy Tanner 527, 222; Lomax Ballinger 300, 144; Judy Caudle 423, 398t; Henry Johnson 406, 276b; Susan Harcrow 312, 485b; Henry Johnson 410; John Plunkett 160b; Sandra Wilkinson 545b; Shannon Primm 520; Russ Hanson 540; S.T. Reed and sisters 519; Eddie Mash 487t; John Plunkett "Wilkinson"; Coy Ivey 486t.

Rodney Ivey and Joel Jenkins led 45t as the closing song. Joel Jenkins offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—Bud Oliver; Secretary—Judy Caudle

GODSEY SISTERS MEMORIAL SINGING

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama Sunday, March 15, 2009

The Godsey Sisters Memorial singing in honor of Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams was called to order by Kermit Adams leading 31t. The morning prayer was offered by Marlin Beasley.

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

Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Arranging

Committee—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 421, 475; Roma Rice 460, 348b; Corene White 37b; Seth Poston 275b, 274t, 358; Don Robertson 440, 441; Stella Pratt 129, 182; Eugene Forbes 168, 208; Juanita Beasley 61; Lena Keeton 317, 120; Leona Haynes 454, 373; Dawson Adams 328, 68b.

RECESS

Kermit Adams called the class back to order leading 99. Leaders: Beth Ballinger 215, 112; Parnell Berry 283, 177; Glenn Keeton 349 (for Clarence McCool), 163b; Lisa Geist 391, 477; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 101t, 309; Marlin Beasley 371 (in memory of Maude Adams and for Corene White).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Roma Rice. She led 146 in memory of the following deceased: L.H. Gilmore, Kim Jenkins, and Gertrude Hannah; and for the following sick and shut-ins: Clarence McCool and Harrison Creel.

Emily Jones led 74b and 49b.

LUNCH

Kermit Adams called the class back to order leading 89. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 544, 78; Bridgett Hill 67, 192; Josie Hyde 385t, 385b; Larry Ballinger 489, 535 (for Clarence McCool); Thyra Ballentine 480, 39b; Velton Chafin 42, 186; Steve Miles 235, 234; Katherine Weaver 127; Eugene Forbes 566; Don Robertson 151, 312b; Beth Ballinger 200; Leona

Haynes 196, 380; Bridgett Hill 142; Lisa Geist 472; Glenn Keeton 300, 178; Larry Ballinger 540; Marlin Beasley 111b (for Harrison Creel); Seth Poston 124; Kermit Adams 201, 217.

The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Jerry Taylor, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice

GARRISON MEMORIAL (COOPER BOOK)
Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia
Sunday, March 15, 2009

The annual Garrison Memorial singing was called to order by Elder Bobby Cagle leading 49t. Elder Charles Cagle offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Elder Bobby Cagle; Vice Chairman—Ray Richards; Secretary—Jane Spencer.

Leaders: Bobby Cagle 70t, 501; Winona Cagle 507b, 571; Cindy Couch 515, 546, 547, 500; J.R. Cagle 199, 540; Jane Spencer 48t, 68b; Michael Spencer 339, 146; Bobby Cagle 336t, 559; J.R. Cagle 506; Winona Cagle 563, 45t; Cindy Couch 511t, 358, 507t; J.R. Cagle 511b, 100; Jane Spencer 35, 78; Michael Spencer 63, 135.

LUNCH

Bobby Cagle brought the class back to order leading 440b. Bobby Cagle then conducted the memorial lesson in memory of O.B. Garrison, Ode Garrison, Basil Garrison, Loy Garrison, and all the many other Garrisons that sang and worshipped at this church. He led 225t and 74b.

Leaders: J.R. Cagle 574; Winona Cagle 449, 529; Cindy Couch 229, 451, 572; Charles Cagle 554, 553; Jane Spencer 84; Michael Spencer 478, 518.

A special business session was called on the request of Dorothy Garrison to discontinue the Garrison Memorial singing. This singing was started over 30 years ago, but attendance has become very low. All who were present agreed to discontinue the singing.

Bobby Cagle led 573 as the closing song, and Michael Spencer offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Elder Bobby Cagle; Vice Chairman—Ray Richards; Secretary—Jane Spencer

SARDIS ON THE RIVER
Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama
Saturday, March 21, 2009

The annual Sacred Harp singing formerly held at Sardis Church on the fourth Sunday in March was held at Liberty Church (McCormick), near Sumiton, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March. The class was called to order by John Merritt leading 36b. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

Leaders: Jim Aaron 47b, 163b; Richard Mauldin 358 (in memory of Dick Mauldin), 72b; Seth Poston 275b, 274t; Willodean Barton 145t, 460; Travis Keeton 348b, 290; Hannah Tate 436, 124; Steve Adams and Emily Creel 309, 401; Jonathon Marquez and Marlin Beasley 82t, 87; Larry Ballinger 27, 286; Juanita Beasley 39b, 32t.

The class was organized and retained the same officers to serve: Chairman—John Merritt; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Brenda Merritt.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Travis Keeton leading 340 and 111b.

Leaders: Anne Chalker 146, 235; Ken Tate 213t, 220; Lisa Geist 155, 564; Henry Guthery 58 (in memory of Sherry Guthery), 158; Marlin Beasley and Jonathon Marquez 137, 277 (for Rhoda Norris, who is in rehab, recovering from an accident); Emily Creel 368, 270; Richard Mauldin 313t; Velton Chafin 437, 187 (in memory of his father); John Merritt 232, 207.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by John Merritt leading 278t. Leaders: Seth Poston 30t; Ann Jett 136, 37b; Harrison Creel and Ann Jett 512; Eugene Forbes

495, 213b; Henry Guthery 273; Willodean Barton 418; Larry Ballinger 402; Jim Aaron 66; Ken Tate 551; Lisa Geist 527; Marlin Beasley and Jonathon Marquez 426t; Emily Creel 426b; Travis Keeton 157; Juanita Beasley 56t; Steve Adams 101t; Velton Chafin 488; Ann Jett 269; Hannah Tate 294, 59; Eugene Forbes 337; Seth Poston 571 (CB); Emily Creel 475; Brenda Merritt 196, 280.
John Merritt led 414 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Harrison Creel.
Chairman—John Merritt; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

PIKES PEAK SACRED HARP SINGING **Chapel of Our Saviour, Colorado Springs, Colorado** **Saturday, March 21, 2009**

The 4th annual Pikes Peak Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Pete Mathewson leading 369. The opening prayer was offered by Lance Lloyd. The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Pete Mathewson; Secretary/Treasurer—Susie Mathewson. Singing was from the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, and the Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision, 2006 (CB).

Leaders: Kelly Townsend 145b; Lindsey Wiggins 567 (CB), Priscilla Wiggins 400 (CB), Chris Wiggins 299; Mo Morrow 159; Eric Mason 515; LaVerne Lewis 147t; Hans Guttman 559 (CB), Deborah Johnson 504; Arlene Strickland 45t; Lance Lloyd 178; Isaac Lloyd 148; Bonnie Dolan 441; Elyssa Lloyd 144; Wynonia Horn 141; Karl Dise 200; Susie Mathewson 569b; Mary Lou VanLaanen 474; Sonia Lee 378b.

RECESS

Pete Mathewson read the names of the deceased: John Etheridge of Baker, Florida, and Elder Gerald Hand of Las Cruces, New Mexico. He spoke briefly about John, and the families affected by the recent shooting at Samson, Alabama were mentioned. Carol Selleck spoke of her father, Gerald Hand, and his lifelong connection with Sacred Harp. Pete and Carol led 96 (CB) in memory of the deceased.

Leaders: Paul Lindholm 377; Carol Selleck 198; Sharon Kermiet 380b (CB); Pete Mathewson 542 (CB); Kelly Townsend 282; Lindsey Wiggins 38t (CB); Priscilla Wiggins 78 (CB); Kris Wiggins 522 (CB); Mo Morrow 155; Eric Mason 479; LaVerne Lewis 288; Hans Guttman 511t (CB); Deborah Johnson 277; Arlene Strickland and Delorese Lee 133 (CB); Lance Lloyd 59; Isaac Lloyd 47b; Bonnie Dolan 447; Elyssa Lloyd 33b. The class sang the dinner grace “Be Present at Our Table, Lord”.

LUNCH

Sonja Lee of Waycross, Georgia, was presented with a memento of Pikes Peak in recognition of having traveled the greatest distance to the singing. The singing resumed with Wynonia Horn leading 65 (CB). Leaders: Les Doggrel 515 (CB); Judy VanDuzer 202; Karl Dise 365 (CB); Mary Lou VanLaanen 99; Delorese Lee, Sonia Lee, and Arlene Strickland 503; Paul Lindholm 68b; Carol Selleck 524; Sharon Kermiet 507b (CB); Pete Mathewson and Maxine Dale-Jackson 501; Kelly Townsend 146; Lindsey Wiggins 481; Priscilla Wiggins 163b; Kris Wiggins 528.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Keeley Sandoval, Todd Winkler, and Amy Winkler leading 32t. Leaders: Mo Morrow 106; Mia Alvarado 147b; Eric Mason 228; LaVerne Lewis 39b; Hans Guttman 505 (CB); Paul Lindholm 236; Deborah Johnson 207; Arlene Strickland 285t; Lance Lloyd 49b; Isaac Lloyd 34b; Bonnie Dolan 538.

The closing prayer was offered by Lance Lloyd. Mary Lou VanLaanen led 323t as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Pete Mathewson; Secretary—Susie Mathewson

HIGHER GROUND SINGING **Centenary United Methodist Church, Terre Haute, Indiana** **Saturday, March 21, 2009**

The 14th annual Higher Ground Singing was called to order by Terry Hogg and Darrell Swarens leading 34b. Terry Hogg led the gathering in prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairmen—Terry Hogg and Darrell Swarens; Arranging Committee—Stephanie Fida and Rebecca Eldridge; Finance Committee—Barb Lund; Secretary—William Shetter.

Leaders: Darrell Swarens 36b; Terry Hogg 62 (MH); William Shetter 59; Stephanie Fida and Rebecca Eldridge 39t; Janet Fraembs 421; Adrian Eldridge 144; Peggy Brayfield 556; Thomas Smith 128; Don Bardsley 282; Virginia Eldridge 270; Bob Meek 547 (CB); James Eldridge 30t; Nathan Zweig 87; Tim Morton 503; Michael Mosley 430; Katherine Eldridge 85; Martha Beverly 436; Karen Bahler 551.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Darrell Swarens leading 72b. Leaders: Presley Barker 474; Joan Aldridge 475; Melanie Hauff 277; Bill Beverly 484 (CB); Gary Gronau 500; Bob Sullivan 45t; Cathryn Bearov 148 (MH); Brad Bahler 192; Carol Munro Mosley 485; Becky Browne 203; Lori Graber 155; David Kaeser 448t; Peggy Mistak 312t; Ruth Dolby 63. Carol Munro Mosley offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Bob Meek, Adrian Eldridge, and Darrell Swarens brought the class together by leading 96 (CB). Leaders: Adrian Eldridge 505 (CB); Thomas Smith and Linda Bell 268; Michael Mosley 417; Presley Barker 313b; Melanie Hauff 216; Gary Gronau 411; Bill Beverly 478 (CB); Katie Zukof 501.

Janet Fraembs spoke for the following sick and shut-ins, and then led 285t: Harrison Creel, Paul Figura, Jessica Ruvinsky, Marlen Rust, David Rust, and P. Dan Brittain.

Peggy Brayfield spoke for the following deceased: Pauline Creel Childers—Michigan; John Etheridge—Florida; Wally Bloch—Illinois; Frank Hataway and Milton Oliver—Alabama. She led 452 in their memory.

Rebecca Eldridge led 481.

RECESS

Darrell Swarens and Becky Rice led 350 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Brad Bahler and Stephanie Fida 29t; Joan Aldridge 559 (CB); Becky Browne and Don Bardsley 572 (CB); Carol Munro Mosley and Cathryn Bearov 449 (CB); Michele Cull 393t (CB); Bob Sullivan and Lori Graber 145b; Nathan Zweig 177; David Kaeser and Peggy Mistak 105; Darrell Swarens 49t.

Announcements were made. Terry Hogg and Darrell Swarens led 62 as the closing song. Adrian Eldridge offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Terry Hogg and Darrell Swarens; Secretary—William Shetter

SAVANNAH MUSIC FESTIVAL SACRED HARP SINGING **Delaware Hall, First African Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia** **Saturday, March 21, 2009**

Savannah Music Festival's "All-Day Singing from *The Sacred Harp*" was held in Delaware Hall of historic First African Baptist Church, est.1788. Gene Pinion

welcomed everyone and called the class to order by leading 49t. Buck Lea offered the opening prayer.

Tim Eriksen taught a brief lesson on the history, heritage, culture and practice of Sacred Harp singing, leading 47t and 39t.

The following officers were appointed: Honorary Chairman—Tim Eriksen; Vice Chairman—Gene Pinion; Secretary—Rachel Rudi.

Leaders: Gene Pinion 300; Frank DeBolt 569b; Tom Ivey 66; Sharon Strong 178; Jane Spencer 33b; John Gentry 523; Ellen Lea 347; Michael Spencer 335; Rachel Rudi 162; Matt Hinton 47b.

RECESS

Leaders: Rexanna Lester 155; Erica Hinton 74b; Judith Parker 63; Jane Carroll 203; Donna Smith 45t; Kathleen McClellan 354b; Diane Mennella 312b; Lynell McClure 358; Charles Franklin 445; Tim Eriksen 179; Frank DeBolt 515; Tom Ivey 192; Sharon Strong 551; Jane Spencer 53; John Gentry 503; Ellen Lea 163t; Michael Spencer 207; Rachel Rudi 180; Matt Hinton 157; Gene Pinion 147t.

LUNCH

Gene Pinion called the class to order leading 452, and welcomed newcomers. John Gentry opened the session with prayer. Tim Eriksen recapped his presentation from the morning and led 388b.

Leaders: Gene Pinion 48b; Rexanna Lester 46; Erica Hinton 129; Judith Parker 49b; Jane Carroll 36b; Donna Smith 278b; Kathleen McClellan 209; Diane Mennella 270; Lynell McClure 31t; Charles Franklin 59; Job Driggers 74t; Frank DeBolt 334; Tom Ivey 217; Sharon Strong 391; Jane Spencer 480; John Gentry 148; Ellen Lea 99; Michael Spencer 113; Rachel Rudi 521.

RECESS

Leaders: Jairus Purcell and Joan Corbin 459; Matt Hinton and Jim Lauderdale 42; Rexanna Lester 40; Erica Hinton 29b; Judith Parker 128; Jane Carroll 454; Donna Smith and Diane Mennella 540; Lynell McClure 569t; Charles Franklin 176t; Frank DeBolt 137; Tom Ivey 299; Sharon

Strong 38t; Jane Spencer 500; John Gentry 117; Ellen Lea 122; Michael Spencer 382; Rachel Rudi 73t; Larry Carlisle 108t.

Following announcements, Tim Eriksen, Gene Pinion, and Rachel Rudi led 62. Buck Lea dismissed the class with prayer.

Honorary Chairman—Tim Eriksen; Vice Chairman—Gene Pinion; Secretary—Rachel Rudi

GEORGIA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Rock Springs, Georgia
March 21-22, 2009
Saturday, March 21

The 48th session of the Georgia State Convention was held at the Walker County Civic Center Complex the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March. The convention was called to order by Richard DeLong leading 60. The morning prayer was offered by Joel Jenkins. Richard DeLong led 57.

Leaders: Phillip Langley 32t; Sarah Jenkins 30b; Charlene Wallace 171; Lela Crowder 82t; Scott DePoy 277; Michael Thompson 318; Jeannette DePoy 47t; Karen Rollins 327; Blake Sisemore 142; Henry Johnson 69t; Jennie Brown 317; Jeff Sheppard 250; Phil Summerlin 64; Julietta Haynes 430; B.M. Smith 273.

RECESS

The class was called together by Richard DeLong leading 135. Leaders: Nate Green and Norma Green 43; Michael Walker 322; Gail Doss 217; Bud Oliver 145t; Pat

Temple 72b; Judy Mincey 538; Deidra Montgomery 548; Loyd Ivey 560; Holly Mixon 388; Julian Damashek 192; Joyce Walton 439.

A business session was held with the following officers and committee members elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sarah Jenkins; Vice Chairman—Michael Thompson; Secretary/Treasurer—Charlene Wallace; Assistant Secretary—Lela Crowder; Chaplain—Joel Jenkins; Arranging Committee—Richard DeLong, Nathan Rees; Memorial Committee—Jonathan Smith, Jenna Strizak; Resolutions Committee—Ben Bath, Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, Kelsey Sunderland; Locating Committee—Phillip Langley, Oscar McGuire, John Plunkett; Finance Committee—Stanley Edwards, Bentley McGuire.

RECESS

Sarah Jenkins called the class together leading 203. Leaders: Jackson Harcrow 348t; Reba Windom 328; Shane Wootten and Marlon Wootten 448t; Roberta Strauss 112; Kelsey Sunderland 422; Judy Chambless 129; Lauren Bock 131b; Dave Richardson 80b; Mary Wright 35; Jeff Breting 47t; Tim Russell 565; Andy Morse 313b; Mary Gowins 224; Stanley Edwards 436; Charles Woods 483; Tim Reynolds 571; David Carlton 278b; Sandie Scott 46; Ron Harper 168; Kelly Smith 288; Jeremy Shipp 210; Sandra Wilkinson 482; Oscar McGuire 573; Linton Ballinger 144; Irene Lawrence 442; Karen Clark 234.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Joel Jenkins and Rodney Ivey leading 77t. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 389; Darlene Dalton and Molly Ellis 454; Leyland delRe 542; Ben Bath 421; Bridgett Hill 522; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 521; Cassie Allen 383; Steve Kick 270; David Ivey 528; Elene Stovall and Linda Thomas 492; Michael Thompson and Bill Murchison 182; Judy Caudle 500; Ted Mercer 296; Jonathan Smith 189; Karen Ivey 283; Don Clark 174; Eddie Mash 377; Shelbie Sheppard 245; Sharon DuPriest 186; Bill Hogan 220.

RECESS

Sarah Jenkins and Susan Harcrow called the class together leading 218. Leaders: Joel Jenkins, Shane Wootten, and Maurice Laster 45t; Max Berueffy and Karin Covi 164; Daphene Causey 236; Steve Hoyt 68b; Jenna Strizak 274t; Bentley McGuire 240; Kevin Lawrence 114; Floy Wilder 120; Betty Wright 97; Robert Chambless 84; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 433; Rosemarie Yntema 183; Duane Chesney and Daryl Chesney 503; Pierce Phillips 49b; Coy Ivey and Carol Mears 384; Nathan Rees 56t.

Announcements were made. Michael Thompson, Sarah Jenkins, and Joel Jenkins led 45b as the closing song. Joel Jenkins offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 22

The Sunday session of the convention was called to order by Sarah Jenkins leading 101t. The morning prayer was offered by Joel Jenkins.

Leaders: Sarah Jenkins 37b; Michael Thompson 59; Charlene Wallace 63; Shannon Primm 410b; Jeremy Shipp 448b; Malinda Snow 472; Robert Chambliss 354t; Judy Mincey 468; John Plunkett 227; Jeannette DePoy 392 (in memory of LaRue Allen); Judy Chambless 501; Matt Hinton 27; Jane Spencer 32b; Gail Doss 79; Bud Oliver 421; Rachael Rudy 521; Eddie Mash 193; David Ivey 502; Linda Sides 328; Bentley McGuire 505; Sandie Scott and Charlene Wallace 77b; Loyd Ivey and Sarah Jenkins 424; Marilyn Burchett 551.

RECESS

Nathan Rees called the class back together leading 72b. Leaders: Molly Ellis and Jenna Strizak 67; B.M. Smith 284; Jackie Tanner 73t; Mary Wright 446; Nate Green and Norma Green 403; Karen Ivey 440; Stanley Edwards and Marilyn Bradley 340;

Cheyenne Ivey and Jessica Ivey 82t; Holly Mixon 99; Steve Kick 208; Shelbie Sheppard 269; Ted Mercer 202; Sharon DuPriest 216; Judy Caudle 507. Sarah Jenkins introduced visitors from Paste Magazine, who were videotaping the singing, and led 142.

Jonathon Smith and Jenna Strizak conducted the memorial lesson. Jonathon Smith led 54 for the following sick and shut-ins: Violet Thomason, Frank Block, Louis Hughes, Margaret DeBolt, Eugene Forbes, Harrison Creel, Vel Freeman, Jane Bruner, Paul Figura, and Bill Ellason.

Jenna Strizak spoke and led 176t for the following deceased: Myrtle Smith, Lee Rogers—Georgia; Mattie Townsel, Frank Hataway, Milton Oliver, Allen Rosser—Alabama; John Etheridge—Florida; Pauline Childers—Michigan. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer by Henry Johnson.

Leaders: Bridgett Hill 504; Steve Hoyt 335; Pat Temple 34b; Ben Bath 362; Jeff Breting 106; Scott DePoy 179.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Shane Wootten and Joel Jenkins leading 496. Leaders: Terry Wootten and Linda Thomas 47t; Donna Wootten 314; Dave Richardson 473; Oscar McGuire 344; Dennis George 215; Joyce Walton 456; Lauren Bock 398; Michael Thompson 56b; Kathy Williams 180; Shane Wootten and Eloise Wootten 411; Kelsey Sunderland 197; Jeff Sheppard 439; Mary Gowins 300; Reba Windom 546; Julian Damashek 290; Cindy Tanner 436; Deidra Montgomery 146; Rodney Ivey 534; Henry Johnson 113; Jennie Brown 426b; David Lee 77t; Elene Stovall 564; Joel Jenkins and Sarah Jenkins 542; Mary Gowins and Abbey Minor 129; Daphene Causey 434; Phil Summerlin 350; Jordan Ratliff and Jackson Harcrow 448t; Jeff Breting 448b; Laura Akerman 532; Eschol Hughes 162; Erica Hinton and Josh Jackson 157; Susan Harcrow 230; Coy Ivey 486t (WB).

The convention went into a business session to hear reports from the various committees. The Finance Report was given by Charlene Wallace. The Resolutions Committee (Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, Kelsey Sunderland, and Benjamin Bath) submitted their report that thanked everyone involved in making this a successful convention. The Locating Committee (Phillip Langley, Oscar McGuire, and John Plunkett) reported that the 2010 session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention will be held at Sweetwater Chapel in Lawrenceville, Georgia. All reports were approved as given. Announcements were made, and the business session was closed.

Sarah Jenkins, Joel Jenkins, and Michael Thompson led 62 as the closing song. Joel Jenkins offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Sarah Jenkins; Vice Chairman—Michael Thompson; Secretary/
Treasurer—Charlene Wallace; Assistant Secretary—Lela Crowder

HOLMFIRTH SACRED HARP SINGING DAY

Choppards Mission, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom Saturday, March 28, 2009

Chris Brown called the class to order leading 47t. Rev. Keith Griffin offered the opening prayer. Michael Walker gave a short introduction for the new singers. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Chris Brown; Vice Chairman—Cath Ingham; Secretary—Sally Greaves Lord.

Leaders: Hannah Land 49b; Sarah West 76b; Maria Wallace 107; Michael Walker 31t; Sharon Langridge 515; Sally Greaves Lord 481; Richard Percival 479; Sarah Pinney 171; Ted Brown 569b; Margaret Gillanders 225t; Cath Tyler 148.

RECESS

Ruth Steggles called the class back to order leading 99. Leaders: Judy Whiting 350; Phil Tyler 105; Chris Brown 28b; Maria Wallace 159; Hannah Land 480; Michael Walker 270; Sharon Langridge 276; Sally Greaves Lord 63; Sarah West 430; Richard Percival 210; Sarah Pinney 74b; Cath Tyler 202; Margaret Gillanders 278t; Ruth Steggles 66; Phil Tyler 436; Judy Whiting 33b; Ted Brown 77t; Chris Brown 128; Hannah Land 198; Sharon Langridge 35. Michael Walker offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Sarah West called the class back to order leading 282. Leaders: Michael Walker 134; Sarah Pinney 504; Cath Tyler 384; Richard Percival 549; Sally Greaves Lord 163b; Margaret Gillanders 318; Phil Tyler 290; Ruth Steggles 209; Judy Whiting 460. John Hopkinson spoke for the following sick and household; Dorothy Williams, John Green, Helen Brown, Dr. Bill Reynolds, Louis Hughes, David Daylan, Sue Briggs, Kitty Armstrong, David George, Betty Hine, Bob Morgan, and Jack Crawford.

Sharon Langridge conducted the memorial lesson remembering the following deceased: Ann Cox, Florence Mellor, Bill Craven, Alistair Heron, Malcolm Douglas, Trevor Sanderson, Stan Shaw, Pete Allen, Lorna Knox, Jim Oss, Angela Lee, and Jean Cousins. She led 106.

Leaders: Chris Brown 213t; Ted Brown 303; Hannah Land 568; Sarah West 405; Michael Walker 82t; Richard Percival 344; Cath Tyler 556; Hannah Land 472; Margaret Gillanders 565; Phil Tyler 340; Sharon Langridge 45t; Ruth Steggles 274t; Judy Whiting 59; Chris Brown 410t; Sarah West 89; Ted Brown 73b; Hannah Land 448t; Michael Walker 56b; Cath Tyler 40.

RECESS

Richard Percival called the class back to order leading 300. Leaders: Margaret Gillanders 503; Phil Tyler 495; Sharon Langridge 457; Ruth Steggles 47b; Judy Whiting 186; Chris Brown 347. John Hopkinson offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Chris Brown; Vice Chairman—Cath Ingham; Secretary—Sally Greaves Lord

VERMONT ALL-DAY SACRED HARP SINGING

Damon Hall, Hartland, Vermont

Saturday, March 28, 2009

Paul Gauthier called the 29th annual Vermont All-Day Singing to order by leading 31t. Effie Cummings offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Megan Farkas 344, 538; Laura Timmerman 52t, 556; Carole Dempsey 38t, 171; Ian Ludders 348t, 268; Bob Parr 200, 142; Ian Smiley 53, 299; Lauren Bock 406, 112; Willis McCumber 86, 178; Nicola Collett 547, 245; Ed Smith 558, 530.

RECESS

Anne Kazlauskas brought the class back to order leading 85 and 195. Leaders: Kelsey Sunderland 138t, 276; Jenny Wright 504, 126; Effie Cummings 107, 203; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 225t, 254; Nate Zweig 177, 301; Bill Schults 34b, 99; Pete Sutherland 315, 163b; Peter Golden 77t, 56b; Bruce Kokerno 143, 454; Elka Schumann 188, 497.

Corlan Johnson and Mary Brownlow conducted the memorial lesson. Corlan Johnson read the names of the following sick and shut-ins: Victoria Bolles, Felice Yeskel, Karen Keller, William Reynolds, Mamma Nora, Jerome Smiley, Laura Jane Larsen, Trevor Hackett, Curtis Smith, Joanne Bowman, Virginia Luscombe, Kelly Dray, Anne Halliday, and Kathy Flynn.

Mary Brownlow read the names of the following deceased: John Etheridge—Florida; Fenno Heath, Christine Helurg—Connecticut; Bruno Eckardt—Germany; Rich

Morse, Amanda Slocumb—Massachusetts; Julie Williams—New Hampshire; Kevin Brock—North Carolina; Bob Nearing—Pennsylvania; Helen Dicke, Louise Downey, Kate Quinn—Vermont. Joanna Lampert led 549 in their memory. Leaders: Joanna Lampert 283; Wendy Gilchrist 569b, 47t; Margaret Graver 160b, 105. Debby Moody offered a blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Brian Collett called the afternoon session to order by leading 216 (NH) and 42 (NH). Leaders: Debby Moody 156, 76b; Janet Ross-Snyder 50t, 38b; Anne Johnston 101t, 146 (NH); Kathy Collett 122 (NH), 38 (NH); Jennie Brown 36b, 392; Sarah Baker 48 (NH), 313b; Scott Luscombe 353, 506; Mary Ann Haagen 217, 28b; Rick Johnston 132 (NH), 179; Leonard Spencer 320, 24 (NH).

RECESS

Liz Cantrell called the class back to order by leading 271t and 325. Leaders: Hope Thomas 474; Timothy Cummings 277, 146; Susan Willett 503; Susan Willett and Chuck Micciche 274t; Fred Emigh 184 (NH), 306; Ines Lüttgen 496, 170; Nate Zweig 145b; Bob Parr 16 (NH); Brian Collett, Kathy Collett, and Nicola Collett 176 (NH); Scott Luscombe 192; Kelsey Sunderland, Lauren Bock, Jennie Brown, and Joanna Lampert 573; Janet Ross-Snyder 340; Anne Kazlauskas and Liz Cantrell 110; Wendy Gilchrist 481; Peter Golden and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 209.

The secretary reported that 94 people from 7 states plus Quebec registered, and 42 leaders led 91 songs.

Paul Gauthier led 62 as the closing song. Effie Cummings offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Songs with (NH) after the number are from the Northern Harmony. All other songs are from the 1991 edition of the Sacred Harp.

Note: The formula for the convention is “Saturday before the 4th Sunday in March”. Accordingly, the next Vermont State All-Day Singing will be held at the UU Church in Rutland, Vermont, on March 27, 2010.

Chairman—Paul Gauthier; Co-secretaries—Megan Farkas and Suzanne Rhodes

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

McMahan, Texas

March 28-29, 2009

Saturday, March 28

The annual spring session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention, first held in 1900, met at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in McMahan, Texas. The session was called to order by Mike Hinton leading 336t. Prayer was offered by Elder Sonny Huckaby, pastor of Bethel Church.

Leaders: Mike Hinton 78; Sonny Huckaby 49t; John Baker 268t; Owen Ross 193; Bill Bailey 277; Lisa Geist 224; Sonny Erwin 488t; Steve Helwig 98; Cheryl Foreman 203; Chris Nicholson 507b; Craig Averill 49b; Crystal Meadows 543; Donald Ross 278b; Pete Mathewson 96; Jeb Owen 138t; Johnny Lee 95b; Gary Rogan 567; Grant Howard 149; Marilyn Solomon 497; Billy Huckaby 68t; Priscilla Wiggins 72; Martha Beverly 515.

RECESS

Sonny Huckaby brought the class back together leading 558. Leaders: Laura Densmore 191; Alexa Gilmore 38t; Lindsey Wiggins 198; Matthew Wojcik 450; Bruce Coates 518; Olivia Powell 235; Larry Ballinger 508; Catherine Rogan 434; Kris Wiggins 192; Anne Missavage 488b; Janie Short 217; Tammy Powell 137; Henry Schuman 559.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sonny Huckaby; Vice Chairman—Tom Owen; Secretaries—John Baker and Cassandra Baker.

Leaders: Mike Huckaby 146 (for Edith Owen); Tom Owen 442t; Rich Lee 207; Evelyn Lamb 376; Mary Ditson 159; Ryan Ross 402; Kevin Powell 383; Michele Rogan 47t; Jo Pendleton 31t; Bill Beverly 478. Prayer for the lunch was offered by Johnny Lee.

LUNCH

Sonny Huckaby called the afternoon session together by leading 101t. Leaders: Cassandra Baker 39; Greg Bowles 155; Josh Rogan 395b; Donnie Howard 505; Jessica Garris 142; Syble Adams 367; Gaylon Powell 482; Richard Ivey 215; Scott Curran 133; Vivian Rogan 239; Marilyn Murata 218; Trevor Howard 64; Leon Ballinger 120; Jonathan Pendleton 282; Riley Owen 274t; Lori Rodgers 76b; Betty Marvin 143; Reed Coates 182.

Donn Howard, Amanda Bowles, and Greg Bowles were named by the chairman as the memorial committee.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order. Leaders: Tom Owen 393t; Diane Ross 183; Corbin Rodgers 47b; David Wright 416t; Abigail Webb 335; John Plunkett and Kelly Sustaime 357; Beverly Coates 464; Steven Dalton 40; David McPherson 300; Amanda Bowles 42; Ashton Rodgers 171; Peter Nichols 572; Eleanor Haase 575; Micah Rodgers 57; Ryan Young 288; Katie Mahoney 524; Liz Owen 212; Linda Booker 55; Brennen Leigh 36b; Sarah Huckaby 380t; John Baker 168.

The closing prayer was offered by Curtis Owen, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 29

The Sunday session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Sonny Huckaby leading 511t. The opening prayer was offered by Mike Hinton.

Leaders: Sonny Huckaby 330t; Tom Owen 68b; John Baker 110; Cassandra Baker 323b; Sonny Erwin 145b; Cheryl Foreman 53; George Jones 35; Donald Ross 373; Catherine Rogan 99; Robert Vaughn 521; Crystal Meadows 522; Curtis Owen 343 (for his brother, Leland); Syble Adams 540; Mike Hinton 544; Richard Ivey 132; Olivia Powell 486; Johnny Lee 527.

RECESS

Leaders: Scott Curran 82; Bill Bailey 63; Brennen Leigh 406; Grant Howard 31t; Larry Ballinger 151; Gary Rogan 54t; Lindsey Wiggins 131t; Marilyn Murata 229; Diane Ross 299; Daniel Allcock 422b; Craig Averill 319; Michele Rogan 45t; Chris Nicholson 293b; Evelyn Lamb 140; Mary Ditson 427; Henry Schuman 463; Riley Owen 401.

Donn Howard conducted the memorial lesson. He spoke of the hope we each have of being with our loved ones again. The list of deceased included Adele Reed, Harold Lackey, Monnie Ross, Jr.—Texas; Dr. William Reynolds—Tennessee; Alice Ho—Arizona; Ollis Nall and Frank Hataway—Alabama; Marilyn Darch—California; John Etheridge—Florida; Lou Landrum, Lee Rogers, and Nora Roberts—Georgia; Eleanor Haase Phillips—Illinois; Pauline Creel Childers—Michigan; Elder Gerald Hand—New Mexico; Jean Marcotte and Ruby Little—Oregon. Donn Howard led 6 (GOS).

Amanda Bowles read the list of the sick and shut-ins as follows: Ophelia Matthews, Dorothy Price, Myra Palmer, Leland Owen, Ruth Redmon, Marion Grant, Dick Steil, Sallie Foreman, Morris Nowlan, Bo Caldwell, Dan Brittain, Fumie Morata, Shisue Sugimoto, Richard DeLong, Roland Hutchinson, Nancy Katzen, and

Brooksie Stanton. She led 264b in their honor. Greg Bowles closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Reed Coates 112; Linda Booker 32t; Ryan Ross 410; Gaylon Powell 91; Janie Short 470. Gaylon Powell offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by Sonny Huckaby leading 400. Leaders: Billy Huckaby 268t; Katie Mahoney 51; Jessie Simon 500; Eleanor Haase 478; Kevin Powell 553b; Jessica Garris 210; Vivian Rogan 148; David McPherson 451; Greg Bowles 29b; David Wright 28b; Beverly Coates 465; Bill Beverly 422t; Ryan Young 390; Tammy Powell 216; Priscilla Wiggins 70t; Laura Densmore and Gaylon Powell 386; Amanda Bowles 67; Liz Owen 444t; Steve Helwig 102; Kris Wiggins 333; Lisa Geist 304; Trevor Howard 222; Bruce Coates 484b; Betty Marvin 489; John Plunkett 178; Sarah Huckaby 196; Matthew Wojcik 411; Martha Beverly 163t; Peter Nichols 159; Donnie Howard 559; Jeb Owen 558; Kevin Lee 183.

Sonny Huckaby and Tom Owen led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jeb Owen, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sonny Huckaby; Vice Chairman—Tom Owen; Secretaries—John Baker and Cassandra Baker

IVEY MEMORIAL SINGING **Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama** **Sunday, March 29, 2009**

The annual Ivey Memorial singing held at Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama, on the first fifth Sunday was called to order by Shane Wootten leading 82t. The morning prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—David Ivey; Secretary—Reba Windom.

Leaders: Shane Wootten and Norma Green 61 (in memory of Mattie Townsel); David Ivey 403 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Rodney Ivey 91; Reba Windom 176b; Hobert Ivey 47t; Blake Sisemore 74b; Shannon Primm 316; Robert Kelly 290; Jane Spencer 53; Ed Thacker 172 (in memory of B.J. Harris); Judy Chambless 99; Pierce Phillips 573 (CB); Jeannette DePoy 347 (in memory of her mother and Scott's mother); Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten 283; Joyce Walton 269; Oscar McGuire 229; Eloise Wootten 426b; Linton Ballinger 306; Sandy Ivey 56t; Robert Walker 143 (in memory of his mother and aunt); Linda Sides 225t (in memory of Dr. William Reynolds); Scott DePoy 201; Pam Nunn 189; S.T. Reed 483; Charlene Wallace 128 (in memory of Dr. Reynolds); Bentley McGuire 95; Karen Ivey 182; B.M. Smith 475.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Joel Jenkins and Shane Wootten leading 77t. Leaders: Adam Biddle 108t; Betty Wright 68b; Eschol Hughes 454; Jenna Strizak 228; Aaron Wootten 480; Laura Clawson 142; Henry Johnson 521; Judy Caudle and Bridgett Hill 216 (for Betty Shepherd); Robert Chambless 39b; Carolyn Thompson 315; Tony Ivey 157; Linda Thomas and Susan Harcrow 430; Michael Thompson 385b; Jessica Ivey and Cheyenne Ivey 76b; Michael Spencer 191; Elene Stovall 192; Dewayne Wootten and Aaron Little 213t, 354t; Dennis George and Tom George 51; Brenda Carroll 299; Nathan Rees 380; Sarah Jenkins and Jackson Harcrow 67; Andrew Farris 120; Julietta Haynes 200; Jarrod George 277; Ivy Biddle and Loyd Ivey 424.

LUNCH

The afternoon session came to order when Shane Wootten and Mark Carroll led 313t. Leaders: Lomax Ballinger and Bud Oliver 129; Jackie Tanner 421; Jeff

Sheppard 556; Nate Green, Norma Green, Alex Makris, and Renee Makris 312b; Lynne deBenedette 220; Allison Whitener, Cassie Allen, and Jennie Mann 559 (CB); Matt Hinton 383; Daphene Causey 451.

Shane Wootten presented a picture of Uncle Jack and Aunt Annie Ivey. Their grandchildren (Loyd Ivey, Eloise Wootten, Coy Ivey, Hobert Ivey, and Norma Green) led 406 and 571 (CB).

Leaders: Marty Wootten 546; Cindy Tanner 187; Lela Crowder and Erica Hinton 542; Jonathan Smith and Katie 222; Brian Maxwell, Jaren Maxwell, Avalea Maxwell, Isaac Maxwell, Gabriel Maxwell, Ryan Maxwell, Anzlea Maxwell, Alexandra Craig, and Zach Craig 335; Sharon DuPriest 318; Loyd Ivey, Marion Biddle, Ivy Biddle, Adam Biddle, Martha Underwood, Lily Underwood, and Theresa Bethune 501 (CB), 511b (CB); Rick Hoffman 503; Shelbie Sheppard and Jonathan Smith 211; Sylvia Ivey, Lorrie Wootten, and Hayden Wootten 448b; Karen Rollins and Randa Harris 178; Marlon Wootten 31t; Marilyn Burchett 29t; Ricky Harcrow 391; Rachel Shavers 155; Loretta Smith 563 (CB); Kelley Smith 44; Claudine Townsend 540 (CB); Lauren Hall, Blake Sisemore, and Daniel Sears 448t; Kathy Smith 47b; Jane Freuler and Morgan Freuler 39t.

Announcements were made. Shane Wootten, Marlon Wootten, Loyd Ivey, and Hobert Ivey led 146 as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—David Ivey; Secretary—Reba Windom

PARKER, HOLLIS, AND PUTNAM MEMORIAL Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama Sunday, March 29, 2009

The annual Parker, Hollis, and Putnam Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Liberty Church, Jefferson County, Alabama, on the first fifth Sunday. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 34b. The morning prayer was offered, and Velton Chafin led 32t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Brenda Merritt; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Willodean Barton 270, 176t; Brenda Merritt 76b, 282; Eugene Forbes 495, 155; Sarah Smith 290, 288; Don Robertson 99, 151; Kermit Adams 157, 205; Amber Davis and Carson Davis 187, 380; Danny Creel 503, 124, 177; Anne Chalker 146, 235; Hugh Bill McGuire 36b, 71; Bea Carnathan 438, 568.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Velton Chafin leading 59. Leaders: Lena Keeton 147b, 276; Travis Keeton 343, 129; Henry McGuire 338, 442; Ann Jett 143, 546; Henry Guthery 268, 140; Stella Pratt 100, 101t; Ken Tate 147t, 532; Sonya Sipe 77t, 569b; Gary Smith 565, 66; Richard Mauldin 84, 43; Juanita Beasley 37b, 39b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 50t. Leaders: Marlin Beasley, Joshua Marquez, and Jonathon Marquez 336, 61; Josie Hyde 302, 507; Delone Cobbs 38b, 480; Ken Tate 111b (for Harrison Creel), 475 (in memory of Flarce Creel); Leona Haynes 208, 318; Anna Grace Sipe 354b, 274t; Wanda Capps 144, 540; Richard Mauldin and Steve Adams 309, 378t; Brenda Merritt and John Merritt 542, 278b; Delone Cobbs and Brandon Sipe 45t, 63; John Merritt 349 (for Clarence McCool); Henry Guthery 45b, 342.

The class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Brenda Merritt

BRAZOS RIVER SINGING
(COOPER BOOK AND WHITE BOOK)
Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Carmine, Texas
Saturday, April 4, 2009

The 18th annual Brazos River Singing was held in the Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Carmine, Texas, on Saturday before the first Sunday in April. Gaylon Powell called the class to order leading 283t. Morris Nelms offered opening prayer. A business session was held with the following officers elected: Chairman—Gaylon Powell; Vice Chairman—Crystal Meadows; Secretary—Tammy Powell. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 101t; Crystal Meadows 61, 276; Tammy Powell 138t, 171; Morris Nelms 37t (WB), 27 (WB); Amy Denison 46t (WB), 36b (WB); Richard Ivey 157 (WB), 272 (WB); Evelyn Lamb 522 (WB), 522; Leon Ballinger 264b, 195; Jo Pendleton 59, 72; Kevin Powell 540 (WB), 300 (WB); Scott Curran 35, 112; Olivia Powell 331t (WB), 142.

RECESS

Crystal Meadows called the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Crystal Meadows 168; Morris Nelms 436b, 222 (WB); Linda Flynn 508; Beverly Nelms 563, 463; Richard Ivey 207 (WB), 213t (WB); Evelyn Lamb 67 (WB), 217 (WB); Leon Ballinger 216 (WB), 269 (WB); Jo Pendleton 450, 348t; Kevin Powell 543, 77t; Scott Curran 442 (WB), 373 (WB). Richard Ivey offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Gaylon Powell called the class back to order leading 348 (WB) Leaders: Gaylon Powell 526 (WB); Olivia Powell 440b, 189; Amy Denison 343, 288; Richard Ivey 187 (WB), 378 (WB); Scott Curran 186 (WB), 444t; Evelyn Lamb 198, 192; Kevin Powell 47t, 47b; Leon Ballinger 424, 507b; Jo Pendleton 293b, 371; Crystal Meadows 106, 183 (WB); Olivia Powell 478b (WB), 384; Tammy Powell 558, 295. Announcements of upcoming singings were made.

RECESS

Gaylon Powell called the class back to order leading 499t (WB). Leaders: Gaylon Powell 268; Amy Denison 49t, 45t; Richard Ivey 297 (WB); Scott Curran 319 (WB), 274t (WB); Evelyn Lamb 293b (WB), 48t (WB); Kevin Powell 200, 201; Leon Ballinger 172, 470; Jo Pendleton 76b, 31b; Crystal Meadows 567, 182; Olivia Powell 120, 290.

Gaylon Powell led 323t for the closing song. Kevin Powell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Gaylon Powell; Vice Chairman—Crystal Meadows; Secretary—Tammy Powell

HARPETH VALLEY /
PRIESTLEY MILLER MEMORIAL SINGING
Radnor Primitive Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee
Saturday, April 4, 2009

The 48th annual Harpeth Valley–Priestley Miller Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by David Carlton leading 59. Ron Harper offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: David Carlton 105; Ron Harper 99; Bob Simmons 101t, 40; Caleb Dillehay 282, 270; Gail Doss 107, 148; Eddie Mash 384, 383; Sandie Scott 472, 225t; Nathan Rees 37b, 321; Darrell Swarens 36b, 72b; Lewis Frost 178, 503.

RECESS

David Carlton brought the class back together leading 101t. Leaders: Claudia Egelhoff 77b, 299; Cassie Allen 83t, 171; Marilyn Burchett 108b, 551; Tim Reynolds 135, “Belle Meade” (by Tom Malone); Fay Thompson 128, 53; Seth Holloway 294, 388; Logan Hatfield 31t, 81t.

RECESS

Nakayah Box, Renee Barber, and Micheala Box led 358 and 146.

A memorial lesson was held. Sandie Scott led 85 for the deceased and the sick and shut-ins. Bob Simmons closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Matt Klinedinst 45t, 314; Dorothea Maynard 421, 196.

A business session was held with the following officers retained to serve: Chairman—David Carlton; Vice Chairman—Sandie Scott; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett; Chaplain—Laurens Blankers.

LUNCH

David Carlton brought the class back together for the afternoon session by leading 134. Leaders: Ron Harper 534; Rick Hoffman 84, 312b; Laurens Blankers 479, 334; Kerene Box 235, 405; Randy Box 455, 155; Byron Burchett 379, 268; Rebecca Box and Erica Kawano 159, 47b; Mel Maynard and Dorothea Maynard 280, 335; Shannon Whipp 457; Tim Reynolds 64, 573; David Carlton 254; Cassie Allen and Ron Harper 440; Darrell Swarens 198; Eddie Mash and Nathan Rees 142; Eddie Mash, Nathan Rees, and Cassie Allen 434; Claudia Egelhoff 203; Lewis Frost 86; Micheala Box and Nakayah Box 106; Dorothea Maynard 304; Tim Reynolds 572. After announcements, David Carlton led 46 as the closing song. Ron Harper offered prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Carlton; Vice Chairman—Sandie Scott; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett

JONES MEMORIAL SINGING (COOPER BOOK) Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Opp, Alabama Saturday, April 4, 2009

The annual Jones Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in April at Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church in Opp, Alabama. The class was called to order by Mike Jones leading 32t and 330t. Aubrey Barfield offered the opening prayer. The introductory lesson was led by Rodney Ivey singing 95b and 315.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 114b, 373; Victoria Aplin 421, 277; Morgan Bunch 68t, 524; Ross Brand 189, 73t; Lera Ellison 395b, 94; Don Clark 436b; Tim Jones 35, 293t; Janet King 148, 270; Nate Green and Norma Green 380t, 199; Bud Oliver 377t, 515.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Mike Jones, Vice Chairman—Wayne Jones, Secretary—Barbara Jones.

RECESS

Mike Jones called the class back to order leading 36t. Leaders: Bridgett Hill 540; Nancy Hogan 84; Nancy Hogan and Mary Whitehurst 559; Bill Aplin 567, 466; J.A. Moseley and Alice Moseley 127, 484; Shane Wootten 416t, 464; Judy Caudle 411; Claudine Townsend and Shane Wootten 541; Aubrey Barfield 222, 200; Kennon Smith 196, 239; Christine Gandy 330t, 463.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Mike Jones leading 68b. Leaders: Ken Kelley 442t, 404; Mary Whitehurst 440t, 450; Paul King 384; Wayne Jones and Connor Tillman 137; Learvene Bass 72, 74b; Brian Kelley 112, 86; Loretta Jones 47b; Billy Kelley 478, 497. The class sang 369 followed by a blessing of the noon meal by Tim Jones.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Paul King leading 96. Leaders: Frank Strickland 486; Merlene Hughes 572; Edd Bass 520; John Merritt "Munfordville"; Ernestine Pipkin 331b; Bill Hogan 98; Paulette Chavers 447t; Russ Scholz 166; Joe Nall 461; Linda Westbrook 465; Ken Sundberg 59; Tommie Spurlock 183; Kathy Folsom 218; Ernie Cockcroft 447b; Margaret Spurlock 108b; Myrtle Richburg 299; Larry Shaw 229; Chip Westbrook 45t; Alice Sundberg 571; Stanley Smith 453t; Doris Jones and Tim Jones 285t; Waylon Cravey 505; Ford Bulger 511b.

RECESS

Wayne Jones called the class to order leading 129. Leaders: Rhonda Harrison 573; Michael Jones 264b, 283t; Wilburn Ellison 133; Tammy Blue 516; Lloyd Jones 500; Brianne Jones 348t; children of Lonnie and Kate Jones 225t.

Announcements were made. Mike Jones led 331t as the closing song. Kennon Smith dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Mike Jones, Vice Chairman—Wayne Jones, Secretary—Barbara Jones

POTOMAC RIVER SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

**Pohick Church, Lorton, Virginia
and The Grange, Great Falls, Virginia**

April 4-5, 2009

Saturday, April 4

The 20th session of the Potomac River Convention opened at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday before the first Sunday in April. Bev Yaeger called the convention to order by leading 77b. George Seiler offered the opening prayer.

Bev Yaeger announced this year's convention officers as follows: Chairperson—Bev Yaeger; Vice Chairman—Jim Strube; Treasurer—Frank Evans; Secretary—Mary Ann Daly.

Leaders: Jim Strube 217; Tim Slattery 52t; Mary Ann Daly 40; Gillie Campbell 66; Linda Pendleton 148; John Hewes 497; Evan Duncan 224; Fiona Nugent 209; Terry Ryan 27; Susan Green 299; Mary Langley 274t; Philippa Stoddard 168; Craig Baughan 178; Cheryl Foreman 344; Sheila Nugent 528; Robert Stoddard 102; Barbara Barry 142; Pat Temple 72b; Richard Green 99; Lee Schumacher 268; Jason Law 122; Ruth Wampler 322; Stephen Hoyt 68b; Lois Badey 479; Mary Wright 180; Guy Bankes 475; Zoe Clay 117.

RECESS

George Seiler called the class back together by leading 503. Leaders: Nova Seidenstein 146; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 416; Peter Golden 421; Jean Seiler 106; Carol Selleck 70b; Jim Denson, Mary Denson, Gabriel Denson, Kendall Denson, Grace Brady, and John Joseph Brady 77t; Laura Densmore 313t; Peter Pate 496; Tim Slattery 306; Adrian Mariano 183; Emily Hancock 145t; James Nugent 457; Elizabeth Stoddard 546; Peter Gardner 84; Tom Clay 547; Lamar Matthew 157; Norman Gholson 515; Clare Chapin 486; Henry Schuman 318; Joni Seidenstein 481.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Laura Densmore leading 171. Leaders: Mimi Stevens 415; Phil Rubin 329; Jim Strube 500; Mary Ann Daly 288; George Seiler 480; Phyllis Gonigam 455; Susan Green and Richard Green 350; Cheryl Foreman

492; Zoe Clay 87; Barbara Barry 506; Lois Badey 282; Ruth Wampler 504; Lamar Matthew 35; Emily Hancock 454; Tom Clay 56b; Craig Baughan 347; Mary Langley 516; Evan Duncan 86; Lee Schumacher 119; Robert Stoddard 436; Peter Golden 442; Mary Wright 108t; Terry Ryan 198; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 225t; Jean Seiler 191; Bev Yaeger 28b.

DINNER

Tim Slattery opened the New Traditions session by leading 47t. Leaders: Nicholas Schliapin "Elijah"; Mimi Stevens "Arbour Hill"; Mary Ann Daly "Praises"; Nicholas Schliapin "Life"; Guy Bankes 75 (EH1); Jim Strube 79 (EH1); Cheryl Foreman 48 (EH1); Robert Kelley "O Praise God in His Holiness"; Bev Yaeger 86 (EH1); Jim Strube 80 (EH1); Peter Golden 38 (EH1); Steve Hoyt 70 (EH1); Tim Slattery 68 (EH1) (by request); Tim Slattery 64 (EH1); Bev Yaeger 71 (EH1) (by request); David Huh 14 (EH1); Steve Hoyt 55 (EH1); Guy Bankes 92 (EH1); Robert Kelley 21b (EH1); Cheryl Foreman 66 (EH1).

Sunday, April 5

Bev Yaeger opened the second day of singing by leading 34b. George Seiler offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Kevin Moreno 276; Kelly Macklin 32t; Laura Densmore 296; Gillie Campbell 40; Tim Slattery 99; Pat Temple 232; Jim Strube 148; Sheila Nugent 171; Steve Hoyt 323b; Clare Chapin 81t; Tom Tucker 441; Phyllis Gonigam 128; Joni Seidenstein 506; Jason Law 66; Lara Eilhardt 163t; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 489; Mimi Stevens 182; Leyland del Re 564; Dan Hunter 202; Guy Bankes 556; Mary Wright 328.

RECESS

Nora Dunn called the class together by leading 72b. Leaders: Fiona Nugent 389; Terry Ryan 120; Jon Giles 181; John del Re 466; Walter Hartley 178; Ina Shea 367; Philippa Stoddard 474; Steven Sabol 421; Cheryl Foreman 229; Robert Kelley 365; James Nugent 388; Jean Seiler 236; Henry Schuman 532; Barb Hohenstein 33t; Norm Gholson 569b; George Seiler 159; Robert Stoddard 173.

Kevin Moreno conducted the memorial lesson. He led 566 for the following sick and shut-ins: Virginia Harpham, Severine Langelan, Frank Duncan, Roland Hutchinson, Bill Farnon, and Karen Keller.

"The tradition lives within us in our lives, and when we sing for the dead they live too," he said, and led 499 in memory of the following deceased: Naomi Wampler, Richard Altman, Louis Ryan, Bob Guida, Gerald Hand, Candy McLeod, Spencer Garner, Margaret Abernathy, Joe Hammonds, William Reynolds, Kat Kinkade, John Etheridge, Marilyn Darch, Robert Vernon, Virginia Endicott, Paul Cozzutto, Lee Rogers, and Pauline Childers. George Seiler closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Leaders: Nora Dunn 187; Peter Golden 196; Elizabeth Stoddard 411; Joel Miller 110; Kathy Manning 176b; Corey Walters 155; Owen Kelley 114. After some announcements, George Seiler offered a prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

John del Re began the afternoon session by leading 370. Leaders: Tim Slattery 200; Pat Temple 312b; Steve Hoyt 334; Carol Selleck 482; Elizabeth Stokes 349; John Hewes 254; Aldo Ceresa 218; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 280; Philippa Stoddard 112; Guy Bankes 550; Mary Ann Daly 440; Tom Tucker 528; Leyland del Re 522; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 432; Laura Densmore 419; Terry Ryan 192; Kathy Manning 383; Daniel Hunter 401; John del Re 425; Nora Dunn 269; Robert Stoddard 362; Jean Seiler 299; Kelly Macklin 468; Peter Golden 448t; Henry Schuman 193; Elizabeth Stoddard 460; Norman Gholson 515; Barbara Hohenstein 507.

RECESS

Bev Yaeger called the class back to order by leading 203. Leaders: Steven Sabol 567; Jon Giles 546; Sheila Nugent 222; Jim Denson, Mary Denson, Gabriel Denson, Kendall Denson, John Joseph Brady, and Grace Brady 319; Kent Beck 504; Martha Burns 147t; Mary Wright 446; Fiona Nugent 87; Lara Eilhardt 142; Ina Shea 215; Walter Hartley 481; Joel Miller 134; Adrian Mariano 372; Jim Strube 57; Clare Chapin 448b; Joni Seidenstein 217; Jean Seiler and George Seiler 146; Aldo Ceresa 68t; Elizabeth Stoddard and Robert Stoddard 52b; Frank Evans and Kevin Moreno 315.

Bev Yaeger called for committee reports and announcements. Kelly Macklin offered resolutions. Please note that in 2010 the Potomac River Convention will be held on the second Sunday and Saturday before in April to avoid conflict with Easter.

The officers led 62 as the closing song. George Seiler offered the closing prayer.

Chairperson—Bev Yaeger; Vice Chairman—Jim Strube; Treasurer—Frank Evans; Secretary—Mary Ann Daly

OLD ENON CHURCH

Lynn, Alabama

Sunday, April 5, 2009

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Old Enon Church in Lynn, Alabama, on the first Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Richard Mauldin leading 31t. The morning prayer was offered by Don Keeton.

The class organized by retaining the same officers to serve: Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Richard Mauldin 72b; Travis Keeton 73t, 129, 475; Matthew Cook 112, 77t, 388; Don Keeton 454, 390, 290; Faye Donaldson 282 (in memory of Cecil Wakefield), 430, 225t; Gravis Ballinger 410t, 384, 120.

RECESS

Travis Keeton brought the class back together leading 460. Leaders: Leona Haynes 65, 277, 146; Kermit Adams 147t, 67, 288; Margaret Keeton 217, 312t, 276; Anne Chalker 235, 503, 378t; Richard Mauldin 294, 45t; Josie Hyde 236.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Richard Mauldin leading 36b.

Leaders: Hannah Tate 436, 124; Don Robertson 291, 151; Larry Ballinger 98, 96, 93; Lena Keeton 111b, 497, 546; Ken Tate 564, 426t; Amber Davis 391, 142, 192; Lisa Geist 540, 472, 224; Henry Guthery 478, 488, 527; Betty Baccus 39b, 517; Betty Baccus and Inell Garrison 312b; Latrive Bailey 517 (WB), 300, 46; Don Robertson 455; Josie Hyde 507; Anne Chalker 146.

Richard Mauldin led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Henry Guthery, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

EDWARDSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama

Sunday, April 5, 2009

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Edwardsville Baptist Church was held the first Sunday in April. Stanley Edwards welcomed everyone and called the class to order leading 59. Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Ed Thacker; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Stanley Edwards 56t; Ed Thacker 408, 527; Donna Bell 318, 101t; Charlene Wallace 141, 155 (for Charlene Griffin); Tony Hammock 61, 60; Pearl Guier 32t, 448b; Jeff Sheppard 426b, 129; Oscar McGuire 276, 283; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 222; Robert Chambless 303, 145b; Reba Windom 186, 270; B.M. Smith 212, 340; Lou Cotney 384, 218; Myron House 102, 143 (for Jan House).

RECESS

Ed Thacker brought the class back to order leading 460. Leaders: Jerry Creason 163b, 225t; Virginia Dyer 63, 99; Cecil Roberts 277, 229; Robert Walker 452, 84; Karen Rollins 136, 137; Shelbie Sheppard 76b, 77b; Sherry Lovvorn 373, 146.

A memorial lesson was conducted by Karen Rollins sharing words from Proverbs 10: 7, stating that the memory of the righteous is blessed, and at this time we reflect on those memories. B.M. Smith led 45t for the following deceased: Percy Owen, Jesse Cotney, Junior Rogers, Hazel Thompson, Myrtle Smith, and Dr. William Reynolds. Henry Johnson led 68b in honor of the following sick and homebound: Jan House, Eugene Forbes, Mary Florence Smith, Barbara Hamby, Cordie Robinson, Harrison Creel, and Dr. Robert Hines. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Cecil Roberts.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 138t, 138b; Mary Jo Shafer 72b, 569b, Judy Chambless 565, 501. Rev. Bobby Garner, pastor of the church, gave a brief welcome, and then blessed the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Stanley Edwards leading 29t. Leaders: Ruth Daniel 335, 378t; Michael Turner 358, 294; Ed Thacker 456; Karen Rollins 347; Tony Hammock 544; Robert Walker 477; Donna Bell 112; Pearl Guier 49t; Henry Johnson 337; Lonnie Rogers 176b; Virginia Dyer 40; Robert Chambless 503; Reba Windom 36b; Cecil Roberts 178; B.M. Smith 393; Sherry Lovvorn 100; Oscar McGuire 473; Jeff Sheppard 472; Jerry Creason 49b; Shelbie Sheppard 332; Mary Jo Shafer 47t (for Evelyn Harris and Ann Simpson), singers with last names beginning with letters A-M led 70b; and singers with last names beginning with N-Z led 193. Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard reported that some of the Cates descendants performed much needed repair work on State Line Church, near Muscadine, Alabama. Lonnie Rogers and Denney Rogers have agreed to replace the tin above the eating tables and SHMHA will cover the cost. The work should be completed by Saturday's singing at the church.

The singing concluded with Stanley Edwards leading 42. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Ed Thacker; Secretary—Donna Bell

BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Bruce, Mississippi

Sunday, April 5, 2009

The 60th annual Sacred Harp singing at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Hugh Bill McGuire leading 31b. John Van Horn offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Hugh Bill McGuire; Secretary—Warren Steel.

Leaders: John Van Horn 297, 273, 49b; Kurt Davis 269, 133; Anne Steel 123t, 268, 171; Virginia Carter 34b, 147b, 131b; Natalie Davis 354b, 345t, 345b; Brenda Merritt 274t, 277, 225t; Drew McGuire 409, 569b, 373.

RECESS

Mark Davis called the class together leading 134, 299, and 84. Leaders: John Merritt 323t, 278b, 271t; Chuck Howell 323b, 176b, 177; Warren Steel 189, 423, 428, 418.

LUNCH

Hugh Bill McGuire called the afternoon session together leading 312b. Leaders: Henry McGuire 484b (WB), 508t (WB), 542; Linda Funderburk 121, 103, 122; T.J. Funderburk 68b, 61, 63; Robert Earl Alexander 290, 146; George Easley 438, 523; Kevin Dyess 200, 192, 196; Natalie Davis 45t; John Van Horn and Drew McGuire 236.

RECESS

Mark Davis brought the class together leading 181 and 198. Leaders: Anne Steel 512; Brenda Merritt 430, 436; Chuck Howell 112, 147t; John Merritt 543t (WB); Warren Steel 195, 378b; Henry McGuire 254, 327; Linda Funderburk 328; T.J. Funderburk 145t; Robert Earl Alexander 517 (WB); Kevin Dyess 87 (for Fred Hawkins), 388; Melanie Young, Julie Stiles, and Warren Steel 400; Hugh Bill McGuire and Drew McGuire 505 (WB).

Following announcements, Hugh Bill McGuire, Henry McGuire, and Drew McGuire led 60 (WB) as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by R.E. Alexander.

Chairman—Hugh Bill McGuire; Secretary—Warren Steel

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING South of Tallapoosa, Georgia, On Old Highway 100 Friday night, April 10, 2009

The 17th annual session of the memorial singing at Antioch Baptist Church, south of Tallapoosa, Georgia, was held on Friday night before the second Sunday in April. Cecil Roberts called the class to order leading 105. Johnny Wright offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 34b; Johnny Wright 335, 145t; Donna Bell 146, 101t; Karen Rollins 100, 32t.

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

Chairman—Johnny Wright; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Jan House.

A motion was made to alternate this singing between Antioch Baptist Church and Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church in order to honor the memory of the original birthday singing honorees, Mildred Johnson and Elder Homer Benefield. Mrs. Johnson was a member at Antioch Baptist Church and Elder Benefield was the pastor and a member at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church. It was decided that on odd numbered years, the singing will be held at Antioch, and on even numbered years, the singing will convene at Shiloh. Next year's singing will be held at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church. The motion carried and the business session was closed.

Leaders: Pleasance Crawford 540, 549; Joyce Lambert 127, 56t; Charlene Wallace 85, 99; Paula Picton 108t, 111b; Peter Golden 39b; 385b; Chuck Crawford 378t, 63; Charles Towler 408, 343; Randy Hubbard 445, 59; Phillip Gilmore 37b, 31t; Myron House 479, 113. Rev. Tommy McGuire, pastor of the church, asked the blessing for the evening meal.

RECESS

Johnny Wright called the class back to order leading 358 (in memory of Katherine Benefield). Leaders: Phillip Gilmore, Rebekah Gilmore, Grace Gilmore, and Mary Jo Gilmore 388, 146 (in memory of Elder Homer Benefield and Katherine Benefield); Paula Gilmore 317, 145b; Brianna Daugherty 45t; Trey Daugherty 209;

Jim Picton 68b; Jim Picton and Paula Picton 269; Jan House 276, 39t, 294 (by request).

Announcements were made. Johnny Wright and Diane Clayton led 268, and then 46 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Johnny Wright; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell

STATE LINE CHURCH
Near Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama
Saturday, April 11, 2009

The annual Sacred Harp singing at State Line Church, just off Hwy. 78 at the Georgia/Alabama state line in Cleburne County, Alabama, was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Rodney Ivey and Jeff Sheppard leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Sonny Huckaby. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard and Rodney Ivey 72t; Judy Caudle 325; Louis Hughes 408; Eddie Mash 98; Karen Rollins 347; Martha Beverly 131t; Oscar McGuire 485; Loyd Ivey 337; B.M. Smith 284; Reba Windom 411 (in memory of her dad); Lonnie Rogers 298.

Jeff Sheppard presented members of the Clarence Cates family a certificate of appreciation for the repairs and improvements made on State Line Church. He led 63.

Leaders: Karen Swenson 299; Nate Green and Norma Green 393; April Dell 144; Tom George 26; Marty Wootten 475; Jenna Strizak 270; Bentley McGuire 505; Sarah Smith 340.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey and Jeff Sheppard brought the class together leading 168. A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless and Margie Smith.

Leaders: Ed Thacker 431; Virginia Dyer 532; Jim Picton 384; Peter Golden 61; Beverly Coates 107; Sonny Huckaby 186; JoDell Albi 211; Keith Willard 112; Tom Owen 500; Clarke Lee 84; Bruce Coates 503; Molly Ellis and Jenna Strizak 56b; Jeb Owen 542; Chris Holley and Kathe Pilibosian 448t; Pleasance Crawford 187; Robert Chambless 225t; Riley Lee 47b; Jenny Willard 480; Becky Browne 362 (for Paul Figura); Jared Wootten 441; Fay Hollis 276; Helen Bryson 163t; Dennis George 349; Gary Smith 66; Erica Hinton 74b; Julie Lee 82t; Matt Hinton and Morehouse students 365; Jerry Creason 47t; Robert Kelly 263; Shelbie Sheppard 195. Elder Philip Gilmore offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jeff Sheppard and Rodney Ivey leading 138t. Leaders: Tony Hammock 148; Mary Elizabeth Lee 178; Linda Thomas and Jeff Sheppard 556; Philip Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore 498.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Helen Bryson. She read the poem "Going Home" and led 313b for the sick and shut-ins and the deceased.

The sick and shut-ins honored were Frank Bloch, Violet Thomason, Paul Figura, and Earlis McGraw. The deceased remembered were Mattie Townsel and Frank Hataway—Alabama; Nora Roberts, Lee Rogers, John Broom, Katherine Benefield, Richard Johnson, and Myrtle Smith—Georgia; Jane Bruner and John Etheridge—Florida; Dr. Bill Reynolds—Tennessee; Pauline Childers—Michigan. The memorial was closed with prayer offered by Lonnie Rogers.

Leaders: Hubert Nall 440; Sandra Wilkinson 268; Henry Johnson 109; Elene Stovall 534; Jim Aaron 163b; Andy Morse 328; Lou Cotney 300; Pam Nunn 220; Rene Greene 436; Charlene Wallace 192; Cecil Roberts 97; Donna Bell 512 (for Harrison

Creel); John Plunkett 292; Shannon Primm 447; Seth Holloway 388; Paula Picton 528; Shane O'Neal 57; Karen Clark 466; Ann Simpson 445; Jeb Owen, Tom Owen, Bruce Coates, and Beverly Coates 338; Keith Willard and Jenny Willard 145b; Pleasance Crawford and Chuck Crawford 176b; Peter Golden, Chris Holley, and Kathe Pilibosian 371; Cheyenne Ivey and Paige Gilbert 76b; Shelbie Sheppard, Pam Nunn, and Rene Greene 269.

Announcements were made. Rodney Ivey, B.M. Smith, and Clarke Lee led 56t as the closing song. Clarke Lee offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Judy Caudle

SACRED HARP SINGING FOR HARRISON CREEL **Victorian Manor, Hanceville, Alabama** **Saturday night, April 11, 2009**

A special Sacred Harp singing honoring Harrison Creel was held at Victorian Manor, Hanceville, Alabama, on Saturday night before the second Sunday in April. Danny Creel introduced Rita Allen, marketing director, who welcomed everyone. Danny Creel led 30t, and then offered prayer.

Leaders: Cindy Tanner 208; Eddie Mash 434; Bridgett Hill 411; Cheyenne Ivey 128; Julianna Jett 410t; Martha Beverly 430; Emily Creel 436; Delone Cobbs 47t; Henry Schuman 318; Larry Ballinger 224; Yancey Jett 35; Peter Golden 492; Bea Carnathan 568; Earl Ballinger 498; Sarah Smith 73t; Jerry Ryan 274t; Gary Smith 66; Rodney Ivey 68b; Lisa Geist 528; Judy Caudle 540; Brenda Scott 358; Henry Guthery 517; Seth Holloway 340 (by request of Harrison Creel); Shelley Calvert and Cassie Allen 405; Wanda Capps 299; Ann Jett 269; Sonya Sipe 569b; Harrison Creel 111b; Harrison Creel, Cassie Allen, Emily Creel, Shelley Calvert, Michael Jett, and Yancey Jett 342; Ken Tate 343; Lucy Heidorn and David Heidorn 155; Jackie Tanner 101t; Danny Creel 358 (for Phillip Allen), 145t.

Danny Creel led 45t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Bro. Doug Pitts, and the class was dismissed.

Thanks to all who came and made this evening such a blessing,
The Harrison Creel Family

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH **Ider, DeKalb County, Alabama** **Sunday, April 12, 2009**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama, on the second Sunday in April was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Terry Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten leading 156 and 47b. The morning prayer was offered by Shane Wootten.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairmen—Terry Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Terry Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten 32t, 74b; S.T. Reed 32b; Phillip Wootten, Susan Pilcher, and family 196, 106; Sonny Huckaby 70b; Aaron Little 515; Tom Owen 179; Dennis George and Tom George 28t; Nathan Rees 138t; Beverly Coates 481; David Killingsworth 35; Henry Johnson 108t; Jeb Owen 33b; Robert Chambless and Judy Chambless 100; Bruce Coates 535; Terry Hullett 37b; Jonathan Smith and Marianne Parker 408; Jenny Willard and Keith Willard 349; Riley Lee 160b; Charles Whitlock 147t; Chuck Crawford and Pleasance Crawford 446; Paula Picton and Jim Picton 68b; Jackson Harcrow and Aaron Wootten 448t; Judy Caudle 177; Bridgett Hill 277; Mel Kersey 565.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Terry Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten leading 201. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 283 (for Don Bowen); Pierce Phillips 163b; Karen Swenson 210; Brenda Carroll and family 384; Eddie Mash 236; Clarke Lee 332; Marlon Wootten 376; Chris Holley and Kathe Pilibosian 83t; Donna Wootten 88t; David Townson 424; Syble Adams and Pam Wilkerson 99; Eloise Wootten 454; Linda Thomas and Aaron Wootten 39t (in memory of her dad); Christie Wootten and Sara Vaughn 30b; Phil Townson and family 171; Levon Wootten 328; Julie Lee 82t.

Terry Wootten led “Pass Me Not” in memory of all those buried in the Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery. Phillip Wootten offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Terry Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten leading 76b. Leaders: Shane Wootten 365; Louis Hughes 378b; Kennedy Wootten 56t; Jared Wootten 340; Hunter Townson, Chase Townson, Logan Townson “Holy Manna”; Mary Elizabeth Lee 146; Hayden Wootten, Jamey Wootten, and Cole Wootten 155, 123t; Karolina Mann and Kaylee Mann 45t; David Saylor, Teresa Saylor, Sierra Saylor, Stacy Wootten, and Damian Wootten 215; Britt Mann 101t; Jerry Wootten, Christina Wootten, and Betty Wootten 452; Robert Kelly 415; Olivia Allen and Robin Smith 449 (CB); Phil Summerlin 225t; Jenny Mann 128; Betty Wright and Mary Ruth Stiefel 97; Loyd Ivey, Hobert Ivey, and Eloise Wootten 511b (CB); Charles Meitinger 163t; April Dell 58; Claudine Townsend and Larry Wootten 518 (CB); Shannon Primm 491; Joel Jenkins and Sarah Jenkins 142; Shane O’Neal 348b; Sheila Wootten, Aaron Wootten, Kaylee Mann, and Karolina Mann 29t; Eschol Hughes 436; Mark Carroll 400; Marty Wootten and Lorrie Wootten 496; Reba Windom 542; Coy Ivey and Loretta Smith 559 (CB); Darlene Dalton 309; Jenny Mann “Sweet Beulah Land”.

Terry Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Ronald Patterson, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Terry Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten; Secretary—Judy Caudle

COUNTY LINE CHURCH

Corner, Alabama

Sunday, April 12, 2009

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at County Line Church on the second Sunday in April was called to order by Cassie Allen leading 82t. The opening prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

Leaders: Cassie Allen 32t; Lucy Heidorn 36b; Ken Tate 37b; Travis Keeton 480; Robert Walker 84; Nora Parker 394; Billy Thompson 108t; Anne Chalker 146; Paula Oliver 117; Kathy Robinson 89; Bud Oliver 73t; JoDell Albi 298; Brenda Merritt 39t; Jerry Ryan 145t; Sarah Smith 290; Richard Mauldin 168; Yancey Jett 64.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 215. Leaders: Willodean Barton 63; Gravis Ballinger 300; Danica Thornton 401; John Merritt 236; Becky Browne 216 (for Paul Figura); Charlene Wallace 276; Gary Smith 155; Joyce Walton 192; Martha Beverly 415; April Watkins 146; Scot Oliver 143; Jackie Tanner 56t; Lena Keeton 475 (in memory of Flarce Creel); Margaret Thacker 39b; Julianna Jett 108b; Marlin Beasley 348b.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Cassie Allen leading 72t. Leaders: Warren Steel 195; Max Berueffy and Karin Covi 566, 498; Lela Crowder 322; Henry Schuman 426b; Seth Holloway 340; Virginia Watts 274t; Peter Golden 473; Larry Ballinger 270; Joan Aldridge 299; Henry Guthery 543; Emily Creel 546; Ed Thacker 112; Chrissy

Watkins 224; Robert Dupree 569b; Elene Stovall 292. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Richard Mauldin.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 106. Leaders: Hannah Tate and Breckyn Creel 282; Nell Ellis 159; Cindy Tanner 220; Bea Carnathan 438; Susan Harcrow 430; Bobby Watkins 542; Wanda Capps 142; David Heidorn and Lucy Heidorn 30t; Jerry Ryan, David Heidorn, and Lucy Heidorn 436; Ann Jett 448b; Velton Chafin 227; Teri Mobley and Wanda Capps 68b; Harrison Creel and Rita Allen 111b, 72b; Martha Beverly 396; Peter Golden 203; Lela Crowder 440; Henry Schuman 234; Jerry Ryan 408; John Merritt and Brenda Merritt 176t; Warren Steel 376; Robert Dupree 163b; Pauline Oliver and Scot Oliver, Patti Oliver, and Paula Oliver 145b; Joyce Walton 275b; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 452; Gary Smith, Sarah Smith, and Seth Holloway 354b; Elene Stovall, Cassie Allen, and Lucy Heidorn 316; Robert Walker 171; Emily Creel 124 (for Charlotte McCarn and in memory of Teddy Creel).

After announcements, Cassie Allen and Harrison Creel led 323t for the closing song. Prayer was offered by Danny Creel, and the class was dismissed.

Permanent Officers: Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman—Cassie Allen; Arranging Committee—Jackie Tanner and Cindy Tanner; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn

SHARON JORDAN LEACH MEMORIAL SINGING **Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama** **Saturday, April 18, 2009**

The annual Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church in Arab, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. Matt Jordan called the class to order by leading 49t. The morning prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Rachel Allred.

Leaders: Matt Jordan 30b, 63; J.L. Hopper 145t, 178; Anne Chalker 146, 235; Velton Chafin 68b, 75; Juanita Beasley 39b, 32t; Will Allred 59; Margie Lee 72b; Judy Caudle 276 (for Glenda Hopper), 298 (for Rhoda Norris); Marlin Beasley, Joshua Marquez, and Jonathan Marquez 61, 354b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Matt Jordan leading 565. Leaders: Robert Walker 84, 480; Richard Mauldin 312b, 358; Jennifer Lee 138t, 65; Susan Allred 76b, 182; Geraldine Sharpton 300, 542; Butch White 326, 35. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Robert Walker.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Matt Jordan leading 569b. Leaders: Judy Caudle 268 (in memory of Sharon Jordan Leach); Richard Mauldin 66; Will Allred 503; Robert Walker 99; Juanita Beasley 36b; Velton Chafin 45b; Anne Chalker 388; Marlin Beasley 318, 278t; Susan Allred 378b; Geraldine Sharpton 229; Butch White 159, J.L. Hopper 236; Rachel Allred 47t, 317.

Matt Jordan led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Marlin Beasley, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Secretary—Judy Caudle

MIDDLE GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING
Vineville United Methodist Church, Macon, Georgia
Saturday, April 18, 2009

The 6th annual Middle Georgia Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in April at Vineville United Methodist Church in Macon, Georgia. Hugh McGraw taught a singing school one hour before the singing.

Harry Eskew called the class to order leading 49t. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Harry Eskew; Vice Chairman—Bentley McGuire; Secretary—Jane Spencer; Chaplain—John Hollingsworth; Arranging Committee—Mary Brownlee and Oscar McGuire.

Leaders: Bentley McGuire 35; Jane Spencer 47t, 61; Oscar McGuire 171, 75; Charles Woods 471, 283; Faye Hollis 299, 186; Earlis McGraw 225t, 389 (for Lonnie Rogers); Rosemund Watson 503, 66; Jason Hollis 32t, 135; Lauren Harrison 236, 47b; Louis Hughes 540, 138b; Sharon Hamrick 460, 276.

RECESS

Harry Eskew brought the class back to order leading 146. Raymond Hamrick led 94 (The Georgian Harmony). Leaders: Michael Spencer 191, 382; Malinda Snow 547, 277; Gene Pinion 183, 344; Agnes Roberts 143, 155; Billy Hollingsworth 365, 40; Helen Bryson 546.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Helen Bryson for the following deceased: William Reynolds, Lee Rogers, Myrtle Smith, and Richard Johnson; and the following sick and shut-ins: John Plunkett, Violet Thomason, Frank Block, and Margaret DeBolt. Helen Bryson led 313b, and John Hollingsworth closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Harry Eskew led “Doxology”.

LUNCH

John Hollingsworth brought the class back to order leading 11 (The Georgian Harmony). Leaders: Harry Eskew 25 (The Georgian Harmony); Gene Pinion 8 (The Georgian Harmony).

Leaders: Martha Almand 234, 361; B.M. Smith 318, 475; Allison Schofield 439, 542; Donna Smith 163b, 278b; Louis Hughes, Jr. 112, 77b; Molly Ellis 56b, 159; Judith Parker 128, 38b; Charles Walker 273, 209; Shannon Primm 34t, 474 (for John Plunkett); Rexanna Lester 46, 354b.

RECESS

Oscar McGuire brought the class back to order leading 45t. Leaders: Nathan Rees 44, 530; Jenna Strizak 52t, 401; Sandra Wilkinson 440, 229; David Grant 348b; Jonathon Smith 182, 29b; Mary Brownlee 354t, 163t; Richard DeLong 399b, 214; Martha Harrell 178, 211.

After announcements, Harry Eskew led 62, and John Hollingsworth closed with prayer.

Chairman—Harry Eskew; Vice Chairman—Bentley McGuire; Secretary—Jane Spencer

RHODE ISLAND ALL-DAY SINGING
North Scituate Grange, North Scituate, Rhode Island
Saturday, April 18, 2009

The 6th annual Rhode Island All-Day Singing was called to order by Kiri Miller leading 59. Justin Levi offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Liz Cantrell 313t; Miranda Elliott Rader 410t; Lynne deBenedette 82t; Charles Cofone 35; Joanna Lampert 283; Ed Smith 392; Rosemarie Yntema 183; Justin Levi 197; Cindy Bean 300; Robert Stoddard 332; Mary Gowins 179; John Sullivan 143; Laura Borrelli 142; Jim Picton 299; Kelsey Sunderland 134; James Baumgartner 171; Peter Golden 126; Ines Lüttgen 208; Aldo Ceresa 432; Dana Borrelli 168; D.J. Hatfield 212; Celia Devine 362.

A business meeting was held, and the class elected Liz Cantrell as Vice Chairman.
RECESS

Jennie Brown called the class back together leading 32t. Leaders: Elizabeth Stoddard 534; John Holbrook 475; Paula Picton 436; Julian Damashek 415; Jim Bean 178; Bradford West 192; Lucy O'Leary 340; Jeremy Galvagni 29t; Deidra Montgomery 548; Bill Holt 550; Caitlin Thurrell 146; Lauren Bock 456; James Baumgartner 28b; Joanne Fuller 39b; Bob Parr 502; Zachary Marcus 417; Linda Shea 371; Joanne Bowman 101t; Diane Mennella 274t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 564; Tom Padwa 495; Anne Kazlauskas 447; Tom Liebert 159; Barb Ames 270; Joanne DeVoe 31t. Justin Levi offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Lynne deBenedette brought the class back to order leading 426b. Leaders: Lauren Bock 217; Kshama Ananthapura 216; Jennie Brown 536; Peter Golden 155; Deidra Montgomery 228; Bill Holt 419; Joanne Bowman 434; Ines Lüttgen 396; Linda Shea 442; Aldo Ceresa 532; Bradford West 269; Kelsey Sunderland 377; Anne Kazlauskas 304; John Holbrook 347; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 182; Diane Mennella 473; Caitlin Thurrell 335; Robert Stoddard 556; Barb Ames 56b; Joanna Lampert 522; Kiri Miller 448b; Jeremy Galvagni 40; Anne Johnston 294.

RECESS

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg called the class back into session leading 30b. Leaders: Rosemarie Yntema 36b; Dana Borrelli 542; Jim Picton 163b; Ed Smith 528; Bob Parr 112; Mary Gowins 430; Zachary Marcus 47b; Joanne Fuller 176b; Kshama Ananthapura 445; Tom Padwa 569b; Julian Damashek 344; Jennie Brown 492; Jim Bean 102; Elizabeth Stoddard 165; James Baumgartner 547; D.J. Hatfield 345b; Paula Picton 399b; Cindy Bean 277; John Sullivan 373; Lucy O'Leary 383; Celia Devine 285t; Laura Borrelli 196; Anne Johnston 29b; Liz Cantrell 384; Joanne DeVoe 68b; Justin Levi 562; Tom Liebert 81t; Miranda Elliott Rader 84.

The Chairman called a business session to hear reports. The Finance committee reported all expenses had been met. The Secretary reported 89 singers attended, and 51 leaders led 102 songs over the course of the day. Kiri Miller thanked everyone. Announcements were made.

Kiri Miller and Liz Cantrell led 62 as the closing song. Justin Levi offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kiri Miller; Vice Chairman—Liz Cantrell; Secretary—Miranda Elliott Rader

THOMAS AND OPAL FUTRAL MEMORIAL SINGING **Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama** **Saturday, April 18, 2009**

The 5th annual Thomas and Opal Futral Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in April at Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church in Goodwater, Alabama. Jack Nelson called the class together leading 480 and then offering the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral.

Leaders: Jack Nelson 303; Robert Chambless 452, 145b; Ed Thacker 297, 546; Don Clark 33b, 32t; Floy Wilder 120, 432; Margaret Thacker 72b, 176b; Joyce Walton 37b, 348b; Tom Ingram 127, 491 (in memory of Willard Fredericks); Judy Chambless 57, 274t (for John Plunkett).

RECESS

Jack Nelson called the group together leading 61, 266; Karen Clark 421, 276; Bufrey Dean 47b, 39t; William Futral 340, 341; Nell Estes 560, 371; Wendy Futral 196, 35; Denice Burlison 192, 269. Elder Bufrey Dean offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jack Nelson called the afternoon session together leading 318.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jack Nelson. The following deceased were remembered: Art Denson, Lora Kelley, Brenda Dean, Willard Fredericks, John Etheridge, and Hazel Nelson. The following sick and shut-ins were honored: John Plunkett, Audress Gurley, Harrison Creel, and Maudie Fredericks. Jack Nelson led 30b.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 317, 155; Edna Ruth Phillips 200, 213b; Debra Ritch 373, 168; Myra Goss 170, 380; Virginia Futral 566, 569b; Denice Burlison 25 (by request); Wendy Futral 358; Jack Nelson 45t, 147t.

Jack Nelson led 46 as the closing song and offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral

PINE GROVE SINGING

Lookout Mountain, near Collinsville, Alabama

Sunday, April 19, 2009

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Pine Grove Church on Lookout Mountain on the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by S.T. Reed leading 82t. The morning prayer was offered by Wayne Reed.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—S.T. Reed; Vice Chairman—Scot Oliver; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner.

Leaders: Scot Oliver and Paula Oliver 100; Bud Oliver 32t; Boyd Scott 58; Robert Walker 350; Cheyenne Ivey, April Watkins, and Jessica Ivey 77t; Aaron Wootten 312b; Wayne Reed 108b; Julianna Jett 59; Jackson Harcrow 270; Sharon DuPriest 189; Richard Mauldin 84; Mary Ruth Stiefel and Joyce Whittington 480; Don Clark 186; Dennis George 240; Ed Thacker 147b; Marty Wootten 340; Daphene Causey 140.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by S.T. Reed leading 87. Leaders: Eddie Mash 99; Ann Jett 496; Karen Clark, Sarah McMilion, and Anna Bailey 501; Larry Ballinger 528; Jared Wootten 283; Susan Harcrow, Jordan Jones, and Anna Bedsole 159; Michael Thompson 383; Henry Johnson 141; Terry Wootten 436; Chrissie Watkins 215; Nate Green 121; Betty Shepherd and Bethany Grinse 216; Shane Wootten 550; Henry Guthery 527.

RECESS

Scot Oliver and Eric Blanks called the class to order leading 551. Leaders: Ken Tate 472; Bridgett Hill and Alisa Dauro 110; Max Berueffy and Karin Covi 276; Cassie Allen 419; Judy Caudle 163t; Dr. Jim Brown, Whitney Polstra, Paul Sloderbeck, Hunter Martiniere, Corrine Dyer, Blaine Goodwin, Josh Crute, and Drew Pomeroy 45t; Dr. Jim Brown, Malcolm Robinson, Matthew Webb, Sarah Sizemore, Carey Strawbridge, Emily Cargile, Brittany Stancombe, and Jordan Jarbise 72b; Reba

Windom, Andrea Brown, and Jannell McConnell 168; Alanna Blanks, Arleigh Beard, and Sheryl Beard 405, 354b; Rodney Ivey 176t; Elene Stovall and Jannell McConnell 182; David Ivey 376; Paula Oliver and Maggie Cox 124; David Hufstetler and Bud Oliver 68b; Sonya Sipe and Anna Grace Sipe 36b, 274t; Coy Ivey and Jordan Jones 384. The prayer for the noon meal was offered by Wayne Reed.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Bud Oliver leading 145t. Leaders: Dewayne Wootten 441; Bobby Watkins 454; Yancey Jett 42; Joyce Whittington 565; Pierce Phillips 358; April Watkins and Ainslie Allen 354b; Danny Creel 318; Kristie Finley 73t; Garrett Sipe 63; S.T. Reed and his sisters 421; Pauline Oliver, Scot Oliver, Paula Oliver, Patti Oliver, Alanna Blanks, Arleigh Beard, and Sheryl Beard 222; Billy Williams 334; Cindy Tanner 198; Marty Wootten, Jared Wootten, and Eddie Mash 475; Karen Clark and Judy Caudle 431; Ann Jett, Yancey Jett, and Julietta Jett 327; Sharon DuPriest and Daphene Causey 300; Aaron Wootten, Jackson Harcrow, Anna Bedsole, and Whitney Polstra 448t; Terry Wootten and Shane Wootten 542; Bridgett Hill, Henry Johnson, and Elene Stovall 440; Dennis George, Reba Windom, and Betty Shepherd 196; Cassie Allen, Max Berueffy, and Karin Covi 392; Ken Tate 220; Michael Thompson and Alisa Dauro 422; David Ivey and Susan Harcrow 200; Rodney Ivey and Larry Ballinger 540; Danny Creel and Henry Guthery 269; Ed Thacker and Sonya Sipe 112; Mary Ruth Stiefel and David Hufstetler 457; Robert Walker 477; Boyd Scott 319; Pierce Phillips 131b; Bobby Watkins 455; S.T. Reed 345t (in memory of Robbie Nell Reed).

S.T. Reed, Scot Oliver, Bud Oliver, and Wayne Reed led 146 as the closing song.

Wayne Reed offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—S.T. Reed; Vice Chairman—Scot Oliver; Secretary—Judy Caudle

OLD HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Abernathy, Cleburne County, Alabama

Sunday, April 19, 2009

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, near Abernathy in Cleburne County, Alabama, was held on the third Sunday in April. Stanley Edwards brought the class to order leading 101t. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Stanley Edwards 45t; Cecil Roberts 289, 288; Mary Jo Shafer 229, 410t.

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

Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Donna Bell;

Arranging Committee—Ruth Daniel; Memorial Committee—Mary Jo Shafer and

Evelyn Harris.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 34b, 155; B.M. Smith 123t, 222; Lou Cotney 384, 172;

Tony Hammock 83b, 434; Donna Bell 68b, 426b; George Garner 436; Marilyn

Bradley and Stanley Edwards 340; Glenda Collins 100, 124; Charlene Wallace 133,

171.

RECESS

B.M. Smith brought the class back to order leading 225t. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 77t, 111b; Jeff Sheppard 97, 129; Neal Prichard 566, 204; Ann Simpson 312b, 358; Sherrell Cleino 127, 335; Evelyn Harris 47t, 503; Nellie Mae White 58, 378t; Olivia Iverson 30t, 328; Ruth Daniel 40, 32t.

Mary Jo Shafer and Evelyn Harris conducted the memorial lesson. Mary Jo Shafer led 122 in memory of the following deceased: Dale Harris, Jesse Cotney, Lovella Campbell, Myrtle Smith, Elder Gerald Hand, Amanda Denson-Brady, Katherine Benefield, Renea Campbell, and Lee Rogers.

Mary Jo Shafer led 49b in honor of the following sick and home-bound: Lonnie Rogers, John Plunkett, Shelbie Sheppard, Reba Norton, Richard Randy Smith, and Howard McGuire. Elder Neal Prichard closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Stanley Edwards led 53. Bill Cleino blessed the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Stanley Edwards leading 29t and 373 (by request for Reba Norton). Leaders: Tony Hammock 61, 314; Oscar McGuire 473, 441; Tina Lett and Sherrill Cleino 318, 348b; Lewis Norton 30b, 569b; Louise Holland 63, 323b; Ruth Daniel, Nellie Mae White, Evelyn Harris, and Aline Harris 36b; B.M. Smith 52t; Mary Jo Shafer 72b; Lou Cotney 300; Tony Hammock 196; Charlene Wallace 106; Cecil Roberts 277; Donna Bell and Joyce Bell 178; Ann Simpson 45t (by request).

Announcements were made. Stanley Edwards led 62 as the closing song. Elder Neal Prichard dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Donna Bell

OAK GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Alpharetta, Georgia

Saturday, April 25, 2009

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church met on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. Bobby Cagle called the class to order leading 491. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Charles Cagle.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Andy Morse; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson. Leaders: Bobby Cagle 49b; John Hollingsworth 37b; Andy Morse 77b, 73b; Al Grindon 174, 84; Junie Wooten 268, 270; Sandra Wilkinson 335, 75; Judy Mincey 475, 474; Carrie Grindon 86, 122; Mary Sicotello 277, 159; Reuben Ball 497, 499.

RECESS

John Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 176t. Leaders: Helen Bryson 112, 74b; Andy Morse 472, 399b (for John Plunkett); Faye Holbrook 67, 285t; Ray Brooks 111b; Marie Pierce 344, 45t; Helen Bryson and visitor, J.D. Holmes 68b; Al Grindon 63, 155; John Hollingsworth 503.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by John Hollingsworth leading 354t. Leaders: Junie Wooten 330t; Sandra Wilkinson 448t; Judy Mincey 196; Carrie Grindon 389; Mary Sicotello 72b; Faye Holbrook 457; Helen Bryson 542; Andy Morse 99, 146; Al Grindon 171.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Mincey. She spoke and led 347 in memory of the following deceased: Nora Roberts, Lee Rogers, Elizabeth Tolbert, and Myrtle Smith—Georgia.

Sandra Wilkinson led 50b for the following sick and shut-ins: John Plunkett, Violet Thomason, Frank Block, Richard DeLong, Tony Sills, and Dorothy Garrison. John Hollingsworth offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: John Hollingsworth 114; Junie Wooten 323b; Marie Pierce 153; Judy Mincey 236; Junie Wooten 203; Sandra Wilkinson 300; Carrie Grindon 547; Mary Sicotello 59; Faye Holbrook 544 (by request), 535; Helen Bryson 274t; Andy Morse 349; Al Grindon 313t.

Announcements were made. John Hollingsworth led 62 as the closing song. Elder Edward Cagle offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Andy Morse; Secretary—Helen Bryson

WESTERN NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING
Rochester Area Mennonite Fellowship, Rochester, New York
Saturday, April 25, 2009

A Western New York State Regional Singing was held on Saturday, April 25, 2009, in the Rochester Area Mennonite Fellowship Hall, 111 Hillside Avenue, Rochester, New York. Thom Metzger opened the singing at 10:00 a.m. by leading 34b. Eileen Metzger offered an opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairpersons—Thom Metzger and Eileen Metzger; Secretaries—Sue Hengelsberg and Helen Haller. Leaders: Chris Haller 114; Sue Hengelsberg 163t; Gerry Hoffman 82t; Melody Johnson 335; Steven Jens 37b; Katie White 40; Bob Wheeler 171; Lucy Roberts 200; Dennis Leipold 203; Denise Morris 48t; Chuck Crawford 163b; Thom Metzger 423; Barbara Swetman 475; Nicoletta Rogers 510; Pleasance Crawford 187; Eileen Metzger 522; Steve Rogers 49t; Anne Weaver 277; Scott Luscombe 430; Lucy Roberts 485, 330t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 76t, 541; Chris Haller 455, 122.

RECESS

Scott Luscombe called the class back together leading 46. Leaders: Sue Hengelsberg 504, 294; Gerry Hoffman 218, 448t; Melody Johnson 333, 315; Steven Jens 107, 86; Katie White 155, 344; Bob Wheeler 276, 228; Dennis Leipold 209, 224; Denise Morris 184, 196; Chuck Crawford 378t, 300; Thom Metzger 416, 198; Barbara Swetman 127, 168; Nicoletta Rogers 460, 503; Pleasance Crawford 446, 77b; Eileen Metzger 101b, 101t; Steve Rogers 472, 270. Eileen Metzger offered a prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order for the afternoon session by Dennis Leipold leading 145b. Leaders: Scott Luscombe 506, and his own composition “McQuay”; Chris Haller 267, 56b; Lucy Roberts 254, 47t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 349, 286; Sue Hengelsberg 496, 162; Gerry Hoffman 236, 48b; Melody Johnson 340, 95; Thom Metzger 159.

RECESS

Leaders: Barbara Swetman 89; Cynthia Fuhrman 63; Katie Reemers 31t; Joel Franklin 457; Gillian Inksetter 151; Katie White 312b; Bob Wheeler 36b; Dennis Leipold 282; Denise Morris 524; Chuck Crawford 384; Nicoletta Rogers 76b; Thom Metzger 362; Barbara Swetman 178. Announcements were made.

Leaders: Pleasance Crawford 149; Steve Rogers 52t; Eileen Metzger 108b; Scott Luscombe 532; Lucy Roberts 113; Chris Haller 288; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 83; Gerry Hoffman 272. Thom Metzger led 347 as our farewell, and the class was dismissed.

Attendees included eight from Canada, three from Pennsylvania, and many from other parts of New York State.

Chairpersons—Thom Metzger and Eileen Metzger; Secretaries—Sue Hengelsberg and Helen Haller

YORK ALL-DAY SINGING
York Friends Meetinghouse, York, Pennsylvania
Saturday, April 25, 2009

The York All-Day Singing was called to order by Lamar Matthew leading 344. Ruth Wampler offered the opening prayer. Oliver Kindig-Stokes gave the opening remarks and led 303.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Oliver Kindig-Stokes; Secretary—Erin Kelly.

Leaders: Laura Densmore 142; Dan Hunter 390; Margaret Welsh 146; Mary Julia Street 473; Nancy Katzen 472; Ted Stokes 48t; Julia Myers 448b; Ruth Wampler 207; Peter Gardner 236; Sheila Nugent 147t; Terry Ryan 192; Carly Goss 82t; Leon Pulsinelle 86; Erin Kelly 474; Tim Culbertson 542; Ina Shea 502; Dustin Jutzi 313b; Cindy Wasson 564; Tom Tucker 198; Randy Gaul 481; Sally O'Brien 284; Zachary Bullock 101t; Aldo Ceresa 397; John Hewes 188; Hal Kunkel 179.

RECESS

Oliver Kindig-Stokes called the class back to order leading 79. Leaders: Nancy Katzen 475; Dawn Chang 107; Tom Tucker 100; Carol Stevens 350; Ted Stokes 69t; Sally O'Brien 273; Lamar Matthew 229; Margaret Welsh 49b; Tim Culbertson 522; Sheila Nugent 480; Terry Ryan 71; Hal Kunkel 87; Leon Pulsinelle 43; Nancy Kruel 47b; Ina Shea 170; John Hewes 110; Mary Julia Street 546; Randy Gaul 299; Julie Myers 318; Peter Gardner 113; Erin Kelly 131b. Ruth Wampler offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Dan Hunter leading 313t. Leaders: Dustin Jutzi 52b; Cindy Wasson 457; Zachary Bullock 235; Aldo Ceresa 422; Laura Densmore 456; Hal Kunkel 434; Carly Goss 182; Ruth Wampler 491; Tom Tucker 112; Nancy Katzen 99; Ted Stokes 396; Julie Myers 362; Tim Culbertson 334; Sally O'Brien 277; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 316; Carol Stevens 178; Ina Shea 524; Dan Hunter 234; Sheila Nugent 325; Peter Gardner 333; Erin Kelly 33b; Terry Ryan 228; Nancy Kruel 408; Leon Pulsinelle 40; Margaret Welsh 282.

RECESS

Susan Munch brought the class back together leading 370. Leaders: Randy Gaul 551; John Hewes 410t; Mary Julia Street 452; Lamar Matthew 35; Cindy Wasson 411; Dustin Jutzi 27; Aldo Ceresa 197; Hal Kunkel 83t; Ruth Wampler 84; Zachary Bullock 105; Carly Goss 57; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 462; Laura Densmore 549; Dan Hunter 470; singers from State College 61.

After announcements, Oliver Kindig-Stokes led 62 as the class took the parting hand. Ruth Wampler offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Oliver Kindig-Stokes; Secretary—Erin Kelly

HARRODS CREEK SHAPE NOTE CONVENTION **Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Kentucky** **April 25-26, 2009** **Saturday, April 25**

The 14th annual singing at Harrods Creek Baptist Church was held the Saturday and Sunday before the first Saturday in May. Michele Cull brought the class to order leading 39b, followed by welcome and announcements. Adrian Eldridge offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Greg Howard 448t; Nathan Zweig 75; Paula Oliver 354b; William Shetter 154 (SoH); Matt Hinton 142; Karen Arnett 455; Susan Zurcher 515 (CB); Hans Bayer 440; Tim Reynolds 38 (SoH); Jackson Pietrzak 159; Karen Bahler 551; Joe Manning 209.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Michele Cull; Finance Committee—Liz Meitzler; Arranging Committee—Brenda Waters, Chandler Bainter, Rebecca Eldridge, and Stephanie Fida; Secretary—Pat Meek.

RECESS

Leaders: Tim Morton 50 (SoH); Bobette Olson 76b; Bob Meek 384; Levi Bainter and Michele Cull 392 (CB); Walt Scaff 488b (CB); Bob Sullivan 45t; Brad Bahler 550; Mike Grimes 574 (CB); Tom Kochan 96 (CB); John Bayer 39 (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Ryan Wheeler 278t; Clair Outten 573; Regina Frick 47b; Shawn Fenton 310 (SoH); David Carlton 16 (SoH); Jubal Bayer 89t (SoH); Randy Webber 287 (SoH); Greg Creech 86; Annaliza Jane Cull, Anna Hinton, and Michele Cull 146; Reda McIntosh 67; Laura Morton 282; Rich Overturf 313b; Loraine Bayer 274t; Seamus Allman 300; Scot Oliver 100; Roger Crabtree 29t; Drew Sellers 268; Michele Cull 276. Jim Herr offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Leaders: Mary Brinkman 143; Logan Hatfield 81t; Nathan Salsburg 186; Eddie Mash, April Waters, and LeShaun Gullion 155; Brenda Waters 511; Ryan Wheeler 236; Rebecca Eldridge 41; Erica Hinton 74b; Jim Herr, Clara Herr, and Liam Algood 222; Ted Mercer 542; Joan Aldridge 198; Tim Reynolds 49b; Robert Kelley 141 (SoH); Liz Meitzler 56b.

RECESS

Leaders: John Seaton 47t; Peggy Mistak 449 (CB); Janet Fraembs 335; Stephanie Fida 192; Aura Lee Furgason 489; Peggy Brayfield 39b (SoH); Jim Helke 573 (CB); James Page 173b (SoH); Darrell Swarens and Kathryn Eldridge 137 (CB); Wayne Dell 277; Ruth Dolby 503; Tyler Scaff 393; Michele Cull 347.

Following announcements, a closing prayer was offered by Mike Grimes, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, April 26

The Sunday session of the Harrods Creek Shape Note Convention was brought to order by Michele Cull leading 51.

Leaders: Jim Herr 285t; Sue Duff 321 (SoH); Clara Herr 65; Steve Duff 501; Rebecca Eldridge 507; Eddie Mash 20 (SoH); Logan Hatfield 72b; Scot Oliver 505 (CB); Matt Hinton 365; Bob Meek, Ted Mercer, Eddie Mash, and Aubrey Hemminger 344; Tim Morton 574 (CB); Virginia Eldridge 83b; Peggy Brayfield 308 (SoH); Darrell Swarens 189; Nathan Zweig 177 (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: James Eldridge 288; Joe Manning 313b; Pavel Ovechkin and Valerie Ovechkin 496; Liz Meitzler 512; Ted Mercer "Hinton"; Adrian Eldridge 83 (SoH); Doug Trent 128; Eloise Clark 408 (CB); Wayne Dell 572 (CB); Tyler Scaff 117; John Seaton 68b; Paula Oliver 124; Peggy Mistak 312b; Robert Kelley 73 (SoH); Janet Fraembs 265 (SoH); Aura Lee Furgason 99; Jim Helke 140 (CB); Erica Hinton 540.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Eddie Mash and Darrell Swarens. Eddie Mash led 134 in honor of the sick and shut-ins. Darrell Swarens led 96 (CB) in memory of the deceased. Aubrey Hemminger offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Randy Webber "Meek Anniversary Song". The lunch blessing was offered by Aubrey Hemminger.

LUNCH

Leaders: Stephanie Fida and Zach Davis 479; Jim Page 72t (SoH); Katherine Eldridge 85; Scot Oliver 176b; James Eldridge 133 (SoH); Matt Hinton 182 (SoH); Joan Frankel and Bob Meek 322 (SoH); Joan Aldridge 434; Ruth Dolby 350; Eddie Mash, April Waters, and LeShaun Gullion 454; Johann Kim 81t; Robert Kelley 106t (SoH); Chris Wilhelm 480; Chandler Bainter, Mickie Bainter, Michael Snearly, and Elizabeth Snearly 146; Esther Crookshank 159; Erica Hinton 133.

RECESS

Leaders: Tim Morton 186; Paula Oliver 388; Aura Lee Furgason 549; Peggy Brayfield 144 (SoH); Ted Mercer 163t; John Seaton 147t; Liz Meitzler 145t; Jim Helke 415; Janet Fraembs 532; Eloise Clark 34b; Jim Page 272; Darrell Swarens 112.

Bob Meek, Michele Cull, and Tim Morton led 45t as the closing song. Announcements were made. Prayer was offered by Michael Snearly, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Michele Cull; Secretary—Pat Meek

EAST MIDLANDS SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Village Hall, Kegworth, Leicestershire, United Kingdom
April 25-26, 2009

Saturday, April 25

The East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Ian West leading 52t. Rob Mahoney offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ian West; Vice Chairman—Helen Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders.

Leaders: Helen Brown 36b; Ruth Steggle 171; Ted Brown 303; Margaret Gillanders 203; David Richardson 30t; Sarah West 405; Michael Walker 133 (CB); Judy Whiting 212; Shannon Primm 168; Mandy Townsend 39t; Chris Brown 28b; Sharon Langridge 47b; Rob Mahoney 86; Rosalind Oldham 452; Maria Wallace 312b; Aaron Kahn 107; Steve Fletcher 106; Hannah Land 145t; Phil Tyler 139; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 457.

RECESS

Ian West brought the class back together leading 98 (CB). Leaders: Cath Tyler 522 (CB); Richard Percival 367 (CB); Helen Brown 573 (CB); Ruth Steggle 571 (CB); Ted Brown 81t; Margaret Gillanders 344 (CB); Sarah West 370; Michael Walker 302; Judy Whiting 138t (CB); Shannon Primm 70t; Mandy Townsend 490; Chris Brown 211; Sharon Langridge 563 (CB); Rob Mahoney 268; Rosalind Oldham 515 (CB); Maria Wallace 448t; Aaron Khan 132 (CB); Steve Fletcher 140 (CB); Hannah Land 183; Phil Tyler 182. Shannon Primm said grace for the midday meal.

LUNCH

Jacqui Selby-Macleod began the afternoon session by leading 100. Leaders: David Richardson 101t; Shannon Primm 192; Sally Greaves-Lloyd 481; Sarah West 335; Cath Tyler 250; Judy Whiting 34t; Margaret Gillanders 270; Richard Percival 488b (CB); Phil Tyler 184b (CB); Hannah Land 505 (CB); Peter Knudssen 148; Helen Brown 430; Ian West 101b; Mandy Townsend 318; Chris Brown 271t; Michael Walker 411 (CB); Sharon Langridge 515; Steve Fletcher 126; Aaron Khan 300; Maria Wallace 474; Ruth Steggle 143.

RECESS

Maria Wallace brought the class together leading 146. Leaders: Ted Brown 97; Rosalind Oldham 480; Sally Greaves-Lord 29t; David Richardson 268b (CB); Margaret Gillanders 500 (CB); Jacqui Selby-Macleod 330b; Shannon Primm 56b; Rob Mahoney and Jean Mahoney 503; Cath Tyler 406; Steve Fletcher 228; Aaron Khan 284; Michael Walker 292b (CB); Sarah West 88t; Judy Whiting 460; Richard Percival 28t; Phil Tyler 442; Hannah Land 38b.

Ian West and Helen Brown led 347 to close the day's singing. Rosalind Oldham offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, April 26

The Sunday session of the East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Ian West leading 56t. Ruth Steggle offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Helen Brown 422; David Richardson 31t; Ruth Steggle 47t; Ted Brown 77t; Margaret Gillanders 559 (CB); Chris Brown 511t (CB); Sarah West 288; Shannon Primm 129; Rob Mahoney 454; Hannah Land 544; Sharon Langridge 48t;

Michael Walker 134; Judy Whiting 38t (CB); Aaron Khan 455; Carmel Wood 159; David Moore 361; Rosalind Oldham 511b (CB).

RECESS

Ian West called the class back to order leading 105. Leaders: Ruth Steggles 128; Ted Brown 546; Anna Baldini 86; Margaret Gillanders 507b (CB); Chris Brown 121; Sarah West 76b; Shannon Primm and Michael Walker 213; Rob Mahoney 276; Helen Brown 534; Hannah Land 34b; Michael Walker 377.

Anne Hayto conducted the memorial lesson, and read the names of the following departed: Stanley Shaw, Dr. Bill Reynolds, John Etheridge, Frank Hataway, Peter Gregory, Trevor Sanderson, Betty Wilson, Jean Cousins, Margaret Clay, David Little, Brian Cheetham, Bill Craven, Alastair Heron, Deirdre Powell, Gladys Buchanan, Jim Oss, Malcolm Douglas, Ann Cox, Florence Mellor, Lee Rogers, Barry Burling, Jim Bamford, Rene Pilley, and Rabbi Arnold Wolfe. Ruth Steggles led 488b (CB).

Ted Brown gave the lesson for the sick and housebound, leading 278t for John Plunkett, Myrtle Ann Ballard, Maureen Gamlin, Peter Philips, John Green, Mrs. Rollo Woods, Haider Iqbal, Philip Higgins, David Lee (Essex), Kathy Armstrong, Bob Morgan, Richard Moore, Pam Coleman, Sue Briggs, David Daykin, Tony Smith, Meriel Byrne, Eddie Byrne, Tom Hodgkinson, Ivy Moore, Erica Canfield, and Sofi Mogensen. Michael Walker closed the memorial lesson with a prayer. Leaders: Sharon Langridge 49b; Aaron Khan 155 (CB); Judy Whiting 499 (CB); Carmel Wood 146; David Moore 299; Rosalind Oldham 327; David Richardson 478 (CB). Sharon Langridge said grace for the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Sharon Langridge leading 350. Leaders: Aaron Khan and Michael Walker 79; Carmel Wood 56b; Ian West 152 (CB); David Moore 189; Helen Brown 54t (CB); Shannon Primm 373 (CB); Margaret Gillanders 575 (CB); Judy Whiting 46; Rosalind Oldham 563 (CB); Ruth Steggles 574 (CB); David Richardson 488t (CB); Chris Brown 35; Shannon Primm and Michael Walker 410b; Sarah West 89; Rob Mahoney and Jean Mahoney 209; Hannah Land 198.

RECESS

Ted Brown brought the class together leading 111b. Leaders: David Moore 236; Carmel Wood 472; Chris Brown 441; Sarah West 59; Ian West 313b; Helen Brown and Ted Brown 282; Hannah Land 515; Ruth Steggles 535; Michael Walker and Aaron Khan 138b; Judy Whiting 273; David Richardson 153; Shannon Primm 497; Margaret Gillanders 569b; Aaron Khan and Ruth Steggles 504.

Following reports, announcements, and thanks, Ian West and Helen Brown led "The Christians' Love". Rob Mahoney offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Ian West; Vice Chairman—Helen Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

**Haleyville, Alabama
Sunday, April 26, 2009**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Parnell Berry leading 47t. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Guthery.

The class organized by retaining the same officers as follows: Chairman—Parnell Berry; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Parnell Berry 36b; Travis Keeton 129, 475; Corene White 379, 97; Hugh Bill McGuire 378b, 472; Leona Haynes and Dustin Ragsdale 128, 283; Doyal Williams 29t; Henry Guthery 431, 140; Danny Creel 503, 312b; Don Robertson 142, 216; Anne Chalker 146, 235; Kermit Adams 383, 365; Paul Godsey 127, 75; Ken Tate 27, 213t.

RECESS

Margaret Keeton brought the class together leading 137 and 187. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 182, 222; Lomax Ballinger 168, 300; Teddy Godsey 189, 196; Linton Ballinger 224, 212; Doyce Bailey 565, 68b; Lena Keeton 225t, 546; Stella Pratt and Don Robertson 288, 441; Yancey Jett 35, 64; Wanda Capps 73t; Lisa Geist 273, 304; Richard Mauldin 143, 446 (for John Plunkett).

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Roma Rice leading 112 and 120. Leaders: Harrison Creel 111b, 512; Hannah Tate 294, 454; Reba Lawler 82t, 45t (in memory of the Godsey family); Larry Ballinger 349 (for Clarence McCool), 133; Velton Chafin 463, 487; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 101t, 401; Josie Hyde 477, 507; Henry Guthery 391; Hugh Bill McGuire 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson); Leona Haynes and Dustin Ragsdale 192; Linton Ballinger and Larry Ballinger 540; Ken Tate 240 (in memory of L.E. Hannah); Yancey Jett 108b; Danny Creel 318; Richard Mauldin and Anne Chalker 258 (in memory of Dick Mauldin); Josie Hyde and Larry Ballinger 355; Lisa Geist and Gravis Ballinger 91; Don Robertson 215; Harrison Creel 342.

Parnell Berry led 89 as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Parnell Berry; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

ALEWINE-LAMINACK MEMORIAL

St. Michael Lutheran Church, Cleburne County, Alabama Sunday, April 26, 2009

The annual Alewine-Laminack Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at St. Michael Lutheran Church, north of Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday in April. Cecil Roberts called the class to order leading 49b. Ed Thacker offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 32t; Stanley Edwards 317, 208; the class sang birthday wishes to Donna Bell; Donna Bell 452 (in memory of Corene Laminack), 389.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Margie Smith. A new singing was announced. It will be held at Old Carrollton Primitive Baptist Church in Carroll County, Georgia, on the fourth Sunday in September.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 101t, 313t; Henry Johnson 375, 278b; Sharon DuPriest 40, 36b; Robert Chambless 480, 303; Karen Rollins 212 (in honor of Lonnie Rogers), 540 (in honor of John Plunkett); Earlis McGraw 56t, 76b; Judy Chambless 542, 354t.

RECESS

Cecil Roberts called the class back to order leading 100 (in memory of his grandparents, E.A. and Etta Pope), B.M. Smith 34t, 225t; Olivia Iverson 159, 108b; Eschol Hughes 282 (in memory of Carl Hughes, J. C Hughes, and all deceased Sacred Harp singers), 283; Reba Windom 138t, 217; Andrew Farris 268, 503; Evelyn Harris 378t, 47t; Ed Thacker 381 (in memory of Milton Oliver), 187.

RECESS

Stanley Edwards brought the class back to order leading 568 (in memory of Bobby Jackson). Leaders: Mary Jo Shafer 229, 82t; Tony Hammock 544 (in honor of John Plunkett), 111b (in memory of Corene Laminack); Virginia Dyer 340 (in memory of Harold McElroy), 454; Ken McElroy 274t, 294 (in memory of Harold McElroy). Eschol Hughes blessed the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Cecil Roberts leading 97. Leaders: Karen Rollins 99; Richard DeLong 338 (in honor of Michael Thompson and Danny Arms); 57 (for John Plunkett); Jeff Sheppard 386, 292; Andrew Farris 358; Reba Windom and Sharon DuPriest 186; Henry Johnson and Ed Thacker 230; Robert Chambless and Judy Chambless 501; Charlene Wallace, Karen Rollins, and Richard DeLong 149; Margie Smith and B.M. Smith 393; Eschol Hughes 37b; Olivia Campbell 155; Mary Jo Shafer 63; Tony Hammock 434.

Announcements were made. Cecil Roberts led 46 as the closing song. Eschol Hughes offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Donna Bell

GOLDEN GATE SINGING

Mira Loma Improvement Club, San Francisco, California Sunday, April 26, 2009

The 5th annual Golden Gate Singing was held at the Mira Loma Improvement Club in San Francisco, California, on the fourth Sunday in April. The singing was opened by Natalia Cecire leading 59. Jim Friedrich offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Susan Fetcho 171; Linda Selph 121; Betty Marvin 27; Jim Friedrich 288; Ian Quinn 163t; Bob Brylawski 122; James Welsch 569b; Greg Freemon 224; John Marr 319; Shelby Sampson 40.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Chairperson—Susan Fetcho; Vice Chairperson—Rebecca Edwards; Secretary—Betty Marvin.

Leaders: Cornelia Stanton 318; Gretchen Muller 68b; Ken Olcott 269; Chris Thorman 217; Vicki Solomon and Jerry Schreiber 172; Rebecca Edwards 402; Tom Ayres 260; Sherry Wong 183.

Susan Fetcho announced the following committee appointments: Arranging Committee—Natalia Cecire and Carolyn Deacy; Chaplain—Jim Friedrich; Treasurers—Cindy Overmyer and Jeremy Knight; Assistant Secretary—Linda Selph; Resolutions—Greg Freemon and Juanita Heyerman.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Inder Khalsa leading 29t. Leaders: Martha Sherwood 117; Hal Eisen 365; Michelle Nelson 63; Cindy Overmyer 35; Jill Accetta 67; Jeremy Littlefield 140; Terry Barber 377; Susan Helf 163b; Jessica Hahl 335; Inder Khalsa 328; Jenny Jensen 448t; David Fetcho 173.

RECESS

Ian Quinn brought the class back together by leading 47b. Leaders: Kate Lingley 178; Jeremy Knight 313t; Xaris Martínez 428; Juanita Heyerman 473; Kristie Harju 500; Juniper Hill 455; Janet Herman 528; Stan Jensen 475; Marilyn Murata 506; Durward Rackleff 186; Carolyn Deacy 95; Natalia Cecire 344; Susan Fetcho 200. Jim Friedrich offered the prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Kristie Harju and Xaris Martínez leading 39t. Leaders: Steve Helwig 474; Betsy Jeronen 440; Tim Eriksen 236; Gary Plouff 142; Carla Smith 444; Jessica Beer 218; Matthew Wojcik 216 (for John Plunkett); Tom McTighe 270; Jerry Schreiber 362; Allison Schofield 58; Bill

Walters 442; Janet Herman 30b; Phillip Garrison 107; John Marr 72b; Cornelia Stanton 480; Jenny Jensen 446; Xaris Martínez 396.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Cornelia Stanton leading 32t. Leaders: David Fetcho 56b; Kristie Harju 229; Greg Freemon 419; Gary Plouff 101b; Rebecca Edwards 542; Stan Jensen 536; Juniper Hill 504; Inder Khalsa 383; Tim Eriksen 144; Carla Smith and Jerry Schreiber 410b; Matthew Wojcik 532; Marilyn Murata 304; Hal Eisen 96; Betsy Jeronen 155; Steve Helwig 38b; Peter Ross 99; Tom McTighe 32b; Jessica Beer 422.

A business meeting was called, and the Treasurer and Secretary gave their reports. The Resolutions Committee thanked all who made the singing possible.

Announcements of other singings were made.

Susan Fetcho, Rebecca Edwards, and Betty Marvin led 62 as the closing song. Jim Friedrich offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Susan Fetcho; Vice Chairperson—Rebecca Edwards; Secretary—Betty Marvin

HUNTSVILLE SACRED HARP SINGING Burritt on the Mountain, Huntsville, Alabama Saturday, May 2, 2009

The 25th annual Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Old Country Church on the grounds of Burritt Museum, located atop Monte Sano Mountain in Huntsville, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Sunday in May. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Charles McCravy leading 171. He then offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Charles McCravy; Vice Chairman—Linton Ballinger; Secretary—Amanda Hardiman; Arranging Committee—Lomax Ballinger and Linton Ballinger. Leaders: Charles McCravy 143; Lomax Ballinger 32t; Amanda Hardiman 454; David Ivey 67 (in memory of Jap Walton); Delone Cobbs 47b; Eddie Mash 498; Mary Whitehurst 500; Teresa Hope 300; Loyd Ivey 283; Karen Bahler 155; Ken Robinson 101t; Chrissy Watkins 203; David Killingsworth 38b; Melanie Hauff 421; Travis Keeton 460; Jennifer Lee 383; Gravis Ballinger 215; Nate Green and Norma Green 568; Wendy Hofmann 370; Robert Walker 480; Jimmy Ballinger 565.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Charles McCravy leading 428. Leaders: Gary Leopold 159; Buckley Hopper 457; Amber Davis 380; Gary McKnight 268; Reba Windom 192; S.T. Reed 158; Harrison Creel 111b; Joyce Walton 447; Dan Hopper 54; Josie Hyde 507; Henry Johnson 125; Coy Ivey and Karen Ivey 384 (in memory of Leigh Anna Jimmerson).

RECESS

The class was called together by Charles McCravy leading 274t. Leaders: Ron Harper 433; Lisa Geist 273; Pierce Phillips 299; Jeff Adcock 97; Sandra Wilkinson 182; Nathan Rees 400; Richard Mauldin 378t; Geraldine Sharpton 542; Brad Bahler 550; Bob Simmons 532; Darrell Swarens 72b; Ricky Harcrow 434.

The memorial lesson was conducted by J.L. Hopper and Judy Caudle. Judy Caudle read the names of the deceased as follows: Dr. William Reynolds, Mattie Townsel, B.J. Phillips, Kim Jenkins, Lee Rogers, Loy Garrison, Leigh Anna Jimmerson, Dick Steil, John Etheridge, and Frank Hataway. She then read the names of the sick and shut-ins as follows: Frank Block, Clarence McCool, John Plunkett, Jeff Johnson, Katy (NLN), Rocky McCarthy, Nancy McCarthy, Dale Anthony, Betsy Anthony,

Melba Teague, Lonnie Rogers, Myrtle Wootten, Julie Forest, Robbie Adcock, Lillie Brandon, and Paul Figura.

J.L. Hopper read a devotional for May 2 from the writings of Charles H. Spurgeon. Judy Caudle led 134, and Elder Hopper closed the memorial service with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Charles McCravy leading 81t. Leaders: Phil Summerlin 405; Larry Ballinger 472; Rodney Ivey 432; Bridgett Hill 396; Mike Thompson 89; Henry Guthery 140; Cassie Allen 328; Samuel Sommers 184; Bobby Watkins 426b; John Bahler 276; Judy Caudle 564; Bud Oliver 42; Ed Thacker 214; Judy Mincey 475; Jonathon Smith 225b; Paula Springfield 297; Scott Ivey 168; Gary Gronau 112; Susan Harcrow 220; J.L. Hopper 71; Clarissa Springfield 445; David Carlton 189; Stephanie Fida 313b; Mark Carroll 142; Pattie Doss 426t; Kenneth Fannin 176b; Elene Stovall 436; Judy Hauff 536; Charles Meitinger 352; Alex Makris 222; Vella Dailey 66; Gaston White 236; Allison Whitener 425; Rick Hofmann 225t; Jim Aaron 163b; Peter Lemoth 131t; Linton Ballinger 144.

Following announcements, Charles McCravy and Linton Ballinger led 340 as the closing song. Henry Guthery offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Charles McCravy; Vice Chairman—Linton Ballinger; Secretary—Amanda Hardiman

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS CONVENTION **St. John's Episcopal Church, Harrison, Arkansas** **Saturday, May 2, 2009**

The Northwest Arkansas Convention was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in May at St. John's Episcopal Church in Harrison, Arkansas. The singing was called to order by Dan Brittain leading 31b and 30t. The opening prayer was offered by Bill Caldwell.

The class was organized by appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Andrew Albers; Secretary—Katy Black.

Leaders: Syd Caldwell 37b, 222 (for Lonnie Rogers 93rd birthday on May 3rd); Andrew Albers 177 (MH), 73t; Katy Black 49b, 178; John Bayer 146, 159; Bill Caldwell 217, 138 (MH); Anita Buswell 143, 274t; B.M. Smith 318, 441; Hans Bayer 440, 86.

RECESS

Bill Caldwell called the class back together leading 163b. Leaders: Matt Shoemaker 436, 39b; Loraine Bayer 71, 503; Jubal Bayer 277, 481; Shannon Seyler 306, 35; Margie Smith 569b; Andrew Albers, Hannah Albers, and Rhoda Albers 345t, 145b; Michele Raine and Syd Caldwell 147t, 268; Dan Brittain 160 (MH), 172 (MH).

Dan Brittain conducted the memorial lesson. John Bayer led 271t in memory of the following deceased: L.H. Gilmore and Mattie Townsel—Alabama; John Etheridge—Florida; Myrtle Smith, Lee Rodgers, J.R. Rodgers, and Katherine Benefield—Georgia; Allen Thomas (Linda Minor's father)—Arkansas; Dick Steil—Texas; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Bill Reynolds—Tennessee.

Syd Caldwell led 348b in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Harrison Creel, Myrtle Wootten, Jimmie Gilmore, Bruce Rye, Beau Caldwell, Gail Cowart, Norma Dickerson, Timothy Bauler, Aubrey Caldwell, Lonnie Rodgers, John Plunkett, Andy Worthington, Katherine Worthington, Myra Palmer, and Johanna Fabke.

Dan Brittain led 164 (MH) for the blessing.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order for the afternoon session by Dan Brittain leading 113 (MH) and 175 (MH). Leaders: Katy Black and Dan Brittain 472; Katy Black 282;

B.M. Smith 182, 475; Shannon Seyler 144, 112; Jubal Bayer 183, 171 (MH); Loraine Bayer 39b, 225t; Matt Shoemaker 137, 49t; Syd Caldwell 121 (MH), 551; Bill Caldwell 240, 71 (MH); Andrew Albers 275t, 428; Anita Buswell 361, 319; Hans Bayer 547, 430; John Bayer 300.

RECESS

The last session was called to order by Dan Brittain leading 156 (MH). Leaders: Syd Caldwell, Margie Smith, and B.M. Smith 313t, 101t; Andrew Albers 153 (MH), 213t; Michele Raine and Syd Caldwell 59 (for Mary Ellen Wilkinson), 496.

Announcements were made. Dan Brittain led 267 as the closing song while the class took the parting hand.

Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Andrew Albers; Secretary—Katy Black

PORTLAND SACRED HARP **The Little Church, Portland, Oregon** **Saturday, May 2, 2009**

The 3rd annual Portland All-Day Singing at The Little Church, 5138 NE 23rd Avenue, was called to order by Thom Fahrbach leading 448b.

A business meeting was called to order for the election of officers as follows:

Chairperson—Jessica Beer; Secretary—Lyle Lindsey. The meeting for business was closed.

Jessica Beer welcomed the class, spoke briefly of the day's procedures, and made a few brief announcements. Greg Mulkern offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jessica Beer 59; Dan Thoma 518; Tamara Harris 212; Steve Cackley 213b; Thom Fahrbach 240; Heather Ikeler 155; Greg Mulkern 273; Tom McTighe 77t; Lyle Lindsey 34b; Sara Whites-Koditschek 77b; Molly Whedbee 102; Karl Oswald 163t; Jessica Hahl 335; Kristy Harju 30b; Betsy Jeronen 200; Carolyn Gilkey 474; Karen Swenson 528.

RECESS

Julie Strayer Thoma called the class back to order leading 148. Leaders: Mary MacDonald-Lewis 171; Cornelia Stanton 496; Steve Helwig 183; Hal Eisen 351; Kari Lundgren 146; Jeremy Littlefield 33b; Scott Kennedy 455; Jen Morris 564; Martha Beverly 536; David Wright 411; Peter Schinske 198; Anna Stoerch 178; Meg Lawson 549; Erica Wilson 315; Karen Willard 541; Karen Stingle 277.

RECESS

Caleb Hardy called the class back to order leading 66. Leaders: Mary Bitzen 532; Linda Saue 186; Martha Sherwood 53; Marie Brandis 142; Kathy Vlach 125; Bill Walters 444; Matt Keegan 547; Bob Schinske 392; Eric Schwab 550; Abraham Hardy 210; John Carson 361; Jean Murphy 268; Robert Norman 504; Jack Lofton 318. Greg Mulkern offered prayer before dinner on the grounds.

LUNCH

Cindy Reuter called the class back to order leading 49b. Leaders: Greg Saue 136b; Chris Cotter 553; Reid Schilbach 344; Dorothy Robinson 506; Clare Singleton 299; Jessica Beer 430; Joyce Harman 107; Darlene Simpson-Brown 39b; Caleb Hardy 180; Steve Tarr 383; Eric Holt 341; Callie Jordon 388; Steve Helwig 145t; Rosie Lindsey 218; Molly Whedbee 65; Scott Kennedy 149; Sara Whites-Koditschek 280; Mary MacDonald-Lewis 481.

RECESS

Thom Fahrbach called the class back to order leading 101t. A business meeting was held for the purpose of hearing committee reports. The Treasurer, Heather Ikeler, reported all expenses were met. The Resolutions Committee thanked everyone responsible for making the singing a success.

Leaders: David Wright 339; Jessica Beer 32t; Hal Eisen 274t; Erica Wilson 215; Carolyn Gilkey 347; Karen Willard 534; Anna Stoerch 84; Kristi Harju 229; Eric Schwab 440; Tamara Harris 181; Kari Lundgren 31t; Martha Beverly 436; Cornelia Stanton 454; Greg Mulkern 292; Jean Murphy 380; Meg Larson 323; Matt Keegan 269.

Announcements of future singings were made. Jessica Beer led 36b as the closing song. Greg Mulkern offered the closing prayer, and class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Jessica Beer; Secretary—Lyle Lindsey

SHADY GROVE CHURCH

Dutton, Alabama

Sunday, May 3, 2009

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Shady Grove Church on the first Sunday in May was called to order by Barry Gilbert and Rodney Gilbert leading 82t. The morning prayer was offered by Ben Barrentine.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Barry Gilbert; Vice Chairman—Rodney Gilbert; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Eddie Brown 108t; Rex Wilks 47b; Mark Brown 153; Marlon Wootten and Ben Barrentine 31t, 39t; Syble Adams 393 (CB); Ronda Arnold 559 (CB); Darlene Dalton 454; Ed Thacker 456; Greg Rogers 48t; Loyd Ivey 201; Marty Wootten 276; Mark Carroll 63; Pam Wilkerson and Loyd Ivey 424; Brown family great grandchildren “Holy Manna”; Rodney Ivey 463 (CB); Barry Gilbert and Rodney Gilbert 99.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Barry Gilbert and Rodney Gilbert leading 45t. The memorial service was conducted by Mark Carroll and Glenn Carroll.

Leaders: Meadows family 34t, 348b; Thomas and Billy Gilbert family 490, 87; Jim and Betty Lynn Ellis family 128, “What A Day That Will Be”; Delmer and Morene Brown family 572 (CB), 147t; Chester and Delta Wootten family 449 (CB), 410 (CB); Arlon Carroll family 36b; Theodore Carroll family “He’ll Hold My Hand”; Jessie and Beulah Wootten family 571 (CB); Johnson family 511b (CB); Kessler family 518 (CB); Mark Carroll and Glenn Carroll 465 (CB) (for all others). Jason Wilks closed the memorial service with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Barry Gilbert and Rodney Gilbert leading 445. Leaders: Henry Johnson 123t; Judy Caudle 138t; Samuel Sommers 232; Pierce Phillips 396 (OSH); Aaron Little 84 (CB); Reba Windom 505 (CB); Rodney Ivey 95b (CB); John Bahler 448t; Brad Bahler and John Bahler 114; Cassie Allen 540 (CB); Nate Green and Norma Green 52t; Karen Bahler 551; Shane Wootten 110; Dennis George 159; Tom George 209; Charles Meitinger 352; Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten 182; Brenda Carroll 299; Claudine Townsend, Olivia Allen, and Syble Adams 176b, 97; Tim Dalton 277; Steven Meitinger and Charles Meitinger 268; Scott Ivey 500; Rachel Shavers and Maggie Wilks 145b; Joyce Whittington 511t (CB); Joan Wilks, Edna Rogers, and Rachel Shavers 573 (CB).

Mark Brown led “Sweet Beulah Land” as the closing song. Greg Rogers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Barry Gilbert; Vice Chairman—Rodney Gilbert; Secretary—Judy Caudle

SHADY GROVE (KEETON CEMETERY)

Nauvoo, Walker County, Alabama

Sunday, May 3, 2009

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing at Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery) on the first Sunday in May was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Travis Keeton leading 73t. Glenn Keeton offered the morning prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Lena Keeton; Arranging Committee—Lisa Geist.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 176b; Willodean Barton 63, 145t; Wendy Hofmann 74b, 566; Kermit Adams 81t, 89; Stella Pratt 39b, 61; Gary Gronau 163t, 270; Roma Rice 34t (in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Godsey and L.H. Gilmore), 297; Leona Haynes 129, 277; Stephanie Fida 344, 53.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton brought the class back together leading 428 and 349 (for Clarence McCool and Jewel McCool, who were present). Leaders: Pattie Doss 426b, 76b, 201; Josh Keeton 268 (for Lena Keeton), 408; Elene Stovall 200 (in memory of her mother), 192; Darrell Swarens 350, 198; Gravis Ballinger 78, 49t; Don Robertson 142, 216; Gary Smith 276, 155; Larry Ballinger 535, 225t (for Clarence McCool); Gary Gronau 430; Wendy Hofmann 312b. Richard Mauldin offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 269. Leaders: Bridgett Hill 448b, 448t; Richard Mauldin 111b (for Harrison Creel), 498; Amber Davis and Carson Davis 187, 391; Margaret Keeton 423, 456; Sarah Smith 282 (in memory of Bennie Keeton), 387; Faye Donaldson 371, 111t; Earl Ballinger 392, 530; Steve Adams and Stephanie Fida 101t, 309; Josie Hyde 234, 442; Lena Keeton, Glenn Keeton, Gwen Cornelius, and Josh Keeton 146 (in memory of Lena's parents, brothers, and sisters), 235 (for Anne Chalker); Henry Guthery 499, 540, 150 (by request); Lisa Geist 546; Larry Ballinger 489.

Announcements were made. Travis Keeton and Glenn Keeton led 267 as the closing song. Henry Guthery offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Lena Keeton

MT. ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Ashland, Alabama

Sunday, May 3, 2009

The annual homecoming Sacred Harp singing held at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church on the first Sunday in May was called to order by Eugene Forbes leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Jack Nelson.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Jenny Acton; Arranging Committee—Myrline Redmon.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 39b; Stanley Edwards 42, 56t; Jack Nelson 354b, 300; Brandon Acton 388, 117; Jacob Acton 282, 101b; Virginia Futral 569b, 566; William Futral 61, 341; Wendy Futral 35, 59; Floy Wilder 63, 350; Jenny Acton 170, 108b.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Eugene Forbes leading 100. A memorial lesson was held at this time. Myrline Redmon led 45t for the following deceased: Elder Kenneth Perry, Williard Frederick, Lee Rodgers, Oma Baker, Lora Kelly, and John Etheridge. She led 378t in memory of the Wallace Family.

Eugene Forbes led 340 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: John Plunkett, Lonnie Rogers, Mary Frances Forbes, Vernelle Amason, Maudie Frederick, and Betty Perry. The memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: Edna Ruth Phillips 164, 490; Audress Gurley 37t, 36b; Myrline Redmon 452, 571 (CB); Eugene Forbes 274t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Eugene Forbes leading 27. Leaders: Roy Nelson 457, 317; Sara Nelson "What A Day That Will Be", 148; Myrline Redmon 358; Eugene Forbes 112; Myrline Redmon 75; Virginia Futral 438.

Announcements were made. Eugene Forbes led 62 as the closing song. Roy Nelson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Jenny Acton

FURMAN UNIVERSITY SACRED HARP AND CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING

Nan Herring Pavilion, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina Saturday, May 9, 2009

The 12th annual singing at Furman University was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. Song selections were made from *The Christian Harmony*, 1873 Walker Edition (CH), *Christian Harmony*, Deason-Parris Revision (CHa), and *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Edition.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dan Huger; Secretary—Chris Wilhelm and Mary Baumeister.

The class was called to order by Frances Carnell leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Mike Spencer. Leaders: Frances Carnell 143; Dan Huger 181b (CH); Chris Wilhelm 248t (CH); Mary Baumeister 80t (CH); John Hollingsworth 81t (CH); Bill Hogan 133 (CHa); Robert Kelley 80 (CHa); Leslie Booher 67b (CH); Harry Eskew 208b (CH); Mike Spencer 209b (CH); Jason Hollis 99; Bill Hollingsworth 174t (CH); Jane Spencer 149 (CHa); Nancy Hogan 264 (CHa).

RECESS

Leaders: Frances Carnell 43; Leon Carnell 51; David Mitchum 35; Nathan Rees 482; Faye Hollis 299; Laura Akerman 34t; Jonathon Smith 528; Eddie Mash 304 (CH) (for John Plunkett); Ken George 381C (CH); Frances Carnell 419; Dan Huger 103b (CH); Chris Wilhelm 484; Mary Baumeister 539; John Hollingsworth 182; Bill Hogan 214 (CH); Robert Kelley 351; Leslie Booher 115b (CH); Harry Eskew 178. John Hollingsworth offered the lunch blessing.

LUNCH

Dr. Eskew spoke on the 200th anniversary of William Walker and led 45t. Leaders: Frances Carnell 145t; Mike Spencer 215b (CH); Jason Hollis 186; Bill Hollingsworth 236; Jane Spencer and David Libbey 122; Nancy Hogan 448t; Leon Carnell 268; David Mitchum 148; Nathan Rees 435; Faye Hollis 171; Laura Akerman 63t (CH); Jonathon Smith 218; Eddie Mash 64 (CHa); Ken George 255 (CHa).

RECESS

Leaders: Frances Carnell 434; Dan Huger 129 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 276 (CHa); Mary Baumeister 116b (CH); Bill Hogan 172 (CHa); Robert Kelley 219b (CH); Leslie Booher 215t (CH); Harry Eskew 128; Mike Spencer 177t (CH); Bill Hollingsworth 111b (CHa); Jane Spencer 115 (CHa); Nancy Hogan 321 (CHa); Leon Carnell 47b.

Frances Carnell led 347 as the closing song. Leon Carnell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dan Huger; Secretary—Chris Wilhelm and Mary Baumeister

JEAN COUSINS MEMORIAL SINGING
St. Marks Church, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft, United Kingdom
Saturday, May 9, 2009

Rev. Ian Bentley said an opening prayer. Mick Verrier taught a singing school. The class sang 312b, 49t, 276, and 312b again.

RECESS

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Lynne Cousins; Secretary—Chris Brown.

Michael Walker called the class to order leading 445. Leaders: Rachel Jordan 178; Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 47b; Nick Hall 155; Edwin Macadam 501; Mick Verrier 201; Sheila Girling Macadam 63; Sharon Langridge 159; Judy Whiting 68b; Steve Welch 503; Benny Ross 106; Chris Brown 127; Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 163b; Michael Walker 306; Sheila Girling Macadam 38b; Nick Hall 36b; Steve Welch 147t; Mick Verrier 268; Rachel Jordan 34b; Judy Whiting 171; Chris Brown 35; Sharon Langridge and Lynne Cousins 350; Edwin Macadam 198. Rev. Marilyn Zipfel gave thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Sharon Langridge called the class back to order leading 117. Leaders: Benny Ross 40; Chris Brown 362; Steve Welch 473; Michael Walker 70t; Rachel Jordan 48t. Mick Verrier conducted the memorial lesson and read the following names of the deceased: Jean Cousins and Rex Cousins—Lowestoft; Marie Holloway—Maryland; Jack Walne—Beaconsfield; Margaret Clay—Stockport; Trevor Sanderson and Betty Wilson—Co Durham; Rose Adelaide Baker—Massachusetts; Ian Ferguson—Bournemouth; Yvonne Blake—Hertford; and Brian Straughton—Essex. Nick Hall led 86.

Emily Verrier read the following names of the sick and housebound: John Plunkett, Melita Chynoweth, Erik Mogensen, Jack Crawford, John Green, Myrtle Ann Ballard, Mrs. Rollo Woods, Sue Arloff, Kathy Armstrong, Leo McGuigan, and David Lee. For them, Judy Whiting led 490. Rev. Ian Bentley offered prayer.

Leaders: Nick Hall 497; Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 457; Sheila Girling Macadam 474; Mick Verrier 272; Edwin Macadam 183; Michael Walker 168.

RECESS

Benny Ross called the class to order leading 274t. Leaders: Judy Whiting 273; Sharon Langridge 270; Chris Brown 330b; Steve Welch 287; Rachel Jordan 481; Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 143; Sheila Girling Macadam 299; Mick Verrier 163t; Edwin Macadam 236; Benny Ross 441; Nick Hall 515.

Lynne Cousins, Judy Whiting, Chris Brown, and Michael Walker led 350 (Jean's favorite) as the closing song. Rev. Ian Bentley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Lynne Cousins; Secretary—Chris Brown

OLD FLATWOODS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Nauvoo, Alabama
Sunday, May 10, 2009

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing was held at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church on the second Sunday in May beginning at 10:00 a.m. The

class was called to order by Jimmie Gilmore leading 36b, 32t, and 82t. The morning prayer was offered by Darrell Swarens.

The following officers were retained to serve: Co-Chairpersons—Jimmie Gilmore and Arthur Gilmore; Secretary—Jimmie Gilmore; Arranging Committee—Arthur Gilmore.

Leaders: Arthur Gilmore 108t, 565; Darrell Swarens 47b, 72b; Kevin Dyess 52t, 63, 61; Stella Pratt 68b, 111b; Leona Haynes 129, 277, 274t; Steve Adams 101t, 309; Brent Ingram 117, 133; Don Robertson 540, 127, 99, 100, 151; Warren Steel 65, 440, 418; Kermit Adams 426t, 426b, 67; Josie Hyde 124, 43; Travis Keeton 45t. The class agreed to make this an all day memorial singing. The noon blessing was offered by Dr. Warren Steel.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Darrell Swarens leading 84 and 198. Leaders: Travis Keeton 131b, 235, 343; Sarah Smith 222, 317, 392; Seth Holloway 354b, 406, 388; Kevin Dyess 35, 159; Warren Steel 37t, 153, 294; Steve Adams 378t, 358.

Announcements were made. Jimmie Gilmore and Arthur Gilmore led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Darrell Swarens and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Jimmie Gilmore and Arthur Gilmore; Secretary—Jimmie Gilmore

GARDEN STATE SINGING CONVENTION **Montclair Friends Meetinghouse, Upper Montclair, New Jersey** **May 15-16, 2009**

Friday, May 15

The 17th annual Garden State Convention was called to order by Gina Balestracci leading 27. After offering the opening prayer, she led 59.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Gina Balestracci; Vice Chairperson—Susan Bingham; Secretary—Claire Simon; Arranging Committee—Laura Densmore.

Leaders: Susan Bingham 30t; Claire Simon 107; Guy Bankes 350; Carol Werba 122; Eileen Metzger 68t; George Seiler 68b; Dennis Leipold 47t; Rachel Speer 81t; Peter Golden 33b; Dean Jens 48b; Becky Wright 82t; Thom Metzger 115; Chris Holley 74b; Myles Dakan 268; Jean Seiler 142; Doron Henkin 50t; Laura Densmore 313t; Gina Balestracci 38b; Claire Simon 523; Susan Bingham 542; Guy Bankes 543; Carol Werba 163t.

RECESS

Gina Balestracci called the class back to order leading 46. Leaders: Eileen Metzger 26; George Seiler 99; Dennis Leipold 300; Rachel Speer 428; Peter Golden 111b; Dean Jens 110; Becky Wright 270; Thom Metzger 423; Chris Holley 180; Myles Dakan 180; Jean Seiler 65; Doron Henkin 53; Laura Densmore 549; Susan Bingham 455; Claire Simon 547; Guy Bankes 391; Carol Werba 86; Eileen Metzger 182; George Seiler 503; Dennis Leipold 282; Rachel Speer and Dean Jens 532; Peter Golden 217; Becky Wright 216; Thom Metzger 416; Dean Jens 374; Chris Holley 32t; Myles Dakan 91; Jean Seiler 87; Doron Henkin 192; Laura Densmore 384. Announcements were made by Gina Balestracci, who then offered the closing prayer, and led 566 as the closing song of the evening.

Saturday, May 16

The Sunday session of the Garden State Singing Convention was called to order by Gina Balestracci leading 49t. She then offered the opening prayer and led 77b.

Leaders: Susan Bingham 510; Roland Hutchinson 36b; Diane Mennella 145b; Claire Simon 66; Charlotte Ehrman 365; Michael Kaye 56b; Nancy Mandel 89; Ina Shea 371; Terry Ryan 120; Margaret Bornick 486; Frank Evans 501; Kevin Griffin Moreno 228; Brenda Peña 229; Liz Cantrell 313t; Kevin Sims 37b; Inga Knets 439; Tom Tucker 142; Nora Dunn 411; Lauren Bock 377; Leon Pulsinelle 43; Roland Hutchinson 515; Ron Bornick 454; Paula Picton 296; Lynne Hoyt 339; Aldo Ceresa 536.

RECESS

Thom Metzger brought the class back to order by leading 159. Leaders: Steve Hoyt 31t; Kelsey Sunderland 521; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 286; Anna Mays 292; Daniel Hunter 464; Jennie Brown 441; Violet Krumbein 440; Dennis Leipold 475; Becky Wright 197; Jean Seiler 299.

Gina Balestracci conducted the memorial lesson and read the names of the following sick and shut-ins, and then led 472 in their honor: Nancy Weston, Brian Howard, Keran Keller, Myles Schofield, David Bornick, John Plunkett, and Nancy Katzen. Gina then read the names of the deceased as follows: Rae Green and John Etheridge—Florida; Kat Kincade—Virginia; Louis Ryan, Richard Altman, Bob Guida, Shirley Coplon, and Jacob Namm—New York; Dick Sontag—Connecticut; Evan Sarney—New Jersey; and Marilyn Darch—California. Gina Balestracci offered a prayer, and then led 549 in their memory.

Leaders: Guy Banks 503; Eileen Metzger 101b; George Seiler 480; Myles Dakan 178; Peter Golden 337; Thom Metzger 522; Chris Holley 148; Laura Densmore 328. Gina Balestracci led 180 and offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by George Seiler leading 49b. Leaders: Ron Bornick 276; Lauren Bock 284; Steve Hoyt 68b; Lynne deBenedette 383; Nora Dunn 216; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 83; Margaret Bornick 171; Dean Jens 370; Paula Picton 378b; Dan Hunter 528; Lynne Hoyt 569b; Kelsey Sunderland 349; Peter Golden 340; Anna Mays 564; Chris Holley 354t; Jennie Brown 540; Myles Dakan 344; Becky Wright 85; Guy Banks 569t; Jean Seiler 492; Thom Metzger 269; Tom Tucker 193; Liz Cantrell 318; Eileen Metzger 312t; Kevin Griffin Moreno 215.

RECESS

Roland Hutchinson brought the class back together leading 155. Leaders: Frank Evans 64; Ina Shea 160t; Leon Pulsinelle 40; Sheila Nugent 208; Violet Krumbein 224; Aldo Ceresa 422; Kevin Sims 288; Nancy Mandel 102; Terry Ryan 198; Diane Mennella 471; Michael Kaye 452; Inga Knets 172; George Seiler 146; Charlotte Ehrman 157; Susan Bingham 361; Roland Hutchinson 479; Laura Densmore 201; Chris Holley 160b; Lynne deBenedette 300; Peter Golden 425.

Following announcements, Gina Balestracci offered the closing prayer, led 62 as the closing song, and then dismissed the class.

Chairperson—Gina Balestracci; Vice Chairperson—Susan Bingham; Secretary—Claire Simon

PROVIDENCE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING **Vinemont, Alabama** **Saturday, May 16, 2009**

The annual Providence Primitive Baptist Church Singing was held at Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church in Cullman, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. Due to flooding problems at Providence Church they were unable to host the singing this year. The class was called to order by Kenneth Fannin leading 405. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Ricky Harcrow.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kenneth Fannin; Vice Chairman—Delone Cobbs; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Jennifer Lee.

Leaders: Delone Cobbs 39b, 31b; Anne Chalker 146, 235; Danny Creel 271t, 312b; Lena Keeton 475, 270; Judy Chambless 34t, 129; Travis Keeton 480, 343; Velton Chafin 488, 463; Butch White and Kenny White 503, 74b; Andrew Farris 186, 178; Richard Mauldin 446 (in memory of Ruth Denson Edwards), 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin).

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Delone Cobbs leading 75. Geraldine Sharpton led 542 and 421.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Butch White and Ricky Harcrow. Butch White read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Lonnie Rogers, James Cain, Glenn Keeton, Clarence McCool, Denson Hinton, and Julietta Haynes. Ricky Harcrow led 138b.

Butch White read the following names of the deceased: Elder Guy Hunt, Orin Floyd, Frank Williams, Marion Wilks, and Frank Hataway—Alabama; Elder Obay—Tanzania; John Etheridge—Florida; and Bill Reynolds—Tennessee. He led 30b.

Elder Harcrow spoke and offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Harrison Creel 111b, 111t; Will Allred 300, 196; John Merritt 268; John Merritt and Bridgett Hill 110; Carol Fannin 225t, 399b; Robert Chambless 145b, 84; Susan Allred 183 (in memory of Harley and Marie Guthrie), 378b. Ricky Harcrow offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Judy Caudle leading 134. Leaders: Ricky Harcrow 29t, 155; Rachel Allred 276, 142; Sonja Sipe 101t, 39t; Ken Tate 86, 120; J.L. Hopper 450, 418; Bridgett Hill 37b, 440; Nancy Tuck 335, 358; Janice Bridges 565, 569b; Adam Hale 171, 340; Caleb Allred 36b, 47b; Chrissie Holcombe 31t; Judy Caudle 177, 341 (by request); Ryan Hale 77t, 192; Garrett Sipe 63, 354b; Ken Tate 344 (by request); Laura Hale 384, 137; Henry Guthery “Higher Ground”, 478; Jennifer Lee 126; Judy Caudle 287 (for Carol Fannin); Kenneth Fannin 176b (for Mary Holcombe).

Announcements were made. Kenneth Fannin and Delone Cobbs led 45t as the closing song. Elder Ricky Harcrow offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kenneth Fannin; Vice Chairman—Delone Cobbs; Secretary—Judy Caudle

KENTUCKY STATE SACRED HARP SINGING Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles, Kentucky Saturday, May 16, 2009

The 28th annual Kentucky State Sacred Harp Singing was convened at 9:03 a.m. with words of welcome from Keith MacAdam. *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, and *Southern Harmony* were used through the day. The morning lesson was led by Keith MacAdam calling 155.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Charles H. Coulston; Secretary—Mary Brinkman.

Leaders: Keith MacAdam 58; Sharon Hill 497; Ron Pen 45t; Randy Webber 292 (SoH); Charles Coulston 569b; Mary Brinkman 313b; Rob Coulston 117; Zach Davis 133; Jim Thobaben and Keith MacAdam 16 (SoH); Laura Earles 128; Shirley Carlberg and Rob Coulston 236; Jennifer Lacey, Bernard Bandlein, and Keith

MacAdam 282; Joy Dunn and Charles Coulston 344; Sharon Hill 335; Owen Sammons and Ron Pen 183.

RECESS

Keith MacAdam called the class back to order leading 479. Announcements were made. Leaders: Nikos Pappas 269; Elise Parsons and Charles Coulston 524; Tylla Ovezova 31t; Kevin Kehrberg 181; Sarah Kehrberg 268; Karen Arnett 40; Bob Meek 123 (SoH); Pat Meek 159; Bob Sears 373; Don Waggener 256 (SoH); Darrell Swarens 72b.

RECESS

The memorial lesson was conducted by Rob Coulston. The following songs were led as follows: 47b in memory of Hanokh Sohil (India) and Charles Jacob, who were killed in an accident the day before the Kentucky Singing near Lexington, Kentucky; 146 in memory of Jim Taylor—North Carolina; 448t in memory of Martha Meek—Kentucky, John Etheridge—Florida, Bill Reynolds—Tennessee, and in honor of John Plunkett—Georgia; 49t in memory of Alton Parsons, Sr.—Kentucky; 278 (SoH) in memory of Joe L. Dunn—Kentucky; 95 in memory of Fred Hill—Indiana. The lunch blessing was offered by Jim Thobaben.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Ron Pen. Leaders: Bob Meek 63; Keith MacAdam 196; Tim Morton 59; Ron Pen 455; Laurel Cornell 223; Zach Davis 312b; Mary Brinkman 358; Tony England and Darrell Swarens 277; Donna Kwon 34b; Laura Morton 49b; Charles Coulston 299; Rob Coulston 333; Bernard Bandlein 242; Shirley Carlberg 334; Sharon Hill 388; Keith MacAdam 160b; Owen Sammons 210; Nikos Pappas (no number given).

RECESS

Ron Pen called the class back to order leading 209. Leaders: Randy Webber “Watauga” (original composition); Tylla Ovezova 61; Kevin Kehrberg 81t; Sarah Kehrberg 178; Karen Arnett 189; Fran Bradshaw 275t.

The singing was concluded with a prayer offered by Jim Thobaben. Ron Pen led 267 as the closing song.

Chairman—Charles H. Coulston; Secretary—Mary Brinkman

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL SINGING **Angels Gate Cultural Center, San Pedro, California** **Saturday, May 16, 2009**

The 17th annual Los Angeles Regional Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by David Olson leading 448t. Steve Lazicki offered the opening prayer. A business meeting was held with the following officers elected: Chairman—Bruce Hayes; Vice Chairman—Mary Rose O’Leary; Treasurer—Duncan MacLeod; Secretary—Larry Arnstein.

Leaders: Bruce Hayes 532; Duncan MacLeod 56; Larry Arnstein 273; Steve Lazicki 74b; Donald Nollar 312b; Karen Huss 236; Jennifer Obeidin 112; John Marr 162; Mary Rose O’Leary 217; Pat Keating 315; Laura Boyd Russell 270; Natalie Hall 200; Ron Huss 174; Betty Herman 542; Xaris Martínez 432; Marjorie Neal 434; Rick Russell 99.

RECESS

Mary Rose O’Leary called the singing back to order by leading 89. Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 368; Carroll Lunsford 294; Linda Booth 198; Betty Marvin 314; Marilyn Murata 506; Carla Smith 419; Tom Ostwald 504; John Rand 385t; Duncan MacLeod 216; Jennifer Obeidin 476; Larry Arnstein 492; David Olson 196; Bruce Hayes 189; Faustino Cruz 117; Rena Cifra 288.

RECESS

Mary Rose O'Leary called the class back to order by leading 70b.

David Olson conducted the memorial lesson. Marilyn Murata led 448b for the following sick and shut-ins: Josephine Tison, Mrs. G. Lewis, Jane Lions, Alma (NLN), Armando (NLN), Darius (NLN), Shisue Sugimoto, Fumie Murata, Paula Ogren, Grandma Joan, and John Plunkett.

David Olson led 285t for the following deceased: Bill MacCollock, Edward Demarree, Maria Trudeau, Bud Ogren, Cecil Piantadosi, Don McNamee, Brian Dall'Armi, Billie Loye, Kathleen (NLN), LaRue Muhammad, Jean Olson, Ray Booth, Donna Booth, and Fern Lazicki—California; Richard Steil—Texas.

Leaders: Laura Boyd Russell 101t; Carol Maas 34b; Sophia Park 45t. Steve Lazicki offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Mary Rose O'Leary called the afternoon session to order leading 274t. Leaders: Linda Booth 569b; Jerry Schreiber 528; Xaris Martínez 436; Michelle Packman 72b; Carla Smith 101b; Betty Marvin 228; Marjorie Neal 222; Carroll Lunsford 556; Tom Ostwald 268; Mary Rose O'Leary 411; Marilyn Murata 277; Pat Keating 492; Ron Huss 473; Steve Lazicki 133; John Marr 373.

RECESS

Stephen O'Leary called the class together leading 27. Leaders: Karen Huss 454; Tison Lacy 503; Bruce Hayes 254; Duncan MacLeod 475; David Olson 192; Rena Cifra 535; Natalie Hall 269; John Rand 278; Carol Maas 159; Polly Henninger 391; Stephen O'Leary 512; Sophia Park 335; Larry Arnstein 299; Michelle Packman 456; Richard Russell 48t.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Pat Keating leading 47t. Leaders: Ray Towne 446; Linda Booth 250; Jennifer Obeidin (no number given); Rodney Willard 49b. Final reports were heard. The Finance Committee reported that expenses were met. The Secretary reported that 81 songs were led by 36 leaders. There were an additional 35 people in attendance who signed cards, but did not lead. The Resolutions Committee offered thanks to everyone who helped make the singing a success.

Bruce Hayes led 276 as the closing song. Steve Lazicki offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bruce Hayes; Vice Chairman—Mary Rose O'Leary; Secretary—Larry Arnstein

NEWTON COUNTY SINGING

Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church, near Covington, Georgia Saturday, May 16, 2009

The 9th session of the Newton County Singing was held at Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church, southeast of Covington, Georgia, on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. Charles Woods called the class together by leading 49t. Elder Hermon Wilkinson welcomed everyone to Shoal Creek Church, the last active Primitive Baptist congregation in Newton County, and offered the morning prayer. Elder Wilkinson led 39t.

The following officers were re-elected to serve: Co-Chairmen—Hermon Wilkinson and Charles Woods; Vice Chairman—Mike Spencer; Secretary—Arlene Woods. Leaders: Arlene Woods 479; Mike Spencer 499, 467; Tony Hammock 61, 430; Helen Bryson 299, 178; Charlene Wallace 63, 99; Gerry Hoffman 82t, 83t; Earlis McGraw 225t, 201; Malinda Snow 373, 378t; George Burnette 417, 81t; Shannon Primm 48t, 133.

RECESS

Charles Woods reconvened the class by leading 128. Leaders: Robert Kelley 374, 466, 46, 159; Earlis McGraw 171; Shannon Primm 47t; Tony Hammock 148; Claire Sampson 45t; Beth Burnette 47b; Mike Spencer 382; Mel Sampson 122; Gerry Hoffman 274t.

LUNCH

Charles Woods called the class back into session leading 147t. Leaders: Mike Spencer 77b, George Burnette 282; Hermon Wilkinson 215; Gerry Hoffman 73b; Malinda Snow 344; Helen Bryson 313b; Robert Kelley 189; Earlis McGraw 544; Shannon Primm 410b; Tony Hammock 513; Claire Sampson 523; Kim Rodriguez and Charlene Wallace 323b; Mike Spencer 335; Mel Sampson 162; Gary Livesay 31b; Gerry Hoffman 297; Hermon Wilkinson 27; George Burnette 129; Malinda Snow 455; Helen Bryson 176t; Robert Kelley 234; Hermon Wilkinson 512, 300; Beth Burnette 84; Shannon Primm 292.

Announcements were made. Charles Woods led 30t as the closing song. Hermon Wilkinson dismissed the class with prayer.

Co-Chairmen—Hermon Wilkinson and Charles Woods; Vice Chairman—Mike Spencer; Secretary—Arlene Woods

ZION HILL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Douglas, Alabama

Sunday, May 17, 2009

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in May was called to order by Jackson Harcrow leading 32t, 82t, and 59. Elder Stoney Dorning welcomed everyone and offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jackson Harcrow; Secretary—Susan Harcrow; Arranging Committee—Jackie Tanner.

Leaders: Jackson Harcrow 63; Jackie Tanner 89, 101t; Susan Harcrow 126, 186; Butch White 86, 33b; Sarah Harcrow 39b; Ed Thacker 220, 204; Bridgett Hill 383, 542; Nathan Rees 435, 371; Leona Haynes 64, 146; Marlin Beasley 317, 318.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Blake Sisemore leading 35 and 142. Leaders: Joel Jenkins 144; Lisa Geist 377, 224; Richard Mauldin 339, 43; Donna Wootten 335; Larry Ballinger 338, 425; Aaron Wootten 30b; Kyle Blakeley and Katie Blakeley 81t, 75; Betty Wright 97; Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 283; Judy Caudle 322; Gravis Ballinger 300.

RECESS

Susan Harcrow led 426b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Drew Smith 74b, 168; Henry Johnson 100, 113; Lorrie Wootten and Marty Wootten 123t, 340; Dennis George 502, 556; S. T. Reed 70b, 88b; Jenny Mann 460 “Sweet Beulah Land”.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Blake Sisemore, Rodney Ivey, and Drew Smith leading 475. Leaders: Shane Wootten 417 (by request), 419; Linda Thomas 345b; Karalina Mann and Kaylee Mann 45t; Eloise Wootten 384; Bud Oliver 47t (for Evelyn Harris), 421; Cindy Tanner 480, 498; Marlon Wootten 99. The memorial lesson was conducted by Susan Harcrow and Shane Wootten. Susan Harcrow read the following names of sick and shut-ins: Lonnie Rogers, Clarence McCool, Julietta Haynes, John Plunkett, Myrtle Wootten, Bill Tanner, Pearl Galbreath, Ann Ballard, Rhoda Norris, and Evelyn Harris. She led 57.

Shane Wootten spoke and read the following names of the deceased: Alan Rosser, Nora Higginbotham, and Orin Floyd—Alabama; John Etheridge—Florida; Bill Reynolds—Tennessee; and Pauline Creel—Michigan. He led 163b in their memory.

Shane Wootten and Rodney Ivey led 398 in memory of Alan Rosser. Henry Johnson offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Helen Lambert and Larry Lambert 410b, 490; Rodney Ivey 316, 176t; Jackie Tanner 138t; Bridgett Hill 176b; Susan Harcrow 411; Dennis George 500; Jenny Mann 215; Shane Wootten 54 (for Billy Williams).

Announcements were made. Jackson Harcrow led 62 as the class took the parting hand. He offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jackson Harcrow; Secretary—Susan Harcrow

CANE CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Cleburne County, near Heflin, Alabama
Sunday, May 17, 2009

The Cane Creek Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Glenda Collins leading 46 and 101t. Stanley Edwards led 59 and 60. The opening prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Glenda Collins; Secretary—Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee—Donna Bell; Memorial Committee—Pearl Guier.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 123t, 225t; Stanley Edwards 223; Lou Cotney 172, 300; Curtis Hamrick 436, 100; Louise Holland 40, 36b; George Garner 112; Mary Jo Shafer 229, 503; Tony Hammock 321, 204; Margie Smith 317, 489; Cecil Roberts 569b, 97; Olivia Iverson 137, 274t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by B.M. Smith leading 176b. Leaders: Neal Prichard 134, 566; Pearl Guier 303, 32t; Sylvia Holland 47b, 45t; Lewis Norton 196, 387; Shelbie Sheppard 332, 448b; Ann Simpson 452, 445; Evelyn Harris 47t, 155; Marilyn Bradley 75, 34t.

Pearl Guier conducted the memorial lesson. She read two poems and Jeff Sheppard led 89 in memory of the following deceased: Jesse Cotney, Barbara Hamby, and Cordele Robinson—Alabama; Myrtle Smith—Georgia; Elder Gerald Hand—New Mexico.

B.M. Smith led 145t in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Mary Florence Smith, Lonnie Rogers, and John Plunkett. Charles Norton gave a report on the cemetery.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Lewis Norton and Cecil Roberts leading 338. Leaders: Pam Nunn 86, 63; Ruth Daniel 335, 378t; Jeff Sheppard 325, 318; Louise Owen and Amber Owen 143, 282; Lois Owen 373, 460; Curtis Hamrick 358; Nellie Mae White 312b, 58; Cecil Roberts 277; Mary Jo Shafer 117; Celia Sanders 354b; Donna Bell 480, 142; Jeff Sheppard 45t (for Eunice Webb and Celia Sanders), 192 (for Howard McGuire).

Announcements were made. B.M. Smith led 81t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Glenda Collins; Secretary—Hester Edwards

MOUNT PISGAH SINGING SOCIETY
(JOHN ETHERIDGE MEMORIAL - COOPER BOOK)
Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church, Stroud, Chambers County,
Alabama
Saturday, May 23, 2009

The annual session of the Mount Pisgah Singing Society (organized in 1903) was called to order at 9:00 a. m. by President Karen Clark leading 575. Gaylon Powell offered the morning prayer.

After welcoming everyone, Karen Clark and Don Clark dedicated the day of singing to the memory of former 1st Vice President John Etheridge, who passed away on December 5, 2008. They led 398. Since we met last year, four other supporters of the Mount Pisgah Singing have died (Lee Rogers, Frank Hataway, Walter Slay, and Eleanor Clark), and the day of singing was also dedicated to them.

The following officers were appointed to serve: President—Karen Clark; 1st Vice President—Rodney Ivey; 2nd Vice President—Shane Wooten; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Don Clark.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 464; Shane Wooten 380t; Donna Bell 572; Stanley Edwards and Marilyn Bradley 58; Ken Sundberg 550; Robert Chambless 96; Loretta Jones 138t; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Pierce Phillips 573; Nancy Hogan 84; Leon Etheridge 47t; Judy Chambless 181; Karen Rollins 293b; Andy Morse 572 (in memory of John Etheridge); Sue Bunch 544.

RECESS

Shane Wooten called the class back to order leading 393b. Leaders: Tommy Spurlock 319; Ken Kelley 112; Phillip Langley 140; Verona Andrews and Wally Ridgeway 274t; Bud Oliver 563; Frank Strickland 515; Emily Creel 133; Eva Padgett 101b; Morgan Bunch 68t; Bill Aplin and Victoria Aplin 101t; Tim Cook 443; Matt Hinton 381t; Shannon Primm 522; Cindy Tanner 559; Nell Estes 192.

RECESS

Order was restored by Rodney Ivey leading 497. Leaders: Tim Jones 120; Sonny Erwin 145b; Ted Mercer 357; Marion Patrick 358 (in memory of Eleanor Clark); Mike Hinton 434; Mary Whitehurst 414; Robert Kelley 98; Melanie Hauff 436b; Lindsey Wiggins 567; S.T. Reed 545; Nathan Rees 402; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 416t; Tammy Powell 183; Jonathon Smith 215; Kathy Folsom 508; Scott Ivey 500; Cheryl Foreman 53. Prayer for the noon meal was offered by Ed Thacker.

LUNCH

Karen Clark called the afternoon session to order leading 76b. Leaders: Wilburn Ellison 465; Floy Wilder 297; Lonnie Rogers 397; Henry Johnson 70b; Judy Caudle 86; Judy Hauff 163b; Mike Hawkins 29t; Lela Crowder 505; Cassie Allen 450; Bill Hogan 543b; Laura Densmore and Karen Clark 386; Richard DeLong 524; Carol Buche 574; Bufrey Dean 408; Syble Adams 367. Don Clark introduced Jimmy Ray and thanked him for all his help and hard work to make the Mount Pisgah Singing a success. Don Clark and Jimmy Ray led 282.

RECESS

The final session of singing resumed with Shane Wooten and Syble Adams leading 73t. Leaders: Jonathan Blakeley 38t; Guy Bankes 494; Crissy Fullerton 478; Philip Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore 80b; Helen Bryson 176t; John Kelley 405; Ed Thacker 110; Loyd Ivey 535; Judy Mincey 411; George Burnette, III 417; Jeff Sheppard 286b; Gaylon Powell, Tammy Powell, and Lindsey Wiggins 268t (in memory of Dick Steil); Phillip Reeves 49b; Everett Blackwood 30b; Jane Spencer 380b; Geraldine Rice 216.

Many sentiments about John Etheridge were shared throughout the day. Announcements were made. The officers of the singing, Karen Clark, Rodney Ivey, Shane Wooten, Donna Bell, and Don Clark, led 146, as those who wished took the parting hand. David Lee offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. President—Karen Clark; 1st Vice President—Rodney Ivey; 2nd Vice President—Shane Wooten; Secretary—Donna Garner Bell

DARIEN PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING AND HOMECOMING

**Tallapoosa County, Alabama
Sunday, May 24, 2009**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Darien Primitive Baptist Church in Tallapoosa County, Alabama, was held on the fourth Sunday in May. Bill Thomas welcomed everyone and opened the singing with prayer. Don Clark led 34b.

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

Chairman—Don Clark; Vice Chairman—Gaylon Powell; Secretary—Donna Bell. Leaders: Don Clark 36b; Carol Buche 99, 143; Judy Chambless 129, 501; Fred Hoerr 565, 288; Wendy Futral 35, 100; Lindsey Wiggins 385t, 440; Floy Wilder 382, 187; Virginia Futral 569b, 145b; Sonny Erwin 441, 454; Cheryl Foreman 42, 77t; William Futral 340, 341; Robert Chambless 70t (in honor of John Plunkett and in memory of deceased Sacred Harp singers), 480; Guy Bankes 481, 350; Tammy Powell 222, 189; Laura Densmore 485, 50t; Gaylon Powell 111b, 505.

At this time, a homecoming address was given by Bill Thomas. A short business meeting for the Cemetery Trust Fund was held and reports were given by Steve Welsh, followed by a brief church history by Claire Bishop Caldwell. Wayne Cotney gave the devotional, and in observance of Memorial Day, recognized all the veterans present and thanked them for their service to our country. Wayne Cotney blessed the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Karen Clark leading 505 (CB), 430 (CB) (in memory of Etta Sims Hall, a member of Darien Church who died last October shortly before her 104th birthday); Frank Bell Reaves and Gaylon Powell 274t (in honor of Irene Hodnett Knight), 339; Donna Bell 358 (by request), 503; Charlotte Bishop 229 (CB), 511 (CB); Sharon Whitehead 112, 164; Linda Fagan 335 (CB), 488 (CB); Nell Estes 120, 172; Marty Hoerr 159, 312b; Wayne Cotney 45t, 59; Jason Sanders and Laura Densmore 294; Carol Buche 178; Tammy Powell 163b; Cheryl Foreman 475; Lindsey Wiggins 318; Sonny Erwin 113; Guy Bankes and Laura Densmore 549.

Following announcements, Don Clark led 56t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Bill Thomas

Chairman—Don Clark; Vice Chairman—Gaylon Powell; Secretary—Donna Bell

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

**Eva, Morgan County, Alabama
Sunday, May 24, 2009**

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing was held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in May. The class was called to order by J. L. Hopper leading 145t and 205. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Guthery. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jonathon Thompson; Vice Chairman—Brandon Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 94, 95; Milford Cobbs 405, 381; Scott Ivey 109, 157; Bud Oliver 385b, 384; Marlin Beasley 283, 282; Larry Ballinger 528; Jonathon Thompson 155; Tom George 33b; Brandon Thompson 39b; Jonathan Smith 81t; Bridgett Hill 489; Anna Grace Sipe 77t; S.T. Reed 388; Nancy Thompson 65; Loyd Ivey 438; Joel Jenkins and Sarah Jenkins 411, 168.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Jonathon Thompson leading 34t. Leaders: Travis Keeton 179; Jackson Harcrow 503; Leona Haynes and Rodney Ivey 417; Henry Guthery 527; Joyce Walton 500; B.M. Smith 182; Jared Wootten 441; Cheyenne Ivey 88t; Garrett Sipe 63; Harrison Creel 111b; Rachel Allred 142; Jamey Wootten 123t; Lena Keeton and Harrison Creel 512; Ed Thacker 64; Chris Ballinger 270; David Ivey 558; Danny Creel 456; Dennis George 207; Ainslie Allen 77t; Andrew Farris 408; Gerald Holmes 268; Robert Walker 350. David Ivey offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jonathon Thompson leading 84. The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Caudle. She read a list of names of the following sick and shut-ins: John Plunkett, Freddie Briggs, Myrtle Wootten, Jennifer Allred Lee, and Jeff Johnson, and led 134.

The following list of names of deceased was read by Judy Caudle: Elder Guy Hunt, Omerlean Hopper, Frank Hataway, L.H. Gilmore, Milton Oliver, Nora Higginbotham, Johnathon Cobbs, Dexter Cobbs, Bera Bradford, and Mattie Townsel-Alabama; John Etheridge-Florida. She led 459 in their memory. Elder Daniel Hopper closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Dan Hopper 240; Rodney Ivey 550; Cindy Tanner 436; Ted Mercer 468; Susan Harcrow 475; Michael Thompson 298; Judy Hauff 275t; Marty Wootten 138t; Henry Johnson 418; Nathan Rees 439; Melanie Hauff 277; Lisa Geist 391; Richard DeLong 193; Cassie Allen 316; Sonja Sipe 36b; Susan Allred 399b; Delone Cobbs 101t; Susan Holmes 313t; J.C. Rutledge 569b; Ted Mercer 217; Judy Hauff 375; Melanie Hauff 212; Bridgett Hill 377; Larry Ballinger, Lisa Geist, and Chris Ballinger 472; B.M. Smith 448b; J.L. Hopper 449.

Jonathon Thompson led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jonathon Thompson; Vice Chairman—Brandon Thompson;
Secretary—Judy Caudle

THE BIG SINGING **Old Marshall County Courthouse, Benton, Kentucky** **Sunday, May 24, 2009**

The morning practice session of the 126th annual Big Singing using *The Southern Harmony* by William Walker was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Frank Nichols leading 103. William Paris offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Frank Nichols 8t; David Killingsworth 1, 107; Timothy Morton 24b; William Paris 7t, Nate Zweig 166; Matt Meacham 11; Marcie Thobaben 16; David Carlton 137, 123; Tom Waggener 276b, 38; Darrell Swarens 77, 275; Don Waggener 39t, 322.

LUNCH

Frank Nichols called the main session of the Big Singing together at 1:00 p.m., giving opening remarks and leading 103. Mike Miller welcomed the class. Frank Nichols led 133. Dr. Gene Gilliland gave a brief lesson in singing from *The Southern Harmony* and led 71 and 181.

Leaders: Harvey Elder 123, 332; Don Waggener 256, 252; William Paris 276b.

William Paris conducted the memorial lesson, leading 288 in memory of William J. Reynolds and William E. Hunt.

Leaders: Gary E. Clark 51, 31; Kerry Lovett 144, 89b; Tom Waggener 116, 189; David Carlton 64, 74; David Killingsworth 19, 266; Matt Meacham 46, 96; Timothy Morton 165t; Wayne Dell 213; Darrell Swarens 38; Robert Paris 8t; Nate Zweig 10t; Gene Gilliland 20; Sherrill Coursey 123; Matt Meacham 11; Darrell Swarens 299; Nancy Paris and William Paris 3t; Don Waggener 80; Matt Meacham and David Killingsworth 12; Laurel Cornell 22.

Frank Nichols made closing remarks, introduced the officers of the Society for the Preservation of *Southern Harmony* Singing, and led 334 as the closing song. Gene Gilliland closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman—Frank Nichols; Secretary—David Carlton

JACK SMITH MEMORIAL SINGING **Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia** **Monday, May 25, 2009**

The 9th session of the Jack Smith Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Oakhurst Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia. Joan Durdin welcomed everyone, and called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 479. Dan Huger offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Malinda Snow 63; Matt Hinton 31t; Erica Hinton 66; Bob Goodman 99; Lela Crowder 371; John Plunkett 145t; Malinda Snow 107; Mike Spencer 278t; Robert Kelley 346; Gaylon Powell 564; Cheryl Foreman 546; Guy Bankes 327; Karen Clark 534; Sonny Erwin 480; Laura Densmore 315; Bill Hollingsworth 365; Martha Ann Stegar 276; John Hollingsworth 230.

RECESS

George Burnette brought the class back together leading 282. Leaders: Dan Huger 47b; Phillip Langley 142; Jane Spencer 328; Roger Keane 178; Benjamin Dicks 59; Charles Woods 283; Carol Buche 547; Eric Tweedy 385b; Tammy Powell 454; Judy Mincey 475 (in memory of Lee Rogers); Elise Sparks 532; Jeremy Shipp 163t; Shannon Primm 460 (for all victims of war); Lindsey Wiggins 183.

John Plunkett thanked all for participating and recognized singers from out of state, including Alabama, Minnesota, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. He encouraged all local singers to travel to far-flung singings, adding that Sacred Harp singing grows stronger when people make the effort to attend more distant singings as well as those close to home. Andy Anderson offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Joan Durdin brought the class back together leading 47t. Leaders: Karen Clark 354t; Andy Anderson 31b; Tammy Powell 503; Carol Buche 86; Gaylon Powell 442; Dan Huger 48; Cheryl Foreman 455; Guy Bankes 467; Sonny Erwin 350; Laura Densmore 370; Sandra Wilkinson 100 (in memory of Harold Wilkinson); Laura Akerman 375; Andy Morse 51; Debora Grosse 143; Tony Hammock 434; Matt Hinton 272; Erica Hinton 102; Bob Goodman 497; Malinda Snow 474; Mike Spencer 282; Judy Mincey 242; Bill Hollingsworth 236; Jeremy Shipp 125; Shannon Primm 372; Robert Kelley 137; Lindsey Wiggins 383, 542.

At a business session the following officers were elected: Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Joan Durdin; Secretary—Malinda Snow.

After announcements, Eric Tweedy thanked Laura Akerman for her work on the monthly email newsletter, and Joan Durdin thanked all the singers for attending, as well as Terry Allen for arrangements at Oakhurst Baptist Church. Joan Durdin led 62, and John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer.

At the end of the singing, those who wished to stay sang informally from the Alabama *Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Chris Wilhelm 250; Dan Huger 85; Bill Hollingsworth 214; Gaylon Powell 203; Andy Morse 67b; Tammy Powell 168b; Robert Kelley 227; Sonny Erwin 76b; Malinda Snow 65b; Cheryl Foreman 255; Lindsey Wiggins 59b; Robert Kelley 59t; Dan Huger 64; Mike Spencer 361; Shannon Primm 339; Chris Wilhelm and Tony Hammock 282; Cheryl Foreman 258; Chris Wilhelm 9b; Dan Huger 74.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Joan Durdin; Secretary—Malinda Snow

HOLT COLLIER/MISSISSIPPI BEAR HUNT CONVENTION **Old Court House Museum, Vicksburg, Mississippi** **May 30-31, 2009**

Saturday, May 30

The 3rd annual Holt Collier/Mississippi Bear Hunt Singing Convention was called to order by John Merritt leading 59 (CB). Arlon Gardner offered the morning prayer. John Merritt explained that the class could sing from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*, or the Alabama *Christian Harmony*.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 138t (CB), 450 (CB); Arlon Gardner 155 (CHa), 277; Juanita Beasley 39b, 61; Robert Vaughn 569b, 340; Marilyn Burchett 175b (CB), 72 (CB); Vic Whisman 34b, 84; Sandie Scott 171 (CHa), 571 (CB).

RECESS

John Merritt brought the class to order by leading 120 (CHa). Leaders: Carolyn Thompson 53, 442; Luke Daniel 180 (CHa); Hugh Bill McGuire 328, 472; Elene Stovall 216, 534; Kurt Davis 87, 155; Gary Smith 281 (CHa), 142 (CHa); Will Gilman 44, 268.

RECESS

Henry Guthery brought the class to order leading 204b (CHa). Leaders: Hans Guttmann 505 (CB), 270 (CB); Natalie Davis 354b, 572 (CB); David Daniel 143 (CHa); Sr. Susan Dickey OP 178, 128; Robert DuPree 63t (CHa), 293 (CHa); Drew McGuire 209, 240; Ken Sundberg 513, 358; John Merritt and Ken Kelley 369 (CHa).

LUNCH

Gaylon Powell brought the class to order leading 248 (CHa) and 203 (CHa). Leaders: John Van Horn 168 (CHa), 133 (CHa); Danny Creel 354t (CHa), 172 (CHa); Alice Sundberg 511t (CB), 518 (CB); Greg Howard 574 (CB), 448t; Martha Beverly 264 (CHa) (for Ruth Wyers), 258 (CHa) (with John Merritt); Ron Ryan 55 (CB), 550 (CB); Emily Creel 140 (CB), 86 (CB); Mark Davis 41t (CHa), 101 (CHa).

RECESS

Henry Schuman brought the class to order by leading 32t. Leaders: John Merritt 392 (CB); Marlin Beasley 137 (CB), 500 (CB); Tammy Powell 64 (CHa), 250 (CHa); Robert Walker 214 (CHa), 171; Sarah Smith 279 (CHa), 40t (CHa); Bill Beverly 547, 86 (with John Merritt); Darlene Reynolds 484b (CB), 188t (CHa); Henry McGuire 522 (CB), 411 (CB).

John Merritt led 23b (CB) as the closing song. Robert Vaughn offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, May 31

The Sunday session was called to order by John Merritt leading 569 (CB). Arlon Gardner offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 316 (CHa) 19 (CHa); Juanita Beasley 56t, 63; Arlon Gardner 497 (CB), 380t (CB); Natalie Davis 345t, 79; Ron Ryan 210b (CHa), 333; Luke Daniel and Gabe Sonnier 109 (CHa); Sandra Melscheimer and John Merritt 176t (CB), 96 (CB).

RECESS

John Merritt brought the class back together by leading 'Higher Ground'. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 468 (CB), 521 (CB); Emily Creel 57 (CHa), 352 (CHa); Bill Beverly 191 (CHa), 81t (CHa) (with John Merritt); Ann Jett 170 (CHa), 180 (CHa); Robert Walker 51 (CHa), 99; Sarah Smith 59 (CHa), 117 (CHa).

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Vic Whisman leading 106. Leaders: Vic Whisman 503, 547; Yancey Jett 89, 108b.

Emily Creel and Elene Stovall conducted the memorial lesson. Emily Creel spoke of the sick and home bound and led 68b on behalf of the following: W.M. Allen, Harrison Creel, Clayton Ezell, Paul Figura, Shirley Figura, Hobbs Freeman, Marsha Headrick, Colvin Mann, Ester Mann, Ophelia Matthews, Clarence McCool, Brenda Merritt, Thurman Nall, Lou Nall, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Leland Owen, Myra Palmer, Sue Smith, and Ruth Wyers.

Elene Stovall spoke on behalf of the deceased and led 440 and 564 in memory of the following: Frank Hataway, Denson Hinton, Mattie Townsel, and Gertha Wooten Parker, known as Aunt Gee—Alabama; John Etheridge—Florida; Kathryn Benefield, Frank Block, and Lee Rogers—Georgia; Pauline Creel Childers—Michigan; Dr. William Reynolds—Tennessee; Monnie Ross and Dick Steil—Texas.

LUNCH

John Merritt called the afternoon session to order leading 111b (for Harrison Creel).

Leaders: Sandie Scott 464 (CB), 134; Danny Creel 133 (CB), 186 (CHa); Martha Beverly 82t (CHa), 82b (CHa); John Van Horn 263 (CB), 465 (CB); Greg Howard 313t, 488b (CB); Carolyn Thompson 504, 383; Gaylon Powell 232 (CB), 235 (CB); Elene Stovall 559 (CB); Hugh Bill McGuire 542, 196; Darlene Reynolds 490, 145t; Hans Guttman 38b; Marilyn Burchett 393t (CB), 229 (CB); Marlin Beasley 77t, 406; Tammy Powell 163b; Gary Smith 46t (CHa), 30b (CHa); Mark Davis 255 (CHa), 52 (CHa).

Announcements were made. John Merritt and Ken Sundberg led 323t (CB) as the closing song. Robert Vaughn dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—John Merritt; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Henry Schuman

MIDWEST CONVENTION

Chicago, Illinois

May 30-31, 2009

Saturday, May 30

The annual Midwest Convention was held at Ida Noyes Hall on the University of Chicago campus. In the absence of chairpersons Anne Heider and Steve Warner, Vice Chairpersons David Barford and Debbie Barford opened the convention leading 34b. Jim Swanson offered the opening prayer. David Barford read a message of welcome from Anne Heider and Steve Warner.

Leaders: Deborah Jedynak 114; Benjamin McKay 312b; Susan Geil 474; Brad Bahler 550; Jan Ketelle 212; Peggy Mistak 159; Randy Neufeld 171; Bob Sullivan 45t; Nathan Barford 178; Ryan Wheeler 107; Michael Mosley 430.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairpersons—David Barford and Debbie Barford; Vice Chairperson—Richard DeLong; Secretary—Rachel Adelstein. The business meeting was closed.

RECESS

David Barford and Debbie Barford brought the class back to order leading 215. Leaders: Jerry Enright 383; Christopher Wesolowski 143; Brad Oglesby 142; Ann Miczulski 145b; Carol Munro Mosley 455; Peter Bradley 228; Greg Creech 74b; Karen Edwards 99; Gillian Inksetter 151; Matt Hinton 365; Carolyn Deacy 547; Ginny Landgraf 397; Annie Grieshop 168; Aldo Ceresa 68t.

RECESS

David Barford and Debbie Barford brought the class back to order leading 36b. Leaders: Megan Jennings 436; Matt Wells 163t; Bridgett Hill 391; Christine Stevens 542; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 480; Mandy Brady 268; Steve Luttinen 387; Lucy O'Leary 340; Suzanne Flandreau 276; Nicoletta Rogers 426t; Rochelle Lodder 148; Katie White 40; Gary Gronau 192; Eleanor Haase 384. Herb Schroeder offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Richard DeLong brought the class back to order leading 403 (for Jeannette and Scott DePoy). Leaders: Mark Robeck 47b; Karen Bahler 155; Joe Todd 106; Kathy Williams 273; Sharon DuPriest 189; James Nelson Gingerich 34t; Lisa Bulawsky 217; Ted Johnson "Boulder"; Richard DeLong 419; Judy Mincey 468; James Page 272; Cassie Allen 442; Judy Caudle 411; Daphene Causey 434; Reba Windom 216; Mary Rose O'Leary 300; Paul Wyatt 460; Denise Kania 203; Molly Whedbee 70t; Tom Malone 558.

RECESS

Rachel Adelstein brought the class back to order leading 128. Leaders: Becky Browne 299; Kiri Miller 564; Robert Meek 344; Jim Pfau 475; Michael Appert 464; Ray Rechenberg 31t; Sarah Burghardt and Birch Burghardt 288; Jason Martin 180; Kay Huener 38b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 498; Virginia Warren 85; Beth Todd 335; Cathryn Bearov 368; James Baumgartner 112; Nathan Zweig 170; Brian How 313b; Cecelia Kramer 84; Jan May 146; Jo Schultz 350.

David Barford and Debbie Barford led 122 as the closing song. Ryan Wheeler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, May 31

The Sunday session of the Midwest Convention was opened at 9:30 a.m. by David Barford and Debbie Barford leading 207. David Barford thanked the University of Chicago Folklore Society for their help in obtaining the hall. Ryan Wheeler offered prayer.

Leaders: Jim Helke 157; Jeff Breting 350; Anita Shaperd 82t; Darrell Swarens 198; Kris Richardson 497; Benny Harnish 282; Ann Missavage 454; Don Keeton 317; Martha Henderson 548; Lauren Bock 373; Marcia Johnson 218; Gerry Hoffman 176b; Barbara Swetman 485; Jo Dell Albi 26; Kristi Harju 500; Karen Swenson 291; Beth Huener 532; Steve Rogers 439.

RECESS

Richard DeLong brought the class back to order leading 67. Leaders: Samuel Sommers 386; Lisa Grayson 383; Beverly Rose Enright 515; Will Gilman 114; Sasha Maslanka 354b; Lori Graber 228; Cheri Hardy 564; Melanie Hauff 421; Karen Isbell 448t; Robert Raymond 89; Julie Vea 430; Grace Scrimgeour 216; Eddie Mash 234; Kim Bahmer 384; Megan Dunning 76b; Ted Mercer 501.

RECESS

Mary Rose O'Leary brought the class back to order leading 213t. Leaders: Jim Swanson 396; Mark Dawson 236; Nancy Koester 569b.

Robert Meek conducted the memorial lesson. Ted Johnson read the names of the following sick and shut-ins: John Plunkett, Anne Ballard, Mary Wood, Charlie Derleth, Paul Figura, Paula Ogren, Joanne Bowman, Tara Long, Sean Jones, Edith

Lovinger, George Mosley, Bronwyn Lommel, Violet Thomason, Eugenia Sampson Minor, Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, Johanna Fabke, Madeleine O' Brien, Cindy Escobedo, Doris Littrell, and Connie Karduck. Eddie Mash led 474 in their honor. Ted Johnson read the names of the following deceased: Richard Grayson, John Taylor, Eleanor Phillips, Betty Jean Wise—Illinois; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Lilia Springer—Georgia/Wisconsin; Bud Ogren—California; Katherine Warren—New York; John Etheridge, Bob Fort, Pat Murphy Chambers—Florida; Shirley Mosley—Arizona; Bethalee Harpst—Ohio; Frank Block, Lee Rogers—Georgia; William Reynolds—Tennessee; Bob Brewer, Peg Hess—Pennsylvania; Kat Kinkade—Virginia; Evelyn Russell—Massachusetts; Lorin Blackstad—Minnesota; Frank Hataway—Alabama. Robert Meek spoke for the deceased and led 235 in their memory. Ryan Wheeler closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Ryan Wheeler offered prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Carol Munro Mosley and Michael Mosley brought the class back to order leading 436 in honor of Michael's twenty-first birthday. Leaders: Bob Borcharding 113; Sue Kessell 362; Judy Hauff 250; John Seaton 47t; Daniel Braithwaite 531; Clare Cardy 209; Kathy Williams 222; Matt Hinton 212; Cassie Allen 542; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 428; Daphene Causey 304; Judy Mincey 347; James Page 505; Molly Whedbee 319; Kiri Miller 521.

RECESS

Ginny Landgraf brought the class back to order leading 290. Leaders: Rachel Adelstein 91; Carolyn Deacy 29t; Reba Windom 269; Judy Caudle and Bridgett Hill 440; Marjorie Matthews 193; Jan May 503; Sharon DuPriest 137; Denise Kania 36b; Aldo Ceresa 422; Gillian Inksetter 297; Jan Ketelle 448b; Robert Meek 287; Jo Schultz 486; Becky Browne and Gary Gronau 270 (for Jeannette Wells); Richard DeLong 411; Jim Pfau 328; Bridgett Hill 377.

A business meeting was held for the purpose of hearing reports from various committees. The Finance Committee reported that expenses were nearly met. The Secretary reported that 159 songs were led by 132 leaders, and that singers had attended from 20 states and 1 province of Canada. The Resolutions Committee thanked all who had a hand in the Convention and reported that the Convention was resolved to meet again next year. The business meeting was concluded.

Announcements were made. David Barford, Debbie Barford, Richard DeLong, Rachel Adelstein, and Ginny Landgraf led 62 as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand. Ryan Wheeler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairpersons—David Barford and Debbie Barford; Vice Chairperson—Richard DeLong; Secretary—Rachel Adelstein

TOM MALONE FAREWELL SINGING **Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos, Michigan** **Saturday, June 6, 2009**

Bob Borcharding opened the Tom Malone Farewell Singing leading 28b. Pastor Jim Wenger of Faith Lutheran Church led 63 and offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Will Fitzgerald 130; Ann Missavage 157; Tom Malone 318; Sarah Trumbore 154; David Stowe 178; Mary List 143; Peter Trumbore 300; Peggy Mistak 496; Nate Zweig 497; Cecelia Kramer 34b; Bob Sullivan and Peggy Mistak 503; Charlotte Wolfe 99; Bill Beverly 547.

RECESS

Bob Borcharding called the class to order leading 29t. Leaders: Idy Kiser 385b; David Carlton 376; Marian Mitchell 198; Jeremy York 66; Susan Kendall 49b; Jo

Schultz 565; Samuel Sommers and Laurie Sommers 112; Bess Fitzgerald 40; Ann Miczulski 101t; Pat Forsberg Smith 146; Jen LaCluyzé 189; Francesca Cassara 545; Martha Beverly 218.

RECESS

Tom Malone called the class to order leading 59. Tom then told the class about his musical background and led three of his original compositions, 'Charlotte', 'Schuman' and 'Beverly'. Leaders: Tom Malone, Jeremy York, Elisha York, and Jasper York 313t; Tom Malone and Will Fitzgerald 'Stafford' (using alternate words); Mary List 267; David Stowe 515; Sarah Trumbore 117; Jo Schultz 532; Nate Zweig 177; Susan Kendall 487; Bob Sullivan 45t.

LUNCH

Ann Missavage called the class to order leading 107. Leaders: Ann Missavage 128; Marian Mitchell 472; Peter Trumbore 39t; Charlotte Wolfe 192; Bill Beverly 86; Ruth Dolby 350; Henry Schuman 193; Cecelia Kramer 268; David Carlton 272; Martha Beverly 377; Jen LaCluyzé 84; Idy Kiser 32t; Peggy Mistak 148; Ann Miczulski 240; Pat Forsberg Smith 352.

RECESS

Bob Borcharding called the class to order leading 155. The class was turned over to Tom Malone for a second set of his original compositions, 'Resolve', 'Elkhart', and 'Farewell'. Tom was then presented with a farewell gift from the Lansing singers.

Leaders: Francesca Cassara 142; Bess Fitzgerald 114; Jeremy York 369; B.J.

Schnorenberg 354b; Samuel Sommers 149; Will Fitzgerald 421.

Announcements were made. Tom Malone led 521 and 347 as the closing songs. Will Fitzgerald dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Bob Borcharding; Vice Chairman—Ann Missavage; Secretary—Henry Schuman

NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY SINGING

Grace Church, Berryville, Virginia

Saturday, June 6, 2009

The 16th annual Northern Shenandoah Valley Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Church by Kim Moreno, who led 59 as the opening song. Kim Moreno offered the opening prayer.

During a business session, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Nora Dunn; Vice Chairperson—Leyland delRe; Treasurer—Erin Gum; Secretary—Joel Miller; Assistant Secretary—Fiona Nugent.

Leaders: Nora Dunn 171; Leyland delRe 72b; Joel Miller 99; Fiona Nugent 224; Erin Gum 274t; Mary Langley 539; John delRe 466; Kathy Manning 500; Kelly Macklin 505; Mary Wright 446; Katherine Fahey 111b; Jon Giles 298; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 176t; Evan Duncan 80b; Pat Temple 567; Guy Bankes 550; Sheila Nugent 480; Miles Deacon 178; Tim Slattery 344; Mary Ann Daly 92; Ina Shea 568; Neil Golden 276.

RECESS

Cathy Tucker called the class back together by leading 34b. Leaders: Rosalie Duncan 106; Joni Seidenstein 506; Will Reilly 235; Frank Evans 315; Dan Hunter 342; Clare Chapin 120; Richard Green 163t; Eileen Metzger 182; Jim Strube 540; Kevin Griffin Moreno 218; John Alexander 312b; Tom Tucker 442; Lois Beatty 479; Zoe Clay 112.

Nora Dunn and John Daniel delRe conducted the memorial lesson. Nora Dunn spoke and led 68b in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: John Plunkett, Nancy Katzen, Joyce Baldacci, Erin Kelly, Mairi Quodomine, Victoria Bolles, Miles

Schofield, Mario delRe, and Dan Macklin. John Daniel delRe spoke and led 27 in memorial. Kim Moreno closed the memorial lesson with a prayer. Leaders: Carly Goss 230; Adrian Mariano 367; Craig Baughan 324; Deidra Montgomery 385b; Susan Green 551; Jim Glaser 396; Ben Vincent 270; Don Polaski 373; Nate Matthews 197; Tom Clay and family 155. Kim Moreno offered a prayer prior to lunch.

LUNCH

Jon Giles called the class back together by leading 32t. Leaders: Ruth Wampler 207; Kevin Sims 208; Zach Bullock 101t; Greg Freemon 285t; Sandra Polaski 148; Dean Jens 47b; Cathy Tucker 192; Hal Kunkel 362; Kelsey Sunderland 532; Oliver Kindig Stokes 411; Julian Damashek 196; Lauren Bock 217; Thom Metzger 522; Rachel Speer and her mother 282; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 432; Aldo Ceresa 214; Jimmy Brady 77t; Allison Schofield 58; Nora Dunn 240; Kelly Macklin 428; Eileen Metzger 457; Guy Bankes and Laura Densmore 549; Nate Matthews 348b; John delRe 42.5.

RECESS

Pat Temple called the class back together by leading 198. Leaders: Joel Miller 329; Lara Eilhart 203; Deidra Montgomery 548; Susan Green 350; Ben Vincent 189; Jon Giles 430; Leyland delRe and Jason Braithwaite 82t; Kim Moreno and John Daniel delRe 475; Hannah Polaski, Will Polaski, and Don Polaski 299; Lauren Bock 434; Pat Temple and Mary Wright 63; Kathy Manning and Sheila Nugent 76b; Kelsey Sunderland 492; Joni Seidenstein and Adrian Mariano 419; Jim Glaser and Jim Strube 569t; Tom Tucker 376; Rachel Speer and Fiona Nugent 209; Hal Kunkel 339; Allison Schofield and Jan Erik Steele 319; Julian Damashek and Zach Bullock 105; Ina Shea, Dan Hunter, and Sarah Whites-Koditschek 468; Carly Goss, Kathy Fahey, and Neil Golden 228; Kevin Griffin Moreno and Erin Gum 333; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 354t; Mary Ann Daly 383; Ruth Wampler and Oliver Kindig Stokes 394; Thom Metzger and Aldo Ceresa 216.

Leyland delRe offered resolutions recognizing the hard work of all committees and individuals who contributed to the success of the singing. Announcements were made. The closing song was 323t, with the class extending the parting hand as they sang. Chaplain Kim Moreno offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairperson—Nora Dunn; Vice Chairperson—Leyland delRe; Secretary—Joel Miller; Assistant Secretary—Fiona Nugent

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

South of Bremen, Georgia

June 6-7, 2009

Saturday, June 6

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in June. The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Robert Kelley.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 79; Carlene Griffin 77t; Earlis McGraw 225t (for Jessie Dutton), 163t; Phillip Langley 325; Joyce Lambert and Charlene Wallace 82t; Marilyn Bradley and Stanley Edwards 188, 58; John Plunkett 107, 71; Judy Chambless 494 (for Edmund Galladay), 40; Karen Rollins 354t; B.M. Smith 556; Jeannette DePoy 328; Robert Chambless 317; Tim Hambourger 183; Jenna Strizak 460; David Killingsworth 38b; Helen Bryson 456, 287.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman—Carlene Griffin; Secretary—Judy Henry; Arranging Committee—Hugh McGraw and Judy Henry.

RECESS

The class was called together by Cecil Roberts leading 229 and 285t. Leaders: Cheyenne Ivey and Paige Gilbert 76b, 88t; Eddie Huckaby 163b; Faye Hollis 340, 276; Donna Bell 209; Nathan Rees 227; Shannon Primm 483; Robert Kelley 279; Jerry Enright 36b; Judy Caudle 329; Michael Walker 170; John Feddersen 362; Eddie Mash 444; Scott DePoy 179; Cassie Allen 517; Lela Crowder 402; Alison Mitchell 148; Karen Clark 540, 467; Billy Hollingsworth 56b; Buell Cobb 52b; John Shippee 155; Erica Hinton 568; John Hollingsworth 182; Kelly Morris 147t; Lonnie Rogers 373, 389.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Richard DeLong leading 399b and 395 (for Geneva Prichard and Mary F. Smith). Leaders: Reba Windom 500; Eugene Forbes 168, 137; Sharon DuPriest 300; Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 143, 448b; Tony Hammock 400; John Whitemore 159; Lisa Webb, Christin Frey, and Jenna Frey 294, 358; George Burnette 81t; Pam Nunn 217; Nate Green and Norma Green 350; Michael Thompson 434; Harry Eskew 146 (in memory of singing Billy Walker); Nancy Newell 321b; Lynda Hambourger 288, 448t; Debora Grosse 277; Andy Morse 51; Jonathan Smith 222; Joyce Walton 192.

RECESS

Judy Henry called the class together leading 117. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 267; Jason Hollis 475; Louis Hughes 270 (for Bud Oliver); Virginia Dyer 63; Daphene Causey 140; Matt Hinton 549; Judy Mincey 538; Kelsey Wessels 218; Karen Freund 215; Jan House and Myron House 313t, 479; Sherri Taylor 430; Adelaide Hanson 99. Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace led 347 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Eric Tweedy.

Sunday, June 7

The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading 60. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 139; Phillip Langley 36t, 100; Danny Griffin 61, 81t (in memory of Gladys McGraw); Cecil Roberts 105, 32t; Earlis McGraw 181, 201; Robert Chambless 49b, 303; B.M. Smith 28b, 340 (in memory of Myrtle Smith); Karen Rollins 136, 34b; Judy Chambless 319, 453; Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 282, 122; Erica Hinton 74b, 500.

RECESS

The class was called together by Judy Henry leading 77b. Leaders: Lela Crowder 371, 77t; Michael Walker 111b, 193; Eddie Huckaby 410t; Matt Hinton 472, 112; Tim Hambourger 89, 339; Eric Robinson 101t, 569b; Molly Ellis 56b, 448t; Lynda Hambourger 145b, 98; John Feddersen 86, 400.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Karen Rollins. Phillip Langley led 354t in memory of Stevie Stephens. Matt Hinton led 285t in memory of the following deceased: Harvey Rollins, Elizabeth Tolbert, Lee Rogers, G.F. Rogers, Richard Johnson, David Wilson, Katherine Benefield, J.T. Robinson, Mary Sheirling Hannah, Frank Block—Georgia; John Etheridge—Florida; Elder Gerald Hand—New Mexico; Genora Meadows—Alabama; Jane Bruner and Marie Holladay.

In honor of the following sick and shut-ins, Kathy Williams led 330b: Edmund Galladay, Jessie Dutton, Tokay Shumake, Junior Robinson, Violet Thomason, John Plunkett, Raymond Hamrick, Michael Spencer, Ves Childs, Victoria Bolles, Sally McEwen, Bob Hambourger, Henry Bizzel, and Bud Oliver. The memorial service was closed with prayer offered by Cecil Roberts.

Leaders: Paul Robinson 128; Shannon Primm 48t, 129; Lonnie Rogers 45t, 186.

LUNCH

Richard DeLong called the class together leading 275b and 275t. Leaders: Jenna Frey 46; Nancy Newell 178, 344; Tony Hammock 416, 345b; Oscar McGuire 283,

515; Malinda Snow 437, 373; Bentley McGuire 428, 505; Dick Plunkett 268; Anna Hinton 354b; Louise Holland 35, 37b; Curtis Hamrick 192, 137; Sherri Taylor 273, 142; Laura Akerman 455, 425; Kathy Williams 276, 208; Mike Castleberry 401; Gabriel Pline 125, 48b; Sandra Wilkinson 475, 394; Donna Duke 121; Sherry Lovvorn 454, 318; Nick Kinney, Wyndham Garnet, Brigham Bruff, Elvis Perkins, and Matt Hinton 384, 417; Ann Simpson 445.

Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace and Carlene Griffin led 62 as the closing song. Matt Hinton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman—Carlene Griffin; Secretary—Judy Henry

LIBERTY DECORATION SINGING **Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama** **Sunday, June 7, 2009**

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing held at Liberty Church was called to order by Shane Wootten leading 144. The morning prayer was offered by Phil Summerlin.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—David Ivey; Secretary—Reba Windom.

Leaders: David Ivey 313t (in memory of Mattie Townsel); Loyd Ivey 89; Rodney Ivey 73t; Reba Windom 57 (in memory of Noah and Margie Lacy); Betty Wright 503; Robert Walker 99; Ed Thacker 43; Bobby Watkins 410t; Joan Aldridge 228; S.T. Reed 312t; Eloise Wootten 318; Tom George 471; Sarah Jenkins 101t; Gravis Ballinger 203; Pierce Phillips 551; Jackson Harcrow 38b; Bridgett Hill 330b; Marlon Wootten 147t; Sue Bunch 34b; Rex Wilks 378b; Shirley Figura 565; Ainslie Allen 77t; Lomax Ballinger 277; Cheyenne Ivey, Jessica Ivey, April Watkins, and Ainslie Allen 354b; Jamey Wootten and Hayden Wootten 100; Jackie Tanner 477; Sally House 171 (in memory of Karen House); Rachel Shaver 142; Alex Makris 119.

The memorial lesson was held in the cemetery with the class singing 340, 45t, 571 (CB), and 500 (CB).

RECESS

David Ivey brought the class back together by leading 33b. Leaders: Nathan Rees 435; Eddie Mash 39b; Dennis George 556; Phil Summerlin 66; Cindy Tanner 220; Jared Wootten 441; Karen Freund 385t; Joyce Walton 456; Morgan Bunch 428; Michael Thompson, Vista Mahan, Charles Mahan, Dennise Shoemake, and Stephanie Shankles 436; Roberta Strauss 276; Karen Isbell 224; Larry Ballinger 222; Karen Travis 29t; Joyce Whittington 68b; Earl Ballinger 31; Barrett Patton 314; Scott Ivey 442; Max Berueffy and Karin Covi 164; Jarrod George 270; J.T. Travis 128.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Shane Wootten leading 32t. Leaders: Charles Stiefel 47b; Jerry Enright 30b (in memory of Noah Lacy); Gail Aagaard and Bonnie 155; Betty Shepherd 216; Ann Drexler 87; Jonathan Smith 186; Daphene Causey 137; Jenna Strizak 187; Mark Eirich 324; Elene Stovall 215; Paul Figura 146; Kelsey Wessels 217; Adam Biddle, Loyd Ivey, and Marian Biddle 424; Ivey first cousins 465 (CB), 45t; Blake Sisemore 112; Judy Caudle 192 (in memory of LaRue Allen); Kelly House 564; Brian Maxwell, Avalea Maxwell, Gavin Maxwell, Ryan Maxwell, Isaac Maxwell, Alex Craig, Zach Craig, and friends 60; Susan Harcrow 411.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Rodney Ivey and Cassie Allen leading 358. Leaders: Cassie Allen 426b; Marty Wootten 559 (CB); Karen Ivey and Lorrie Wootten 545; Nate Green and Norma Green 271t; Linton Ballinger 385b; Sharon

DuPriest and Judy Caudle 302 (in memory of LaRue Allen); Billy Williams 448b; Hobert Ivey, Sylvia Ivey, Lorrie Wootten, Jared Wootten, Scott Ivey, and Rodney Ivey 47t; Henry Johnson 482; Mercy Watkins and Coy Ivey 384; Shane Wootten, Syble Adams, Joel Jenkins, Tony Ivey, and Adam Biddle 448t. Announcements were made. Shane Wootten, Eloise Wootten, Coy Ivey, Hobert Ivey, Loyd Ivey, Norman Greeson, and Norma Green led 491 (WB) as the closing song. Joel Jenkins offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—David Ivey; Secretary—Reba Windom

HILL ROANE MEMORIAL SINGING
Sherman Baptist Church, Calhoun County, Mississippi
Sunday, June 7, 2009

The 6th annual Hill Roane Memorial Sacred Harp Singing at Sherman Baptist Church was called to order by Mark Davis leading 37b. Roy Davis offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Warren Steel.

Leaders: Mark Davis 101t, 39t; John Van Horn 42, 43, 125; Natalie Davis 79, 345t, 354b; Andy Davis 215, 269, 198; Kevin Dyess 162, 163t, 282.

RECESS

Mark Davis reassembled the class by leading 73t. Leaders: John Merritt 131b, 38b, 271t; Kurt Davis 137, 155, 268; Arlon Gardner 83t, 201, 546, 542; Darlene Reynolds 569b, 335, 490; Warren Steel 291, 160t, 115; Henry McGuire 214, 535, 40.

LUNCH

Mark Davis called the afternoon session together by leading 334 (for Roy Davis).

Leaders: Chuck Howell 177, 313t, 127; Sarah Tidwell 72b, 89; Natalie Davis 572 (CB); Mark Davis 154b (WB); 60 (WB); John Van Horn 168, 176b; Andy Davis 183, 182, 254; Kevin Dyess 274t, 392 (CB); John Merritt 95b (CB), 95t (CB); Arlon Gardner 378b, 380t (CB), 65.

RECESS

Mark Davis called the class together leading 505 (WB). Leaders: Warren Steel 482, 274b, 271b (WB); Chuck Howell 96 (CB); Hugh Bill McGuire 64b (WB), 118b (WB); Mark Davis 56b.

Following announcements, Mark Davis led 378t as the closing song, and Chuck Howell dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Warren Steel

SHERRY GUTHERY MEMORIAL SINGING
Fellowship Church, Cullman County, Alabama
Sunday, June 7, 2009

The annual Sherry Guthery Memorial Singing met at Fellowship Church in Cullman County, Alabama, on the first Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Henry Guthery leading 59. Danny Creel offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 348b; Garrett Sipe 63, 274t; Anna Grace Sipe 32t, 77t; Sonja Sipe 30b, 39t; Anne Chalker 146, 235; Richard Mauldin 285t, 35; Kathryn Weaver 457, 141; Josh Keeton 189, 408; Elizabeth Keeton and Glenn Keeton 203, 209, 215; Lena Keeton 460, 454; Travis Keeton 475, 480.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ken Tate leading 147t.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery III; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Don Robertson. The class decided to change the name of this singing to the Sherry Guthery and Parker Family Memorial Singing. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Margaret Keeton 78, 276; Stella Pratt 39b, 335; Leona Haynes 298, 290; Corene White and Henry Guthery, III 216, 97; Delone Cobbs 490 (in memory of Walter Chandler), 379; Ken Tate 228, 472; Juanita Beasley 61, 72b; Geraldine Sharpton 542, 300; Henry Guthery, III 543, 434; Seth Poston 275t, 124; Marlin Beasley 340, 336; Harrison Creel 512; Davey McHan 390.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Henry Guthery leading 273. Leaders: Richard Mauldin, Seth Poston, and Christine Huffer 358; Faye Donaldson 269, 299; Kermit Adams 391, 426b; Steve Adams and Carolyn Thompson 309, 401; Josie Hyde 137, 361; Oleda Stewart 313t, 405; Carolyn Thompson 412, 397, 185; Seth Poston 30t; Danny Creel 312t, 312b, 176b; Don Robertson 142, 222; Richard Mauldin 294 (for Louise Price).

Henry Guthery led 521 as the closing song. Ken Tate dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery III; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

IOWA ALL-DAY SINGING **Berwick Congregational Church, Berwick, Iowa** **Saturday, June 13, 2009**

The 8th annual Iowa All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Bryan Davis leading 146. Sharla Hulsey offered the morning prayer. Annie Grieshop led 178 for all the founders of the Iowa Singing, many of whom have moved away.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bryan Davis; Vice Chairman—Bonnie Davis; Secretary—Annie Grieshop.

Leaders: Bonnie Davis 361; GeorgeAnn Evans 86; Michael Moore 40; Sharla Hulsey 198; Eric Saylor 117; Alice Olsen and Ginny Landgraf 45t; Bruce Western 51; Ginny Landgraf 506; James Page 272; Charlotte Baldwin 155; Matt Wells 503.

RECESS

Eric Saylor brought the class back together leading 74b. Leaders: Gaile Gallatin and Sharla Hulsey 49t; Deanna Jens and James Page 67; Hanna Peterson 277; Tom Hurlbut 106; Dora Miller and Ginny Landgraf 496; Sue Pearson 344; Rich Miller-Todd 66; Jim Engle and Sarah Engle 159; Ryan Wheeler 148; Shannon Bunnell 59; James Crawford 49b; Charles Meyer and James Crawford 163b.

RECESS

Michael Moore brought the class back together by leading 47t. Leaders: Jean Lubke 84; Brandi Jones 47b; Scott Kalberer and Charlotte Baldwin 182; Julie Bathurst and GeorgeAnn Evans 46; Doug Donley 171; Carol Crawford 70t. Sharla Hulsey offered a blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jon Pearson brought the class together for the afternoon session by leading 475. Leaders: Stephen Conte 102; Karen Swenson 26; Perry Lenz 30t; Annie Grieshop 168; Bryan Davis 335; Bruce Western 150; Matt Wells 270; James Page 284; Ginny Landgraf 162; Doug Donley 497.

A memorial lesson was held at this time. Bonnie Davis led 50b for the following sick and shut-ins: Ves Childs, Johanna Fabke, Bob Anderson, Bob Scorgie, Gary Jarvis, Lois Edgington, and Joe Henry Brown.

Sharla Hulsey led 510 for the following deceased: Josephine “Jody” Sparks—Illinois; Dora Adler, Barry Larkin, Joe Baker, Sarah Hesnard—Iowa; Roxanne Crawford—Wisconsin; Mary Jarvis, Bob Fort—Florida; Bethalee Harpst—Ohio; Lyantha Murphy—Scotland. She closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Ryan Wheeler 278b; Charlotte Baldwin 290; Eric Saylor 535; James Crawford 351; Sue Pearson 472.

RECESS

Tom Hurlbut brought the class back together leading 121. Leaders: Michael Moore “New Hartford”; Carol Crawford 99; GeorgeAnn Evans “Boulder”; Jon Pearson 368; Jean Lubke 312b; Karen Swenson 192; Anna Allen and Brandi Jones 457; Bonnie Davis 210; Perry Lenz 133; Stephen Conte 324; Bryan Davis 33b.

RECESS

Eric Saylor brought the class back together leading 479. Leaders: Sharla Hulsey 318; Michael Moore 151; Jon Pearson 551; GeorgeAnn Evans 304; Doug Donley 319; Bonnie Davis 276; Sue Pearson 474; Bryan Davis and Patty Andrews 34t.

After announcements, Bryan Davis led 347 as the closing song. Sharla Hulsey dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Bryan Davis; Vice Chairman—Bonnie Davis; Secretary—Annie Grieshop

EXETER ALL-DAY SINGING **Douglasville, Pennsylvania** **Sunday, June 13, 2009**

Ted Stokes called the class to order by leading 354t, followed by Hal Kunkel offering an opening prayer. The welcome and opening announcements included a reminder to singers that next year’s Exeter Singing will revert to its usual date, the Saturday before the third Sunday in June.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ted Stokes; Vice Chairman—Oliver Kindig-Stokes; Secretary—Ina Shea; Treasurer—Tom Stokes.

Leaders: Oliver Kindig-Stokes 378t; Elizabeth Stokes 288; Ina Shea 405; Anna Mays 371; Guy Banks 350; Laura Densmore 313t; Lamar Matthew 335; Dawn Chang 155; Dan Hunter 345b; Ames Bielenberg 33b; Nancy Katzen 472; Tom Tucker 504; Heather Batson 430; Leon Pulsinelle 34t; Susan Bingham 107; Cindy Wasson 542; Hal Kunkel 456; Lynne Hoyt 317; Claire Simon 270; Terry Ryan 71; Fiona Nugent 224; Aldo Ceresa 377; Becky Wright 81t; John DelRe 272; Sue Hanson 479; Steve Hoyt 282.

RECESS

Dan Hunter called the class back together leading 134. Leaders: Nancy Mandel 370; Lorah Hopkins 122; Nora Dunn 421; Violet Krumbein 383; Justin Moynihan and Anna Mays 448b; Crystal Burnham 47t; Julian Damashek 276; Jenny Brown 228; Tom Stokes and Oliver Kindig-Stokes 34b; Kelly Macklin 433; Suzan Greenberg 385b; James Nugent 99; Diane Mennella 318; Allison Schofield 67; Peter Golden 340; Kelsey Sunderland 206; Leon Pulsinelle 448t; Sheila Nugent 128; Guy Banks 327; Nancy Katzen 300; Ames Bielenberg 277; Cindy Wasson 271t; Fiona Nugent 117; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 500; Ina Shea 230; Anna Mays 475; Lamar Matthew led 312b and offered a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Tom Tucker called the class back to order leading 53. Leaders: Elizabeth Stokes 373; Laura Densmore 522; Hal Kunkel 460; Allison Schofield 384; Ted Stokes 396; John DelRe 445; Nora Dunn 216; Henry Schuman 193; Zoe Clay 268; Peter Golden 324; Aldo Ceresa 240; Kelsey Sunderland 440; Dan Hunter 242; Jenny Brown 434; Tom Clay 56b; Kelly Macklin 485; Julian Damashek 192; Crystal Burnham 129; Terry Ryan 524; Becky Wright 196; Claire Simon 473; Doron Henkin 474; Violet Krumbein 378b; Sheila Nugent 35; Lynne Hoyt 393. Announcements were made.
RECESS

John DelRe called the class together by leading 58. Leaders: Diane Mennella 532; Sue Hanson 142; Dawn Chang 273; Tom Tucker 191; Suzan Greenberg 183; John Stokes and Oliver Kindig-Stokes 287; Nancy Mandel 74t; Zoe Clay 112; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 110; Mel Novnor and Ina Shea 159; James Nugent 388; Lorah Hopkins 28t; Susan Bingham 168; Steve Hoyt 154; Henry Schuman 426b; Doron Henkin 380; Violet Krumbein and Crystal Burnham 269; Hal Kunkel and Peter Golden 189; John DelRe and Sheila Nugent 215; Diane Mennella, Terry Ryan, and Nancy Mandel 203; Laura Densmore and Henry Schuman 411; Kelly Macklin and Ina Shea 431; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Aldo Ceresa 550; Zoe Clay, Fiona Nugent, James Nugent, and Anna Bowen 209; Kelsey Sunderland, Jennie Brown, Julian Damashek, and Becky Wright 564; Susan Bingham and Claire Simon 198; Nora Dunn and Allison Schofield 76b; Ted Stokes and Oliver Kindig-Stokes 462. Ted Stokes and Oliver Kindig-Stokes led 62 as the closing song. Nancy Katzen offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Ted Stokes; Vice Chairman—Oliver Kindig-Stokes; Secretary—Ina Shea

SOUTHEAST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING **Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church, Madisonville, Texas** **Saturday June 13, 2009**

The 6th annual Southeast Texas Sacred Harp Singing was held at Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church in Madisonville, Texas, on Saturday before the second Sunday in June. Gaylon Powell called the class order by leading 31b. Josh McClain offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Charles Whitmer; Vice Chairperson—Olivia Powell; Secretary—Tammy Powell.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 31t; Charles Whitmer 147t, 408; Olivia Powell 209, 168; Tammy Powell 217, 142; Matt Bell 77t, 72b; Joshua McClain 76b, 400; Amanda Deardorff 143, 148; Crystal Meadows 74b, 328; Richard Ivey 39t, 187; Chris Nicholson 84, 34b; Larry Hall 171, 315; Ron Ryan 426b, 135.

RECESS

Charles Whitmer called the class back together by leading 49b. Leaders: Kevin Powell 107, 178; Lindsey Wiggins 276, 228; Gaylon Powell 564, 500; Olivia Powell 532, 128; Matt Bell 38b, 63; Joshua McClain 34t, 56t; Crystal Meadows 475, 212; Richard Ivey 111t, 411. Gaylon Powell offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Charles Whitmer leading 229. Leaders: Charles Whitmer 320; Tammy Powell 454, 503; Chris Nicholson 282, 480; Larry Hall 479, 551; Kevin Powell 442, 29t; Ron Ryan 176t, 47t; Lindsey Wiggins 131t, 183; Amanda Deardorff 35, 40; Joshua McClain 179, 45t; Crystal Meadows 273, 272.

RECESS

Charles Whitmer called the class back to order by leading 71. Leaders: Richard Ivey 512, 353; Chris Nicholson 32t, 569b; Ron Ryan 167, 75; Larry Hall 78, 300; Lindsey Wiggins 189, 448b; Gaylon Powell 433, 538; Olivia Powell 430, 192; Amanda

Deardorff 448t, 358; Kevin Powell 344, 270. Announcements were made. Charles Whitmer led 46 as the closing song. Kevin Powell offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Charles Whitmer; Vice Chairperson—Olivia Powell; Secretary—Tammy Powell

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING, CORNING
First United Methodist Church, Corning, New York
Saturday, June 13, 2009

The New York State Regional Sacred Harp Singing was held at the First United Methodist Church, Corning, New York, on Saturday before the second Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Bob Wheeler leading 49t, and then offering the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman/Chaplain—Bob Wheeler; Secretary/Treasurer—Lucy Roberts; Hospitality/Arranging Committee—Virginia Huszagh.

Leaders: Michael Heyerman 503, 147t; Denise Morris 107, 350; Lucy Roberts 268, 59; Jerusha Wheeler 312t, 551; Virginia Huszagh 56t, 148; Melody Johnson 143, 274t; Bob Wheeler 63, 569t; Michael Heyerman 209, 99; Denise Morris 47t, 189.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Lucy Roberts leading 46. Leaders: Lucy Roberts 542, 384; Jerusha Wheeler 45t, 269; Virginia Huszagh 178, 40; Melody Johnson 122, 475; Bob Wheeler 171, 299; Michael Heyerman 448t, 29t; Denise Morris 452, 361.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Lucy Roberts leading 448b. Leaders: Lucy Roberts 362; Jerusha Wheeler 133, 58; Virginia Huszagh 479, 159; Melody Johnson 335, 71; Bob Wheeler 268, 155; Michael Heyerman 291, 270; Denise Morris 566, 236; Lucy Roberts 501, 334; Jerusha Wheeler 142, 276; Virginia Huszagh 49b, 198; Melody Johnson 146, 478; Bob Wheeler 68b, 147b; Michael Heyerman 86, 480.

RECESS

Denise Morris brought class back together by leading 34b. Leaders: Denise Morris 72b; Lucy Roberts 324, 311; Jerusha Wheeler 217, 85; Virginia Huszagh 38b, 497; Melody Johnson 48t, 340; Bob Wheeler 162, 73b; Michael Heyerman 163t, 215; Denise Morris 128; Lucy Roberts 183, 288.

Bob Wheeler led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Bob Wheeler, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bob Wheeler; Secretary—Lucy Roberts

HOPEWELL HOMECOMING
Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama
June 13-14, 2009
Saturday, June 13

The 63rd annual Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp singing was held at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Oneonta, Alabama, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in June. Terry Hullett called the class to order by leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 129; Nate Green 34b, 50b; Bobby Watkins 410t, 448t; Philip Gilmore 36b, 278b; J.L. Hopper 91, 449; Karen Clark 387; Eddie Mash 96, 168; Wade Kotter 122; B.M. Smith 475; Judy Whiting 68b; Connie Stanton 456; Jim

Aaron 163b; Paul Figura 457; Hubert Nall 312b; Xaris Martínez 371; Cassie Allen and Ainslie Allen 77t.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class together by leading 76b. A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretaries—Rebekah Gilmore and Paula Gilmore; Arranging Committee—Bobby Watkins.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 556; Margie Smith 225t; Chris Brown 28b; Chrissy Watkins and Cindy Tanner 200; Doyle Alexander 144; Charlene Wallace 283; Carolyn Thompson 185; Pierce Phillips 32t; Darrell Swarens 72b; Stephanie Fida 472; Bud Oliver 73t.

RECESS

Bobby Watkins brought the class together by leading 112. Leaders: Philippa Stoddard 474; Chris Green 418; April Watkins 146; Robert Stoddard 564; Floy Wilder 350; Marlin Beasley 460; Kristie Harju 500; Aubrey Barfield 480; Shirley Figura 39t; Doug Conn 546; Leona Haynes 277; Paula Gilmore 270; Blake Sisemore 385b; Judy Caudle 134; Larry Ballinger 151; Don Clark 215; Cheyenne Ivey 37b; Sandie Scott 137; Elizabeth Stoddard 411; Eugene Forbes 299.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Bobby Watkins leading 454. Leaders: Bridgett Hill 276; Thomas Smith 203; Wayne Dell 268; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Ian Quinn 163t; Sarah Smith 340; Rene Greene 522; John Merritt 511 (OSH); Rebekah Gilmore 290; Pam Nunn 528; Henry Johnson 425; Tommie Spurlock 430; Shelby Sampson 383; Stella Pratt 39b; Bea Carnathan 47b; Brenda Merritt 542; Marilyn Burchett 29t; Velton Chafin 487; Terry Barber 377; Ben Faucher 503; Anne Chalker 235; Mike Hinton 534; Ruth Dolby 34b; Chris Holley and Kathe Pilibosian 201; Norma Green 43; Calvin Phillips 406; Bridgett Hill 282; Karen Clark, Philip Gilmore, and Rebekah Gilmore 178.

Terry Hullett and Nate Green led 445 as the closing song. Elder Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, June 14

The Sunday session of the Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Nate Green leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

Leaders: Nate Green 46; Bobby Watkins 33b, 39t; Philip Gilmore 37b, 30t; Henry Johnson 111t, 111b; Wade Kotter 139, 40; Doyle Alexander 45t, 68b; Bud Oliver 421, 343; B.M. Smith 123t, 354t; Norma Green 313t, 84; Leona Haynes 319, 290.

RECESS

Bobby Watkins brought the class together leading 318. Leaders: Genny Whitworth and Nate Green 220; April Watkins 401; Ed Thacker 535, 475; Jeff Sheppard 404, 392; Chrissy Watkins 335, 215; Jason Kirby 128; Stella Pratt 452, 75; Rodney Ivey 67, 57; Margie Smith 373; Carol Selleck 499, 70b; Terry Wootten 101t, 129.

RECESS

B.M. Smith brought the class together leading 222. Leaders: Judy Caudle 278t, 278b. The memorial lesson was conducted by Linda Thomas and Philip Gilmore. Elder Gilmore read scripture from Psalms, and led 48t in memory of the following deceased: Ann Phillips, Alma Phillips Lambert, Gertha Wootten Parker, L.H. Gilmore, Nora Oliver Higginbotham, Mattie Townsel, John Etheridge, Frank Hataway, and Elder Gerald Hand.

Jordan Ratliff sang "Sweet Beulah Land" for the following sick and shut-ins: Jewel Wootten, Jessica Davis, Pearl Galbreath, Myrtle Wootten, John Plunkett, Ves

Childs, Holly Childs, and Estelle Gilmore. Doug Conn offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Nate Green leading 100. Leaders: Ben Faucher 288, 317; Scott Ivey 418, 472; Buell Cobb 207, 131b; Doug Conn 74b, 99; Linda Thomas 345b, 171; Cassie Holmes 358, 159; Chris Green 127, 517 (WB); Katrina Holmes 119, 37b; Vella Dailey 47t, 59; Rebekah Gilmore 168, 47b; Paula Gilmore 145b; Philip Gilmore and Paula Gilmore 512; Wade Kotter 63, 145t; Carol Selleck 482; Philip Gilmore and Grace Gilmore 388; Philip Gilmore and Mary Jewel Gilmore 348b. "Three Generations" (Linda Thomas, Teresa Ratliff, and Jordan Ratliff) sang "Mercy Seat".

Nate Green, Norma Green, Bobby Watkins, and Henry Johnson led 62 as the closing song. Henry Johnson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretaries—Rebekah and Paula Gilmore

ALPHARETTA MUNICIPAL BUILDING SINGING **Alpharetta, Georgia** **Sunday, June 14, 2009**

The 141st annual session of the Alpharetta Municipal Building Singing was held on the second Sunday in June. Richard DeLong brought the class to order leading 81t and 61. John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Mike Castleberry 285t, 76b; Andy Anderson 47t, 63; Malinda Snow 471, 38t; Scott DePoy 201, 277; Susan Posey 39t, 32t; Tony Hammock 321, 112; Jeannette DePoy 300, 122 (in memory of her father, Frank Block); John Hollingsworth 176t, 182; Helen Bryson 28, 365; Tom Ivey 87, 260.

RECESS

Scott DePoy called the class to order leading 179.

A business session was held with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Richard DeLong; Co-Vice Chairmen—Faye Holbrook and Mike Castleberry; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson.

Leaders: Faye Holbrook 67, 455; Charles Woods 453, 197; Janice Paulk 75, 478; John Plunkett 74b (in memory of Loy Garrison), 516; Lela Crowder 370, 124; Billy Hollingsworth 500, 250; Shannon Primm 313b, 126; Oscar McGuire 155, 573; Violet Thomason 189, 318.

LUNCH

Richard DeLong called the class to order leading 74t and 399b. Leaders: Ted Brown 303, 176b; Helen Brown 396, 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson); Michael Walker 138t, 200; Sarah West 88t, 335; Ruth Steggle 228, 454; Jacki Selby-McLeod 312b, 330b; Margaret Gillanders 503, 475; Chris Brown 38b, 324; Maria Wallace 148, 159; Susan Kleinfelter 384, 143; Judy Whiting 72b, 273.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Richard DeLong, and he remarked that "We've lost some of our stalwarts of this singing". Matt Hinton led 146 for the following deceased: Lee Rogers, Elder Gerald Hand, Jane Bruner, Frank Block, and Elizabeth Tolbert.

Helen Bryson led 70b for the following sick and shut ins: Gertrude DeLong, Dot Garrison, Sally McEwen, and John Plunkett. Richard DeLong led 27 and 338 for all those families who've kept this singing going throughout the years. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by John Hollingsworth.

Helen Brown led 36b.

RECESS

Scott DePoy called the class back to order leading 37b. Leaders: Becky DeLong Allmon 170; Shirley DeLong Ellis 192; Kimberly Brewer 65; Debora Gross 268; Vaudie Sherer 143; Sharon Strom 89; Stephanie Tingler 527; Erica Hinton 389; Dianne Wall 497; Molly Ellis 56b; George Burnette 101t; Matt Hinton 47b; Valerie Francis 323b.

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong and Violet Thomason led 45t as the closing hymn. The closing prayer was offered by Matt Hinton, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Richard DeLong; Co-Vice Chairmen—Faye Holbrook and Mike Castleberry; Secretary—Helen Bryson

ALDRIDGE MEMORIAL
Pleasant Hill (Johnson Schoolhouse) Fayette, Alabama
Sunday, June 14, 2009

The annual Aldridge Memorial Sacred Harp singing held at Pleasant Hill Church on the second Sunday in June was called to order by Joan Aldridge leading 36b.

Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Joan Aldridge; Vice Chairperson—Elene Stovall; Secretary—Carolyn Thompson; Arranging Committee—Bridgett Hill.

Leaders: Elene Stovall 217; Carolyn Thompson 82t; Bridgett Hill 37b; Juanita Beasley 61; Marilyn Burchett 95; Gary Smith 155; Travis Keeton 129; Martha Beverly 377; Lori Graber 385b; Wayne Dell 66; Shirley Figura 176t; Gravis Ballinger 182; Earl Ballinger 177; Henry Guthery 149; Tom George 220; Sarah Smith 282; Connie Stanton 344; Patti Doss 426t; Stephanie Fida 542; Virginia Eldridge 83b; Harrison Creel 111b; Lena Keeton 124; Andrew Farris 287; Kristi Harju 564, 209; Idy Kiser 312b; Kermit Adams 99.

RECESS

Elene Stovall and Coy Ivey brought the class back together leading 222. Leaders: Coy Ivey 384; Eddie Mash 263; Steve Adams 309; Sandie Scott 225t; Adrian Eldridge 340; Glenn Keeton 504; Paul Figura 56t; Larry Ballinger 215; Ruth Dolby 350; Pat Temple 373; Karen Isbell 348b; Dennis George 455; Presley Barker 454; Lou Kujawinski 272; Rebecca Eldridge 442; James Eldridge 317; Katherine Eldridge 87; Ian Quinn 38t; Lucy Heidorn 186. Henry Guthery offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was reconvened for the afternoon session by Joan Aldridge leading 112. Leaders: Beth Ballinger 200; Amber Davis 142; Richard Schmeidler 474; Kathe Pilibosian 32t; Kelly House 192; Xaris Martínez 304; Penny Kujawinski 196; Jonathan Smith 224; Danny Creel 269; Lisa Geist 528; Mike Hinton 532; Nathan Zweig 275b; Phillippa Stoddard 335; Thomas Smith 495; Anita Landess 389; Terri Barber 500; Chris Ballinger 84; Linda Coppock 114; Darrell Swarens 208.

RECESS

The class was returned to order by Bridgett Hill leading 411. Leaders: Elizabeth Stoddard 216; Robert Stoddard 362; Bonnie Davis 30t; Allison Davis 436; Chris Holley 77t; Mary Wright 35; Josie Hyde and Rebecca Eldridge 507; Seth Poston 401; Karen Swenson 448t; Jim Coppock 198; Shelby Sampson 162; Emily Thompson 392; Bea Carnathan 438; Bunk Beasley 72b; Marlin Beasley 278t; John Merritt and James Eldridge 278b; Velton Chafin 130.

Announcements were made. Joan Aldridge led 46 as the closing song. Henry Guthery offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairperson—Joan Aldridge; Vice Chairperson—Elene Stovall; Secretary—Carolyn Thompson

CAMP FASOLA 2009 (SESSION I)
Camp McDowell, Near Double Springs, Alabama
June 14-18, 2009

Sunday, June 14

This year's adult session was held at Camp McDowell, an Episcopal Church camp, with motel-type housing, modern facilities, and a new chapel where many classes and all group singings were held. Campers gathered on Sunday to register at Pradat Hall, pick up T-shirts and room assignments, and get settled. A morning storm had knocked out power, but the staff put together a fine sandwich supper at Stough Dining Hall. Following that, the singers met nearby in the new Chapel of St. Francis for orientation. David Ivey welcomed all, introduced the teachers, and challenged us to become better singers during our time at camp. Over 100 campers and 30 staff and visiting teachers were registered from 26 states, Canada, the UK, and the Netherlands. With no power, the evening singing was shortened and only first verses used. Then campers headed back to Pradat Hall for an ice cream social, prepared by Karen Ivey, with time to renew old friendships and forge new ones. Cheers erupted when the power returned!

Monday, June 15

Some early risers joined Idy Kiser for a hike. Swimming in the camp's pool was also available. Thirty others gathered on the porch at Pradat to sing for an hour from the Lloyd's Primitive Hymns, led by rocking chairmen Eugene Forbes and Tom Malone, and assisted by Sandra Wilkinson. Breakfast followed at 8:00 a.m. Campers then selected either Basic Rudiments class with Kelly House or Advanced Rudiments with David Ivey and Jeff Sheppard.

David said that music involves pitch or tone, time or length, accent or emphasis, and volume. The tonic is the first note in the scale, a Fa in major and a La in minor tunes. Measure bars are light and phrase bars are broad and indicate the end of a line of poetry. When a note has a dot behind it, increase its length by half its value. A slur associates two or more different notes with one syllable. Ties connect notes of the same pitch for one syllable of poetry. Traditional singers were taught that birds-eyes usually receive 1½ times the value of the note. Regarding repeats, always observe repeat marks that occur before the end of a song. The final repeats are observed at the leader's discretion. While it is traditional to repeat, at conventions time is a factor in limiting that practice. Use the mode of time a song is written in to determine how fast to lead it. Common modes of time and accent patterns are: 2/2 (accent 1 2), 4/4 (accent 1 2 3 4), and 2/4 (accent 1 2); triple times 3/2 and 3/4 (accent 1 2 3); and compound times 6/4 and 6/8 (accent 1 2 3 4 5 6). Accent helps singers stay together and is strongly traditional. David suggested learning a different part than you usually sing if your voice will accommodate it. It is good exercise for you; you may want to switch parts as your voice tires. Historically, all children were taught the tenor part, which also prepared them to lead any tune in tenor.

After a snack, campers could make crafts with Idy Kiser, use the camp's recreational facilities including hiking, canoeing, and fishing, or attend two elective classes: Judy Caudle and Shelbie Sheppard teaching Basics of Learning Songs or Tom Malone's Sacred Harp Composition for the Beginner.

Tom Malone taught about binding “agreeable tones” into chords. He assigned a tonal number from 1 to 8 to each position on the scale, and presented agreeable chords resulting from various combinations, pointing out those chords most commonly used in Sacred Harp composition. Identifying these chords from their root tone, they are the tonic chord 1-3-5; the important 6-1-3; and others 2-4-6 and 5-7-2. The 4 itself, not developed into a chord, is often used. Giving the class a tenor line, the first element to develop in a composition, Tom assigned each class member to write a treble part. Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Tom sang several of the efforts. Then the campers added a bass part, and Aldo Ceresa joined in to sing several. Then Tom encouraged participants to write an alto line and said that leaving out the third is fine, especially in minor tunes. Karen Swenson joined in to sing the class’s results. Today’s T-shirt color for the day is pink, so all the guys got to wear pink and eat quiche for lunch! Then Harry Eskew presented a lesson commemorating William Walker’s 200th birthday year. Born in 1809 in Spartanburg, South Carolina, Walker was known as “Singing Billy Walker”. He was already composing by the time he reached 18. He owned a book and stationery store and sold his own tune book there, *The Southern Harmony*, published in 1835. He was a widely-known singing school teacher in the South and Midwest. *The Southern Harmony* is still used. In the 1840s, seven shape books became popular. Walker published his *Christian Harmony* in 1867 in seven shapes. He was the first to publish New Britain with the words Amazing Grace. Walker’s legacy is as a singing school teacher, publisher of music books, and composer of tunes in the Sacred Harp such as 45t, 159, and 146. He contributed to choral repertoire, wrote distinctive harmonies, and had an impact on congregational singing across denominations. Tunes sung during the session: 141, 159, 128, 45t, 312b, 134, 35.

Campers could choose to hike, rest, or attend electives: Tom Malone’s Accent for the New Singer or Keying Music by David Ivey and Jeff Sheppard.

David Ivey directed singers to page 17 of the rudiments, #4, where it states that the music should be pitched comfortably for all singers. Learn by listening at singings or from recordings, especially of conventions. Be aware of the male trebles, being careful not to pitch too high for them. Give the tonic first, then the starting notes for each part, ending on the tenor’s first note. Some songs are written high or low. Scan the parts quickly to look for high and low notes and whether the part stays there.

Another recess time and snacks after which campers could attend a Leading Lesson by David Ivey and Judy Caudle, Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg’s *Discord Discoveries*, or Joyce Walton’s *Leading and Bringing in Parts, Intermediate Level*.

Joyce Walton began by saying, “I’ve sung with some of the best—Marcus Cagle, Bob Denson, Irene Parker, and Marie Aldridge. We honor the people who wrote these tunes by singing them as they were written.” Joyce started singing in 1952, held singing schools in her home, and in several other places. She said there’s a knack to leading. Practice in front of your mirror. Lead smoothly to show the flow of time in the tune. Too long strokes when you beat make it difficult to keep good time. Learn from your mistakes. Make eye contact with everyone in the house and make sure they are watching you. When you are in the center of the square, you are the most important person in the room. Don’t be afraid to lead, and stay put until you’re done. The last chord in the song is the prettiest one in it. Hold that last chord for just a bit longer. If you’re going to omit a hold, you must first tell the class you will do that. Communicate. Joyce continued that we often don’t tell the keyer that we appreciate his work, but we need to do this. Everyone should keep quiet during the keying. Don’t hum. Remember that our singing is not a play thing; it is worship. Honor the leader, don’t talk during the memorial, and honor whoever is in the square. Tunes led 40, 347 532, 155, 538, 300, 269, 192.

Next, campers could attend Michael Thompson's Tenor Part class or Aldo Ceresa's And Then I'll Be at Rest.

Aldo Ceresa sent the class to page 15 in the rudiments to read about rests. Carefully note where rests are, whether they are increased by dots following them, and check repeats and how rests are involved. Aldo spoke about different categories of rests. Tunes with rests at the beginning of measures include 77b, 28b, 38t and b, 28t and b, 34b, 66, 313t and b. Tunes led were 38t, 77t, 28b, 38b. Then he spoke about tunes which end with a long note and have a rest at the beginning, 39b and 53. Beat through the six beats of that final note, holding it, then silence during the two beat rest, and then begin the next verse. Aldo spoke about tunes with rests in the first measure: 540, 71, 64, 325, 220, 403, 44, and 330t. Tunes sung were 540, 71. A few tricky tunes are 457, 320, and 312t. Check the time signature and notice that a rest is missing; begin singing on the upbeat. Aldo noted that when the chorus of these tunes is sung only once, sing the second ending, if there are two. Aldo continued with 4/4 tunes with an upbeat pick-up (149). Other tricky rests are in 88b, 210, 156, 231, and 143. Unusual pick-ups include 292, 146, 444, 522 (treble line), 532 (bass). Rests before time changes include 43, 417, and 455. Aldo concluded by leading 365. Dinner followed and a bit of free time. Then campers gathered in the chapel for the evening singing.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard and David Ivey 460; Bonnie Davis 210; Andrew Mashchak 370; Sarah West 324; Chris Brown 28b; Anne Eringa 47b; Richard Schmeidler 268; Steven Kick 542; Kevin Dyess 274t; Elizabeth Stoddard 440; Zeb Ferguson 535; Marilyn Burchett 294; Kathe Pilobosian 97; Anita Landess 58; Cheryl Foreman 344; Blake Ferguson 32t; Geraldine Sharpton 299; Chris Holley 160b; Eddie Mash 504; Judy Mincey 474; Claudia Dean 102; Pat Temple 34b; Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 82t; Sarah Langendorf 67; Shelby Sampson 30b; Robert Stoddard 435; Janie Short 350; Tom Ivey 196; Karen Swenson 149; Idy Kiser 472; Robert Kelley 449; Terry Barber 528; Mike Hinton 527; Kristie Harju 106.

Mike Hinton conducted the devotional, speaking about the rich heritage we have in *The Sacred Harp*. How did these words and notes come together? The composer of Odem (Second) is Mike's grandpa, named for the man who gave him the poetry. Seaborn Denson's wife, Sydney Burdette Denson, picked the words to go with the tunes when the James book was being revised. William Billings wrote Rose of Sharon to set the words of the Song of Solomon to music. He repeats a "weather report" in the tune. The winter he mentions, may be literal or may represent those difficult times in our lives, but they will pass.

David Ivey wound up the gathering by announcing that the camp is in Winston County which is Denson country. In Double Springs there is a monument to the Denson Brothers, and they are buried nearby. Try to get up there, if possible, while in the area. Then the campers proceeded back to Pradat for socializing and snacks. Another heavy rainstorm hit and the lights went out again. Some people lingered, others got soaked running to their cabins, but all were cheered when the power came back on shortly after lights out.

Tuesday, June 16

Morning brought a repeat opportunity to hike with Idy Kiser, swim, or sing from the Lloyd's Primitive Hymns with rocking chairmen Gene Forbes and Tom Malone. Breakfast followed, and then Basic Rudiments with Kelly House or Advanced Rudiments with Richard DeLong.

Richard DeLong led 127, instructing that the leader must decide what tempo s/he wants and beat it from the start. Richard led 132 and told the class to watch the leader carefully, that songs can be sung in a variety of tempos. Beating in four is not mentioned in the rudiments, but "we'll be glad to accommodate you... at least once."

When Richard leads, his voice comes in a little early before his first beat to help bring the class in quickly. He calls this “voice leading”. If you have a leader who is timid and won’t start singing, the front bench can practice voice leading to get the song started well and prevent the tempo from slowing down. Richard led 319 and emphasized that it should be sung with a strong accent. He led 298 and emphasized to watch the leader; if he keeps beating, you repeat. Traditionally the chorus is repeated on the notes and the last verse. Richard spoke about 44, noting that it begins on the last quarter note beat of the measure. Don’t pick it up too early. He said that some of the prettiest bass parts are above the staff, above the tenor. Let it thunder out! Richard noted that 197 sounds good either fast or slow. Currently, he likes it slow which highlights the bass and tenor interaction. Manchester, 392, was the town where Thomas Denson lived when he died. Richard likes this led a bit faster and notes the interplay between tenors and trebles. Richard warned to watch the key on 103; it’s written high. When asked how tenors should sing the chorus to 36b; Richard recited the first verse words for tenors “Whose anger is so slow to rise, so ready to abate, so ready to abate”. In 507; Richard said to take the 3/4 section a bit slower than usual 3/4 time to make a dramatic difference between that section and the 4/4 section which ends the song and is sung fast. On 553; Richard only holds the ritards at the end on the repeat. When leading, be sure to announce your intentions regarding details like this before beginning any song. Following recess and snacks the options were recreation, crafts, Aldo Ceresa’s Sacred Harp Composition II, Shelbie Sheppard’s Dinner on the Grounds, or Richard DeLong’s Learning Songs, Basics.

Richard DeLong led 101t, and noted that keying takes practice. He led 415, noting it is in 6/4 with an unusual rhythmic pattern. Another 6/4 tune is 370; typical rhythm is half-quarter-half-quarter. The tunes 36b and 138t are the only ones which pick up with the basses entering on the fourth beat and the tenors answering the bass. An example of an unwritten tradition is 143 with the second line sung softly where the treble rests. Regarding rests Paine Denson said, “It’s just as important to rest as it is to sing.” W.T. Coston (for whom the song on page 382 is named) wrote that Sacred Harp music is in a class by itself and has been preserved by rural southern people. Pronunciations differ, for example: hal-lay-lu-yer; in West Alabama it’s Jurden, but in Georgia and East Alabama, it’s Jordan. The J.L. White book changed harmonies, trying to contemporize to the popular sounds of 1900. A split occurred. Later another split occurred with the publication of the Cooper book. George Pullen Jackson and other researchers have helped spread awareness of Sacred Harp across the world. Other tunes sung: 405, 148, 292, 430, 142, 383, and 110.

Lunch followed with a celebration of the life and contributions of Hugh McGraw of Bremen, Georgia. A wonderful slide show treated campers to photos of Hugh McGraw as a high school athlete, recipient of the ‘cutest guy in the senior class’ award, and as a singer and leader of Sacred Harp music. He has been recognized by the Smithsonian Museum as “a caretaker preserving something worthwhile...” Campers lined up to have Mr. McGraw sign their books and pose for photos. Then campers gathered for the group photograph in front of the chapel.

All attended Tom Malone’s session on The Life and Songs of Hugh McGraw. Richard DeLong and Jeff Sheppard told stories of their long years of friendship with Hugh. Hugh told about going to Hollywood to sing in a film about Jesse James. He sang “To The Land” from the Social Harp for the funeral scene. They sprayed onion juice at the actors so they would shed tears. When the film played in Bremen, the marquee had Hugh’s name on it. Mike Hinton then spoke. The first tune Hugh wrote was Living Hope. Mike led 527; Hugh’s second tune. Mike’s Aunt Ruth Denson formed a strong friendship with Hugh and they went to singings together.

Hugh has driven hundreds of thousands of miles promoting and supporting this music. Then campers led Hugh's tunes: 500, 517, 548, 225t, 549, "Life's Troubles", "Redemption's Free", 570, and "God's Promise". Jeff Sheppard spoke about George Phillips, a good leader and singer, who traveled around the area to sing. He wrote the words to Phillips Farewell and gave them to Hugh to set to music. Joyce Walton spoke about her long friendship with Hugh McGraw. She said that Hugh wanted to be a bluegrass player. Hugh took guitar lessons and his teacher recorded him. When she played it back to him, he quit. Joyce bought Hugh's guitar with a leather strap and "Hugh" on it. Judy Hauff told about the beginnings of Chicago and mid-Illinois Sacred Harp singing in the early 1970's. They decided to have a convention, and Hugh McGraw found out and announced that he would come. At the time, Judy said about Hugh, "maybe he'll know something about Sacred Harp". Chicago knew twenty to thirty songs and downstate knew the anthems. Hugh arrived with other southern singers, and there was great discomfort. But Hugh pitched and culture shock happened and the Chicagoans learned quickly. Two weeks later the Chicago singers traveled South and they have never been the same. Hugh has been everywhere in the country to help new groups form, a real ambassador.

Next campers could rest, attend a birds of prey session by Camp McDowell staff, Cassie Allen's The Alto Part, Matt Hinton's Theology Thoughts, or Richard DeLong's Keying Music II.

Richard DeLong started out by saying that he has a set of standard songs for which he has the sound in his head and which he uses to pitch other tunes: these include 100 for A, 318 for F, and 285t or 546 for B flat. Richard led 159, 155, 45t. Richard emphasized that everyone must be quiet while the pitcher is trying to set the pitch. The pitcher needs to sound the pitch for all parts. The leader should sound the tenor pitch and encourage all the parts sound their pitch, the opening chord, before s/he begins the song. If you are a beginning keyer, it's probably good to sing the triad, then sound any other notes needed. If the tune begins with a solo, pitch for the first and second entrance; for 236, give the bass, then the treble. Richard made a point of noting that you must have males on treble to have real Sacred Harp sound. In pitching, ask whether you are pitching too high and scaring away the men on treble. If so, something's wrong so change your pitching.

Campers enjoyed recess and more tasty snacks prepared by Karen Ivey. Then campers could attend Judy Caudle and Jeff Sheppard's Basic Leading Practice for Adults, Joyce Walton's Leading Boot Camp for Adults, or David Ivey's Time and Tempo class.

David Ivey told campers that we have relative tempos as well as relative pitches. The Rudiments on page 16, #15, say that "the mode of time is a guide to tempo". Tempo needs to be in a range to allow proper accent to be sounded. Gene Forbes said that forty years ago songs were sung slower than today. In southern Alabama they were sung slower than in northern Alabama. In the 1960s, the tempo speeded up. Raymond Hamrick has studied tempo over the years. The Sacred Harp Publishing Company brought out albums which were deliberately slower and clearer, and this may have resulted in the tempo slowing down. There is no single Sacred Harp tradition regarding tempo. Years ago, there were singings in every county and many more local all-day singings. People didn't travel so far to sing. As local singings died out and people traveled further away, slow or fast singers influenced each other and tempos moderated. Then David spoke about the tempo of several tunes. Mt.

Vernon, 110, is a dirge, but is sometimes sung very fast. One of the tunes sung on the Sacred Harp Publishing Company recording was 268; David's Lamentation, on which "O my son" is slowed down. Jesus Rose, 156, is written in 2/4, but is led on Easter as though written in 2/2. Sing 532 at a rapid pace, but slow enough to sing the

words clearly and retain good accenting. In a fugue, if one part (like the basses) tends to slow down, move toward them, make eye contact, and even sing that part to keep them on tempo. In 417, there is a difference in tempo between the first and second lines. Funeral Anthem, 320, has lots of changes of time which are often sung the same; the tempo should change with time changes, measure by measure. The final three measures are often slowed down.

At this point campers could choose from Ed Thacker's class on The Bass Part or Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg's The Time (and Keys)—They are a'Changing. Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg noted that twenty songs in our book change tempo. Soar Away is the only fuguing tune which changes tempo. When there's a change in time, there should be a change in tempo. Change tempo and arm movements at the moment when the time changes. Don't lose or gain time, lag or anticipate. Jesse led 387; Penick, which changes from 4/4 to 3/2 to 6/8. Often there are rests when time changes, but not in this song. Note that the composer uses a broad bar for each time change. The composer uses all three modes of time in this song. It's a real teaching moment. Consecration, 448t, moves from 6/4 to 3/4. Generally 6/4 is slower than 3/4, but the Rudiments say that tempo should be appropriate to words. The first part asks God to help; this part is usually sung faster than the second part. Anthems and odes change time a lot. Funeral Anthem, 320, contains the densest changes. Aldo Ceresa led it with no tempo changes; Kelly House led it, observing the changes; quite a difference! Jeff Sheppard led 250 and taught us how to fit in the word "gathered" on page 253, top line. Sing it "ga-ther-ed" on 2 eighth notes, 2 eighth notes, and the first quarter note in next measure. Other tunes sung: 43, 227, 507, 545, 240, and 355.

Campers then enjoyed dinner and some free time before the evening singing in the chapel. Jeff Sheppard and David Ivey called the class to order leading 203, followed by a blessing by Michael Rich. Leaders: Kelly House 503; Cassie Allen and Angela Myers 300; Michael Walker 306; Xaris Martinez 74t; Martha Rogers 270; Wade Kotter 122; Judy Whiting 212; Eugene Forbes 496; Karen Ivey and Shelbie Sheppard 182; Stuart Ivey 287; Margaret Gillanders 318; Ruth Steggles 49b; Ted Brown 111b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 153; Sandra Wilkinson 512; Helen Brown 542; Paul Wilson 501; Connie Stanton 466; Al McCready 84; Ann Mashchak 68b; Philippa Stoddard 383; Nancy Hogan 378b; Martha Beverly 131t; Maria Wallace 38b; Lois Badey 86; Bill Hogan 388 (for Uel Freeman); Tom Malone 358.

Wade Kotter then offered a devotional in which he told campers to watch the leader. The leadership qualities of Jesus are those which we should emulate for others, like our children, students, and friends, to whom we are leaders. Then campers had time to socialize and have some snacks before lights out.

Wednesday, June 17

Again, morning began with hiking, swimming, and singing from Lloyd's Primitive Hymns followed by another hearty breakfast. Next, Kelly House taught Basic Rudiments and Judy Hauff taught Advanced Rudiments.

Judy Hauff told campers not to worry about leading. All the instructions you need are in the book. Read and learn what is in the Rudiments and follow that. Judy challenged us to use the session's nurturing environment to try to improve our leading style. Maria Wallace and Patti Doss led 448t with its time change. Judy emphasized that they should complete beating the last measure of the 6/4 time and immediately begin the downbeat of the 3/4 time. Judy was asked whether the leader must bring in all the parts. Judy responded to do what you're comfortable doing. Bring in the first part for fugues, usually the basses. Learn the tenor part for tunes you lead. Look through your tunebook before you leave your seat. Check what order the parts come into the fugue and be better prepared to bring them in. On 543; Judy

reminded the class that fermatas equal 1-1/2 the value of the written note. On that last quarter note fermata, make a smaller gesture in order to resume proper beating. On the top of 544, the ritard ends with the bird's eye, and then the faster tempo resumes. Richard Schmeidler reminded us that Shelbie Sheppard taught to use pointed finger to emphasize the individual notes during the ritard, and then resume normal beating where it speeds up. On 316 the fermata should be held for about two beats, then turn to the basses and firmly bring them in. Judy said the biggest problem with 188 is to avoid beginning it too fast; it should move along, but not too fast to get in the triplets. On 327 sing "youthful hart" on its eighth and sixteenth notes a bit like a light laugh. Regarding fugues Judy noted, "The altos are not second class citizens—bring them in, too!" Next was a recess with more delightful snacks and schmoozing. Then campers attended Aldo Ceresa's class on the 1959 Alan Lomax Landmark Recording at Fyffe. Aldo told campers that this year is the fiftieth anniversary of the original recording at Corinth Church in Fyffe, Alabama. He passed out a packet containing photos, minutes and comments about the singing. Joyce (Smith) Walton attended that singing; her voice is on the 1977 version of the Fyffe singing. Joyce identified pictures in the packet. They are the same ones as in the recording. Then Joyce led 456. Mike Hinton spoke about R.E. "Bob" Denson and Ruth Denson Edwards, daughter of Tom Denson. Bob Denson was a Biblical scholar, son of Seaborn Denson, and he had a distinctive treble voice and sat on front bench, far left. He often prayed, bringing lots of tears, and didn't use a book when leading. He lived into his 90s. Whitt Denson was there, too. He wrote 422 which Mike led. Mike said that in the documentary *Awake My Soul*, it was Joyce telling Uncle Bob that she had left her book at home. Uncle Bob replied to her, "That's like going to the cotton field without your hoe." Then Judy Caudle spoke about her grandfather L.E. Hopper who attended the Convention on Sunday. He was a singing school teacher. He sat in all the parts with the children to help them to learn the notes. He was a quiet man, a good listener. His favorite lunch was fried pie, either apple or peach. That's all he ate. He said, if you eat a big lunch, you couldn't sing as well. He had a distinctive voice when he sounded the chord: faw, foghorn-like, strong, steady tone to give the singers. He would rather sing than talk. Judy led 326, the song he led at the 1959 United Convention. Another person attending was only four years old then: David Ivey. Other current singers who attended are: Eloise (Ivey) Wootten, Jewel (Hullett) Wootten, and Reba Dell (Lacy) Windom. Alan Lomax really liked Sacred Harp. He first recorded it in 1942 on primitive equipment, and later returned to Fyffe, Alabama on Sand Mountain in 1959. In 1975 he contacted Buell Cobb and in June 1980 filmed a singing at Holly Springs. Matt Hinton has gained access to this material and a high quality audio tape of this session. Matt is also hoping to re-release the 1959 material. Marcus Cagle attended the 1959 Convention. Joyce Walton said Mr. Cagle would stomp his foot and let you know if he didn't like the changes made by the leader. Steven Kick then said that these Lomax recordings were important to him when he found them during high school. He said we are blessed to be able to meet and sing with these leaders who attended, and form this connection to Sacred Harp history. Kelly House and Tim Erickson listened to this 1959 recording at the Amherst College music library. Western Massachusetts can trace its Sacred Harp history to that event. Lunch followed with Connie Stanton giving the day's devotional. Connie used the analogy of a stream to emphasize that we are all part of this tradition and together we need to practice and continue moving this tradition, a gift of grace, like a great stream flowing, towards the future. She led 31t in closing. Then all campers gathered in the chapel to hear Tom Malone's presentation, *A Life of Faithful Service: Elmer Kitchens*. Several of the Kitchens siblings attended the

session. Tom also handed out a packet with some tunes by the Kitchens family. Tom told us that the first time he headed south, he met Sandra Wilkinson, who said that Elmer Kitchens had been her teacher. In November 2008; Tom met Sarah Beasley Smith in Nashville, and Elmer Kitchens had been her teacher, too. Tom said that we singers need to recognize these teachers and the gifts they have given us. In the Harpeth Valley Newsletter, 1962-64, articles about the Kitchen family called them “born Sacred Harp singers”. Tom led “Love” by Elmer Kitchens. He wrote it for Sherry Marie Donaldson whose parents were members at Mt. Pleasant Primitive Baptist Church. Sherry used a wheelchair and she loved to come to church. Her nickname was Punky; she died young. Kitchens’s Rocky Mount in the Alabama *Christian Harmony* is similar. Sandra Wilkinson spoke about Elmer Kitchens. Wilkinson was raised in a Primitive Baptist church. In 1949, she attended singing school with Herman Wilkinson, her cousin. In 1962, she brought Elmer Kitchens to Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church for a singing school. The tune Hardeman was written by the class with his leadership. She said he was so easy to be with; he was funny, and he really encouraged Sandra’s interest in singing. He had dreams and visions and some of his songs tried to capture poetry from these. In 1967, he sent her a Songs of Zion hymnbook, dedicated to Sandra’s grandfather who had passed away. In it he credited Sandra for the words to Hardeman and gave credit to the students for composing the tune. Then Tom Malone sang the tenor part of “Oh, Come with Me” and the class sang the words. Marlin Beasley told the class that he went to church one day to find Elmer Kitchens preaching and singing. Young Marlin was so moved that he joined the church that day. Marlin led 512 and speculated that some of Kitchens’s dreams and visions may be in the words to this song. Marlin said that he preached a great funeral, and connected well with others through being a teacher, preacher, and bricklayer. Judy Hauff led “Great Jehovah”. Elder J.L. Hopper spoke about Elmer Kitchens. He built driveways, churches, but also built singing classes and church congregations. He remembered his energetic manner when directing singing classes. Elder Hopper led “In Thy Praise”, then 181, a tune which Elmer Kitchens often led. S.T. Reed said that he almost lost a crop one year trying to learn 181. Shelbie Sheppard commented that Mary Kitchens Gardner, his sister, was one of the most graceful leaders she has seen. She didn’t use a book and led with both hands. Then Mary Kitchens Gardner led 196. Jean Wade, a sister of Elmer Kitchens’s, thanked Sandra and Tom and introduced her daughter, Joy, who is a singer. Then Elmer’s brother, Charles Kitchens told us that there were five boys and five girls in Elmer’s generation, Mary was the youngest. Charles served in Wwii in the Pacific for three years and was awarded the Silver Star. He led 179. Joy Jenkins led 358. Then Jean Wade and her husband led 47b. Elmer’s daughters, Jedly Burnette, Jackie Share, Joy Jenkins, and Jean Wade led 45t and 274t. Tom Malone and Jerry Kitchens led 343, his father’s favorite song. In closing Tom Malone, Charles Kitchens, Sandra Wilkinson, and Joyce Walton led 568.

Next campers could take some time off for R&R or attend Henry Johnson’s class, *Harmony-Tradition that Sets Sacred Harp Apart*. Henry Johnson began by saying that we all know that Sacred Harp is different. The most important difference is in the harmony. Harmony is based on concords and discords, of tension and resolution and of the progression through them. Some concords are: unison, third, fifth, sixth. B.F. White was very partial to the greater fourth. Dr. John Garst in his updating of the Rudiments does not include the fourth in conventional harmony. Discords include the second and seventh and side-by-side notes. Dispersed harmony makes use of frequent chord changes, tall chords where there is a distance between bottom and top notes, parts crossing one another, and polyphony in which the melody does not dominate overall. Early composers

emphasized the fourth and fifth more than the third. Look at the chords in the Rudiments on page 22, left column. If you leave the middle note out, you have an open fifth. When asked what song gives the real flavor of what Sacred Harp is, Henry offered the following tunes: 47b, 159, 111b. He especially recommended 460 Sardis, 81t Beach Spring, and 383 Eternal Day.

More snacks and a chance to visit, followed by recreation or the last classes of this camp session: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg's Sacred Harp Composium, Susan Harcrow's The Treble Part, David Ivey and Jeff Sheppard's Discussion on the Future of Camp Fasola, or Judy Hauff's The Front Bench.

Judy Hauff began by saying that the job of the front bench singers is to make sure that every leader gets as much as possible from the song they lead and to keep the class together. The front bench singers err if they take the song away from the leader or if they let the leader stumble or blow a repeat. The front bench's job is to make the leader look good, regardless of his/her skills. The front bench needs to be a servant and assist the leader. All four front benches should be beating the time. From this point on, Judy spoke about all front bench singers, but with emphasis on the tenor front bench. At the beginning of every tune, singers on the front bench must make eye contact with the leader. Try to find out the leader's skills and support him/her. If the leader is nervous or clueless and the class is not following well, the front bench singers still must support the leader. If it's a train wreck, the front bench may have to stop the song. But it's better to try to use front bench voices to keep things going, if possible. If the song must be stopped, say something to take the heat off the leader, like, "The class needs to wake up now" or "Let's not drag this!" If the leader makes mistakes, divert any comments. If the leader can't beat correctly, the front bench really needs to set the tempo with its own correct beating. Watch the leader's mouth; sometimes the leader can't beat time well, so determine what s/he wants by watching what s/he sings. The most seasoned front bench singers should sit on the center. All front bench tenors should beat the time so that the other three sections can easily see and duplicate this. Judy then modeled problems for the front bench to deal with. She sang correctly, but beat time twice as fast; the front benchers should watch her mouth and beat correctly, hoping that she would come around eventually. When a child leads, the front bench should try to establish friendly eye contact to help guide the child. Judy was asked what to do when the inexperienced or weak singers take front bench seats, especially on the tenor front bench. Judy suggested that the chair should announce before the first break, "We have some good singers here who are sitting on back benches. Let's have some front bench rotation." She also said that books could be left on front bench seats to "save" them, escorting strong leaders to these seats to guarantee a strong front bench. If the tenor section is weak because many strong singers are in the other sections and the singing is unbalanced as a result, the chair should encourage movement towards the tenor section. The chair and the front bench singers have an obligation to make the singing and each leader's lesson successful, if possible.

Supper followed and many visitors arrived for the evening's community singing in the chapel. David Ivey gave announcements and with Jeff Sheppard led 33b. Ricky Harcrow offered the blessing. Leaders: Michael Thompson, Aldo Ceresa, Judy Caudle 424 (for Loyd Ivey); Ian Quinn 163t; Les Doggrell 410; Mary Wright 148; Rick Foreman 75; Anne Eringa 142; Laurin Harrison 138b; Patti Doss and Judy Caudle 426t; Will Fitzgerald 96; Sandie Scott 77t; Carol Selleck 65; Josie Hyde 507; Buck Lea and Ellen Lea 347; Roger Keyes 49t; Geraldine Sharpton 452; Jonathon Smith 186; Travis Keeton 179; Joyce Walton 192; Zackary Sitter and Kevin Dyess 176t; Ricky Harcrow and Susan Harcrow 475; Judy Hauff and Danielle Dunbar 196; B.M. Smith 318; Shannon Primm 415; Warren Steel 392; Sharon Benefield and

Karen Ivey 358; Gene Pinion 280; Blake Ferguson, Zeb Ferguson, and Michael Walker 134; Kristie Harju, Connie Stanton, and Martha Beverly 384; Judy Mincey and Karen Swenson 383; Kelly House, Mike Hinton, and Steven Kick 436; Chris Holley and Xaris Martinez 480; Tom Malone and Jeff Sheppard 439; Bonnie Davis and Janie Short 210; Pat Temple 473; Robert Stoddard and Philippa Stoddard 171; Wade Kotter and Robert Kelley 294; Andrew Mashchak and Ann Mashchak 503; Eddie Mash and Tom Ivey 189; Stuart Ivey, Eugene Forbes, and Idy Kiser 217; Judy Whiting and Chris Brown 441; Robert Stoddard and Elizabeth Stoddard 165; David Ivey and Maggie Johnston 45t.

Campers then socialized, snacked and sang until lights out.

Thursday, June 18

A final early morning gathering to sing from Lloyd's, followed by breakfast and good-byes. Camp has offered the opportunity to learn much, to hone skills, to meet singers from around the world and build new friendships, to bond more deeply with this tradition and each other. Final words and hugs were shared, and then many campers moved on to Birmingham to sing at the National Sacred Harp Convention which begins this morning.

Shmha President—Jeff Sheppard; Camp Director—David Ivey; Secretary—Martha Beverly

NATIONAL SACRED HARP CONVENTION

First Christian Church, Birmingham, Alabama

June 18-20, 2009

Thursday, June 18

The 30th session of the National Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Mark Davis leading 42. Pastor Ed Spencer led the opening prayer and warmly welcomed the Convention to First Christian Church.

Leaders: Hubert Nall 40; Gaston White 155; Cheryl Foreman 492; Kathy Williams 108t; Helen Brown 426b; John Redman 141; Ted Brown 546; Buell Cobb 75; Henry Guthery 140; Elizabeth Stoddard 173; Sandie Scott 472; Mike Hinton 373; Ginnie Ely 349; Ian Ludders 348t; B.M. Smith 393; Henry Johnson 205; Ann Jett and Bailey Jett 108b; Bobby Watkins 454; Ruth Staples 496; Jesse Roberts 297; Chris Holley 102; Pat Temple 72b; Marlin Beasley 171.

RECESS

Buell Cobb reconvened the class leading 131b. Leaders: Carolyn Thompson 442; Chris Brown 211; Danny Creel 196; Lori Graber 510; Robert Kelly 286; Anne Eringa 159; Ian Quinn 38b; Elsie Moon 376; Micah Roberts 388; Natalie Davis and Corissa Sweatt 45t; Ainslie Allen 77t; Philippa Stoddard 168; Gene Pinion 91; Ricky Harcrow 401; Bea Carnathan 438; Steve Kick 292; Harrison Creel 111b; Robert Stoddard 550; Martha Beverly 279; Eugene Forbes 218; Cassie Allen 183; Bonnie Bayliss 210; Eddie Mash 240; Karen Swenson 193; Anita Landess 540.

The Convention went into a business session with the following officers and committees elected and/or appointed: Chairman—Mark Davis; Co-Vice Chairmen—Buell Cobb, Gaston White, Hubert Nall; Chaplain—Elder Jesse Roberts; Secretaries—Cheryl Foreman, Kathy Williams; Arranging Committee—Helen Brown, Sandie Scott, Elizabeth Stoddard; Memorial Committee—Mike Hinton, Ginnie Ely, Mary Whitehurst; Finance Committee—John Redman, Gene Pinion, Henry Johnson, Eddie Mash; Resolutions Committee—Pat Temple, Mary Wright. The business session was concluded. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the prayer for lunch.

LUNCH

Henry Guthery brought the class back to order leading 318. Leaders: Caleb Dillehay 351; Kristie Harju 107; Bailey Jett 59; Michael Walker 103; Xaris Martínez 434; Frank Strickland 480; Margaret Gillanders 384; Joyce Walton 456; Sally Langendorf and Janie Short 67; Michael Thompson 176b; Kelly House 142; Julietta Haynes 200; Carroll Lunsford 229; Kathy Robinson 192; Carol Selleck 179; Lance Phillips 283; Cindy Tanner 498; Richard DeLong 521; Marilyn Burchett 277; Jeff Sheppard 217.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Robert Stoddard leading 32t. Leaders: Tom Ivey 562; Shannon Primm 234; Shelbie Sheppard 269; Maria Wallace 504; Ross Brand 245; Ila Ingle 436; Nancy Van Den Akker 523; Jacqui Selby-McLeod 448b; Virginia Douglas and Shirley Rand 49b; Judy Whiting 150; Mary Whitehurst 203; Richard Schmeidler 543; Sarah West 76b; Anne Chalker 146.

The officers led 46 as the closing song. Elder Ricky Harcrow closed the day with prayer.

Friday, June 19

The Friday session of the National Convention was called to order by Mark Davis leading 129. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Leaders: Gaston White 99; Hubert Nall 47t; Helen Brown 411; Kathy Williams 532; Buell Cobb 74b; Cheryl Foreman 481; Jesse Roberts 301; Virgil Campbell 167; Ron Harper 455; Vernelle Amason 143; Leon Ballinger 297; Karen Rollins 225t; Amber Davis 192; Kennon Smith 189; Nate Green and Norma Green 314; Joe Nall 46; Shirley Figura 28b; Larry Ballinger 528; Martha Rogers 270; Louis Hughes 512.

RECESS

Mark Davis reconvened the class by leading 76b. Leaders: Shirley Berrey 373; Paul Figura 155; Laurin Harrison 178; Nell Estes 560; Travis Keeton 475; Geraldine Sharpton 542; Lomax Ballinger 546; David Carlton 377; Rene Greene 217; John Merritt and Kate Merritt-Davis 376; Beth Anne Clay 354b; April Watkins and Ainslie Allen 146; Micah Roberts 119; Natalie Davis and Corissa Sweat 145b; Audrey Presnell, Shelby Presnell, and Georgeanna Presnell 87; SuNell Ellis and Cindy Tanner 452; Charlene Wallace 365; Pam Nunn 220; Mary Wright 290; Charles McCravy 428; Cornelia Stanton 318; Caroline Parsons 335; Loyd Ivey 97; Lou Cotney 218; Louise Holland 81t; Ray Ryan 400. Ron Harper returned thanks for lunch.

LUNCH

Aldo Ceresa reconvened the class leading 114. Leaders: Beth Branscome 276; Benjamin Bath 362; Matt Hinton and Helen Brown 212; Sonya Berrey, Saddlar Berrey, and Eugene Forbes 480; Terry Barber 564; Eric Tweedy 200; Elene Stovall and Coy Ivey 384; Thom Fahrback 556; Judy Caudle 195; Arlon Gardner and Peth Gardner 277; Rodney Ivey and Eddie Mash 500; Delone Cobbs 147t; Bridgett Hill 440; Drew McGuire 569b; Randy Webber 66; Judy Hauff 250; Shelby Sampson 63; Linda Selph 456; Henry McGuire 490; Mark Davis 236.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Ted Brown leading 111b. Leaders: Ann Ballard 57; Dorothea Maynard 304; Sonny Erwin 441; Charlotte Ehrman 157; Janet Fraembs and Anita Buswell 385b; Wade Kotter 35; Cathryn Bearov 372; Becky Griggs 460; Hal Eisen 501; Kathy Folsom 47b; Sarah Smith and Cora Sweatt 312b; Aldo Ceresa and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 302; Warren Steel 370.

The officers led 378t as the closing song. Elder Jesse Roberts closed the day with prayer.

Saturday, June 20

The Saturday session of the National Convention was brought to order by Mark Davis leading 37b. Eric Tweedy offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Hubert Nall 84; Gaston White 186; Kathy Williams 437; Cheryl Foreman 354t; Buell Cobb 69b; Helen Brown 436; Jesse Roberts 447; Ted Brown 43; Pat Temple 232; John Redman 38b; Mary Wright 328; Rick Foreman 535; Robert Chambless 145b; Ginnie Ely 196; Lauren Hall 424; Janie Short 426b; Julietta Haynes 192; Chris Brown 113; Judy Mincey 474.

RECESS

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg reconvened the class leading 82t. Leaders: Nancy Van Den Akker 499; Michael Walker 477; Ariella Perry 142; Micah Roberts 389; Georgeanna Presnell 45t; Shelby Presnell and Audrey Presnell 335; Natalie Davis and Corissa Sweatt 79; April Watkins 354b; Sue Bunch 28b; Pierce Phillips 99; Carroll Lunsford 162; Ruth Johnson 172; Daphene Causey 236; Stanley Smith 273; Karen Clark 534; Tim Cook 174.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Mike Hinton, Mary Whitehurst, and Ginnie Ely. Mike Hinton made remarks on behalf of the Sacred Harp community. Mary Whitehurst spoke for the sick and homebound and their caretakers, and then led 566.

Ginnie Ely read the names of the sick and homebound and the following deceased: Frank Hathaway, Paul King, Denson Hinton, Jess Cotney, Willard D. Frederick, Howard Precise, Otto Allred—Alabama; Janie Britton Corkett—Colorado; John Etheridge, Jane Bruner, Ellis Shanks—Florida; Elizabeth Tolbert, Frank Block, Nora Roberts, Lee Rogers—Georgia; Edward Wilson—Hawaii; Don Caranna, Betty Sue Burgess, Joe Cobb—Massachusetts; Gerald Hand—New Mexico; Katherine Ann Warren—New York; Ennis Kelley—Oklahoma; William Reynolds, Gene Shanks—Tennessee; Dick Steil, Monnie Ross, Ophelia Matthews, Dutch Owen—Texas; Lois Marrow Shanks, Marie Holloway—Washington; Roscoe Knight—Arkansas; Trevor Sanderson, Stanley Shaw, Jean Cousins, Sue Briggs—United Kingdom. She led 549 in their memory. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Leaders: Floy Wilder 432; Margaret Gillanders 542; Ruth Steggles 112. Prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts before lunch.

LUNCH

Warren Steel brought the class back together leading 297. Leaders: Eddie Mash 86; Sarah West 288; Charles Woods 178; Morgan Bunch 428; Anne Eringa 47b; Blake Sisemore 182; Maria Wallace 274t; Mary Jo Schafer 229; Nathan Rees 138t; Elisa Fairless 68b; Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 314; Drew Smith 183; Ann Simpson 445; Xaris Martinez 506; Tom Ivey and Sharon Stone 347; Mr. Gross and Seth Holloway 388; Dorothea Maynard and Mel Maynard 282; Ross Brand 312b; Judy Whiting 330; Robert Stoddard and Elizabeth Stoddard 522; Richard Schmeidler 66; Cornelia Stanton 350.

The Convention then went into a business session. The Finance Committee thanked the Convention for donations that were sufficient to cover expenses. The Resolutions Committee resolved to thank the following: the Lord for our voices; Pastors Ed and Mary Pat Spencer for the hospitality of the church; all the officers and committees of the Convention; Ann and Charlie Ballard for their work feeding the multitude; all who traveled to attend; Sarah and Gary Smith for their hospitality; Ginnie Ely for organizing the Alternative Singing; the many people who pitched the music for the Convention. Finally, we resolve to meet and sing again June 17, 18, and 19, 2010. The secretary reported that 788 people from 30 states, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands had registered. During the three days of the

convention, 183 leaders led 244 songs. The number of people registered by state or country is as follows: Alabama—479; Georgia—31; Tennessee—29; Mississippi—15; Florida—11; Illinois—8; Massachusetts—7; Texas—7; California—6; New York—6; Oregon—5; South Carolina—5; Connecticut—4; Arkansas—4; Missouri—3; Louisiana—3; Minnesota—2; Virginia—2; Colorado—2; Rhode Island—2; Michigan—2; Hawaii—1; Vermont—1; Kentucky—1; Indiana—1; Maryland—1; Maine—1; New Mexico—1; Iowa—1; Utah—1.

Leaders: Aldo Ceresa and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 550; Terry Barber, Shelby Sampson, Linda Selph, and Hal Eisen 497; Sonny Erwin and Cheryl Foreman 568; Mike Hinton and Anne Chalker 378t; Cathryn Bearov 222; Wade Kotter and Nathan Rees 139; Charlotte Ehrman 490; Judy Hauff 411.

Mark Davis, Buell Cobb, Hubert Nall, Gaston White, Jesse Roberts, Cheryl Foreman, Kathy Williams, and Helen Brown led 62 as the traditional closing hymn, and those who wished took the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts, and the Convention was dismissed.

Chairman—Mark Davis; Vice Chairmen—Buell Cobb, Hubert Nall, and Gaston White; Secretaries—Cheryl Foreman and Kathy Williams

MOORE, GRAVES, AND CALVERT MEMORIAL **Addington Chapel, Cullman County, Alabama** **Saturday, June 20, 2009**

The 100th session of the Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Addington Chapel in Cullman, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in June. Danny Creel opened the singing leading 34t. Richard Mauldin offered prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers retained to service:

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

Leaders: Danny Creel 34b; Cassie Allen 425; Marilyn Burchett 335; David Carlton 421; Paul Figura 401; Willodean Barton 454; Corene White 97; Earl Ballinger 475 (in memory of Flarce Creel); Oleta Stewart 100; Amber Davis and Carson Davis 134; Anita Landess 170; Velton Chafin 395; Lucy Heidorn 129; Delone Cobbs 480; Sandra Wilkinson 289; Leon Ballinger 327; Richard Mauldin 146; Caleb Dillehay 155; Emily Creel 434 (in memory of Marie Guthrie); Geraldine Sharpton 299; Thom Fahrback 422.

RECESS

Danny Creel called the class back together leading 389. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 540; Juanita Newman 108t; Shirley Figura 283; Shannon Primm 410b; Billy Williams 143 (for Charlotte McCarn); Sandie Scott 124 (in memory of Teddy Creel); Yancey Jett 89; Henry Guthery 431; Harrison Creel 342 (by request); John Merritt 499; Butch White and Kenny Graves 503; Jennifer Clay 348b.

RECESS

Emily Creel brought the class back to order by leading 391. Leaders: Travis Keeton 112; Eldagene Roberson 142; Phillip Gilmore 498; Lauren Harrison 282; Jennifer Lee 203; Linton Ballinger 224; Kristi Harju 106; Randy Webber 229; Susan Allred 399b; David Roberson 196; Elsie Moon, Emily Creel, and Cassie Allen 456; Rachel Allred 216; Ann Jett 546; Caleb Allred 47b; Will Allred 182.

LUNCH

Cindy Tanner brought the afternoon session to order by leading 336 and 198.

Leaders: Cassie Allen and Ainslie Allen 146, 77t; Wanda Capps 192; Kristi Harju 500; Sandie Scott 348t; Caleb Dillehay 410t; Lauren Harrison 138b; Shirley Figura 176t; Shannon Primm 81t; Sandra Wilkinson 394; David Carlton 269; Paul Figura

56t; Marilyn Burchett 176b; Randy Webber 457; Anita Landess 314; Leon Ballinger 313b; Thom Fahrbach 313t; John Merritt 96 (CB) (in memory of Paul King); Phillip Gilmore 312b; Yancey Jett, Ann Jett, and Harrison Creel 111b; Roger Keys 49t; Earl Ballinger 162; Geraldine Sharpton 542; Delone Cobbs and Jennifer Clay 101t; Richard Mauldin and John Merritt 358; Butch White 178; Elsie Moon and Wanda Capps 436; Cassie Allen, Yancey Jett, and Emily Creel 108b; Danny Creel, Ann Jett, Cindy Tanner, Wanda Capps and Harrison Creel 76b.

Announcements were made. Emily Creel, Yancey Jett, Cassie Allen and Elsie Moon led 46 as the closing song. Henry Guthery offered prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Emily Creel

MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Section, Alabama

Sunday, June 21, 2009

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June was called to order by Dennis George leading 82t and 97. The morning prayer was offered by Wayne Reed.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Dennis George; Vice Chairman—Tom George; Secretary—Sandra Jordan; Arranging Committee—Russell Varner.

Leaders: Tom George 157, 345t; Sandra Jordan 145b; Henry Johnson 70b, 375; Rodney Ivey 439, 426t; S.T. Reed 103, 499; Bridgett Hill 142, 138t; David Ivey 210, 160b; Karen Ivey 108t, 328; Boyd Scott 58, 358; Mary Wright 154, 457; Benjamin Bath 182, 176t, 176b; Ed Thacker 511, 400; Brenda Peña 480, 225t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Jarrod George leading 101t and 178. Leaders: Connie Stanton 171, 147t; Paul Figura 284; Pat Temple 232, 328 (WB); Joyce Walton 213t; Joyce Whittington 99, 155; Mary Ruth Stiefel 102, 402; Joan Aldridge 568; Judy Caudle 138b, 403 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Russell Varner 146; Pierce Phillips 511t (CB), 571 (CB); Nate Green 570, 378b; Elene Stovall 470, 517. Wayne Reed offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Dennis George leading 186. Leaders: Wayne Reed 75, 68b; Charlotte Ehrmen 452, 77t; Ricky Harcrow 521, 201; Norma Green 482, 479; Olivia Moore and Claudine Townsend 97; Susan Harcrow 500, 426b; Charles Stiefel 312b, 445; Loyd Ivey 410t, 337; Jackson Harcrow 56b, 38b; Coy Ivey 59, 486t (WB); Joel Jenkins and Sarah Jenkins 42 (for Bud Oliver), 39t; Marion Biddle and Loyd Ivey 424, 503; Blake Sisemore 129, 472; Syble Adams 39b, 198; Anne Fox 354b; Shirley Figura 229, 348b.

Dennis George led 56t as the closing song. Joel Jenkins offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dennis George; Vice Chairman—Tom George; Secretary—Sandra Jordan

CLIFFORD WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL SINGING

King School House, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church

Natural Bridge, Alabama

Sunday, June 21, 2009

The 101st session of the annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Natural Bridge, Alabama, on the third Sunday in June. The class was called

to order by Travis Keeton leading 37b. The opening prayer was offered by Leon Ballinger. Travis Keeton led 421.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary—Debbie Hall; Arranging Committee—Faye Donaldson and Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Larry Ballinger 139; Debbie Hall 426b, 546; Seth Poston 275b, 274t; Leona Haynes 277, 318; Kermit Adams 290, 89; Hal Eisen 29b, 70b; Linton Ballinger 35, 36b; Stella Pratt 39b, 61; Matthew Cook 111b, 112; Joyce Hubbert 163t, 212; Sarah Smith 384, 385b.

RECESS

The class was called together by Larry Ballinger leading 98. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 110, 91; Sandie Scott 424, 111t; Caleb Dillehay 99, 440; Richard Schmeidler 287, 155; Cathryn Bearov 114, 368; Anita Landess 32, 297; Chris Ballinger 270, 271t; Leon Ballinger 268, 269; Wayne Wakefield, Wendell Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Julie Poston, Clara Stults, Faye Donaldson, and Betty Baccus sang in memory of their parents and other family members.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the afternoon session to order by leading 129. Leaders: Lisa Geist 472, 528; Steve Adams 309, 101t; Marilyn Burchett 128, 312b; Earl Ballinger 81t; Margaret Keeton 215; Lena Keeton 425, 475; Steve Miles 234, 235; Seth Holloway 347, 388; Jeanette Tidwell 378t, 157; Josie Hyde 442, 477; Betty Baccus and Cathryn Bearov 390 (for Don Keeton); Larry Wakefield 569b; Wendell Wakefield 168, 108b. The class sang birthday wishes to Odie Horton, who is 90 years old. Leaders: Faye Donaldson and Logan Donaldson 59; Richard Schmeidler 254.

Travis Keeton and Larry Ballinger led 46 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary—Debbie Hall

LITTLE VINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Empire, Walker County, Alabama** **Sunday, June 21, 2009**

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June. Danny Creel welcomed everyone and led 72b. Delone Cobbs offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Emily Creel; Arranging Committee—Wendy Boggan.

Leaders: Danny Creel 56b; Wade Kotter 480, 135; Julianna Jett 410t, 47b; Elizabeth Stoddard 52b, 384; Roger Keys 503, 143; Ginnie Ely 564, 171; Sonya Sipe 32t, 39b; Robert Stoddard 207, 213t; Kristi Harju 383, 76b; Mark Davis 216, 530.

RECESS

Danny Creel brought the class back to order leading 222. Leaders: Ann Jett 496, 495; Owen Stoddard 504, 142; Elsie Moon 316, 392; Bea Carnathan 58, 80b; Xaris Martínez 105, 432; Delone Cobbs 49b, 565; Yancey Jett 42, 35; Kathleen Robbins 535, 434.

RECESS

Danny Creel led 472 to call the class back together. Leaders: Harrison Creel 342 (by request); Emily Creel 298, 299; Henry Guthery 517, 278t (by request); Anna Grace Sipe 274t, 77t; Bailey Jett 59, 108t.

LUNCH

Kathleen Robbins and Juanita Cobb led 268 to bring the class to order for the afternoon session. Leaders: Henry Guthery III 456, 549; Wanda Capps 540, 532; Kathy Robinson, Pam Taylor, Sherry Turner, Cindy Adams, and Wendy Boggan 480, 30t; Kathy Robinson 546, 442; Marlin Beasley 460, 336; Velton Chafin 521, 321, 494; Wade Kotter 148; Pam Taylor, Cindy Adams, and Kaci Robinson 146; Kristi Harju 270; Mark Davis 391; Ginnie Ely 349; Harrison Creel 512, 498; Yancey Jett and Julianna Jett 89; Ann Jett and Bailey Jett 108b; Sylvia Childers 100; Velton Chafin 309 (by request); Harrison Creel 111b (by request).

Announcements were made. Danny Creel led 56t as the closing song. Marlin Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Emily Creel

HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Roopville, near Ephesus, Georgia

Sunday, June 21, 2009

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Roopville, Georgia, was held on the third Sunday in June. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Karen Rollins leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Robert Chambless.

Bentley McGuire led 285t. During the business session, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairlady—Karen Rollins; Vice Chairman—Bentley McGuire; Secretary—Karleen Williams; Arranging Committee—Sherry Lovvorn and Margie Smith; Memorial Committee—Paige Harrod and Kathy Williams.

Leaders: Kathy Williams 120, 186; Tom Ivey 47t, 455; Karen Swenson 298; Jeff Sheppard 460; Margaret Gillanders 278t; Charlene Wallace 195; Ted Brown 97; Linda Selph 83t; Jacqui Selby-McLeod 131b; Michael Walker 208; Helen Brown 392; Ruth Steggle 454; Sharon Strong 567; Maria Wallace 474; Sarah West 335; Chris Brown 29b; Judy Whiting 475.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Stanley Edwards leading 283. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 494; Matt Hinton 542; Carol Selleck 34t; Jesse Karlsberg 470; Nathan Rees 444; Terry Barber 500; Erica Hinton 540; Shelby Sampson 547; Jade Thompson 97; April Watkins 277; Jenna Frey 358; Aldo Ceresa 476; Lewis Hughes, Jr. 112; Judy Chambless 319; Jack Nelson 480; John Plunkett 340. Chuck White, the church treasurer, gave a financial report.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Bentley McGuire leading 138t. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 344; Richard DeLong 67.

Paige Harrod began the memorial lesson by reading the following list of deceased: G. F. Rogers Jr., Evelyn Rogers, Alene Denney, Elder Gerald Hand, Larry Williams, Ona Faye Watts, and Lee Rogers. Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, Paige Harrod, Sherry Lovvorn, and Denney Rogers led 45t.

Kathy Williams led 400 for the following sick and shut-ins: Jerry Rollins, Leonard Maxwell, Phyllis Wiggins and Sharona Nelson's mother. Lewis Hughes offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Shannon Primm 312t; Lewis Hughes 166; Susan Muse and Phyllis Bickers 61; Robert Chambless 163b; Floy Wilder 350; Scott DePoy 201; Bobby Watkins 348b; Malinda Snow 422; Laura Frey 178; Tony Hammock 196; Lela Crowder 30t; Sheree Taylor 324; Mary Jo Shafer 117; Mercy Watkins 215.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order. Leaders: Evelyn Harris 155; Ann Simpson 452; B.M. Smith and Lonnie Rogers 225t, 389.

Announcements were made. Karen Rollins and Bentley McGuire led 46. The closing prayer was offered by Bobby Watkins.

Chairlady—Karen Rollins; Vice Chairman—Bentley McGuire; Secretary—Karleen Williams

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Farill Community, Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama
Saturday, June 27, 2009

The 8th session of the annual Sacred Harp singing at Salem United Methodist Church in Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama, was called to order by Henry Johnson leading 59. Pastor Roger Wilson extended a warm welcome to everyone in attendance and offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Henry Johnson, Roger Wilson, and Jeffery Richardson 45t; Judy Whiting 68b; Benjamin Bath 47t; Robert Chambless 72b; Dan Hunter 345b; Shirley Figura 28b; Ann Fox 145b; Ed Thacker 440; Stephanie Fida 31t; Darrell Swarens 40; Bud Oliver 73t; Karen Rollins 501; Shane Wootten 500; Lela Crowder 370; Karen Clark 421; Robert Kelly 502; Judy Chambless 270; Chris Brown 271t.

RECESS

Henry Johnson and Rodney Ivey called the class back to order leading 85. Leaders: Hubert Nall 176b; Jim Aaron 66; Loyd Ivey 420; Susan Harcrow 511; Cecil Roberts 229; Paul Figura 474; Dennis George 513; Syble Adams 448t; April Watkins 277; Jonathan Smith 65; Shelby Castillo 542; Reba Windom 192; S.T. Reed 134; Jesse Roberts 372; Danny Creel 498; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 423; Sharon DuPriest 318; Robert Walker 350; Jeff Sheppard 325; Liz Cantrell 313t; Bobby Watkins 138t; Mary Ruth Stiefel 429; Nate Green and Norma Green 303; Judy Caudle 311. Jesse Roberts offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Henry Johnson called the class back to order leading 129. Leaders: B.M. Smith 182; Cassie Allen 110; Joyce Walton 269; Michael Thompson 198; Sarah Jenkins 203; Matt Hinton 300; Ian Ludders 287; Rodney Ivey 228; Daphene Causey 222; Ina Shea 462; Aldo Ceresa 506; Tom George 101b; Lauren Bock 434; Mary Gowins 392; Ruth Wampler 422; Anna Hendrick 317; Becky Wright 215; Jennie Brown 411; Janice Paulk 448b; Deidra Montgomery 548; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 328; Julian Damashek 142; Nathan Rees 225b; Alanna Blanks 282; Sandra Wilkinson 177; Danny Arms 304.

RECESS

Henry Johnson called the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Rachel Carlisle 145t; Kelsey Sunderland 373; Mercy Watkins 216; George W. Burnette 417; Ainslie Allen 146; Philip Gilmore 396; Ted Mercer 50t; Elene Stovall 302; Allison Schofield 272; Shannon Primm 556; Cindy Tanner 368; Pierce Phillips 397; Blake Sisemore 208; Sara Lynch-Thomason 36b.

Announcements were made. Henry Johnson led 45b as the closing song. Ed Thacker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman/Arranging Committee—Jeffery Richardson; Secretary—Ceil Morrison

ANNUAL OXFORD SACRED HARP SINGING DAY
Seacourt Hall, Botley, Oxford, England
Saturday, June 27, 2009

The 11th Annual Oxford Sacred Harp Singing Day was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June. Sheila Girling Macadam called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 34b. Rozalja Myszka offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman/Secretary—Sheila Girling Macadam; Vice Chairman—Edwin Macadam; Arranging Committee—Steve Fletcher, Nick Hall, and Sofi Mogensen; Chaplains—Ken Baddley and Martin Williams.

Leaders: Edwin Macadam 84; Rachel Jordan 66; Ken Baddley 515; Steve Fletcher 48t; Dave Townsend 341; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 131b; James Percival 49b; Linda Reed 155; Michael Walker 131t; Sofi Mogensen 503; Nick Hall 147t; Mandy Townsend 72b; Ted Brown 303; Steve Welch 49t; Richard Percival 143; Sheila Girling Macadam 142; Edwin Macadam 441; Rachel Jordan 300; Ken Baddley 481; Steve Fletcher 107; Dave Townsend 99; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 314.

RECESS

Sofi Mogensen called the class back to order leading 228. Leaders: Michael Walker 67; Mandy Townsend 106; James Percival 474; Nick Hall 223; Linda Reed 287; Steve Welch 40; Ted Brown 546; Richard Percival 31t; Adrian Bolge 68b; Tony Singleton 473; Sheila Girling Macadam 442; Rachel Jordan 269; Dave Townsend 198; James Percival 547; Michael Walker 456; Mandy Townsend 318; Steve Welch 501; Edwin Macadam 183; Ted Brown 339; Adrian Bolge 47t; Ken Baddley 127; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 100; Linda Reed 504; Nick Hall 560; Sofi Mogensen 332; Tony Singleton 277. Adrian Bolge offered the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Richard Percival leading 159.

Leaders: Steve Fletcher 29t; Ken Baddley 45t; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 32t; Sheila Girling Macadam 330b.

For the memorial lessons, both chaplains drew on the writings of German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Ken Baddley conducted the memorial lesson, leading 163b for the following deceased: Jean Cousins, Rex Cousins, Percy Lewis—U.K; Marie Holloway—Washington; Jack Walne, Denson Hinton—Alabama; Bill Reynolds—Tennessee; John Etheridge—Florida; James Oss—Indiana; Stanley Shaw, Trevor Sanderson, Elsie Lee, Gladys Buchanan, Deirdre Powell, Yvonne Blake, Else Marie Christensen, Rose Adelaide Baker—Massachusetts; and Betty Page.

The sick and housebound were recalled by Martin Williams. Steve Fletcher led 86 for the following: Melita Chynoweth, Kay Choudary, Barbara Osborne, Maureen Gamlin, John Plunkett, Uncle Basil, Tom Hodgkinson, Mabs Pasquire, David George, Tony Smith, David Lee, June Powell, Erik Mogensen, and Helen Brown. The memorial was closed.

The class resumed singing with Adrian Bolge leading 82t. Leaders: Rachel Jordan 538; James Percival 168; Edwin Macadam 236; Sofi Mogensen 299; Nick Hall 455; Linda Reed 361; Ted Brown 176b; Richard Percival 43; Steve Welch 73b; Michael Walker 200; Tony Singleton 117; Sheila Girling Macadam 112; Edwin Macadam 189; Rachel Jordan 528; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 282; Sofi Mogensen 268.

RECESS

The final session commenced with Tony Singleton leading 128. Leaders: Steve Fletcher 312b; Rachel Jordan 146. Announcements were made and invitations extended to other Sacred Harp singing events around the country. Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam thanked all the officers, committees, and anyone who

helped in any way to make this singing possible, and led 347 as the closing song. Mary Bolge offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman/Secretary—Sheila Girling Macadam; Vice Chairman—Edwin Macadam

OLD SONGS FESTIVAL ANNUAL SINGING

**Altamont, New York
Saturday, June 27, 2009**

The annual Sacred Harp book singing at Old Songs Festival was called to order by Eric Bean leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by George Seiler. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Eric Bean; Arranging Committee—Laura Densmore; Secretary—Ginny Huszagh. Leaders: Chris Haller 66; Katy Reimers; Tom Maher 39t; Nancy Kruel 47b; Jim Ulrich 84; Ginny Huszagh 276; Adrienne Stevenson 480; George Seiler 183; Pat Geritz 479; Gerry Hoffman 277; Nancy Katzen 472; Sue Hengelsberg 162; Steve Cackley 124; Lucy Roberts 448b; Barb Swetman 475; Jean Seiler 217; Joanne Fuller 111b; Kyle 454; John Redmond 141; Mary Skidmore 203; Laura Densmore 370; Brian How 114; Anne Kazlauskas 218. Rachel Lachow led 268 as the closing song, and Eric Bean dismissed the class. Chairman—Eric Bean; Secretary—Ginny Huszagh

SHADY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

**Winston County, Alabama
June 27-28, 2009
Saturday, June 27**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in June at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Kermit Adams leading 46. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin. The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice. Leaders: Kermit Adams 47b; Travis Keeton 129, 203; Seth Poston 275b, 274t; Dawson Adams 318, 328; Betty Baccus 349, 454 (in memory of Roxie Keeton); Roma Rice 162, 358; Kathy Vlach 32t, 171; Anne Chalker 146, 235; Butch White 74b, 326; Richard Mauldin 312b, 66.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading 112. Leaders: Rachel Allred 276, 30t; Amber Davis 76b, 224; Christy Holcomb and Rachel Allred 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson); Emily Jones 229, 47t; Chuck Beasley and Ruth Nix 457, 33b; Seth Allred and Kenneth Fannin 503, 45t; Velton Chafin 68b, 75; Joan Gilbreath, Nancy Faulkner, Edna Earl Pace, Gary Pelfrey, Dwight Pelfrey 517 (WB), 358, 294; Corene White 379.

LUNCH

Kermit Adams called the class back to order leading 157. Leaders: Will Allred 182; Azalee Adams 317, 67; J.C. Rutledge 568, 569b; Kenneth Fannin 405, 441; Mary Holcomb 270, 546; Carol Fannin 125, 136; Seth Poston 124, 167 (for Josie Hyde); Laura Hale and Ryan Hale 155, 30b; Steve Adams and Rachel Allred 309, 401; Susan Allred 482, 399b; Fernando Adams and Lorene Gray 108t, 108b; Kathryn Weaver 135, 127; Kenneth Fannin, Carol Fannin, Christy Holcomb, Emily Holcomb, Seth Allred, Will Allred, Rachel Allred, and Ryan Hale 176t, 565; Betty Baccus and Seth Poston 82t, 282 (in memory of Cecil Wakefield); Billy Williams 84; Kathy Vlach 178.

Kermit Adams and Travis Keeton led 384 as the closing song. Butch White offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, June 28

Kermit Adams called the class to order leading 31b. Margaret Keeton offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 39b; Don Robertson 49b, 49t, 48t; Roma Rice 32t, 73t, 81t (for Nellie Alexander); Lorene Gray 75; Stella Pratt 87, 111b; Ozella Blackmon 317, Leona Haynes 100, 101t, 358, 335; Willodean Barton 145t, 270.

RECESS

Kermit Adams called the class back to order leading 135. Leaders: Dawson Adams 68b, 67; Mary Godsey 45t; Betty Claborn 59, 46; Earnestine Parker and Margaret Keeton 325, 401; Steve Adams and Margaret Keeton 378t, 294.

Roma Rice conducted the memorial lesson leading 146 in memory of the following deceased: L.H. Gilmore, Kim Jenkins, Gertrude Hannah, Milton Oliver, Sally Godsey, and John Etheridge.

LUNCH

Kermit Adams called the class to order leading 143. Leaders: Don Robertson 74b, 74t; Lera Pollock 128, 175; Mary Godsey 274t, 36t; Bobby Robins 445, 294; Willodean Barton 141, 460; Roma Rice 343, 144; Josie Hyde 155, 454; Betty Claborn 87; Dawson Adams 77t, 76b; Leona Haynes 298, 277; Carolyn Pipkins, Betty Claborn, and Mary Godsey 323b.

Kermit Adams led 43 as the closing song. Dawson Adams offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice

MT. LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH **Near Fayette, Alabama** **Sunday, June 28, 2009**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in June was called to order by Larry Ballinger leading 31b. Earl Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

After welcoming comments, the class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Linton Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary—Amanda Hardiman; Arranging Committee—Buddy Ballinger and Gravis Ballinger.

Leaders: Linton Ballinger 283; Amanda Hardiman 475; Sherry Stover and Allie Ballinger 72b; Jerry Jenkins, Miles Jenkins, and Graham Jenkins 30t; David Ballinger, Will Thompson, and Daniel Hardiman 480, 84; Jennifer Jenkins and Jerry Jenkins 145t; Wendell Rinehart 445; Brenda Robbins 217; Lena Keeton 234; Gravis Ballinger 215; Wayne Baines 354t; Teresa Hope 384; Nate Green and Norma Green 373; Case O'Dell and Jarrod Litton 159; Charles Humber 405; Kenneth Tate 228; Chris Ballinger 339; Beth Ballinger and Tory Colvin 546; Joy Litton and Amelia O'Dell 108t.

RECESS

Lomax Ballinger called the class together leading 503. Leaders: Gary Smith 66; Donny Cooley and David Ballinger 186; Henry Schuman 193; Albert Humber 565; Alana Nelson and Drue Nelson 155; Leslie Brady and Gravis Ballinger 31b; Emily West, Sam West, Jill Porter, and Ella Porter 298; Michael Tolar, Carrie Tolar, and Lisa Geist 49t; Joan Aldridge 167; Travis Keeton 340; Miranda Gilreath 297; Janet Litton 212; Jimmy Ballinger, Phillip Ballinger, Mike Ballinger, Barbara Cooley, and

Dianna Anderson (Lavaughn Ballinger's children) 63; Anne Chalker 146; Teresa Guyton 216.

Deceased singers and those who are sick and shut-ins were honored by singers and listeners singing the words to "Amazing Grace".

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Earl Ballinger leading 203. Leaders: Seth Poston 358; Josh Folmar and Ben Argo 47b; Johnny Humber 208; Mike Hankins 490; Clayton Ezell and Phillip Ashworth 300, 108b; Anna Litton and Carol Zeanah 40; Johnny Cooley, Donny Cooley, Craig Anderson, and Todd Anderson 68b; Scott Ivey 220; Bridgett Hill 192; Phillip Ballinger, Josh Ballinger, and Katelyn Ballinger 294.

LUNCH

Lisa Geist called the afternoon session to order by leading 428. Leaders: Hannah Tate 436; Kathy Vlach 344; Toney Smith and Rodney Ivey 392; James Canterbury 59; Bickett Houston 434; Emily Creel 454; Eugene Forbes 168; Rodney Ivey 232; Paul Figura 472; Harrison Creel and Emily Creel 342; Max Berueffy and Karin Covi 438; Loyd Ivey 204; Elene Stovall 558 (in memory of Hamilton Ballinger); Shirley Figura 299; Annie Lou Price 441; Glenn Keeton 349 (for Clarence McCool); Philip Gilmore 270; Amber Davis 380.

RECESS

Buddy Ballinger called the class to order by leading 354b. Johnny Humber was recognized for managing the finances for the Sacred Harp singing radio program broadcast over WECF station for over 30 years.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 418; Richard Mauldin 378t; Tim Cook 150; Warren Steel 352; Samuel Sommers 502; Henry Guthery 572; Velton Chafin 439; Leon Ballinger 99; Jimmy Ballinger and Daniel Hardiman 45t; Seth Poston 358.

Following announcements, Larry Ballinger and Linton Ballinger led 46 as the closing song. Buddy Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Linton Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary—Amanda Hardiman

DELONG-ROBERTS MEMORIAL SINGING **Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Banning, Georgia** **Sunday, June 28, 2009**

The annual DeLong-Roberts Memorial Singing was opened by Richard DeLong leading 60 and 57. Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Matt DeLong 341, 288; Janice Paulk 518; Jesse Roberts 172, 328; Jesse Karlsberg 541; Lauren Bock 426b; Malinda Snow 516; Erica Hinton 460; Faye Hollis 168; Tony Hammock 314; Helen Bryson 411; Oscar McGuire 485; Rachel Carlisle 155; Judy Mincey 474; John Plunkett 465; Brady DeLong 37b; Jeannette DePoy 339; Jack Nelson 30b; Matt Hinton 430; Andy Morse 472.

RECESS

Jesse Roberts called the class to order leading 30t. Leaders: Shannon Primm 550; Eddie Waters 512; Cecil Roberts 31t; Scott DePoy 277; Karen Rollins 327; Michael Thompson 456; Tom George 393; Sheri Taylor 209; Robert Kelly 494; Carol Munro-Mosley 312; Carlene Griffin 448b; Micah Roberts 389; Jenna Frye 358; Jessica Altman and Timothy 542; Charlene Wallace 361; Ashley Thompson 436.

A memorial lesson was held. Elder Jesse Roberts shared memories of his mother, Nora Roberts, and led 480 in her memory. Matt DeLong and Richard DeLong led 34t for the following deceased: Frank Block (Jeannette DePoy's father), Elizabeth Tolbert, Lee Rogers, Venson Arms (Danny Arms' father), Kat Kincade, Elder Gerald Hand, John Etheridge, and Nora Roberts.

Judy Mincey led 50b for the following sick and shut-ins: Violet Thomason, Talmadge Horsley, Reba Norton, Sally McKuen, Susan Dierhs, Miles Schofield, and Dot Garrison. Jesse Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Richard DeLong brought the class back to order leading 109. Leaders: Liz Cantrell 318; Judy Whiting 273; Anna Maria Irvine 142; Dennis George 442; Jenny Brown 383; Danny Arms 200; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 419; Joyce Walton 122; Ina Shea 397; Aldo Ceresa 434; Bentley McGuire 291; Deidra Montgomery 217; Ted Mercer 123b; Lonnie Rogers 141; Anna Hendrick 145b; Stephanie Fida 428; Henry Johnson 418; Becky Wright 214; Mike Castleberry 76b; Darrell Swarens 72b.

RECESS

Matt DeLong called the class to order leading 294. A business session was held and the class voted to retain the following officers for the coming year: Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairmen—Elder Jesse Roberts and Matt DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson.

Leaders: Guy Bankes 556; Kelsey Sunderland 534; Chris Brown 441; Allison Schofield 384; Michael Mosley 440; Peter Irvine 138b; Ruth Wampler 293; Julian Damashek 482; Dan Hunter 399b; Mary Gowins 332.

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong, Matt DeLong, and Jesse Roberts led 323t as the closing song. Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairmen—Elder Jesse Roberts and Matt DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson

NEW HOPE CHURCH **Cullman County, Alabama** **Sunday, June 28, 2009**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at New Hope Church on the fourth Sunday in June was called to order by Butch White leading 31t and 566. He then offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Rachel Allred 317, 278t; Ercyl Vidrine 32t, 111t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Geraldine Sharpton.

Leaders: Margie Lee 72b; Geraldine Sharpton 452, 66; Will Allred 146, 59; Nancy Tuck 159, 388.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Butch White leading 39t and 480. Leaders: Susan Allred 76b, 73t; Caleb Allred 47b; Essie Hollingsworth 143, 164. The church finance chairman, Reuben Williams, gave a report on the finances of the church and cemetery. He also gave an update on the status of the repair work on the building. Gene Sharpton offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Butch White leading 56t. Leaders: Judy Caudle 155, 129; Mary Holcombe 204, 30t; Laura Hale 270, 312b; Kenneth Fannin 348b, 340; Carol Fannin 64, 503; Adam Hale and Christy Holcombe 31t; Geraldine Sharpton 542; Nancy Tuck 571 (CB); Carol Fannin and Essie Hollingsworth 358; Judy Caudle 338, 68b, 45t.

Butch White led 63 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Kenneth Fannin, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Geraldine Sharpton

CAMP FASOLA 2009 (SESSION II)

Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama

June 29-July 2, 2009

Monday, June 29

Following registration and dinner at the Grove Dining Hall, the class was called to order by Karen Ivey and Stuart Ivey leading 37b. The opening prayer was offered by Blake Sisemore.

Leaders: Drew Smith, Blake Sisemore, Joel Jenkins, Rodney Ivey, Brian Maxwell, and Jackson Harcrow 385b; Sarah Jenkins, Lauren Bock, Jordan-Leigh Taylor, Joanna Lampert, Lela Crowder, and Ariella Perry 176b; David Ivey, Jeff Sheppard, Pam Nunn, Karen Ivey, and Judy Caudle 556; Brittany Tanedo, Brian Tanedo, and Blake Tanedo 146; Adrian Eldridge, Virginia Eldridge, Rebecca Eldridge, Kathryn Eldridge, and James Eldridge 187; Shelby Castillo, James Castillo, Joseph Castillo, and Katrina Rosser 186; Cheyenne Ivey, Paige Gilbert, and Avalea Maxwell 101t; Lauren Hall, Rachel Shavers, Alex Makris, and Amaleah Perry 142; Andrew Kiser, Caleb Kiser, Liz Kiser, and Tony Kiser 277; Ashton Rodgers, Corbin Rodgers, Lori Rodgers, Micah Rodgers, Janet Morgan, Donna Sewell, and Stephen Dalton 107; B.J. Schnorenberg, Tom George, and Bentley McGuire 112; Kelsey Sunderland, Allison Schofield, Jennie Brown, and Deidra Montgomery 426b; Alex Craig, Zach Craig, Serenity Manning, Isaac Maxwell, and Avalea Maxwell 97; Sonya Sipe, Garrett Sipe, Anna Grace Sipe, Beth Anne Clay, and Ailee Martin 63; Rachel Allred, Caleb Allred, and Jennifer Lee 192; Philip Gilmore, Grace Gilmore, Rebekah Gilmore, and Anna Jewell Gilmore 270; Robert Kelly, Scott Ivey, Jo Pendleton, and Jonathan Pendleton 182; Scott DePoy, Jeannette DePoy, and Holly Mixon 99; Paula Oliver, Maggie Cox, and Brianna Meek 480; Jonathon Smith, Justin Levi, Aldo Ceresa, and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 214; Ruth Wampler, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, and Daniel Hunter 215; Guy Bankes, Anna Bowen, Heidi Bowen, Sara Bowen, Ina Shea, and Rebecca Schissler 475; Sheila Nugent, James Nugent, Fiona Nugent, and Declan Nugent 224; Peter Irvine, Anna Maria Irvine, Alexandra Irvine, Julian Damashek, and Mary Gowins 217.

The devotional was conducted by Joel Jenkins. He read from I Chronicles and made remarks about praising God. He also read from Psalms... “make a joyful noise unto the Lord...” He offered prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Tuesday, June 30

Lesson: Rudiments 1 / Youth I—Basics. 9:00 a.m. The Ark—Teachers: Tom Malone and Judy Caudle Judy Caudle and Tom Malone introduced themselves, and led 46. Tom asked the class if the song was in major or minor key. He indicated that this can be determined by looking at the last note of the bass: a “fa” indicates major, and a “la” is minor.

The four shape notes were introduced and reviewed using the major scale. Harmony and discord were introduced by singing the scale in thirds in groups of boys and girls. Everything covered so far had to do with tune (melodics). Judy began introducing time (rhythmics) by discussing the three types of time: common, triple, and compound. Tom reviewed the modes of time and wrapped up the session on time by playing a game of “Finish My Sentence”.

Lesson: Rudiments 1 / Youth II—Intermediate. 9:00 a.m. Genesis—Teacher: Richard DeLong

Lesson: Rudiments 1 / Young Adults. 9:00 a.m. Dining Hall—Teacher: Samuel Sommers Samuel Sommers began the class by welcoming everyone and offering prayer. Sam remarked that singing Sacred Harp expresses a desire to sing correctly by following the traditions for the greater joy of God, for ourselves, and for our

community. He reviewed the shapes and the scale, emphasizing chords and explaining fourths, fifths, dominant, sub-dominant, and intervals.

He then moved on to explain tempo as a pulse for music. He reviewed the modes of time (referring to rudiments page 15, sections 11-15).

Sam reviewed rests (rudiments page 15, section 8), stating that rests are periods of silence. A breach in silence would include singing, talking, and audible foot patting. Rests have the same lengths as corresponding notes. He used songs 66 and 67 as examples. Sam also covered other aspects of time keeping including double endings, D.C., D.S., and fine.

In closing, Sam gave the class a preview of Wednesday's lesson (melodics). The class was dismissed.

10:15 a.m.—Snacks 10:30 a.m.—Recreation and Crafts with Liz Kiser 12:00 p.m.—Lunch Lesson: The Kitchens Family—"A Life of Faithful Service" 1:00 p.m. The Ark—Teacher: Tom Malone Tom Malone and Allison Schofield led 279 to bring the class to order. Tom introduced the special guests for the lesson, Joy Jenkins (daughter of Elmer Kitchens), Heather Green and April Green (great-granddaughters of Elmer Kitchens), Marlin Beasley (friend of Elmer Kitchens), and Sandra Wilkinson (friend of Elmer Kitchens).

James Elmer Kitchens was born on June 16, 1912, near Jasper, Alabama. He died June 13, 1979 and was buried at Gray Cemetery near Parrish, Alabama. He was a fifth generation Primitive Baptist minister. He was a Sacred Harp singer, writer/composer/teacher of Sacred Harp music. He served as President of the Sacred Harp Publishing Company from 1966—1979, and was instrumental in revising "*The Sacred Harp*, 1971 Revision".

Marlin Beasley told of meeting Elmer Kitchens in 1955. Marlin shared humorous stories of Elder Kitchens. He said that "Exit" (pg. 181) was one of Elmer's favorites to lead.

Sandra Wilkinson told of going to her first singing school in 1962. Elder Kitchens had been asked to teach a 10 day singing school out of the *White Book* at Hardeman Church in Decatur, Georgia. Sandra said because of her interest in singing, Elder Kitchens took her under his wing and paid her a lot of attention. He asked Sandra to write the words to a song the class had written. Together, they composed the words and music to "Hardeman". The song was dedicated to Sandra's grandfather. Sandra led the class in singing "Hardeman".

Joy Jenkins thanked the class for this special session. Joy and Tom led 358 (her favorite song). Joy and Sandra Wilkinson led 568. Marlin Beasley led 512, and the class was dismissed.

Lesson: Learning Songs / Youth—Basics. 1:00 p.m. Genesis—Teacher: Stuart Ivey Stuart brought the class to order and stated that when learning songs, one should choose "easy" songs, what he calls toothpick songs. These are tunes that have comfortable speed / meter; not too many notes, comfortable range; familiarity; are not too long (one page or less); and no fudging tunes. Scott Ivey led 56t. Stuart provided the class with good steps to use to learn a song: know the tenor; lead a song to learn it; know the words; know any extra things about the song, such as repeats, time changes, rests, and bird's eye.

Stuart led 36b, 48t, 81t, 100. He used 100 as an example of syncopation (the shift of accent from one note to another), citing the "Scottish Snap".

2:30 p.m.—Recreation

Elective: Keying Music. 2:30 p.m. Genesis—Teacher: Richard DeLong Richard called the class to order by leading 81t. He talked of determining if a song is major or minor by looking at the last note in the bass line as the first step in keying a song.

The second thing to do is develop nerves of steel. Third is to listen to experienced keyers, and fourth, practice, practice, practice.

Mr. Lonnie Rogers came by and addressed the class. Richard led 389 in honor of Mr. Lonnie.

Richard talked about tunes that could be keyed too high or too low very easily, and tunes that should be keyed higher or lower than marked in order for the class to sing comfortably. He led 155, 546, 285t, 45t, 162, and 36b.

The class was dismissed.

Elective: Arranging Committee. 2:30 p.m. Dining Hall—Teacher: Linton Ballinger
Linton Ballinger and his wife, Ethelene, presented a class on the considerations of an arranging committee. Linton showed the class a pocket watch, and stated that it was an important implement of arranging committees of the past. In earlier singings (50 years ago or so) leaders were called to lead for a set amount of time, say 10 or 15 minutes. He circulated a 1938 copy of the minutes kept at the Fayette County Convention to illustrate the time allocation tradition.

3:45 p.m.—Snacks

Leading Boot Camp / Intermediate. 4:00 p.m. The Ark—Teachers: Shelbie Sheppard and Jeff Sheppard
Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order by leading 176t. Shelbie gave suggestions for leading well: good leaders clearly define the tempo and bring in parts. Good leaders do not expend excess energy by waving their arms around unnecessarily, or bouncing while in the square. A good way to practice leading skills is in front of a full length mirror. Pay attention to your manner of dress as it should be appropriate for church services or similar services. Students volunteered to lead, one by one, while Shelbie gave them constructive criticism.

Lesson: Leading / Youth Basics. 4:00 p.m. Genesis—Teacher: Richard DeLong
Richard called the class together and appointed Drew Smith to key and emphasized that everyone should try to lead.

Richard instructed the class to “watch the leader!” He also stated that the leader should announce to the class what it should expect, such as the number of repeats and the number of verses.

Richard instructed the class to look toward the bass singers, or give them a nod, to let them know to repeat a fugue. Also, he encouraged new leaders to have a backup song or two ready in case someone else leads their first choice.

Lesson: Accent for the New Singer. 4:00 p.m. Dining Hall—Teacher: Tom Malone
Tom Malone covered the modes of time in Sacred Harp, referring to pages 15 and 16 in the rudiments section. He illustrated that the down beat falls heavier than the upbeat. He and the class practiced beating time in all modes of time used in the Sacred Harp. He covered the primary and secondary accents, relating to degrees of power and unequal emphasis. He used songs on pages 49t and 82t as examples. He went on to discuss two cases that will change accent in the Sacred Harp. If the accent of the poetry differs from the accent of the music, for that instance, the degree of accent would change. Another example of change in accent would be syncopation (rudiments page 17, section 20). He further stated that full primary accent is like a “push”.

5:00 p.m.—Recreation

Elective: The Alto Part. 5:00 p.m. Genesis—Teacher: Cassie Allen
Cassie began the class by telling the history of the alto part and stating that most early Sacred Harp music did not include the alto. Earlier editions had the alto written in C clef, but now most all alto parts are written in G clef. S.M. Denson and J.S. James added alto parts to the 1911 edition as it served to modernize the music and add a closer harmony of the parts.

Cassie led the class in singing 58. She talked of the range of an alto voice, usually an E tone to a B or C tone. The alto part is written for women with a lower voice.

Cassie led 163b, a song that originally had an alto part. For minor music, the alto part usually starts on the tonic and ends on the tonic, rarely ending on the 3rd. She led 506 as an example of a song ending on the minor 3rd.

She led 36b to have the class practice finding their pitch. She led 37b and pointed out the choice notes the alto part sings. She had the class practice singing different choice notes, and encouraged altos to swap to opposite notes to change the sound. This gives the alto part more fullness.

Cassie stated that altos get a lot of sharps and flats. She led 454 to show flats and naturals, and discusses how the tones change with sharps and flats. She led 168 to show a song with sharps. She also stated that altos usually sing the bass part in three part songs and led 70b as an example.

Cassie asked the altos why they sing that part. Most answered that the part was comfortable. She encouraged them to blend their voices, giving a natural sound, and adding fullness to the tune (re: page 21 Rudiments/Mechanics). She led 480 to emphasize the alto part and to show how the alto part can “make a song”.

Elective: The Bass Part. 5:00 p.m. Dining Hall—Teacher: Ed Thacker Ed Thacker, a bass singer, instructed the class on singing the bass part. He talked about the bass clef (rudiments pg. 17; Melodics, section 3). He explained the tonic and figuring out the first note of the bass part from the pitch given. He said to let the key person sound the whole chord.

Ed explained double endings, pointing out the art of singing to the first ending, then returning straight into a repeat. He used 474 and 475 as examples. The class practiced on songs 192, 318, 383, and 220.

6:00 p.m.—Dinner

Class Singing. 7:30 p.m. The Ark—Led by Youth Boys The class was called to order by Andrew Kiser leading 32t. The evening prayer was offered by Blake Sisemore. Leaders: Tom George 82t; James Eldridge and Isaac Maxwell 35; Nick Kinsey, Callie Garnett, Jean Garnett, and Anna Hendrick 384; Sarah Jenkins, Katherine Eldridge, Avalea Maxwell, Holly Mixon, and Ailee Martin 274t; Joanna Lampert, Ashton Rodgers, Paige Gilbert, Grace Gilmore, and Dorothy Nelson 117; Jordan-Leigh Taylor, Beth Anne Clay, Rebecca Eldridge, Cheyenne Ivey, and Brianna Meek 324; Ariella Perry, Maggie Cox, Paula Oliver, Micah Rodgers, and Katrina Rosser 196; Lauren Bock, Alex Craig, Serenity Manning, Shelby Castillo, and Rebekah Gilmore 186; Lela Crowder, Rachel Shavers, Rachel Allred, Alex Makris, and Brittany Tanedo 430; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 472; Samuel Sommers and Aldo Ceresa 141; Allison Schofield and Jennifer Mosteller 112; Joyce Walton and Rodney Ivey 439; Ruth Wampler and Ricky Harcrow 401; Tom Malone and Jesse Karlsberg 492; Adrian Eldridge and Virginia Eldridge 111b; Cassie Allen and Liz Kiser 432; Michael Mosley and Carol Munro-Mosley 474; Darrell Swarens and Bob Meek 198; Drew Sellers and Timothy Morton 178; Lucy O’Leary and Zachary Marcus 340; Jeff Sheppard and Shelbie Sheppard 327; Laura Dempsey and Lynne Wilson 523; Justin Levi and Julian Damashek 500; Donna Bell, Lori Rodgers, and Janet Morgan 142; Gene Forbes and Jackson Harcrow 155.

Andrew Kiser led 101t as the closing song. Caleb Allred offered prayer, and the class was dismissed to assemble at the campfire for devotional.

The campfire devotional was conducted by Ethan Corbett. He read the first chapter of Genesis.

Wednesday, July 1

Lesson: Rudiments II / Youth I—Basics. 9:00 a.m. The Ark—Teachers: Tom Malone and Judy Caudle Basic rudiments and review continued.

Lesson: Rudiments II / Youth II—Intermediate. 9:00 a.m. Genesis—Teacher: Cassie Allen Cassie began the lesson by reviewing The Rudiments, page 20, chapter 6, Mechanics of Singing. The class practiced major and minor scales for warm-up. She talked of keys of convenience, and noted that any key, whether absolute or not, must cover the steps and half steps within the scale.

Cassie led 36b, 138t, and 155, concentrating on accent. She then reviewed notes and rests (whole, half, quarter, eighth, and sixteenth) and led 28b and 98.

Cassie instructed the class on the modes of time (Rudiments, pg. 15 and 16) and repeat marks (pg. 14).

Lesson: Rudiments II / Young Adults. 9:00 a.m. Dining Hall—Teacher: Samuel Sommers Samuel Sommers opened the class by offering prayer, with a special request for Shelbie Sheppard, who was injured in a fall earlier in the day.

Sam began his presentation by stating that rudiments are like 3rd grade math, one must have a good grounding in rudiments to sound good. He covered rhythmic (pretty notes are bad at the wrong time); good habits (look at the book and sing what is written); clefs (referred to the alto clef as a “dark mystery”, and reviewed bass and treble clefs). The class practiced the scale and intervals. Sam pointed out that the sound of a note is more important than the name of the note. He reviewed “keys of convenience” and repeats.

Sam addressed a myth about singing as loud as possible. He said the myth “if you can hear your neighbor, you’re not singing loud enough” was rubbish. He encouraged students to sing with a full, strong voice and not to be afraid to sing out! He moved on to leading songs, stressing the need to have a skeleton style and add “curlicues” later. Sam talked about a frame for keeping time (eye level to belt); the use of modest upward and downward strokes (no pitching a softball); the use of economy of motion (smaller strokes for faster songs). He reviewed the modes of time (rudiments pg. 15 and 16).

Sam addressed a question on pitching decorum. His thoughts were as follows: to pitch your own song if you want; have someone else pitch your song, even if not the designated key; don’t ask for a new pitch if it is not your song. The class was dismissed.

10:15 a.m.—Snacks 10:30 a.m.—Recreation and Crafts with Liz Kiser

Elective: Sacred Harp Composition. 10:30 a.m. Genesis—Teacher: Aldo Ceresa Aldo introduced himself and stated that he is self taught, learning mostly from the Sacred Harp book.

Since the late 1700’s, someone has been writing Sacred Harp music. It is essential to the book’s success. Aldo cited periods of great activity: 1840’s, 1850’s, and 1860’s, early 1900’s, 1930’s, 1950’s, coinciding with revisions. The music is different from period to period, but evolves with no radical shifts. Singers will only sing your music if in the “style” of the Sacred Harp. People must like it and recognize it.

Sacred Harp music has lots of patterns. Study the book to learn those patterns. Aldo handed out charts of major and minor chords, showing most common to least common, rarely used chords, and generally avoided chords. Matt Hinton shared comments with the class stating that page 501 was written as an exercise to learn the bass part. He also shared that Mr. Raymond Hamrick says that Sacred Harp composers think “horizontally” while others think “vertically”. The class was dismissed.

Elective: Dinner on the Ground. 10:30 a.m. Dining Hall—Teacher: Pam Nunn Pam Nunn conducted the Dinner on the Grounds class in the absence of Shelbie Sheppard. The class made two recipes to be shared with all campers at dinner. Pam’s Chocolate Surprise is a dessert made with chocolate cookies, chocolate cake, chocolate pudding, chocolate covered peanuts, granola, and Cool Whip. Banana

Split Cake is made with vanilla cookies, vanilla pudding, vanilla pound cake, pineapple chunks, sliced bananas, and Cool Whip, topped off with Maraschino cherries.

Pam addressed the issue of dinner etiquette by saying that if you are from the area, always take food to the singing, especially your home church/singing. If you know an area is hurting for food on singing day, take a dish or two, or take drinks, cups, etc. or make a donation. The class and Camp Lee kitchen staff got to taste test Pam's Chocolate Surprise and Banana Split Cake before dismissal. Yum!! 12:00 p.m.—Lunch

Lesson: William Walker 200th Birthday Commemoration. 1:00 p.m. The Ark—Teacher: Jonathon Smith The class was brought to order by Zachary Marcus leading 146. Jonathon Smith introduced himself and welcomed everyone. He passed around copies of a pamphlet about William Walker.

William Walker was born on the Tyger River near Martin's Mill, three miles from the village of Cross Keys in Union County, South Carolina on May 6, 1809. He was a singer/composer/compiler of sacred music and was involved in the publication of at least four shape note tune books: *The Southern Harmony* (1835), *Southern and Western Pocket Harmonist* (1846—intended as a supplement to the *Southern Harmony*), *The Christian Harmony* (1867—switching from 4 shapes to 7 shapes), *Fruits and Flowers* (1873—a book for common schools and Sunday schools including sacred and secular tunes). He died in 1875 and was buried in Magnolia Cemetery near downtown Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Jonathon continued explaining the history of William Walker and the publications of different books containing his music. He led “Solemn Call” from the *Christian Harmony*. Jane Spencer read an excerpt from “Fruits and Flowers” (a book published for children). Jonathan and Jane led “Busy Bee”.

Lesson: Learning Songs / Youth—Basics. 1:00 p.m. Genesis—Teacher: Stuart Ivey Stuart began the class by singing the scale. He pointed out that the 1st, 3rd, and 5th notes of the major scale, when sung together, are called an arpeggio. He asked the class who had done their homework on tough songs? Grace Gilmore volunteered and led 282.

He talked about what makes a song comfortable. Being familiar with a song makes it easier to sing and more comfortable to lead. Also, a steady, even tempo, comfortable voice range, simple melody, form (the way it's written, time signature, etc.), and length (one page or less) determines the degree of difficulty in a song. He instructed the class that they should look for “extras” in songs such as birds eye (fermata), accidentals (flats and sharps), D.C. (Da Capo, “the head”, return to the beginning), D.S. (Dal Segno, return to the sign), rests, and triplets.

The class worked on some songs by practicing hard measures at a slow speed. Holly Mixon led 222. Ailee Martin led 354b. Maggie Cox led 409. Using the song on page 513; Stuart discussed how to learn different parts to help a person know their song better. He assigned everyone homework of selecting two songs to lead, and dismissed the class.

2:30—Recreation

Elective: Theology Thoughts. 2:30 p.m. The Ark—Teacher: Matt Hinton Matt Hinton began his remarks by welcoming everyone. He talked about some of the lyrics of the tunes in the Sacred Harp, explaining the meaning and citing the origins of those lyrics. He stated that most of the songs in *The Sacred Harp* are either about free grace or are founded on the position of free grace. He led 31t, 81t, 401, and 365 during the discussion with the class.

Elective: Keying Music. 2:30 p.m. Genesis—Teacher: David Ivey David opened the class by referring to the rudiments, pg. 17. Sacred Harp music should be pitched so

that all singers can reach their parts comfortably. He spoke of “keys of convenience”. He stated that the keys given in the book offer guidance on where to pitch a song, and offer good general guidelines with some exceptions. Listening is important in learning to pitch. It can be instructive to listen to how other people key songs and by listening to recordings.

David instructed Julian Damashek in keying and leading 331. He said to scan the song and notice the range. Relate the key to another song you know in the same key. David called attention to the song on page 57. It is an unusual chord for the start of a song. He also noted that the starting note in the tenor (F) in 163b is hard to find at 2:30 on a Sunday afternoon if the class does not help with sounding the chord.

Daniel Hunter keyed 312t, which is written in a key that is too low for singing comfortably. Deidra Montgomery keyed 414, which has a high treble part. The class continued to practice keying songs until the class was dismissed.

3:45—Snacks

Lesson: Leading Basics—Youth I. 4:00 p.m. Genesis—Teacher: Stuart Ivey Stuart began the lesson by leading 66, and everyone sang the tenor part. Leaders should know their song number and be ready when their name is called. Approach the square with confidence and call the number loud enough to be heard. Barrett Patton led 424.

Stuart led 148, a song written in 2/4 time with singing beginning on the down beat. He instructed the class to practice letting the class know you are about to begin singing by utilizing a prep beat with your hand. He went on to tell the class to stand comfortably in the square, but be able to move if it is a fugging tune, and you want to bring in the parts. The class practiced this and sung 546 and 454.

Lesson: Leading Boot Camp / Intermediate. 4:00 p.m. The Ark—Teachers: David Ivey and Jeff Sheppard

Lesson: Accent for the New Singer. 4:00 p.m. Dining Hall—Teacher: Tom Malone Tom Malone opened this lesson by saying “not many could read, but all could adore” (referring to singing school students of the past). People in pre-tech times relied heavily on memorization. Singing masters would teach in a question and answer form in order to help memorize the question and answer. For over 170 years, specific phrases have remained exactly the same in the rudiments. The rudiments are built on a core of material that doesn’t change. Tom referred to the rudiments as a learner’s permit to drive, and leading in the square as the keys, car, and gas.

Tom referred to the modes of time (rudiments pg. 15 and 16), going over each one and explaining the time signature and what it means to the singer. The key to accent is the fall and lift of your hand. Primary accent in every mode of time is when your hand falls. The secondary accent in every mode of time is when your hand rises. The exception to the rule is 2/4 time which has no secondary accent. According to B.F. White, primary accent equals full accent, and secondary accent equals half accent. Accent means stress or emphasis on one part of a sentence or measure more than another. Rather than making the primary accent stronger, give less to the secondary accent. Observing accent should begin as the needed emphasis of the poetry, it the poet has done his job. Songs used as examples were 49t and 82t.

Poetry and music each have their own accent, but happily they are in sync with each other, with few exceptions. There are times when it is appropriate and necessary to withhold accent (syncopation and when the poetry demands). The song on page 224 was used as an example.

There are cases when the composer imposes accent on pre-written prose (such as a text from the Bible) that is non-rhyming. An example used during class time is page 512. There are a few awkward places, but mostly the accents line up just right.

Singing with accent allows the singer to execute his/her part with less effort. Songs used were pages 119 and 360.

5:00 p.m.—Recreation

Elective: *The Times—They are a Changing*. 5:00 p.m. Genesis—Teacher: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg Jesse brought the class to order by leading 43. His lesson was about songs in the Sacred Harp book with time changes. There are 22 songs in the book with time changes (about 5%). These songs were written over the time span of 3 centuries by 14 authors.

There are 3 different types of songs with time changes: camp meeting tunes and folk hymns; anthems, odes, and set pieces; and fugal tunes.

Accent depends on the mode of time and so may change with each mode of time.

Marking time as a leader is very important when leading songs with time changes.

When there is a change of time, there should be a change of tempo.

Many anthems have a time change that slows down at the end to signal a dramatic finish. “Sermon on the Mount” includes 5 out of the 7 modes of time.

Elective: *Unusual Songs / Youth*. 5:00 p.m. Dining Hall—Teacher: Stuart Ivey Stuart Ivey began this lesson by posing the question “What makes a song unusual?” There is more than one answer to this question—titles, songs not sung often, and songs with various dynamics, to name a few.

Titles: There are many songs named for states: for example, 196 (Alabama), 271t (Arkansas), 203 (Florida), and 197 (Georgia). Other geographical names include 163b (China), 178 (Africa), 36t (America), and city names such as 73t (Cusseta), and 73b (Arlington). The song on page 485 is named for a street in Chicago (New Agatite). *The Sacred Harp* also includes songs with patriotic names and themes, such as 346 (American Star), 110 (Mt. Vernon, about the death of George Washington), and 160t (War Department).

Songs not sung often: The song on page 26 was added in the 1936 revision. Maggie Denson Cagle brought the song in after the book was basically finished, so it was placed at the front to precede page 27 (Bethel) as the first song. The longest song in the book is page 254 and the shortest is page 213b. Stuart quoted J.L. Hopper saying that this song (213b) was “picked green”. Some songs not sung often are songs in which all the parts do not start at the same time, such as 280 and 195.

Songs with various dynamics: Many of the songs in the Sacred Harp book have “birds eyes” (fermata) or an indefinite tone length. Examples of these songs are 198, 316, 507, 59, 48t, 34t, and 96. Other songs have triplets, such as the song on page 188. Some songs are unusual in that the words match up with what is going on in the music such, as 282 and 344.

6:00 p.m.—Dinner

Class Singing. 7:30 p.m. The Ark—Youth Girls The class was called to order. A special rendition of 33b was sung by the Youth Girls.

Leaders: Alex Makris, Rachel Allred, Micah Rodgers, and Rebecca Eldridge 81t; Joel Jenkins, Joseph Castillo, James Castillo, Justin Corbett, Isaac Maxwell, Jonathan Pendleton, and Barrett Patton 282; Drew Smith, Ethan Corbett, Zach Craig, James Eldridge, James Nugent, Caleb Allred, and Demond Lightfoot 179; Jackson Harcrow, Tom George, Tony Kiser, B.J. Schnorenberg, and Garrett Sipe 448t; Blake Sisemore, Caleb Kiser, Stephen Dalton, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Andrew Kiser, Bentley McGuire, and Corbin Rodgers 193; Molly Ellis and Stephanie Fida 163b; Benjamin Bath 428; Callie Garnett and Daniel Hunter 86; David Rivers and Jo Pendleton 59; Jane Spencer 133; Sam Sommers 316; Rachel Rudi 451; Nathan Rees 292; Kathy Williams and Liz Cantrell 283; Rodney Ivey 540; Lauren Hall and Rachel Shavers 424; Mary Redman 496; Susan Harcrow and Ricky Harcrow 192; Jonathon Smith 189; Brittany Tanedo and Rachel Allred 499; Judy Caudle and Tom

Malone 240; Jeannette DePoy and Scott DePoy 201; Stuart Ivey and Jordan-Leigh Taylor 200; Brian Tanedo and Blake Tanedo 505; Cassie Allen and Liz Kiser 442; Pam Nunn 269.

Alexandra Craig conducted the devotional. She spoke of her preparations for camp and discussed her realization that she was coming here to learn more about praising God. She read from Psalms and encouraged the class to remember that we sing praises to our Lord. She led 272.

Allison Schofield, Deidra Montgomery, Kelsey Sunderland, and Lauren Bock led 46 as the closing song. Rachel Shavers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Thursday, July 2

Lesson: Rudiments III / Youth I—Basics. 9:00 a.m. The Ark—Teachers: Tom Malone and Judy Caudle Basic rudiments and leading lessons continued.

Lesson: Rudiments III / Youth II—Intermediate. 9:00 a.m. Genesis—Teacher: David Ivey David opened the class by passing out cards and pens. The class warmed up by singing the major and minor scales. He talked to the class about taking care of their voices. One should get plenty of rest before singing. Young voices will recover faster, and yet, will get hurt easily.

David posed the question “Why do you sing the part you sing?” Different people answered the question. He then asked how many people know other parts, and different ones answered. He encourages the class to try other parts to find where they “fit”.

Alex Makris led the song on page 53. David pointed out the repeat to the beginning, observing the full 2 beats of the rests, and the tenor pick-up at the chorus (dotted eighth note followed by sixteenth note).

David led 351 and pointed out the word painting that occurs with the sweep of eighth notes.

Lesson: Rudiments III / Young Adults. 9:00 a.m. Dining Hall—Teacher: Samuel Sommers Samuel Sommers opened the lesson with prayer and welcome. He reviewed the seven modes of time and their importance in proper accent. He led the class in the scale and some intervals, stressing especially the dominant being a fifth above the tonic and the sub-dominant being a fifth below the tonic. He remarked that in Sacred Harp harmony, the concords are unison, perfect fourths (the sub-dominant), perfect fifths (the dominant), and octaves. Sometimes the third is also treated as a concord. He stated that the key signatures added sharps by fifths up and the flats are added by fifths down.

Dynamics do exist in Sacred Harp, sometimes with symbols, or with words (softly or loudly), or simply understood dynamics (tradition) as in the song on page 143. The class sang 177 with special attention to dynamics and accent. In the mechanics chapter (rudiments pg. 20-21), Sam reminded us to sit or stand straight and sing with clear diction.

He reviewed the musical forms found in the Sacred Harp (rudiments pg. 23). Sam shared opinions about song selection being important, stating that one should choose something he (and the class) can sing. Don’t use an anthem too early or too late in the day. He admonished us not to criticize or mock a song at a singing—it’s somebody’s favorite. Talk about it at the social, if you must, but not at the singing. Respect is paramount to our hosts or to our guests. To ensure the best singing always sing (1) for God, (2) for other people, and (3) for ourselves, and we’ll do fine. 10:15 a.m.—Snacks 10:30 a.m.—Recreation and Crafts with Liz Kiser Elective: 1959 United Convention Recording at Fyffe, Alabama 10:30 a.m. Genesis—Teacher: Aldo Ceresa Aldo Ceresa welcomed the class by sharing the story of his introduction to Sacred Harp and the critical role of Alan Lomax’s 1959 recording in that.

Alan Lomax's folk music recordings (of many sorts) are extremely important to musicians and music historians. Aldo discussed Lomax's life and influence on American music throughout his career, and his continued attempts to record Sacred Harp conventions (initially hindered by the primitive recording equipment of the time).

Joyce Walton spoke about her experience at the 1959 United Convention, including the difficulty of not tripping over Lomax's microphone cords. She spoke about God's role in that convention and in all Sacred Harp singing conventions, and encouraged singers to come to the 50th Anniversary singing in September 2009. She also told the story of several singers who later discovered that she was the woman speaking on the recording.

Hugh McGraw shared a story about Mr. Lomax's insights into recording (to put the recorder high in the air) during his stay at Mr. McGraw's house.

Aldo read a letter from Janet Herman about her meeting with Alan Lomax as she was working on the "In Sweetest Union" recording project in 1999. Despite memory loss he was still excited about Sacred Harp.

Reba Windom shared her experience of meeting Alan Lomax at the convention. She led 273, the same song she led at the 1959 convention.

Aldo played the recording of 186 from the convention, and David Ivey recalled that his great-great uncle was the leader of that song. Mr. McGraw identified many of the singers in the photographs from the convention, and told of their other accomplishments. The class listened to 146, noting Carl Hughes's prominent alto singing and the excellent accenting on the track.

Joyce Walton spoke about learning music from Marcus Cagle when he visited her home in 1959, emphasizing the importance of those memories to her. When she first came to Georgia, she visited extensively with the Cagles, and Mr. Cagle asked her to make sure the tradition was carried on properly. She stressed the importance of singing properly and inspiring others around you to do the same.

The class listened to Marcus Cagle's speech from the recording. David Ivey led the class in singing 318. Aldo read a quote from Uncle Tom Denson from a newspaper article covering the convention. Reba Windom led 182, and then spoke about her father and his role in her learning to sing alto. He had a stationary leading style, while she leads much more like her grandfather.

The class looked at the minutes of the 1959 convention and Joyce Walton spoke about how few alto singers there were at a singing (often only Joyce (Smith) Walton, Reba (Lacy) Windom, and Eloise (Ivey) Wootten). She led 269.

Aldo offered closing remarks. The class ended with prayer.

12:00 p.m.—Lunch

Lesson: Sacred Harp Heritage—Hugh McGraw. 1:00 p.m. The Ark—Teacher: Tom Malone Tom Malone presented a slide show he had compiled about the life of Hugh McGraw.

The class sang songs written by Mr. McGraw. Leaders: Beth Anne Clay 225; Allison Schofield 500; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 527; Jeff Sheppard related a story about Hugh and led 548; Aldo Ceresa 517, "Life's Troubles"; Bob Meek related a story about Hugh; Tom Malone and David Ivey led "Redemption's Free"; David Ivey related a story about Hugh; Kathy Williams related a story about Hugh; Joanna Lampert led 549; Pam Nunn related a story about Hugh; Robert Kelly led 516; Joyce Walton related a story about Hugh and led 570.

Hugh told the class about his trip to Hollywood and about his trip to Israel. Tom Malone led "God's Promise" (a song removed from the Sacred Harp book in 1966). He presented a certificate of appreciation to Hugh McGraw from Camp Fasola 2009.

2:30 p.m.—Recreation Elective: Harmony Tradition That Sets Sacred Harp Apart
2:30 p.m. Genesis—Teacher: Henry Johnson In observing the differences between Sacred Harp music and other music, the most important distinction is the harmony. B.F. White listed unison, third, fifth, and sixth, as well as fourth, as concords. The harmony is dispersed. The chord structure changes frequently. There are “tall” chords with a long distance between two parts, and the parts often cross each other. The music is polyphonic. The melody does not stand out so much. The music is based more often on intervals of the fourth and fifth than on the third. Open fifths are particularly prominent in the Sacred Harp. One and five, five and two, and six and three are the most frequent of those chords.

Writers also used a gapped scale. They often left out the fourth and the seventh. Only the tonic and sub-mediante chords (triads) are possible with the pentatonic scale—part of the reason so many songs were composed of open chords. Henry has found 17 songs in the Sacred Harp that are purely pentatonic in all parts. They are on pages 34t, 75, 76b, 101t, 109, 111t, 111b, 138b, 175, 282, 285b, 329, 337, 354b, 390, 406, and 459. Several other songs deviate by only one note. (This is considered songs in their original three part harmony).

The song on page 460 begins (before the fugue) with a section of primarily dyads, but the fugue incorporates a number of triads. The alto at the end of the first phrase and the end of the song includes a third. The song on page 112, by the same author, Sarah Lancaster, was not written with an alto part. The song on page 439, by Marcus Cagle, actually has 19 dyad chords, including a very prominent one before the phrase bar indicating the repeat. The class was dismissed.

3:45 p.m.—Lemonade Making with Bud and Sammie Oliver

Elective: Discussion on Future of Camp Fasola. 4:00 p.m. Dining Hall—Teachers: David Ivey and Jeff Sheppard David Ivey began the discussion by stating that the most challenging aspect of planning camp is trying to accommodate everyone, both in terms of limits on attendance and what different ages need.

David noted that more people by far were able to attend because the camp was divided into two separate sessions. The Camp McDowell facility is much better suited for the adults, and Camp Lee is better suited for the youth. The assembled group discussed the possibility of training for teachers as well as for students. David noted that many of the younger people who had started at Camp years ago are now teaching others with great success. One asked about a class on starting or developing singings outside the area where Sacred Harp is sung traditionally. Others discussed the possibility of online registration.

Eventually, SHMHA would like an organization that can operate multiple camps throughout the summer.

Elective: The Treble Part. 4:15 p.m. Genesis—Teacher: Susan Harcrow Susan began her class by talking about the treble part. She said the treble part is the hardest to hear when trying to learn, maybe because one has sung another part for so long. When learning to sing treble, it helps to sit by a strong treble singer. She stressed that the treble and tenor parts needed a good balance of men and women singers. A person who can sing tenor can often also sing treble. One just has to build up endurance. The notes of the treble part are the same, just occurring in a higher range more frequently and for a longer period of time. Trebles tend to come in late in a fuging tune, rarely on entrances.

Susan related that the treble part has its own melody. It helps, for women, if you can “sing it pretty”. She said her pet peeve was sliding up and down to notes; hitting too many notes on the way causes discords. One should learn to land on top of the notes and have no fear of not being able to reach the pitch. She encouraged beginners to

listen to recordings, both instrumental and vocal, and not to get lazy, and she encouraged singers to continually practice.

Elective: Sacred Harp Composium. 4:15 p.m. The Ark—Teacher: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 5:30—Dinner

Community Singing. 7:00 p.m. The Ark—Young Adults The class was called to order by Anna Hendrick leading 314. Drew Smith offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Daniel Hunter 395; Jennie Brown 389; Cassie Allen and Zachary Marcus 501; Callie Garnett and Tim Morton 441; Nick Kinsey and Jean Garnett 319; Henry Johnson and Lela Crowder 138t; Lucy O'Leary and Molly Ellis 317; Sarah Jenkins and her girls 142; Jordan-Leigh Taylor and her girls 542; Oliver Kindig-Stokes and Ruth Wampler 383; Jackson Harcrow and his boys 457; Michael Mosley and Carol Munro-Mosley 485; Donna Bell and Jennifer Mosteller 503; Lela Crowder and her girls 222; Blake Sisemore and Reba Windom 196; Drew Smith and his boys 328; Laura Krueger 162; Lauren Hall and Alex Makris 344; Lauren Bock and her girls 178; Liz Cantrell and Mary Gowins 313; Peter Irvine, Anna Maria Irvine, and Deidra Montgomery 448t; Ina Shea and Becky Wright 224; Robert Kelly and Mary Redman 76b; Joanna Lampert and her girls 155; Matt Hinton and Erica Hinton 157; Drew Sellers and Jonathon Smith 146; Ariella Perry 440; Justin Levi and Tom Malone 545; Ruth Norton and Stephanie Fida 209; Joel Jenkins and his boys 63; Guy Bankes and Sara Bowen 549; Nathan Rees 171; Bob Meek and Darrell Swarens 454. Anna Hendrick led 378t as the closing song. Nathan Rees offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

INDEPENDENCE DAY SINGING Camp Lee, The Ark, Anniston, Alabama Friday, July 3, 2009

The Independence Day Sacred Harp singing usually held at Muscadine, Alabama, was held at Camp Lee in Anniston, Alabama. Jeff Sheppard called the class to order by leading 155. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Ricky Harcrow.

Leaders: Samuel Sommers 176t; Judy Caudle and Pam Nunn 345b, 200; Liz Kiser 426b; Holly Mixon 99; Rachel Allred and Micah Rodgers 142; Jonathon Pendleton 196; Caleb Allred 542; Paula Oliver and Maggie Cox 225t; Blake Sisemore 532; Paige Gilbert and Cheyenne Ivey 76b; Fiona Nugent and Anna Bowen 224; Alex Craig and Avalea Maxwell 97; Tim Morton 31t; Kathy Vlach 474; Julian Damashek 510; Ethan Corbett 470; Chris Brown 213t; Alex Makris and Amaleah Perry 176b; Zach Craig, Justin Corbett, James Eldridge, and Isaac Maxwell 346; Oliver Kindig Stokes 416; Benjamin Bath 546; Jo Pendleton and David Rivers 479; Cassie Allen 326.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Samuel Sommers; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Pam Nunn.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 30t. Leaders: Lucy O'Leary 436; Rachel Shavers 277; Judy Whiting 318; Michael Mosley 504; Deidra Montgomery 90; Bob Meek 551; Ashton Rodgers 112; Dan Hunter 444; Zachary Marcus 27; James Nugent 388; Drew Smith and Ariella Perry 168; Robert Kelly 242; Reba Windom, James Castillo, Joseph Castillo, and Shelby Castillo 186; Janet Morgan 77t; Becky Wright 302; Lela Crowder 374; Laura Krueger 538.

RECESS

Samuel Sommers brought the class back together by leading 105. Leaders: Jonathon Smith 449; Karen Rollins 149; Kathy Williams and Louise Holland 273; Guy Bankes 297; Carol Munro-Mosley 455; Louis Hughes 472; Kelsey Sunderland 206; Anna

Hendrick 127; Justin Levi 506; Donna Sewell 448b; Mary Gowins 271t; Ina Shea 558; Corbin Rodgers 39t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 391; Daphene Causey 216; Delone Cobbs, Sonya Sipe, Garrett Sipe, and Anna Grace Sipe 47b; Drew Sellers 448t; Nathan Rees 407; Lauren Bock 406; Joanna Lampert 530; Peter Irvine, Anna Maria Irvine, and Alexandra Irvine 460; Nick Kinsey 384. Samuel Sommers offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 129. Leaders: Rebecca Eldridge and Stephanie Fida 442; Michael Thompson 497; Rene Greene 208; Jean Garnett and Callie Garnett 61; Tom Malone 521; Allison Schofield 564; Richard DeLong and Kristin LeRoy 278b; Liz Cantrell 101t; Aldo Ceresa 450; Bentley McGuire and Oscar McGuire 327; Virginia Eldridge and Katherine Eldridge 33b; Ruth Wampler 393; Stephen Dalton 535; Jennie Brown 215; Jenna Strizak 111t; Lori Rodgers 503; Darrell Swarens and Joan Aldridge 36b; Sandra Wilkinson 345t; Sheila Nugent 268; Joyce Walton 456; Charlene Wallace and Nick Kinsey 417; Sharon DuPriest 212; Lou Cotney 300; Evelyn Harris and Mary Jo Shafer 47t; Rachel Rudi 338; Anne Simpson 445; Henry Johnson 141.

Jeff Sheppard led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Henry Johnson, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Samuel Sommers; Secretary—Judy Caudle

HENAGAR-UNION CONVENTION

Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama

July 4-5, 2009

Saturday, July 4

The 93rd session of the Henagar-Union Convention held at Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama, was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Shane Wootten leading 49t. The morning prayer was offered by Ron Harper.

Leaders: David Ivey 137; Loyd Ivey 340; Rodney Ivey 101t; Reba Windom 110; Cassie Allen, Lucy O'Leary, and Scott Ivey 186; Don Clark 31t; Judy Chambless 501; Hubert Nall 159; Cheryl Foreman and Rick Foreman 32b; Carol Munro Mosley and Michael Mosley 276; Joanna Lampert and Jordan Leigh Taylor 283; Jim Aaron 63; Judy Whiting 68b (for Charlie Derleth); Bob Meek and Brianna Meek 33b; Jesse Roberts 344; Peter Irvine, Anna Maria Irvine, and Alexandra Irvine 319; Tom Ivey and Sharon Strong 479; Jeff Adcock and Tim Scott 108t; Louis Hughes, Jr. 112; Josie Hyde 361; Brad Bahler, Karen Bahler, and John Bahler 448t; J.L. Hopper and Judy Caudle 184; Kelsey Sunderland and Anna Hendrick 434; Roberta Strauss 480.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Dennis George leading 343. Leaders: Rex Wilks and Eloise Wootten 155; Daryl Chesney and Linda Sides 454; Oliver Kindig Stokes and Alex Craig 411; Guy Bankes 391; Sandra Wilkinson 475; Dan Hunter 188; Lela Crowder 131t; Ainslie Allen and April Watkins 146; Ashton Rodgers 171; Fiona Nugent 209; Micah Roberts 388; Corbin Rodgers 61; Micah Rodgers 142; Nate Green, Norma Green, and Alex Makris 407; Robert Kelly 402; Stephen Dalton 39t; Gaylon Powell 536; Zack Rogan 128; Ron Harper 440.

RECESS

Stuart Ivey brought the class back together by leading 314. Leaders: Louis Hughes 512; Avalea Maxwell and Katherine Eldridge 354b; Barrett Patton 75; Tom Owen 532; Ethan Corbett 470; James Nugent 240; Rebecca Eldridge 507; James Eldridge, Zach Craig, and Isaac Maxwell 117; Bentley McGuire 505; Bea Carnathan 568;

Frances Jones 569b; Beth Branscome 200; Jo Pendleton, Jonathan Pendleton, and David Rivers 59; Lori Rodgers, Donna Sewell, and Janet Morgan 379; Max Berueffy and Karin Covi 182; Chris Brown 330b; Myra Goss 242.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Shane Wootten and Glenda Ritter leading 76b. Leaders: Sheila Nugent 268; Karen Clark and Donna Bell 421; Scott Curran 472; Matt Hinton and Erica Hinton 500; Pat Temple and Richard Ivey 567; Justin Levi 522; Ricky Harcrow 74b; Jonathan Smith 442; Aldo Ceresa 419.

The following officers were elected by written ballots and the results were announced by S.T. Reed: Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairmen—David Ivey and Loyd Ivey; Secretary—Donna Wootten. The Arranging Committee (Cassie Allen and Blake Sisemore) was appointed.

Leaders: Allison Schofield and Deidra Montgomery 216; Sarah Huckaby 542; Nathan Rees 120; Sam Sommers and Darrell Swarens 422; Benjamin Bath 362; Vivian Rogan, Michelle Rogan, and Catherine Rogan 299; Patty Doss, Elene Stovall, and Kevin Butterfield 564; Laura Clawson 430; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 432; Lauren Bock 36t; S.T. Reed 123b; Ruth Wampler 394; John Plunkett 346; Dana Borrelli 300; Bridgett Hill 217; Blake Sisemore 192; Joyce Walton and Karen Ivey 153 (in memory of Jap Walton); Ina Shea 160; Carolyn Thompson 383.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Cassie Allen and Rodney Ivey leading 32t. Leaders: Tom George 224; Liz Cantrell 229; Jennie Brown 177; Henry Johnson 460; Becky Wright 328; Travis Keeton 57; Julian Damashek 464; Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest 269; Tom Malone 550; Stephanie Fida 235; Dorothea Maynard 304; Arlon Gardner and Peth Gardner 277; Mary Gowins 455; Kathy Vlach 145b; Nate Zweig and Joseph Smeall 79; Paul Figura and Shirley Figura 405; Mary Wright and Alan Newman 510; Gary Rogan 168; Tim Morton 313t; Joseph Smeall 504.

Announcements were made. Shane Wootten, Eloise Wootten, Marlon Wootten, Hobert Ivey, Sandy Ivey, and Donna Wootten led 47t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Tony Ivey, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, July 5

The Sunday session of the Henagar-Union Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Shane Wootten leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Ricky Harcrow.

Leaders: Loyd Ivey 108t; David Ivey 83t; Rodney Ivey 98; Donna Wootten 74b; Cassie Allen and Blake Sisemore 69t; Gravis Ballinger 112; Drew Smith 39t; Pat Temple 373; Joseph Castillo and James Castillo 542; Jarrod George 348b; Adrian Eldridge and Virginia Eldridge 180; Bobby Watkins 546; Linton Ballinger and Larry Ballinger 472; Harrison Creel, Cindy Tanner, and Wanda Capps 111b; Rachel Rudi 521; Phil Summerlin 312t; Laura Borrelli 421; Bud Oliver 345t; Brenda Carroll 299; Eddie Mash 174; Chris Ballinger 178; Joan Aldridge 297; Rebecca Eldridge 349; Roberta Strauss 56b; Joseph Smeall 282; Anna Maria Irvine, Peter Irvine, and Alexandra Irvine 36b; Zack Rogan 163t.

RECESS

Blake Sisemore and Jackson Harcrow brought the class back together by leading 475. Leaders: Ruth Wampler 125; Earl Ballinger and Lisa Geist 224; Ainslie Allen and April Watkins 77t; Ethan Corbett 487; Marty Wootten and Jared Wootten 182; James Eldridge 288; Scott Ivey and Tony Ivey 528; Vivian Rogan 84; Cheyenne Ivey and Fiona Nugent 82t; Lucy O'Leary 377; David Light 200; Francesca Cassara and Tina Cassara 146; Jackie Tanner 336; Ina Shea 431; Tim Morton 268; Lauren Bock 404; Michelle Rogan 215; Anna Hendrick 95; Cheryl Foreman and Rick Foreman 175.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Dennis George and Elene Stovall. Elene Stovall spoke on behalf of the following sick and shut-ins and led 70t in their honor: David Carlton, Doyle Turner, Pam Parrish, Peggy Thomas, Pennie Thumon, Myra Palmer, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Leland Owen, Ann Ballard, Bill Stewart, Ariel Graves, Michael Squizzero, Joanna Squizzero, Canada Squizzero, Paula Ogren, Sandee Ogren, John Plunkett, Miles Schofield, Bill Ellason, Charlie Derleth, John David Kaiser, Violet Thomason, Dot Garrison, Bill Tanner, Sallie Foreman, Grace Harry, and Shelbie Sheppard.

Dennis George spoke on behalf of the following deceased and led 499 in their memory: Jeff Johnson, George Clark, James Bernard Richmond, Ophelia Matthews, Dutch Owen, John Etheridge, Mary Smith, Frank Hataway, Katherine Warren, Lee Rogers, Loy Garrison, Dick Steil, William Reynolds, Mattie Townsel, Jane Bruner, Kathlene Joo; Bud Ogren, Paul King, Genora Meadows, Frank Block, Gerald McCurdy, Pauline Childers, and Susan Shiek. Samuel Sommers offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Jonathan Smith 123b; Richard Ivey, Stuart Ivey, and Alison Whitener 500; Paul Figura 474; Coy Ivey and Joanna Lampert 384; Allison Schofield 67; Deidra Montgomery and Julian Damashek 488; Scott Curran 565; Justin Levi 558. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Phil Summerlin.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Shane Wootten leading 129. Leaders: Catherine Rogan 441; Sarah Huckaby 503; Joel Jenkins and Sarah Jenkins 418; Kathy Robinson 142; Reba Windom and Shelby Castillo 217; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 436; Darrell Swarens 63; Betty Shepherd and Deb Morton 216; Becky Wright 426b; Dana Borrelli and Elene Stovall 203; Tom Malone 548; Oliver Kindig Stokes 218; Laura Clawson 274t; Matt Hinton and Erica Hinton 168; Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest 434; Gary Rogan 270; Mary Gowins and Jennie Brown 439; Nathan Rees, Bridgett Hill, and Judy Caudle 189; Ricky Harcrow and Jackson Harcrow 507; Susan Harcrow 430; Loyd Ivey, Marian Biddle, Teresa Bethune, Candace, Lindsey, and Hailey 424; Liz Cantrell 230; Patty Doss and Jordan Leigh Taylor 42; Benjamin Bath and Stephanie Fida 40; Myra Goss 254.

RECESS

Barrett Patton and Rodney Ivey brought the class back together by leading 318. Leaders: Henry Johnson 70b; Mary Wright 71; Alex Makris, Norma Green, and Nate Green 568; Jo Pendleton and Jonathan Pendleton 24b; Molly Ellis 148; S.T. Reed 278b; Alex Craig, Zach Craig, Isaac Maxwell, and Avalea Maxwell 277; Tom George and Dennis George 222; Michael Thompson and Joyce Walton 456; Brad Bahler, Karen Bahler, and John Bahler 29t; Dan Hunter 486; Aldo Ceresa 532; Arlon Gardner 163t; Samuel Sommers 386; Kathy Vlach 549; Shane Wootten, Eloise Wootten, Hobert Ivey, Coy Ivey, and Loyd Ivey 465 (CB).

Shane Wootten, Loyd Ivey, and Coy Ivey led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Henry Johnson, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairmen—David Ivey and Loyd Ivey; Secretary—Donna Wootten

CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia** **Sunday, July 5, 2009**

The 96th session of the Sacred Harp singing at Crossroads Baptist Church, north of Tallapoosa, Georgia, was held on the first Sunday in July. Louis Hughes brought the class to order leading 32t. Elder Bobby Clark, pastor of the church, welcomed everyone, and then offered the morning prayer. Louis Hughes led 138b (in memory

of his father, J.C. Hughes); Miranel Swafford 348b; Donna Bell 504; Louis Hughes, Jr. 74b.

The class organized and the following officers were elected or appointed:
Chairman—Louis Hughes; Vice Chairlady—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Louis Hughes, Jr.

Leaders: Louis Hughes 72b; Charlene Wallace 99, 105; Cecil Roberts 399b, 277; Robert Chambless 452, 84; Tom Ivey 33b, 500; Shannon Primm 129, 43; Nathan Zweig 146, 75; Lonnie Rogers 318, 340; Judy Whiting 150, 503.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Louis Hughes, Jr. leading 34b. Leaders: Karen Rollins 540; Syd Caldwell 217; Kelsey Campbell 127; Chris Brown 77t; Hayden Arp 47b; Gaylon Powell 218; Ian Ludders 296; Lela Crowder 106; Tom Owen 354t; Allison Thompson 145b; Robert Kelly 492; Don Clark 215; Richard DeLong 74t (in memory of I.V. McWhorter); Judy Chambless 270; Karen Clark 467; Sharon Strong 551.

Louis Hughes recognized Lonnie Rogers, Mattie Lou Pope, Dorsey Newman, and Hester Edwards, all over 90 years of age. Mr. Lonnie thanked everyone for coming and for supporting the tradition of Sacred Harp singing.

Louis Hughes conducted the memorial lesson, leading 30b for the following deceased: Katherine Worthington, Renea Campbell, Rev. Hollis Tibbitts, Elizabeth Tolbert, Lee Rogers—Georgia; John Etheridge—Florida; Frank Hataway, Paul King—Alabama; Ves Childs—Arkansas; Odus Owen, Jr., Ophelia Matthews, Dick Steil—Texas; Jean Cousins—UK, and Lee Williamon.

B.M. Smith led 225t in honor of the following sick and homebound: Inez Woodall, Margaret DeBolt, Myra Parker, Melvis Williams, Mary Florence Smith, Ceford Wood, and Shelbie Sheppard. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Leaders: Mary Jo Shafer 82t; George Garner 299; B.M. Smith 222. Gaylon Powell blessed the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Louis Hughes leading 101t. Leaders: Evelyn Harris 400; Kaley Hatch 119 (in memory of her great-grandmother, Carrie Garner); Ann Simpson 358; Oscar McGuire 276; Eschol Hughes 290 (by request); James Newman and Elaine Newman 36b; Syd Caldwell 472 (in honor of Dan Brittain); Kelsey Campbell 100; Chris Brown 113; Ian Ludders 282; Gaylon Powell 380; Hayden Arp 163b; Tom Owen 549; Robert Kelly 416; Sharon Strong 162; Mary Jo Shafer 229; Karen Clark 234; Tom Ivey 344; Don Clark 186; Judy Whiting 212; Lela Crowder 166; Kay Tibbitts Lyle 323b; Syd Caldwell, B.M. Smith, and Margie Smith 143; Eschol Hughes 58; Judy Chambless 274t (by request); Donna Bell 490 (by request); Louis Hughes, Cecil Roberts, and James Hughes 54.

Following announcements, Louis Hughes and Miranel Swafford led 347 as the closing song. Tom Owen dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Louis Hughes; Vice Chairlady—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Donna Bell

MOUNTAIN VIEW SHAPE NOTE GATHERING

Ozark Folk Center, Mt. View, Arkansas

July 9-11, 2009

The 6th Annual Shape Note Gathering began on Thursday evening with leaders from the Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision, the Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision (CB), Alabama *Christian Harmony* (CHa), North Carolina *Christian Harmony* (CH), Black Mississippi Shape Note (BM), *The Good Old Songs* (GOS), and *Missouri Harmony* (MH).

Thursday, July 9

Gaylon Powell called the class together leading 559(CB). Hugh McGraw offered the opening prayer. Charley Sandage appointed Gaylon Powell to moderate the Shape Note Gathering. Tammy Powell was appointed as Secretary.

Leaders: Cassie Allen 123 (CHa); Dan Brittain 113 (MH); Lela Crowder 277; Emily Creel 59 (CHa); Charlie Sandage 463 (GOS); Holly Gale "To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way" (BM); David Johnson "Just Over in the Glory Land" (BM); Tammy Powell 64 (CHa); Sonny Erwin 336t (CB); Eddie Huckaby 155; Gaylon Powell 208b (CH); Cassie Allen 93 (CHa); Dan Brittain 16 (MH); Lela Crowder 203 (CB); Charlie Sandage 155 (GOS); Holly Gale 258 (CH); David Johnson 239 (CB); Emily Creel 83 (CHa); Tammy Powell 19 (CHa); Sonny Erwin 49t; Eddie Huckaby 47b; Gaylon Powell 53 (CB); Cassie Allen 364 (CHa); Dan Brittain 22 (MH); Lela Crowder 37b; Emily Creel 171b (CHa); Charlie Sandage 555 (GOS); Holly Gale 232 (GOS); David Johnson 105 (CHa); Tammy Powell 138t (CB); Sonny Erwin 507b (CB); Eddie Huckaby "Victory in Jesus" (BM). Gaylon Powell led 159b (CH) for the closing song. David Johnson offered the closing prayer.

Friday, July 10

Morning—Featured Leaders: Dan Brittain, Laura Boosinger, and Charlie Sandage. Dan Brittain talked about the history of the *Missouri Harmony* and led 22(MH), 23(MH), 26(MH), 48(MH), 27(MH), 34(MH), and 160(MH).

Laura Boosinger talked about the traditions of the North Carolina *Christian Harmony* and led 58b (CH), 88 (CH), 106 (CH), 208b (CH), and 217(CH).

Charley Sandage talked about the traditions of the Good Old Songs (aka Cayce book) and led 156 (GOS), 388 (GOS), 352 (GOS). Eddy Huckaby led 339 (GOS).

LUNCH

Afternoon—Featured Leaders: Hugh McGraw, Cassie Allen, and Gaylon Powell. Hugh McGraw talked about the traditions of the Sacred Harp, 1991 edition, and led the following: 31b, 412, and 155.

Cassie Allen went over the traditions and the 7 shapes used in Alabama *Christian Harmony*. She led 43 (CHa), 186 (CHa), 109 (CHa), 255 (CHa), 189 (CHa), 117 (CHa), and 258 (CHa). The following leaders were called: Tammy Powell 322 (CHa); Emily Creel 354t (CHa); Eddie Huckaby 106 (CHa); Cassie Allen 54 (CHa).

RECESS

Gaylon Powell led a few songs from the Black Mississippi Shape Note "To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way" (BM); "Just Over in the Glory Land"(BM), "John Knew"(BM). He reviewed the traditions of the Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision and led 276 (CB), 543 (CB), 138t (CB), 95b (CB), 500 (CB), 393t (CB), 519b (CB); 273 (CB), and 133 (CB). Charlie Sandage offered the closing prayer.

Saturday, July 11

Gaylon Powell called the class together leading 563 (CB). Lonnie Holland offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Cassie Allen 235 (CHa); Charley Sandage 612 (GOS); Laura Boosinger 214 (CH); Tammy Powell 128t (CH); Charlene Wallace 63; Emily Creel 180 (CHa); Lonnie Holland 569b; Tammy Heinsohn 155; Andrew Albers 177 (MH); Lela Crowder 58b (CH); Holly Gale 277 (GOS); Anita 87; Sonny Erwin 505 (CB); Ann Grigsby 47b.

RECESS

Gaylon Powell called the class back to order by leading 171 (CB). Leaders: Eddie Huckaby 117 (CH), Cassie Allen 121t (CHa), Charley Sandage 282 (GOS); Laura Boosinger 159 (CH); Tammy Powell 24 (CHa); Emily Creel 326 (CHa); Lonnie Holland 393t (CB); Tammy Heinsohn "Just Over in the Glory Land" (BM); Andrew

Albers "Victory in Jesus" (BM); Lela Crowder 98 (CB); Holly Gale 85; Anita 45t; Sonny Erwin 336t (CB); Ann Grigsby 49t; Eddie Huckaby 49b. Andy Grigsby offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Gaylon Powell called the class back together leading 73t. Leaders: Charlie Sandage 524 (GOS); Laura Boosinger 335 (CH); Tammy Powell 558 (CB); Lonnie Holland 488b (CB); Andrew Albers 85b (CHa); Holly Gale 59; Anita 277; Sonny Erwin 511t (CB); Eddie Huckaby 359 (CH); Charlie Meek 352 (GOS); Gaylon Powell 309t (CH); Charlie Sandage 201 (GOS); Laura Boosinger 215t (CH); Tammy Powell 59b (CHa); Lonnie Holland 106 (CHa).

RECESS

Andrew Albers called the class back to order leading 336b (CB). Leaders: Holly Gale 26 (GOS); Anita 155; Sonny Erwin 518 (CB); Eddie Huckaby 276 (CB), Charlie Meek 388 (GOS); Gaylon Powell 30 (MH); Charlie Sandage 155 (GOS); Laura Boosinger 208 (CH); Tammy Powell 559 (CB); Lonnie Holland 158 (GOS); Andrew Albers 19 (CHa); Holly Gale 463 (GOS); Anita 73b; Wendy Johnson 541 (GOS); Sonny Erwin 484b (CB); Ann Grigsby 511b (CB); Eddie Huckaby 338t (CHa); Charlie Meek 98 (CB).

Announcements were made. Gaylon Powell, Laura Boosinger, and Charles Sandage lead 417 (GOS) for the closing song. Andrew Albers offered the closing prayer.

Moderator—Gaylon Powell, Secretary—Tammy Powell

QUEBEC SACRED HARP CONVENTION

**St. George's Anglican / Episcopal Church, Lennoxville, Quebec
and Town Hall, Ways Mills, Quebec**

July 10-11, 2009

Friday night, July 10

The 15th annual Quebec Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at St. George's Anglican / Episcopal Church. Cheryl Stroud called the class to order by leading 47t. Chuck Neville offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Cheryl Stroud; Secretary—Chuck Neville.

Leaders: Cheryl Stroud 117; Cathy Brochet 163b; Howard Katz 99; Bobbie Goodell 276; Chuck Neville 49b; Inez Luttgén 171; Christopher Weslowski 300; Phil Dutton 190; Cathy Brochet 178; Howard Katz 49t; Bobbie Goodell 40; Kyle Greenlee 63; Chuck Neville 569b; Inez Luttgén 142; Christopher Weslowski 107; Cheryl Stroud 183.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Cheryl Stroud leading 146. Leaders: Phil Dutton 504; Howard Katz 212; Bobbie Goodell 163t; Kyle Greenlee 168; Chuck Neville 347; Inez Luttgén 217; Christopher Weslowski 122; Phil Dutton 410t; Cathy Brochet 452; Howard Katz 59; Bobbie Goodell 503; Cheryl Stroud 455.

The closing prayer was offered by Chuck Neville.

Saturday, July 11

The Saturday session of the Quebec Sacred Harp Singing Convention, held at the Town Hall of Ways Mills, Quebec, was called to order by Cheryl Stroud. Chuck Neville offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Paul Gauthier 31t; Howard Katz 99; Inez Luttgén 430; Kyle Greenlee 315; Dan Hertzler 82b; Bobbie Goodell 56b; Cathy Brochet 86; Chuck Neville 163b; Paul Gauthier 192; Howard Katz 196.

RECESS

Cheryl Stroud brought the class back together by leading 198. Leaders: Christopher Weslowski 143; Inez Luttgen 319; Kyle Greenlee 40; Dan Hertzler 556; Bobbie Goodell 344; Phil Dutton 66; Chuck Neville 569b; Paul Gauthier 421; Cheryl Stroud 53; Howard Katz 481; Inez Luttgen 419; Christopher Weslowski 300; Lynette Combs 312b; Dan Hertzler 85; Bobbie Goodell 540; Phil Dutton 268; Cheryl Stroud 82t; Howard Katz 362; Chuck Neville 217; Paul Gauthier 34b; Christopher Weslowski “Ten Thousand Charms”; Cheryl Stroud 180.

LUNCH

Cheryl Stroud called the class back to order leading 146. Leaders: Phil Dutton 335; Paul Gauthier 340; Mary Neville 480.

Chuck Neville conducted the memorial lesson leading 68b in memory of the following deceased: Orlela Combs, Bill Kennett, George Young, Mae Ann Stevens—New Hampshire; Fenno Heath—Connecticut; and Marjorie Januskiewicz—State Unknown.

Cheryl Stroud led 452 dedicated to the sick and shut-ins.

Leaders: Dan Hertzler 348b; Inez Luttgen 228; Lynette Combs 277; Cathy Brochet 503; Kyle Greenlee 91; Bobbie Goodell 174; Phil Dutton 547; Chuck Neville 49b; Cathy Brochet 45t; Paul Gauthier 492; Mary Neville 528; Dan Hertzler 542; Virginia Neville 532; Inez Luttgen 402; Lynette Combs 280; Howard Katz 472; Bobbie Goodell 473; Kyle Greenlee 147t; Cheryl Stroud 455.

Announcements were made. The dates for the 2010 convention were set to be the 9th and 10th of July.

RECESS

Cheryl Stroud called the class back to order leading 47t. Leaders: Phil Dutton 497; Chuck Neville 162; Cathy Brochet 347; Leonard Spencer 260; Paul Gauthier 384; Mary Neville 383; Howard Katz 30b; Cheryl Stroud 159; Don Peabody 410t; Virginia Neville 163t; Cathy Brochet 47b; Inez Luttgen 76b; Lynette Combs 133; Howard Katz 108b; Bobbie Goodell 474; Leonard Spencer 70b; Phil Dutton 311; Mary Neville 142; Paul Gauthier 499; John Henderson 155.

Chairperson—Cheryl Stroud; Secretary—Chuck Neville

FLAT SHOALS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING **Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church, Stockbridge, Georgia** **Saturday, July 11, 2009**

The 3rd annual session of the Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Jesse Roberts leading 34b. Elder Ricky Harcrow offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jesse Roberts; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong; Secretary—Ashley Thompson.

Leaders: Jason Hollis 276; Malinda Snow 300; Jenna Strizak 81t; Adelaide Hanson 40; Robert Kelly 493; J. O. Wooten 503; Valerie Francis 323b; David Lee 501; Faye Hollis 299; Eric Tweedy 327; Shannon Primm 83b; B. M. Smith 146; Ian Ludders 126; Erica Hinton 37b; Judy Caudle 227; Helen Bryson 428; Micah Roberts 388; Phillip Langley 475; Matt Hinton 73t; Tony Hammock 89.

RECESS

Richard DeLong brought the class together by leading 74t. Leaders: Sandra Wilkinson 53; Susan Harcrow 35; Violet Thomason 189, 192; Jesse Roberts 175; Ricky Harcrow 155; Nathan Rees 44; Francis Carnell 522; Michael Thompson 34t; Leon Carnell 198; Jonathan Smith 288; Jonathan Carnell 178; Richard DeLong 458; Leanne Carter 480. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Bill Pierson.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jesse Roberts leading 33t. Leaders: Ashley Thompson 348t; John Plunkett 92; Jessica Altman 107; Jason Hollis 135; Malinda Snow 510; Jenna Strizak 335; Adelaide Hanson 99; Robert Kelly 94; J. O. Wooten 285t; Valerie Francis 73b; David Lee 32b; Faye Hollis 268; Eric Tweedy 217; Shannon Primm 562; B. M. Smith 556; Ian Ludders 117; Judy Caudle 564; Helen Bryson 172; Micah Roberts 389; Phillip Langley 215; Tony Hammock 494; Susan Harcrow 385b; Violet Thomason 112.

RECESS

Richard DeLong brought the class together leading 296. Leaders: Ricky Harcrow 32t; Nathan Rees 138t; Francis Carnell 383; Michael Thompson 232; Jonathan Smith 200; Jesse Roberts and Jessica Altman 306; Jonathan Carnell 47b; Richard DeLong 374; Ashley Thompson 372; John Plunkett 406.

Following announcements, Jesse Roberts and Richard DeLong led 62 as the closing song. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Jesse Roberts; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong; Secretary—Ashley Thompson

CULLMAN COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama

July 11-12, 2009

Saturday, July 11

The 116th session of the Sacred Harp singing held at the Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama, met on the second Sunday and Saturday before in July. No records were kept of the opening session of the singing.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Chaplain—Richard Mauldin; Finance Committee—Bea Carnathan; Secretary—Carolyn Thompson.

RECESS

Leaders: Josh Keeton 189; Charles McCravy 428, 176b; Ann Chalker 146; Ken Tate 39b; Sonya Sipe 36b; Darrell Swarens 72b; Caleb Allred 501; Hugh Bill McGuire 39t; Brenda Merritt 33b; Emily Thompson 269; Harrison Creel 342; Zach Allred 45t; Larry Ballinger 133; Marlin Beasley 448t; Carolyn Thompson 53; Beth Ann Clay 549; Corene White 97; Juanita Newman 335; Nelda Ezell 45t; Oleta Stewart 40; Clayton Ezell 66; D.L. McHorn (no number listed).

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Henry Guthery, Scott Guthery, and Samuel Guthery leading 312b. Leaders: Garrett Sipe 274t; Earl Ballinger 283; Eddie Pierce 282; Katharine Manning 340; Will Allred 182; Richard Mauldin 378t; Gary Smith 276; Elsie Moon 167; Hubert Nall 212; Sarah Smith 290; Elene Stovall 430; Jim Aaron 68b; Reddie Powell Evans 57. Richard Mauldin offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was brought back together by Henry Guthery leading 434. Leaders: Bea Carnathan 205; Don Robertson 142; Glenn Keeton 163b; Stella Pratt 129; Henry Guthery III 456; Geraldine Sharpton 299; Robert Walker 99.

RECESS

Leaders: Danny Creel 386; Buell Cobb 187; Jennifer Lee 192; Travis Keeton 388; Steve Adams 101t; Lucy Marie Heidorn 155; J.C. Rutledge 294; David Roberson 100; Anna Grace Sipe 77t; Juanita Beasley and Marlin Beasley 61; Delone Cobbs 150; Robert DuPree 569b; Kermit Adams 285t; Tyler Newman and Elsie Moon 454; John Merritt and Eddie Pierce 511 (OSH); Hugh Bill McGuire and Brenda Merritt 542; Travis Keeton 343; Eldagene Roberson 222; Wanda Capps 546; Brenda Merritt

and Caleb Allred 45t; Geraldine Sharpton 300; Ken Tate 86; J.C. Rutledge 560; John Merritt 250, 271t; Bea Carnathan 472.

Announcements were made. Henry Guthery led 521 as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, July 12

The Sunday session of the Cullman County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was brought to order by Henry Guthery leading 32t. Richard Mauldin offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 145t; Max Berueffy 147b; Freda Bledsoe 87; Leona Haynes 277; Darrell Swarens 198; Ed Thacker 132; Kermit Adams 89; Garrett Sipe 63; Henry Johnson 111t; Corene White 216; Sonya Sipe 569b; Tim Cook 227; Travis Keeton 475; Bud Oliver 73t; Caleb Allred 107; Rodney Ivey 354t; Hugh Bill McGuire 159; John Merritt 312b.

RECESS

Henry Guthery brought the class to order leading 507 (for Josie Hyde). Leaders: Dustin Rakeston and Rodney Ivey 347; David Ivey 352; Ken Tate 73b; Wanda Capps 203; Sarah Smith 374; Shane Wootten 393; Yancey Jett 108b; Marlin Beasley 480; Ann Chalker 146; Ann Jett 327; Jennifer Lee 383; Larry Ballinger 477; Richard Mauldin 43 (for Josie Hyde); Danny Creel 432; Carolyn Thompson 185; Judy Caudle 234; Geraldine Sharpton 421.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton brought the class back together leading 270.

Don Robertson conducted the memorial lesson. He read the names of the sick and shut-ins and led 134 in their honor. He read the names of the deceased and led 318 in their memory. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Harrison Creel.

Leaders: Chris Ballinger 120; Stella Pratt 379, 487; Rachel Allred 411; John Merritt, Max Berueffy, and David Knight 236; Tyler Newman 100; Cindy Tanner 362; Lisa Geist 304; Henry Guthery 273.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order. Leaders: Beth Ann Clay 542; Elizabeth Keeton and Glen Keeton 212; Delone Cobbs 235; Susan Allred 403; Hannah Tate 124; Brenda Merritt 378t; Travis Keeton 44; Zach Allred 45t; Terry Moguely and Cindy Tanner 127; Gail Doss 137; David Roberson 168; Gary Smith 66; Christi Holcombe and Beth Ann Clay 63; Harrison Creel 512; Steve Adams 101t; Henry Guthery III 380; Juanita Beasley 39b; Will Allred 454; Mary Holcombe 103; Katharine Manning 442; Juanita Freeman 108t; Charles Stiefel 47b; Zeb Ferguson and Blake Ferguson 163t; Oleta Stewart and Henry Guthery 460; Jennifer Clay and Beth Ann Clay 503; Danika Thornton and Sarah Smith 401; Richard Mauldin and John Merritt 358; Shane Wootten 419.

Announcements were made. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Glen Keeton; Secretary—Carolyn Thompson

WALKER COUNTY CONVENTION

New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Walker County, Alabama Saturday, July 18, 2009

The 95th session of the Walker County Convention was held at New Hope Primitive Baptist Church in Walker County, Alabama, on Saturday before the third

Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 33t and 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Glenn Keeton.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Brenda Merritt.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 30t; Elsie Moon 177, 456; Travis Keeton 300, 480; Tyler Newman 340, 100; Lena Keeton 89, 88t; Anne Chalker 146, 388; Margaret Keeton 171, 172; Willodean Barton 454; John Merritt 560, 271t; Charles Kitchens 108t, 343.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Glenn Keeton leading 59. Leaders: Glenn Keeton, Matthew Keeton, E.T. Swafford, and Gaynell Swafford 45t; Richard Mauldin 446; Aubrey Barfield 168, 163t; Oleta Stewart 405; Ernestine Pipkin 277, 203; Stanley Smith 349 (for Clarence McCool), 136; Leona Haynes 143 (for Charlotte McCarn), 222; Tommy Spurlock 426b, 430; Ricky Harcrow 74b, 401.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Richard Mauldin and Margaret Keeton. Margaret Keeton led 68b in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Clarence McCool, Josie Hyde, Bill Stewart, Charlotte McCarn, and Estell Gilmore.

Richard Mauldin spoke and led 285t and 339 in memory of the following deceased: Bill Reynolds, Gertrude Hannah, Everett Aaron, Ruth Aaron, L.H. Gilmore, John Etheridge, Paul King, Mattie Townsel, and Frank Hataway. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Marlin Beasley.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 144. Leaders: Dustin Risedale 131t; Max Berueffy 386; Bridgett Hill 186; Stella Pratt 75; Donald Robertson 347; Juanita Beasley 61; Ken Tate 498, 530; Amber Davis 329, 192; Nate Green and Norma Green 179, 145b; Marlin Beasley 460 (for Cecil Sanders); Ricky Harcrow 294; Brenda Merritt 336; Danny Creel 472, 196; Harrison Creel 512, 111b; Wanda Capps 142, 216; Glenn Keeton 507 (for Josie Hyde).

Velton Chafin and Glenn Keeton led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Glenn Keeton, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Brenda Merritt

SOUTH WALES SINGING

Llanfair Kilgeddin Church Hall, Usk, United Kingdom

Saturday, July 18, 2009

Chris Brown welcomed the class and led 59. John Hopkinson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Michael Walker 313t; Helen Brown 492; Margaret Gillanders 171; Judy Whiting 354t; Ruth Steggles 28t; Ian West 106; Richard Percival 33b; Maria Wallace 274t; Sarah West 498; Mryka Hall-Beyer 551; Ted Brown 569b; Michael Walker 30b; Chris Brown 510; Judy Whiting 150; Helen Brown 66; Ruth Steggles 135; Margaret Gillanders 203; Ian West 32t; Richard Percival 565; Mryka Hall-Beyer 327; Maria Wallace 448t.

RECESS

Sarah West called the class to order leading 370. Leaders: Michael Walker 134; Chris Brown 466; Ted Brown 72b; Dilwyn Scott and Michael Walker 40; Helen Brown 99; Ruth Steggles 496; Judy Whiting 212; Margaret Gillanders 228; Ian West 384; Richard Percival 473; Mryka Hall-Beyer 479; Maria Wallace 142; Ted Brown 77t; Sarah West 430; Michael Walker 401; Helen Brown 560; Chris Brown 127; Ruth Steggles 454; Judy Whiting 527; Ian West 501; Margaret Gillanders 350;

Richard Percival 269; Mryka Hall-Beyer 133; Maria Wallace 455; Sarah West 76b. Ruth Steggles gave thanks for the mid day meal.

LUNCH

Ted Brown called the class back together leading 111b. Leaders: Ruth Steggles 30t; Chris Brown 31t; Helen Brown 432; Margaret Gillanders 371; Ian West 480; Judy Whiting 512; Mryka Hall-Beyer 56b; Richard Percival 344; Maria Wallace 183.

Michael Walker conducted the memorial lesson and led 373 in memory of Johnny Collins, Margaret Clay, David Little, Marie Holloway, Audrey Nathan, Jean Cousins, Stan Shaw, Edgar Avery, Leslie Ackhurst, Dr. Bill Reynolds—Tennessee, James Oss—Indiana, John Etheridge—Florida and Denson Hinton—Alabama.

Chris Brown spoke for the sick and housebound. He led 47t for John Plunkett, Dorothy Williams, Heather Flockton, Judith Snelling, David Dakin, Barbara Scott, Maureen Gamlin, Susan Knight, David George, and David Carlton.

Leaders: Sarah West 385b; Ted Brown 49b; Ruth Steggles 128; Ian West 50b; Helen Brown 534; Mryka Hall-Beyer 277; Judy Whiting and Caroline Ungoad-Thomas 178.

RECESS

Richard Percival called the class to order leading 36b. Leaders: Michael Walker 442; Maria Wallace 107; Sarah West 405; Ted Brown 97.

After a short business meeting, Michael Walker led 62 as the closing song. John Hopkinson offered a closing prayer.

Chairman—Chris Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders

MICHIANA SINGING

Southwest Bible Church, Goshen, Indiana

Saturday, July 18, 2009

The 22nd Michiana Singing was called to order by Matthew Lind leading 49t. Pastor David Stump offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Matthew Lind; Secretary—Henry Schuman.

Leaders: Matthew Lind and David Stump 72b; James Nelson Gingerich 47t; Molly Williams 112; Roger Crabtree 47b; Pleasance Crawford 371; Shane Wootten 411; Gillian Inksetter 151; Darrell Swarens 208; Rachel Miller Jacobs and Danile Martens 178; Peter Trumbore 40; Cheyenne Ivey 33b; Michael Miller 415; Nicoletta Rogers 426b; Coy Ivey 384; Anne Missavage 157.

RECESS

Henry Schuman called the class to order leading 32t. Leaders: William Shetter 28b; Idy Kiser 472; Jubal Bayer 480; Joe Todd 114; Eloise Wootten 454; Bill Beverly 297; Jennifer LeCluyze 84; Reed Schilbach 318; Rodney Ivey 492; Jan Wright 183; Marlon Wootten 31t; Cathryn Bearov 216; Debbie Barford and David Barford 217; Syble Adams and Shane Wootten

496; Hans Bayer 481; Jo Schultz 299; Ann Miczulski 30t; Marian Mitchell and Cecelia Kramer 86; Eddie Mash 556; Jo Dell Albi 385t.

RECESS

James Nelson Gingerich called the class to order leading 29t. Leaders: Sarah Trumbore 282; Bob Borcharding 442; Brad Bahler and Karen Bahler 155; Michael Mosley and Carol Munro Mosley 269; Jerry Enright 458; Anne Steel 378.

Michael Miller and John Bayer conducted the memorial lesson. Michael Miller spoke for the following sick and shut-ins: Joan Aldridge, Bob Anderson, Joanne Bowman, David Carlton, Jim Carnes, Steve Dinin Johanna Fabke, Josie Hyde, John Plunkett, Lonnie Rogers, Shelbie

Sheppard, Bob Scorgie, and Mary Wood. He led 145b on

their behalf.

John Bayer spoke on behalf of the deceased and read the following names: Frank Hataway, Mattie Townsel—Alabama; John Etheridge, Bob Fort—Florida; Kathryn Benefield, Lee Rogers—Georgia; Miriam Sieber Lind, Boyd Nelson—Indiana; Ron Richardson—Maine; Mary Lou Brown, Pauline Childers, Phil Pierson, Ann Schilbach, Matthew Williams—Michigan; Elizabeth Leigh—Panama; Dr. William Reynolds—Tennessee; Dick Steil—Texas. John led 440 in their memory.

LUNCH

Michael Miller called the class to order leading 164. Leaders: Megan Jennings 504; Rodney Ivey and Ed Royer 457; Lisa Cohen and Rochelle Lodder 485; Melanie Hauff and Judy Hauff 313; Warren Steel 296; Rachel Adelstein 486; Reba Windom 436; Ryan Wheeler 67; Suzanne Flandreau 424; Wayne Dell 268; Laurel Cornell 149; James Page 272; Martha Beverly 546; John Seaton 37b; Mary List 122; Ted Mercer 131; Ginny Landgraf 419; Gerry Hoffman and Katie White 344; Will Fitzgerald 130.

RECESS

Matthew Lind and Gordon Prieb called the class to order leading 87. Leaders: Jeff Breting and Kathy Stump 133; Jan Ketelle 358; Steve Rogers 68; Beth Todd 319; Roger Williams 433; Don Keeton 310; Wendy Wahn 135; Lincoln Richardson 515; Lorraine Bayer 503; Samuel Sommers 121; Lori Graber 335; Henry Schuman 193; John Bayer, David Yoder, Miriam Yoder, and Tim Yoder 82; Janet Fraembs 448; Peggy Brayfield and Malachai Lind 284.

Announcements were made. Matthew Lind led 62 as the closing song. Michael Miller dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Matthew Lind; Secretary—Henry Schuman

THE “CONNEXION” AND JEREMIAH INGALLS SINGING First Congregational Church Vestry Hall, Newbury, Vermont Saturday, July 18, 2009

Tom Malone welcomed singers to the 5th annual “Connexion” and Jeremiah Ingalls Singing in Newbury, Vermont. The singing was from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, and Jeremiah Ingalls’s 1805 edition of *The Christian Harmony* (ICH).

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairpersons—Tom Malone and Joanna Lampert; Secretary—Jennie Brown.

Tom Malone opened the singing by leading 435. Liz Cantrell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Joanna Lampert 32t; Jennie Brown 72b; Bill Holt 47t; Rick Johnston 39t; Elka Schumann 164; Nathan Zwiig 31b; Chris Noren 40; Justin Levi 314; Liz Cantrell 318; Peter Golden 86; Ines Lüttgen 460; Rachel Stevens 148; George Sigut 178; Linda Shea 157; Allison Schofield 74b; Dan Hertzler 67; Don Towle 299; L.H. Spencer 95; Sue Hengelsberg 504; Deanna Anderson 31t; Lauren Bock 48b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 138t.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Tom Malone leading 2 (ICH). Leaders: Peter Golden 53 (ICH); Don Towle 46 (ICH); Ines Lüttgen 186 (ICH); Joanna Lampert 32 (ICH); Chris Noren 124 (ICH); Allison Schofield 50 (ICH); Justin Levi 25 (ICH); Nathan Zwiig 243 (ICH); Elka Schumann 44 (ICH); Dan Hertzler 35 (ICH); Lauren Bock 143 (ICH); Bill Holt 5 (ICH); Jennie Brown 59 (ICH); Rick Johnston 60 (ICH); Terry Ryan 43 (ICH); L.H. Spencer 92 (ICH); Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 215 (ICH).

Tom Malone conducted the memorial lesson and invited Joanna Lampert to join him in leading 115 (ICH) for the following sick and homebound: Victoria Bolles,

Joanne Bowman, Ariel Gernes, Suman Kandlikar, Harriette Pearlman, Myles Schofield, and Ruth Young.

Laura Timmerman and Tom Malone led 208 (ICH) for the following deceased: Fenno Heath—Connecticut; Carol Ware—Massachusetts; Richard Altman, Stefan Brecht, Bob Guida, Louis Ryan—New York; Mae-Ann Stevens—New Hampshire; George Young, Mike Peters—Vermont; Katya Durseneva—Latvia; Svetlana Sevaskul—Russia. Liz Cantrell closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Chris Noren 207 (ICH); Ines Lüttgen 221 (ICH); Don Towle 65 (ICH). Don Towle offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Tom Malone brought the afternoon session to order leading 180 (ICH). Leaders: Irene Lawrence 29t; Laura Timmerman 192; Laura Krueger 168; George Sigut 480; Rachel Stevens 268; Deanna Anderson 209; Sue Hengelsberg 294; Liz Cantrell 283; Linda Shea 371; Bill Holt 454; Lauren Bock 179 (ICH); Justin Levi 190 (ICH); Nathan Zwieg 193 (ICH); Allison Schofield 15 (ICH); Jennie Brown 175 (ICH); Peter Golden 48 (ICH); Terry Ryan 114 (ICH); Joanna Lampert 105 (ICH); Dan Hertzler 185 (ICH); Rick Johnston 55 (ICH); Elka Schumann 198.

RECESS

Tom Malone led 236 (ICH) to call the class back together. Leaders: Tom Malone 238 (ICH); Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 188 (ICH); L.H. Spencer 117 (ICH); Chris Noren 217; Don Towle 47 (ICH); Laura Timmerman 149 (ICH); Ines Lüttgen 173 (ICH); Laura Krueger 162; Irene Lawrence 312b; Deanna Anderson 203; Linda Shea 430; George Sigut 87; Rachel Stevens 146; Terry Ryan 344; Liz Cantrell 313t; Sue Hengelsberg 175; Tom Malone 61 (ICH), 108 (ICH).

Jennie Brown opened the business meeting by reporting that 86 songs had been led by 26 leaders, that 49 singers from 10 states and 2 foreign countries had registered, and that expenses had been met. Tom Malone thanked the class for their generosity, and individually thanked singers in attendance for their support of the Ingalls singing throughout the years. Finally, a motion was put forward to nominate Ben Bath chairman of the 6th annual “Connexion” and Ingalls Singing, to be held in July 2010. The business meeting was closed.

Tom Malone led 57 (ICH) as the closing song. Don Towle offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairpersons—Tom Malone and Joanna Lampert; Secretary—Jennie Brown

SPIVEY HALL SINGING

Morrow, Georgia
Saturday, July 18, 2009

Gene Pinion called the class together leading 31t. Buck Lea offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Gene Pinion; Vice Chairman—Malinda Snow; Secretary—Molly Ellis; Chaplain—Buck Lea; Arranging—Tony Hammock.

Leaders: Gene Pinion 31b; Malinda Snow 136; Tony Hammock 60, 314; Buck Lee 99; Eric Tweedy 344, 200; Andy Anderson 28t, 28b; Erica Hinton 370, 540; Bob Goodman 497, 36b; Leslie Hunter 282, 146; John Hollingsworth 460, 182; Charles Woods 77b, 481; Ellen Lea 270, 163b; Charlene Wallace 171; Andy Morse 73b, 77t; Stephanie Tingle 228; Stephen Musker 132, 37b; Cody Hutcheson 542, 488; Jane Carroll 30t; Martha Ann Steger 47t, 59; Martin Hardin 207, 47b; Robert Kelly 524; Mel Sampson 495; John Plunkett 105, 111t; Matt Hinton 203, 142; Bill Hollingsworth 287, 365; Phillip Langley 222, 283; Gene Pinion 218, 236.

LUNCH

The class was brought back to order by Gene Pinion leading 24b.

Leaders: Andy Morse 51; Ellen Lea 122; Buck Lea 503; Bob Goodman 475; John Hollingsworth 230; Jane Carroll 145b; Andy Anderson 29t; Molly Ellis, John Ellis, and Cynthia Aby 56b, 549; Leslie Hunter 159; Cody Hutcheson and Joy Ellis 482; Charlene Wallace 186; Malinda Snow 455; Stephen Musker 312b, 191; Erica Hinton 335; Charles Woods 313b; Bill Hollingsworth 70t; Eric Tweedy 131t; Mel Sampson 457; Martha Ann Steger 198; John Plunkett 391; Phillip Langley 217; Martin Hardin 183; Robert Kelly 202; Matt Hinton 192; Tony Hammock 544; Martin Hardin 299. Announcements were made. Gene Pinion led 62 as the final song. Buck Lea offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Gene Pinion; Vice Chairman—Malinda Snow; Secretary—Molly Ellis

ELDER BERNARD MOON MEMORIAL (COOPER BOOK)

New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama

Saturday night, July 18, 2009

The annual Elder Bernard Moon Memorial Sacred Harp singing, Cooper Revision, was held at New Prospect Church on Saturday night before the third Sunday in July.

The singing could not be held at Dorsey Creek Primitive Baptist Church this year, but hopes to return to that location next year. The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 54t. The opening prayer was offered by Henry Guthery.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Honorary Chairman—Harrison Creel; Chairman—Danny Creel; Arranging Committee—Wanda Capps; Secretary—Emily Creel.

Danny Creel welcomed everyone, and then led 133 in memory of John Etheridge. Leaders: Emily Creel 138t; Aubrey Barfield 464; Velton Chafin 373; Stanley Smith 522; Bea Carnathan 572; Norma Green 84; Freda Bledsoe 335; Gary Smith 63; SuNell Ellis 449; Brenda Merritt 563; Harrison Creel 355; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Geraldine Sharpton 393t; Juanita Newman 108t; Bunk Beasley 348t; John Merritt 521; Travis Keeton 275b; Jim Aaron 47b; Tommie Spurlock 503; Tyler Newman 229 (in memory of Marie Guthrie); Amber Davis 511b; Oleta Stewart 199; Sarah Smith 380t; Butch White 31t; Juanita Beasley 61; Stanley Smith 468 (by request); Henry Guthery 86; Ann Jett 39 (in memory of Flarce Creel); Marlin Beasley 478; Elsie Moon 567; Larry Chafin, Brenda Merritt, and Lorrie Chafin 571; Brenda Merritt 497; Aubrey Barfield 404; Wanda Capps 505.

Announcements were made. Danny Creel led 323t as the closing song, and the closing prayer was offered by John Merritt.

Honorary Chairman—Harrison Creel; Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Emily Creel

CHAFIN, HARBINSON, AND HOLLIS MEMORIAL

New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama

Sunday, July 19, 2009

The 137th session of the Chafin, Harbinson, and Hollis Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama, on the third Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 34b. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Brenda Merritt; Arranging Committee—Billy Williams.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 35; Tommy Spurlock 217; S.T. Reed 131b, 135; Gary Smith 66, 565; Oleta Stewart 312b, 313t; Henry Guthery 283, 176b; Juanita Newman 335;

Sarah Smith 406, 384; Aubrey Barfield 383, 480; Ernestine Pipkin 110, 142; B.M. Smith 475, 222; Richard Mauldin 551, 358; Susan Allred 183, 501; Wanda Capps 540, 299.

RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class back to order by leading 106. Leaders: Wayne Reed 285t, 68b; Earl Ballinger 80b, 498; Caleb Allred 503; Caleb Allred and Brenda Merritt 542; Marlin Beasley 77t, 312t; Jennifer Lee 564 (in memory of John Etheridge), 440; Larry Ballinger 410t, 472; Travis Keeton 499, 155; Rachel Allred 272, 442; Stanley Smith 432, 306, 205 (in memory of John Etheridge); Lisa Geist 269, 273; Bea Carnathan 438, 568; Bridgett Hill 391 (for Josie Hyde); Bud Oliver 39b; Danny Creel 504; Elene Stovall 492, 200; Ann Jett 327.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 318. Leaders: Larry Chafin and Velton Chafin 63; Willodean Barton 454; Lucy Heidorn 192; Judy Caudle 389, 325; Amber Davis 500; John Merritt 143 (for Ray Chafin family); Tommy Spurlock 430; Tyler Newman 340, 64; Harrison Creel 342, 111b; Brenda Merritt 434; Ozella Blackmon 282; Freda Bledsoe 166; George Chafin and Brenda Merritt 128; Judy Caudle 140 (by request); Velton Chafin 266 (for Josie Hyde), 345b.

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

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Brenda Merritt

KALAMAZOO SINGING **Wesley Foundation, Kalamazoo, Michigan** **Sunday, July 19, 2009**

The 11th annual Kalamazoo Singing was held at the Wesley Foundation on the third Sunday in July. Ann Miczulski brought the class to order by leading 34b. Will Fitzgerald offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Ann Miczulski; Secretary—Henry Schuman.

Leaders: Ann Miczulski 171; Will Fitzgerald 283; Martha Beverly 475 (in memory of Pauline Creel Childers); Jan Wright 28b; Ryan Wheeler 51; Katie White 107; Roger Williams 290; Sarah Trumbore 154; Steve Rogers 52t; Rochelle Lodder 31t; Peter Trumbore 312b; Sherry Manison 127; Jeff Breting 108b; Mary List 467; Chuck Crawford 47t; Reed Schilbach 340.

RECESS

Will Fitzgerald called the class to order leading 105. Leaders: Will Fitzgerald 'Kalamazoo'; Audra Village 99; Darrell Swarens 507; Molly Williams 128; Bob Borcharding 569b; Syble Adams 515; James Nelson Gingerich and Kate Lind 236 (for Elizabeth Leigh); Bill Beverly 547; Anita Shaperd 65; Ted Johnson 192; David Stowe 178.

RECESS

Bob Borcharding called the class to order leading 117. Leaders: Jan Ketelle 168; Ted Mercer 'Hinton'; Pleasance Crawford 91; Eddie Mash 470; Reba Windom 318; Joe Todd 363; Henry Schuman 32t; Wayne Dell 66; Charlotte Wolfe 39t; Jim Helke 348t; Janet Fraembs 404; Cecelia Kramer 86; Marian Mitchell 198.

LUNCH

Bill Beverly and Jim Helke called the class to order leading 'Never Grow Old'. Leaders: Gillian Inksetter 448b; Melanie Hauff 203; Syble Adams 348b; Beth Todd 58; Samuel Sommers 465; Ann Missavage 112; John Seaton 116; Cathryn Bearov

189; Reba Windom and Eddie Mash 269, 196; Ann Sleeva 191; Matthew Lind 36t; Judy Hauff 380; Peggy Brayfield 181; Reed Schilbach 347; Marcia Johnson 222; Edward Thomas and Judy Hauff 76b; Henry Schuman 550; Ginny Landgraf 447; James Page 24t; Idy Kiser and Judy Hauff 362; Nicoletta Rogers and Gillian Inksetter 273; Gerry Hoffman 142; James Page 505; Martha Beverly, Elizabeth Sugas, Tina Sugas Prouty, Sedona Ward, and Elizabeth Pixley 63; Chuck Crawford and Plesance Crawford 446.

Announcements were made. Ann Miczulski led 46 as the closing song. Will Fitzgerald dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Ann Miczulski; Secretary—Henry Schuman

COTACO CONVENTION

Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Eva, Morgan County, Alabama Saturday, July 25, 2009

The 121st session of the Cotaco Convention was held at Gum Pond Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July. The class was called to order by J.L. Hopper leading 63 and 73b. The opening prayer was offered by Velton Chafin. Leaders: Judy Caudle 33b, 33t; Dan Hopper 43, 49b; Nancy Thompson 326, 405; Craig Holmes 34b, 323b; Marlin Beasley 225t, 512; Carol Newman 490, 358; Margie Lee 111t, 72b; Butch White 178, 503; Nell Woodard Morris 428.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by J.L. Hopper leading 187. The class was organized and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Steve Cobbs 285t, 460; Marilyn Burchett 335, 176b; Velton Chafin 76t, 68b; Lomax Ballinger 101t, 168; Loyd Ivey 49t, 111b; Geraldine Sharpton 276, 120; Norma Green 123t, 334; Robert Walker 99, 143; Delone Cobbs 52t, 480. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Butch White leading 39b. Leaders: Travis Keeton 172, 290; Dennis George 250; Rodney Ivey 101b, 267; Larry Ballinger 398, 338; Sandie Scott 97, 128; Bridgett Hill 489, 129; Nell Morris 108b; Velton Chafin 487; Dennis George 148; Loyd Ivey 201; Dennis George 96 (for Billy Williams); Judy Caudle 389 (for Lonnie Rogers); J.L. Hopper 69b (for Sandie Scott); Dan Hopper 450; Delone Cobbs 388.

J.L. Hopper led 486 as the closing song. He then offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Judy Caudle

THE SWANNANOVA GATHERING SHAPE NOTE SINGING Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, North Carolina Saturday, July 25, 2009

The 3rd annual Swannanoa Gathering Shape Note Singing was held in the Morris Pavilion at Warren Wilson College. Jane Spencer called the singers to order leading 58b (CH). Shannon Primm offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jane Spencer; Vice Chairman—Ron Pen; Secretary—Chris Wilhelm.

The first session was from Walker's *The Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Ron Pen 381-D (CH); Chris Wilhelm 198 (CH); Dot Lane 215t (CH); Robert Kelley 69t (CH); Shannon Primm 253 (CH); Claudia Dean 88 (CH); Tina Becker 136 (CH); Don Wiley 217 (CH); Julianne Wiley 36b (CH); Mary Baumeister 71t (CH); Virginia

Douglas 59t (CH); Michael Spencer 322t (CH); Ann Strange 55b (CH); Dan Huger 248b (CH).

RECESS

The next session was from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Jane Spencer brought the class back to order leading 33b. Leaders: Ron Pen 146; Chris Wilhelm 316; Michael Spencer 113; Robert Kelley 402; Shannon Primm 129 (for John Plunkett); Tina Becker 209; Mary Baumeister 499; Julianne Wiley 38b; Mimi Wright 39t; Claudia Dean 312b; Don Wiley 35; Dan Huger 501; Virginia Douglas 84; Dot Lane and Barbara Denson 373; Ron Pen 455 (by request).

LUNCH

Ron Pen brought the class back to order leading 45t. He expressed appreciation to all who helped with the singing and to Warren Wilson College. Leaders: Jane Spencer and Rayna Gellert 176b; Chris Wilhelm 351; Michael Spencer 278t; Robert Kelley 353; Shannon Primm 350; Tina Becker 268; Mary Baumeister 106; Claudia Dean 42; Don Wiley 569b; Dan Huger 269; Virginia Douglas 40; Susan Stone 347; Diane Eskenasy 200.

RECESS

The next session was from *The Southern Harmony*. Jane Spencer brought the class back to order leading 62 (SoH) and 318 (SoH). Leaders: Ron Pen 159b (SoH); Chris Wilhelm 165t (SoH), 330b (SoH); Dot Lane and Grace Ellis 38 (SoH); Michael Spencer 41 (SoH), 102 (SoH); Robert Kelley 73 (SoH), 141 (SoH); Shannon Primm 72t (SoH), 106b (SoH); Tina Becker 71 (SoH), 332 (SoH); Mary Baumeister 76 (SoH), 109 (SoH); Don Wiley 143 (SoH), 198 (SoH); Claudia Dean 32 (SoH), 28 (SoH); Dan Huger 92t (SoH), 89t (SoH).

Jane Spencer, Ron Pen, and Chris Wilhelm led 267 as the closing song. Michael Spencer offered prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jane Spencer; Vice Chairman—Ron Pen; Secretary—Chris Wilhelm

EUGENE SINGING

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Eugene, Oregon

Saturday, July 25, 2009

The 12th annual Eugene Singing was held in the sanctuary of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on the last Saturday of July. Steve Helwig called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 49b. Tony Meyer offered the invocation.

Leaders: Fran Ross 178; Erik Schwab 77t; Tom McTighe 32b; Durwood Rachleff 186; Jessica Beer 32t; Sher Schwartz 354b; Betsy Jeronen 500; Mary Ditsen 146; Cornelia Stanton 344; Jack Lofton 193; Suzanne Denker 106; Scott Kennedy 454; Martha Sherwood 53; Bill Walters 24t; Martha Johnson 148; Anne Huckins 86; David Kreiss-Tomkins 81t; Kathy Vlach 361; Dave Tobin 268; Reed Schilbach 318.

RECESS

Cornelia Stanton brought the class back to order leading 37b. Leaders: Tammi Ziola 160b (with a new original second verse); Karen Stingle 475; Erika Wilson 442; Martha Johnson 430; Karl Oswald 304; James Brock 551; John Dinsmore 411, John Carson and Marty Carson 335; Carolyn Gilkey 142; Caleb Hardy 171; Ethan Hardy 294; David Landazuri 74b; Fran Ross 373; Erik Schwab 138t; Tom McTighe 189; Durward Rachleff 163b; Jessica Beer 269; Sher Schwartz 159.

Fran Ross conducted the memorial lesson and led 350 in memory of the deceased and the sick and shut-ins. The following deceased were remembered: Ann Schilbach, Jean Marcotte, Ruby Little, Phyllis Currens, Chester Pietka, Anylese Diaz, Dwight Enberg, Thomas Rubick, Rose Normand of Quito, Ecuador, and Jerome Sarcowski of Michigan.

The sick and shut-ins remembered were Dorothy Harrison, Julie Rogers, Tofah Eileen, and Bill Barr. The memorial lesson was concluded with a moment of silence. Leaders: Betsy Jeronen 200; Cornelia Stanton 523; Jack Lofton 532; Suzanne Denker 504; Scott Kennedy 547; Martha Sherwood 376; Bill Walters 348. Tony Meyer asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Steve Helwig brought the afternoon session to order leading 510. Leaders: Anne Huckins 452; David Kreiss-Tomkins 312b; Isabelle McTighe 448b; Kathy Vlach 472; Jane Grant 480; Dave Tobin 457; Reed Schilbach 297; Mary Ditson 455; Tammi Ziola 125; Karen Stingle 198; Erika Wilson 362; Karl Oswald 250; James Brock 72b; John Dinsmore 73; John Carson 163t; Carolyn Gilkey 384; Caleb Hardy 390; Ethan Hardy 210; Jean Murphy 209; Steve Helwig 436.

RECESS

Jessica Beer brought the class back to order leading 445. Leaders: David Landazuri 479; Jane Grant 474; Jack Lofton 448t; Fran Ross 496; Eric Schwab 31t; Tom McTighe 313b; Betsy Jeronen 440; Cornelia Stanton 456; Scott Kennedy 162; Suzanne Denker 56b; Bill Walters 327; David Kreiss-Tomkins 107; Kathy Vlach 145b; Reed Schilbach 66; Tammi Ziola 235; Erika Wilson 131t; Karl Oswald 28t. Reports from Committees were given. Carolyn Gilkey reported that 62 singers registered from four states. Erik Schwab offered the resolutions report. John Dinsmore, pastor of Good Shepherd, was thanked for the use of the church. Jean Murphy invited the class to the annual post-singing croquet tournament. Steve Helwig led 155 as the closing song.

Chairman—Steve Helwig; Secretary and Treasurer—Carolyn Gilkey

MAINE ALL-DAY SINGING Darrow's Barn, Damariscotta, Maine Saturday, July 25, 2009

The 7th annual Maine All Day Singing was held at Darrow's Barn in Damariscotta, Maine, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Barb Ames leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Corrone Bryant. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Barb Ames; Treasurer—Dan Purdy; Chaplains—Corrone Bryant and Marge Awalt; Secretary—Hal Booth.

Leaders: Corrone Bryant 515; Pleasance Crawford 391; Bill Holt 82t; Chris Holley 33b; Edith Berger 39t; Joanne Fuller 39b; Terry Ryan 430; Linda Shea 168; Robert Stoddard 171; Marge Awalt 178; Hal Booth 287; Joanna Lampert 436; George Sigut 87; Nathan Zweig 79; Elizabeth Stoddard 111b; Aldo Ceresa 371; Liz Meitzler 142; Bob Meek 361; Phil Devine 47b.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Peter Golden leading 105. Leaders: Rachel Speer 187; Pat Callahan 163b; Kathe Pilibosian 472; Barb Ames 388; Chuck Crawford 313; Robert Stoddard 312b; Philippa Stoddard 528; Leonard Spencer 250; Celia Devine 362; Kelsey Sunderland 441; Jennie Brown 318; Francis Bliss 84; Laura Borelli 89; Ines Lüttgen 208; Bobbie Goodell 496; Corrone Bryant 524; Pleasance Crawford 505; Bill Holt 376.

Joanne Fuller conducted the memorial lesson. Mary Skidmore read the names of the following deceased: Margaret Callahan—Massachusetts; Richard Altman, Bob Guida, Louis Ryan, Katherine Warren, and Marian Bliss—New York. She read the names of the following sick and shut-ins: Josie Hyde, Sumner Roberts, John Plunkett, David Carlton, Victoria Bolles, Lee Stover, and Charlotte Wallace. Joanne

Fuller spoke and led 48t. The memorial lesson was closed. Elizabeth Stoddard offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jennie Brown leading 81t. Leaders: Terry Ryan 192; Linda Shea 270; Robert Stoddard 397; Mary Skidmore 504; Marge Awalt 155; Hal Booth 254; George Sigut 347; Joanna Lampert 431; Nathan Zweig 439; Elizabeth Stoddard 304; Aldo Ceresa 227; Liz Meitzler 77; Edith Berger 384; Bob Meek 128; Peter Golden 148; Rachel Speer 172; Leonard Spencer 260; Kathe Pilibosian 43; Barb Ames 77b; Chuck Crawford 47t; Philippa Stoddard 300; Kelsey Sunderland and Yael Tarshish 547; Francis Bliss 193; Jennie Brown 195; Chris Holley 201.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Kelsey Sunderland leading 114. Leaders: Laura Borelli 67; Celia Devine 326; Ines Lüttgen 151; Bill Holt 33t; Bobbie Goodell 236; Joanne Fuller 121; Terry Ryan 120; Linda Shea 75; Robert Stoddard 53; Mary Skidmore 107; George Sigut 268; Joanna Lampert 481; Nathan Zweig 452; Rachel Speer 349; Bob Meek 551; Elizabeth Stoddard 564; Aldo Ceresa 567; Liz Meitzler 512; Philippa Stoddard 216; Jennie Brown 224; Laura Borelli 153; Ines Lüttgen 411; Chuck Crawford and Pleasance Crawford 521; Chris Holley and Kathe Pilibosian 61; Celia Devine 280; Peter Golden 40; Francis Bliss 198; Hal Booth 344; Leonard Spencer 218.

Announcements were made. Treasurer Dan Purdy gave a report. Secretary Hal Booth made his report as follows: total registered attendance was 67, with 30 leaders leading 99 songs. There were attendees from Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, Rhode Island, New York, Maryland, Texas, Kentucky, Indiana, and Switzerland.

It was announced that the 8th Annual Maine All Day Sing will be held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 2010, with Peter Golden as the Chairman. Corrone Bryant and Barb Ames led 62 as the closing song. Marge Awalt offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Barb Ames; Secretary—Hal Booth

MARILOU AND DON JOLLY MEMORIAL SINGING **Old Poway Park, Poway, California** **Saturday, July 25, 2009**

The 13th annual Marilou and Don Jolly Memorial was called to order by Carroll Lunsford leading 33b. Norma Ruptier offered the opening prayer. Susanna Ball led 34b.

A business meeting was called and officers and committees were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Susanna Ball; Vice Chairperson—Carla Smith; Arranging Committee—Jerry Schreiber; Chaplain—Norma Ruptier; Resolutions Committee—Juniper Hill and Mark Miller; Secretaries—Jane Campbell and Mary Linn Freedman. The business meeting was concluded and Susanna Ball led 36b.

Leaders: Carla Smith 30t; Jane Campbell 510; Bruce Hayes 91, 214; Nancy Huerta 288, 72t; Larry Arnstein 566, 350; Norma Ruptier 40, 46; Pat Keating 68t, 468; Mark Miller 213t, 430; Laura Russell 212, 89; Duncan Macleod 168, 56t; Judy Getrich 267.

RECESS

Duncan Macleod brought the class back to order leading 49t. Leaders: David Olson 192, 348b; Ron Huss 347, 311; Juniper Hill 504, 268; Don Allen 45t, 105; Xaris Martínez 349, 500; John Marr 146, 319; Charles Knecht 475, 474.

RECESS

Carla Smith brought the class back to order leading 119. Leaders: Carla Smith 123b; Bob Turk, his daughter, and Jerry Schreiber 334, 294; Katherine Knecht 87, 94; Linda Booth 196, 112; Rick Russell 302, 291. Norma Ruptier offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Carla Smith brought the class back to order leading 204. Leaders: Jerry Schreiber and Sonia 327; Jerry Schreiber and Lisa Klopp 159; Amy Ludwig 178, 335; Jeff Gauthier 565, 436; Carroll Lunsford, his grandson, and great grandson 426t, 556; Mark Miller 144; Xaris Martínez 318; Juniper Hill 349; Bruce Hayes 254; Carla Smith 74b; Rick Russell 200; Susanna Ball 148; Don Allen 110; Pat Keating 375; Larry Arnstein 287.

RECESS

Jeff Gauthier brought the class back to order leading 101t. Leaders: Linda Booth 99; Rodney Willard, Jerry Schreiber, and Carla Smith 49b; David Olson 330b; Norma Ruptier 480; Anitra Kaye 143; Nancy Huerta 142; Ron Huss 174; Katherine Knecht 373; John Marr and his students 400; Judy Getrich 270; Charles Knecht 481; Jane Campbell 47b; Amy Ludwig 66.

RECESS

Bruce Hayes and Pat Keating brought the class back to order leading 276. Leaders: Jeff Gauthier 384; Mary Linn Freedman 497; Laura Russell 137; Jerry Schreiber 473; Sue Scott 106 (dedicated to her father); Carroll Lunsford and Jerry Schreiber 434; Juniper Hill 183; Nancy Huerta 117; Norma Ruptier 479; Mark Miller 176t; Linda Booth 569b.

Announcements were made. The secretary reported that 94 songs were sung. The Resolutions Committee offered warm, lively resolutions, including the resolution to return in 2010 on the Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July for the 14th annual Marilou and Don Jolly Memorial Singing.

Susanna Ball led 62 as the closing song. Norma Ruptier offered prayer and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, July 26

Singers gathered on the following morning to sing for two hours in the Old Adobe Chapel, Old Town, San Diego, California.

Chairperson—Susanna Ball; Vice Chairperson—Carla Smith; Secretaries—Jane Campbell and Mary Linn Freedman

MT. ZION MEMORIAL SINGING

Mt. Zion, Georgia

July 25-26, 2009

Saturday, July 25

The 117th session of the Mt. Zion Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Zion Methodist Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in July. Earlis McGraw called the class to order leading 30t and 435. Hugh McGraw offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Carlene Griffin 448b; Lela Crowder 31t, 32t; Charlene Wallace 79, 99; Judy Henry 146, 77b; Tommy McGraw 475, 37b; Louise Holland 36b, 103; Robert Chambless 176b, 84; Donna Bell 171, 222; Steve Musker 128; Kelsey Campbell 127, 100; Hayden Arp 490, 282; Judy Chambless 349, 389.

RECESS

Charlene Wallace called the class back together leading 63. Leaders: Charles Woods 283, 78; Helen Bryson 217, 313b; B.M. Smith 73t, 72b; Adelaide Hanson 40, 178;

Faye Hollis 340, 276; Margie Smith 373; Ed Thacker 192, 542; Lou Cotney 189, 300; Matt Hinton 485, 299; Martha Ann Stegar 155, 268; Earlis McGraw 210.

LUNCH

Earlis McGraw brought the class back together by singing birthday wishes to Eli Hinton. He then led 225t. Leaders: Henry Johnson 375, 385t; Erica Hinton 108t, 500; Michael Thompson 328, 175; Joyce Walton 67, 275b; Oscar McGuire 573, 336; Richard DeLong 74t, 271t; George Burnette 85, 129; Andy Anderson 28t; 28b.

A motion was made to go into a business session. The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Vice Chairman—Carlene Griffin; Secretary—Lela Crowder; Chaplain—Hugh McGraw; Arranging Committee—Charlene Wallace, Judy Henry; Memorial Committee—Richard DeLong, Henry Johnson.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 345t, 343; Paige Harrod 112, 460; Kelsey Campbell 358; Hayden Arp 47b; Gail Musker 45t; Steve Musker 142; Adelaide Johnson 523; Henry Johnson 138t; Ed Thacker 528; Joyce Walton 438.

Announcements were made. Earlis McGraw led 544 as the closing song. Ed Thacker dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, July 26

The class was called to order by Earlis McGraw leading 32t. Hugh McGraw offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Earlis McGraw 56t; Carlene Griffin 37b, 155; Lela Crowder 48t; 131b; Judy Henry 95, 225t; Charlene Wallace 139, 141; Danny Griffin 569b, 400; Faye Hollis 283, 182; Robert Chambless 452, 77t; Jan House 40, 171; Robert Kelley 477, 488; Margie Smith 494; Myron House 102, 113; Judy Chambless 472, 186.

RECESS

Earlis McGraw brought the class back together leading 476. Leaders: Lisa Webb and Christian Webb 294, 46; Stanley Edwards and Marilyn Bradley 29t, 271t; Oscar McGuire 344, 54; B.M. Smith 109, 47t; Jeannette DePoy 129, 414; Cecil Roberts 229, 335; Stephanie Tingler 228, 117.

Richard DeLong spoke and led 420 for the following deceased: Lee Rogers, Sharon Bailey, Harold Westbrook, David Wilson, Frank Block, and Elizabeth Tolbert.

Henry Johnson led 68b for the sick and shut-in singers who included Bud and Sammie Oliver, S.T. and Lessie Reed, Sally MacEwen, John Plunkett, Violet Thomason, Jimmy Denney, Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard, and Henry Zittrouer. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Sheri Taylor 203, 148; Tommy McGraw 91, 268.

LUNCH

Earlis McGraw brought the class back together leading 132. Leaders: Laura Frey 358, 163b; Shannon Primm 86, 483; Ed Thacker 527, 492; Malinda Snow 373, 136; Richard DeLong 28t, 125; Henry Johnson 138b, 96; B.M. Smith 64; Jan House 151; Judy Chambless 531; Robert Kelley 367; Stephanie Tingler 124; Robert Chambless 503; Robert Kelley and Jeannette DePoy 149; Lisa Webb 222; Oscar McGuire 551; Shannon Primm 354t; Ed Thacker 57; Myron House 234; Faye Hollis 137; Henry Johnson 288; Cecil Roberts 30b; Malinda Snow 540; Sheri Taylor 142; Lela Crowder 323t; Charlene Wallace 276; Earlis McGraw 45t.

Announcements were made. Earlis McGraw and Carlene Griffin led 62 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Vice Chairman—Carlene Griffin; Secretary—Lela Crowder

COKER SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Coker United Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas
July 25-26, 2009

Saturday, July 25

The 2nd annual Coker Sacred Harp Singing held at the Coker United Methodist Church in San Antonio, Texas, was called to order by Mike Hinton leading 68b. After welcoming remarks, Gaylon Powell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Mike Hinton 63; Don Ross 391; Tammy Powell 454; Gaylon Powell 500; Janie Short 276; Greg Bowles 36b; Curtis Owen 490; Jonathan Pendleton 388; Reed Coates 137; Robert Vaughn 545; Scott Curran 192; Mark Robeck 178; Morris Nelms 479; Leon Ballinger 480; Amanda Bowles 163b; Evelyn Lamb 472; Mike Hinton 456.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Mike Hinton; Vice Chairman—Don Ross; Secretary—Tammy Powell; Chaplin—Gaylon Powell; Memorial Committee—Cheryl Foreman, Karen Rollins.

RECESS

Gaylon Powell called the class back together by leading 84. Leaders: Crystal Meadows 542; Tom Owen 528; Henry Guthery 434; Barry Brake 133; Priscilla Wiggins 31t; Elene Stovall 440; Lane Cheney 30b; Bill Bailey 335; Karen Rollins 354t; Bruce Coates 34b; Rebecca Edwards 315; Bill Caldwell 228; Jo Pendleton 97; Bea Carnathan 438; Lindsey Wiggins 475; Ron Ryan 572; Linda Booker 34t; Rich Lee 32t. Gaylon Powell offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Janie Short called the class together for the afternoon session by leading 128. Leaders: Sonny Erwin 441; Beverly Coates 168; Cheryl Foreman 492; Kris Wiggins 522; Chris Nicholson 569b; Sara DeTurk 299; Diane Ross 209; Richard Ivey 411; Katie Mahoney 131b; Rick Foreman 175; Becca Short and Janie Short 312b; Larry Hall 551; Chloe Webb 148; Greg Bowles 146; Mark Robeck 47b; Morris Nelms 457; Leon Ballinger 273; Amanda Bowles 350; Curtis Owen 503; Robert Vaughn 142; Jonathan Pendleton and Jo Pendleton 354b; Barry Brake 88t; Reed Coates 155; Scott Curran 384.

RECESS

Bill Caldwell called the class back to order by leading 99. Leaders: Don Ross 331; Evelyn Lamb 538; Crystal Meadows 481; Elene Stovall 216; Bill Bailey 495; Henry Guthery 140; Bea Carnathan 205; Karen Rollins 327; Rebecca Edwards 114; Priscilla Wiggins 56b; Linda Booker 358; Cheryl Foreman and Sonny Erwin 568; Tom Owen 338; Beverly Coates 347; Diane Ross 344; Rich Lee 44; Richard Ivey 223; Katie Mahoney 69t; Kris Wiggins 436; Lindsey Wiggins 189.

Announcements were made. Mike Hinton, Don Ross, and Tammy Powell led 46 for the closing song. Gaylon Powell offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, July 26

The Sunday session of the Coker Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Mike Hinton leading 87. Gaylon Powell offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Don Ross 530; Gaylon Powell 86; Tammy Powell 217; Bruce Coates 145b; Chris Nicholson 400; Tom Owen 330t; Elene Stovall 534; Priscilla Wiggins 448b; Henry Guthery 240; Zach Rogan 159; Michelle Rogan 39t; Cheryl Foreman 455; Rick Foreman 289; Bill Caldwell 353; Diane Ross 267; Karen Rollins 318; Katie Mahoney 51; Sonny Erwin 501; Rebecca Edwards 402; Bea Carnathan 496; Scott Curran 532; Rich Lee 306; Becca Short and Janie Short 373; Crystal Meadows 442; Beverly Coates 547.

RECESS

Richard Ivey brought the class back to order by leading 56t. Mike Hinton introduced the Sr. Pastor of Coker United Methodist Church and led 395. Leaders: Bill Bailey 72b; Lindsey Wiggins 183; Page Warren and Elene Stovall 365; Evelyn Lamb 245; Linda Booker 288; Kris Wiggins 198; Larry Hall 171; Ron Ryan 477.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Karen Rollins and Cheryl Foreman leading 340 for the following sick and shut-ins: Andy Worthington, Sallie Foreman, Ellen Jackson, Myra Palmer, Leland Owen, Josie Hyde, and David Carlton.

Karen Rollins and Cheryl Foreman led 285t in memory of the following deceased: Frank Hataway, Paul King, Denson Hinton—Alabama; Katherine Caldwell—Georgia; Dutch Owen, Monnie Ross Jr., Dick Steil, Ophelia Matthews—Texas; Ves Childs—Arizona; William J. Reynolds—Tennessee; John Etheridge—Florida. Gaylon Powell closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Sonny Erwin 113; Rick Foreman 75; Henry Guthery 196; Gaylon Powell 236; Don Ross 284; Diane Ross 543. Gaylon Powell offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Don Ross called the class back together by leading 81b. Leaders: Chris Nicholson 348t; Bruce Coates 313b; Michelle Rogan 215; Dan Brittain 304; Zach Rogan 146; Larry Hall 99; Bea Carnathan 80b; Becca Short and Priscilla Wiggins 277; Rebecca Edwards 283; Katie Mahoney 111b; Bill Bailey 110; Barry Brake 417; Crystal Meadows 504; Beverly Coates 546; Rich Lee 82t; Bill Caldwell 212; Richard Ivey 293; Elene Stovall 430; Kris Wiggins 300; Linda Booker 143.

Announcements were made. Mike Hinton and Dan Brittain led 481. Leaders: Scott Curran 269; Ron Ryan 116; Tom Owen 448t; Evelyn Lamb 112; Lindsey Wiggins 163t; Janie Short 426b; Priscilla Wiggins 70t; Tammy Powell 216.

Mike Hinton led 62 for the closing song. Sr. Pastor Barbara Galloway offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Mike Hinton; Vice Chairman—Don Ross; Secretary—Tammy Powell

JOHN ETHERIDGE SINGING (IN MEMORIAL TO WINSTON JONES AND DOSS BRYAN) Valley Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Opp, Alabama Sunday, July 26, 2009

The John Etheridge Singing in memorial to Winston Jones and Doss Bryan was held at Valley Grove Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in July. The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision, was used for the day.

The class was called to order by Wayne Jones leading 32t and 36b. The opening prayer was offered by James Gardner. Tim Jones led 461 and 273. Barbara Jones led 72 and 558. The introductory lesson was conducted by Morgan Bunch leading 277, 29t, and 274t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Wayne Jones; Vice Chairman—Tim Jones; Secretary—Barbara Jones.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 380t, 356; Bridgett Hill 276, 559; Aubrey Barfield 434, 222; Shane Wootten 138t, 320; Judy Caudle 567, 414; Wilburn Ellison 28b, 465.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Wayne Jones leading 99. Leaders: Eloise Wootten 137, 511b; Lloyd Jones and Loretta Jones 45t, 500; Sue Bunch 31t, 544; Bill Hogan 464, 524; Alice Benjar 179, 60; Sam Schofield 288, 466; Sarah Kahre and Morgan Bunch 384; Tor Benjar 358, 392; Ken Kelley 442t, 120; Nate Green and Norma Green 116, 569; Ellen Gwynn 340, 335; Edd Bass 309, 507b; Larry Shaw 478, 463; Eva Padgett 395b, 77t. Wayne Jones led 369 and Tommie Spurlock offered prayer to bless the food for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Tim Jones opened the afternoon session by leading 63. Leaders: Nancy Hogan 84; Shane Wootten and Tim Jones 96; Loyd Ivey 541; Mike Jones 543; Billy Kelley 100; Mary Whitehurst 383; Linda Westbrook 229; Ford Bulger 491; Lera Ellison 94; Ernest Cockcroft 225t; Learvene Bass 74b; Kennon Smith 189; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Tommy Spurlock 574; Rhonda Harrison 515; Olivia Jones and Brianne Jones 348t; Chip Westbrook 398b; Brian Kelley 112; Janice Gardner 488b; Ken Sundberg 497; Michael Jones 282.

RECESS

Tim Jones called the class back to order leading 86. Leaders: Joe Nall 272; Loretta Jones 47b; Jerald Norris 553; William Smith 155; Stanley Smith 336b; Frank Strickland 145b; Beverly Dayton 122; Wayne Jones 76b (by request).

Announcements were made. Wayne Jones and Tim Jones led 527 as the closing song. James Gardner offered prayer to dismiss the class.

Chairman—Wayne Jones; Vice Chairman—Tim Jones; Secretary—Barbara Jones

CHERRY TREE SINGING

James Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Itawamba County, Mississippi Sunday, July 26, 2009

The annual Cherry Tree Singing was held at James Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Itawamba County, Mississippi, on the fourth Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Dale Kennedy and Matthew Cook leading 124. The morning prayer was offered by Dale Kennedy.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Dale Kennedy; Secretary—Betty Baccus.

Leaders: Matthew Cook 312b; Seth Poston 358, 275b; Faye Donaldson 225t, 410t; Betty Baccus 100, 145b (in memory of Elmer Conwell); Dale Kennedy 61, 59; Matthew Cook and Seth Poston 490 (for Mrs. Marlin Phillips); Matthew Cook and Seth Poston 319, 373 (for John Phillips); Dale Kennedy 31t.

RECESS

Dale Kennedy called the class back to order singing 77t. Leaders: Matthew Cook and Seth Poston 569b (for Mrs. Marlin Phillips); Matthew Cook and Seth Poston 30t, (for Julie Poston), 44 (in memory of Elmer Conwell); Matthew Cook and Seth Poston 129, 111t (for Nadine Willis); Joan Underwood 524, 325; Jayne Fulmer 146, 317; Dale Kennedy and Susan Kennedy 348b, 127; Seth Poston 235 (by request for Herlon Kennedy); Matthew Cook and Seth Poston 294, 45t (by request and in memory of Wilburn Kennedy).

LUNCH

Dale Kennedy called the class back to order leading 47t. Leaders: Seth Poston 401, 274t; Matthew Cook 46, 339; Matthew Cook and Seth Poston 47t, 300 (for Jayne Fulmer), 40 (for Mrs. Alice McGuire); Faye Donaldson 270, 288; Dale Kennedy 68b (for Hugh Bill McGuire), 39b, 32t, 128, 159.

Dale Kennedy made the announcement that this singing will be discontinued for now with a possibility of starting it back at a later date as a Saturday singing.

Dale Kennedy offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dale Kennedy; Secretary—Betty Baccus

CHATTAHOOCHEE CONVENTION
Wilson's Chapel, Carrollton, Georgia
August 1-2, 2009
Saturday, August 1

The 157th session of the Chattahoochee Convention was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in August, 2009, at Wilson's Chapel, near Carrollton, Georgia. Sheri Taylor opened the convention leading 77t and 209. Henry Johnson offered an opening prayer.

Chairman Taylor appointed the following nominating committee: Robert Kelley, Oscar McGuire, and B.M. Smith.

Leaders: John Plunkett 52t; Oscar McGuire 171; Bentley McGuire 91; Matt Hinton 99; Laura Frey 178; Jonathan Smith 40; Aldo Ceresa 142; Richard DeLong 123b; Nathan Rees 205; Lisa Webb 269; Lori Goode 358; Karen Rollins 354t; Charles Woods 353; Shannon Primm 328; Robert Stoddard 377; Nora Dunn 421; Jenna Frey 401; Ted Mercer 42; Jeannette DePoy 39t; Peter Golden 52b; Jenna Strizak. RECESS

Sheri Taylor called the class to order by leading 503. Leaders: Mary Elizabeth Goode and Christian Webb 25; Jack Nelson 438; Hayden Arp 32t.

Sheri Taylor opened the business session of the convention and the nominating committee submitted the following for officers: Chairman-John Plunkett; Vice Chairman-Sheri Taylor; Secretary-Donna Duke; Chaplain-Henry Johnson. The officers were elected as appointed. Chairman Plunkett submitted the following committees: Arranging Committee-Oscar McGuire, Laura Frey, and Nathan Rees; Finance Committee—Lisa Webb, Lori Goode, and Shannon Primm; Resolutions Committee—Aldo Ceresa, Eddie Mash, and Karen Rollins; Memorial Committee—Richard DeLong, Jeannette DePoy, and Matt Hinton.

Leaders: Philippa Stoddard 383; Judy Mincey 492; Joel Miller 227; Darrell Swarens 208; Lela Crowder 101b; Elizabeth Stoddard 441; Cath Tyler 556; Joyce Walton 500; Ed Thacker 110; Kelsey Sunderland 521; B.M. Smith 475; Charlene Wallace 365; Tony Hammock 430; Robert Kelley 157; Jennie Brown 527; Lonnie Rogers 389.

LUNCH

John Plunkett opened the afternoon session by leading 118. Leaders: Kelsey Campbell 163b; Ray Rechenberg 31t; Judy Chambless 319; Harry Eskew 128; Phil Tyler 139; Butch White 74b; Faye Hollis 299; Robert Chambless 145b; Helen Bryson 569t; Andy Morse 547; Bill Hollingsworth 236; Ian Ludders 501; Carlene Griffin 225t; Eddie Mash 96; Michael Thompson 426b; D.J. Hatfield 218; Kiri Miller 564; John Hollingsworth 460; Dick Plunkett 47b; Reba Windom 183; James Baumgartner 217; Joan Durdin 148; Henry Johnson 113.

RECESS

Sheri Taylor brought the class together by leading 332. Leaders: Kelsey Sunderland 214; Peter Golden 300; Jennie Brown 565; Ray Rechenberg 569b; Cath Tyler 47t; D.J. Hatfield 112; Nora Dunn 207; James Baumgartner 101t; Ted Mercer 163t; Philippa Stoddard 215; Joel Miller 176b; Robert Stoddard 456; Kiri Miller 144; Phil Tyler 428; Elizabeth Stoddard 216.

Sheri Taylor led 323t as the closing song. Henry Johnson closed the Saturday session with prayer.

Sunday, August 2

The Sunday morning session of the Chattahoochee Convention was brought to order by John Plunkett leading 435. Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Sheri Taylor 300; Oscar McGuire 155; Jeannette DePoy 570; Nathan Rees 69t; Aldo Ceresa 506; Richard DeLong 67; Jenna Frey 358; Myron House 131t; Kelsey Sunderland 102; B.M. Smith 72b; Cath Tyler 107; Robert Kelley 562; Jan House 151; Kiri Miller 272; Michael Thompson 567; Steve Taylor 276; Louise Holland 371; Peter Golden 569t; D.J. Hatfield 250; Judy Chambless 565; Nora Dunn 179; Jennie Brown 89; Eddie Mash.

RECESS

Sheri Taylor called the class to order leading 294. Leaders: Karen Rollins 136; Mark Puckett and Rebecca Puckett 408; Phil Tyler 160; Robert Chambless 176b; James Baumgartner 38b; Shannon Primm 213t; Matt Hinton 212; Elizabeth Stoddard 283. The memorial lesson was conducted by Richard DeLong, Jeanette DePoy and Matt Hinton. Jeanette read the following list of deceased: Sharon Bailey, Frank Block, Lee Rogers, Katharine Worthington, Elizabeth Tolbert, David Wilson, Renea Campbell, Allene Denney, and Pearl Driver—Georgia; John Etheridge—Florida; Elder Gerald Hand—New Mexico; Jim Oss—Indiana; Ray Rechenberg, Sr.—Ohio; William Reynolds—Tennessee. Richard DeLong led 348b in memory of the deceased.

Jeannette DePoy read the following names of sick and shut-ins: Victoria Bolles, Raymond Hamrick, Josie Hyde, Sally MacEwen, Bud Oliver, Sammy Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Mary Florence Smith, Jane Spencer, Violet Thomason, Opal Wooten, Andy Worthington, and Henry Zittrouer. Matt Hinton led 33b for the sick and shut-ins, and then closed the memorial session with prayer.

Leaders: Ian Ludders 29b; Charlene Wallace 192; Ed Thacker 181; Lori Goode 196; Lela Crowder 340.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by John Plunkett leading 167. Leaders: Tony Hammock 434; Philippa Stoddard 228; Joel Miller 37b; Kathy Williams 455; John Cole read a song he wrote entitled “Wilson’s Chapel”; Henry Johnson 539; Jenna Strizak 384; Robert Stoddard 392; Molly Ellis 312b; Earlis McGraw 284; Cecil Roberts 56t (in memory of Homer Benefield); Malinda Snow 27; Carlene Griffin 159; Dick Plunkett 49b; Anita Shaperd 106; Adalaide Hanson 523; Lonnie Rogers 298; Christian Webb 25; Laura Frey 323b; Sherry Lovvorn 143; Lisa Webb 361; Aldo Ceresa 507; Cath Tyler 378b.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class together by leading 270. Leaders: Randa Harris 127; Nora Dunn and Joel Miller 110; Peter Golden 274t; Kelsey Sunderland and Henry Johnson 418; Elizabeth Stoddard, Robert Stoddard, and Philippa Stoddard 522; D.J. Hatfield 345t; Kiri Miller and James Baumgartner 445; Jennie Brown 446; Eddie Mash and Matt Hinton 444; Anita Shaperd 377; Phil Tyler 477.

The convention went into a business session. Committee reports were read as follows: Oscar McGuire moved that John Cole’s song “Wilson’s Chapel” be added to the minutes of the convention as follows: “Wilson’s Chapel” “The stillness of the ancient oaks,/The beauty of the grounds,/Belie the struggles of the saints/Who lie here without sound./Our mothers and our fathers left/Their homes across the sea,/And from the wilderness they carved/New homes for you and me./Through war and grief and pestilence,/Beset by foes around,/Their voices still they raised in song/And strength and comfort found./We’ll not forget the lives they led/Before they breathed their last./We join them, then, in singing here/The songs of ages past.”

The Finance Committee reported a collection sufficient to cover expenses. Aldo Ceresa, Eddie Mash and Karen Rollins gave the Resolutions Committee Report as

follows: “The Resolutions Committee wishes to express gratitude to the following who have made this convention one of the best in memory: 1) We are thankful to the singers who came from far and near to sing, pray, laugh, cry, eat and converse with us; 2) We appreciate the officers who performed their jobs admirably so that the convention ran smoothly; 3) We are indebted to the Wilson family that built this edifice for singing so that this convention would have a home; 4) We are grateful to those who amply provided the delicious food for our meals each day; 5) We thank our Creator for our health and our voices that permit us to worship in song. We wish you a safe voyage home and we look forward to singing with you again in the near future.”

A motion was made and carried that the reports be accepted as read, and added to the minutes. Announcements for future singings were made.

John Plunkett and Sheri Taylor led 323t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Henry Johnson.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Sheri Taylor; Secretary—Donna Duke

FAYETTE COUNTY CONVENTION **Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Fayette, Alabama** **Sunday, August 2, 2009**

The 110th session of the Fayette County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church near Fayette, Alabama, on the first Sunday in August. Lisa Geist called the class to order by leading 31b. Buddy Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

Following welcoming comments, the class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Lisa Geist; Secretary—Brenda Robbins; Arranging Committee—Gravis Ballinger.

Leaders: Lisa Geist 546; Brenda Robbins 100, 313t; Wendell Rinehart 31t, 445; Linton Ballinger 35, 36b; Mike Hankins 471, 490; Brenda Merritt 203, 159; Buddy Ballinger 385t, 343; Wayne Baines 30t, 30b; Gravis Ballinger 112, 120.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Lisa Geist leading 276. Leaders: Janet Litton 371, 373; Seth Poston 275b, 274t; Darrell Swarens 72b, 81t; Marlin Beasley 318, 278t; Travis Keeton 566, 179; Jackson Harcrow 428, 73t; Lomax Ballinger 430, 129; Eloise Wootten 208, 186; Danny Creel 182, 222; Amber Davis 212, 391.

RECESS

Chris Ballinger brought the class back together leading 270. Leaders: John Merritt 268; John Merritt and Seth Poston 358; Scott Ivey 131b, 474; Faye Donaldson 78, 229; Harrison Creel 512, 111b; Johnny Humber 389, 460; Kermit Adams 187, 426b; Henry Guthery 283, 456. Harrison Creel offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Chris Ballinger leading 76b. Leaders: Susan Harcrow 411, 475; Marlon Wootten 441; Toney Smith 444; Toney Smith and David Ivey 413; Jayne Fulmer 454; Loyd Ivey 560, 34t; Sarah Smith 146, 72t; Andrew Farris 205, 503; Margaret Keeton 234; Emily Creel 472, 455; Ricky Harcrow 138b; Judy Caudle 286, 345b; Gary Smith 155, 66; David Ivey 527; Chug Beasley 235; Velton Chafin 488; Steve Adams 309, 101t; Betty Baccus 507, 396; John Stamps 100; Beth Ballinger 198, 442; Jack Pate 341.

Announcements were made. Chris Ballinger led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Buddy Ballinger, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Lisa Geist; Secretary—Brenda Robbins

GENEVA ALL-DAY SINGING
Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva, Geneva, Illinois
Saturday, August 8, 2009

The Geneva All-Day Singing was held at the Unitarian Universalist Society, 102 South Second Street, Geneva, Illinois, on Saturday before the second Sunday in August. Ryan Wheeler brought the class to order leading 59 and 49t. Rochelle Lodder offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ryan Wheeler; Secretary—Jill Muirhead.

Leaders: Jim Helke 34b; Micheal Appert 79; Jeff Breting 448b; Don Keeton 317; John Seaton 47t; Lori Graber 29t; Benny Hornish 146; Lisa Cohen 485; Johanna Fabke 475; Ginny Landgraf 375; Rochelle Lodder 171; Ted Mercer 142; Karen Swenson 40; James Page 273; Don Bardsley 473; Jim Helke 124; Jeff Breting 107; Don Keeton 112; Nate Zweig 34b; Megan Dunning 144.

RECESS

Ryan Wheeler called the class to order leading 229. Leaders: Peggy Mistak 496; John Seaton 163b; Lori Graber 327; Benny Hornish 122; Lisa Cohen 84; James Page “North Montpelier”; Johanna Fabke 83t; Micheal Appert 268; Ginny Landgraf 433.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jim Helke and James Page. Jim Helke spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins and led 94 in honor of the following: Ann Ballard, Joyce Anderson, Bob Anderson, Bob Scorgie, Claire Simon, and John Plunkett.

James Page read the names of the deceased and led 200 in memory of the following: Blossom Miller—New York; Bob Fort—Florida; Sergio Rulloda; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Shari Lodder. Rochelle Lodder closed the memorial lesson with prayer, and included the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Ryan Wheeler called the class to order leading 278b. Leaders: Rachel Adelstein 183; Joan Garnett and Callie Garnett 365; Jim Anderson 384; Rochelle Lodder 278t; Ted Mercer 468; Karen Swenson 564; Don Bardsley 85; Jim Helke 136; Jeff Breting 178; Don Keeton 454; Nate Zweig 155; Megan Dunning 282; Peggy Mistak 312b; John Seaton 313b; Lori Graber 492; Benny Hornish 82t; Lisa Cohen 504; James Page 505; Johanna Fabke 373; Micheal Appert 344; Ginny Landgraf 101b.

RECESS

Karen Swenson called the class to order leading 32t. Leaders: Ted Mercer 86; Don Bardsley 49b; Megan Dunning 335; James Page 334; Ryan Wheeler 148 (for the Finance Committee); Johanna Fabke 464; Karen Swenson 209; Joan Garnett and Callie Garnett 448t; Don Keeton 270; Jim Helke 100; Jeff Breting 108b; John Seaton 104; Lori Graber 472; Rachel Adelstein 120; Benny Hornish 186; Lisa Cohen 47b; Micheal Appert 572; Ginny Landgraf 102; Rochelle Lodder 497.

Announcements were made. Ryan Wheeler led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Rochelle Lodder.

Chairman—Ryan Wheeler; Secretary—Jill Muirhead

BIG SIOUX RIVER (SOUTH DAKOTA) SINGING
Stavanger Lutheran Church, North Sioux City, South Dakota
Saturday, August 8, 2009

The 2nd Big Sioux River Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in August at Stavanger Lutheran Church, located on the grounds of the Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve in North Sioux City, South Dakota. Before the class was called to order, Jim Solheim gave a short explanation of the Hardanger fiddle. Then while his daughter, Jenny, played two Norwegian dances, Jim

demonstrated Norwegian folk dancing with the help of volunteer partners, Annie Grieshop and Bonnie Davis.

Judy Hauff called the class to order leading 48t and 56t. She welcomed everyone and gave visitors a brief introduction to Sacred Harp singing.

Leaders: Judy Hauff 65; Annie Grieshop 36b; Aura Lee Furgason 551; GeorgeAnn Evans 86; Jean Lubke 84; Melanie Hauff 40; Jan Ketelle 368; Hannah Avery 268; Elizabeth Avery 361; Bonnie Davis 210; Sue Pearson and Shoshanna Avery 354b; Mary Ann Meisner 503; Rhonda Machlan 335.

RECESS

Judy Hauff called the class back to order leading 159. Leaders: Jim Goetz 312b; Ken Wells 142; Shoshanna and Micah Avery 45t; Paul Wyatt 313t; Jim Solheim and Jenny Solheim “Brokke”; Jon Pearson 349; Brad Levy 523; Charlotte Baldwin 40; Annie Grieshop 344; Jean Lubke 178; Hannah Avery 59; GeorgeAnn Evans 146; Aura Lee Furgason 549; Melanie Hauff 385t; Mary Ann Meisner 122; Jan Ketelle 200; Bonnie Davis 30t; Rhonda Machlan 299; Sue Pearson 532; Elizabeth Avery 502; Jon Pearson 66; Paul Wyatt 400; Jim Solheim “Nomeland”; Ken Wells 236; Jim Goetz 209; Charlotte Baldwin 209; Jim Solheim and Jenny Solheim 218.

Judy Hauff led 347 as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand.

Co-Chairpersons—Judy Hauff and Melanie Hauff; Secretary—Bonnie Davis

CALHOUN COUNTY SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION **Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Bruce, Mississippi** **Saturday, August 8, 2009**

The 132nd session of the Calhoun County Sacred Harp Musical Association met at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Bruce, Mississippi, on Saturday before the second Sunday in August. President John Van Horn called the class to order leading 30t and 32t. He appointed Robert Earl Alexander to serve as Chaplain, who then offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Robert Earl Alexander 108b, 108t; T.J. Funderburk 63, 47b.

President Van Horn appointed Hugh Bill McGuire, Mark Davis, and Andy Davis to serve as the Executive Committee. A motion was made to seat delegates George Easley, T. J. Funderburk, and Elder Charles Porter from the Chickasaw Convention. The motion was seconded and carried to seat the delegates.

Leaders: Elder Charles Porter 136, 137; Darlene Reynolds 569b, 490; Wilma Mitchell 147t, 47b; Ann Steel 203, 148; Natalie Davis 354b, 345t; ArIon Gardner 67, 106.

RECESS

John Van Horn called the class back together by leading 186. Leaders: Jeff Corbett 350, 56t; John Merritt 429, 271t; George Easley 34b, 313t; Chuck Howell 373, 112; Warren Steel 213t, 224; Mark Davis 56b, 283; Jamie Corbett 45t, 133; Linda Funderburk 278t, 278b.

LUNCH

John Van Horn called the afternoon session to order leading 200. Leaders: Kevin Dyess 176t, 547; Andy Davis 198, 254; Hugh Bill McGuire 236; T.J. Funderburk 61, 68b; Darlene Reynolds 145t; Wilma Mitchell 480; Ann Steel 285t, 157; Natalie Davis 145b, 79; ArIon Gardner 277, 163t; Jeff Corbett 326, 361; George Easley 438. In a business session, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to retain the same officers as follows: President—John Van Horn; Secretary—Virginia Carter; Chaplain—Robert Earl Alexander.

RECESS

John Van Horn called the class back to order leading 36b. The Executive Committee made the following reports: one death in the previous year, W.J. (Joe) Cobb; recommended to meet back at Bethel Church on the Saturday before the second Sunday in August, 2010; reported collections, expenses, and balance carried forward. Motion was made and seconded to adopt these reports. Leaders: Chuck Howell 232; Mark Davis 392, 396; Warren Steel 383, 495; Kevin Dyess 274t, 348b; Andy Davis 400, 182; Jamie Corbett 344.

John Van Horn appointed delegates to the Chickasaw Convention and the Mississippi State Convention as follows: Hugh Bill McGuire, Alice McGuire, John Van Horn, and Andy Davis. Motion was made and carried to adjourn until 2010. After announcements were made, John Van Horn led 122 in honor of the secretary, Virginia Carter, who was not in attendance due to the illness of her brother. T.J. Funderburk dismissed the class with prayer.
President—John Van Horn

EAST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Henderson Community Center, Henderson, Texas

August 8-9, 2009

Saturday, August 8

The East Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the Henderson Community Center in Henderson, Texas, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in August. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Robert Vaughn leading 59. Owen Ross offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: David Rousseau 491; Donald Ross 278b; John Morris 63; Gaylon Powell 142; Judy Caudle 567; Cassie Allen 242; Rodney Ivey 464; Aubrey Barfield 220; Eddie Huckaby 47b; Craig Averill 49b; Joan Smith 395b; Bruce Coates 32t; Robert Handel 336b; Baron Powers 239; Eva Padgett 385t; Mike Moseley 30b; John Beard 384; Margaret Rounsavall 222.

RECESS

The class was called to order with a warm welcome from Pat Brack, Henderson City Councilwoman. Announcements were made.

Leaders: Robert Vaughn 397; Stanley Smith 120; Myrl Jones 183; Dennis George 156; Henry Johnson 445t; Chris Nicholson 558; Beverly Coates 380t; Tammy Powell 192; Tim Jones 543; Jo Pendleton and Tom Edmonds 72; Dale Redman, Jr. 514; Victoria Aplin 421; Jonathan Pendleton 388; Tommie Spurlock 577; Bill Aplin 106; Reba Windom 505; Evelyn Lamb 216; Diane Ross 434; Lindsey Wiggins 189; Crystal Meadows 383; Janie Short 155; Owen Ross 195; Linda Booth 196; Kevin Powell 138t; Sonny Erwin 393t; Zach Rogan 39; Leon Ballinger 424; Olivia Powell 140; Greg Bowles 29b; Gary Rogan 276; Chloe Webb 81. Prayer was offered by Mike Hinton.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Henry Johnson leading 127.

Leaders: Jerry Ryan 274t; Tim McClain 146; Ester Huckaby 358; Jeb Owen 210; Amanda Bowles 95b; Tom Owen 275b; Michele Rogan 68t; Liz Owen 203; Scott Curran 133; Vivian Rogan 463; Ray Quigley 112; Riley Owen 348t; Catherine Rogan 171; Ryan Ross 497; Phyllis Costner 84; Josh Rogan 186; Sarah Huckaby 522; John Beard 218; Mike Hinton and Myrl Jones 414; Robert Gholson 559; Mike Moseley 411; Baron Powers 85.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Robert Vaughn leading 466. Leaders: Margaret Rounsavall 137; Owen Ross 240; Chloe Webb 60; Donald Ross 211; Gaylon Powell 91; Margaret Wright, Tom Owen, and Catherine Hamilton 148; Judy Caudle 398t; Cassie Allen 491; Rodney Ivey 392; David Rousseau 447t; Aubrey Barfield 214; Eddie Huckaby 67; Craig Averill 319; John Morris 268t; Joan Smith 38b; Bruce Coates 336t; Jeb Owen and Jin-ha Kim 45t; Robert Handel 38t. Bruce Coates dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, August 9

The Sunday session of the East Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Sam Craig leading 49t. The morning prayer was offered by Gaylon Powell. Leaders: Sam Craig 75; Stanley Smith 450; Rick Foreman 126; Cheryl Foreman 268b; Mike Hinton 544; Eva Padgett 77t; Dennis George 98; Henry Johnson 443; Tim Jones 461; Sonny Huckaby 183; Josh Rogan 200; Leon Ballinger 280; Victoria Aplin 270; Tommie Spurlock 217; Bill Aplin 567; Reba Windom 196; Linda Booth 507b; Robert Handel 511t; Craig Averill 293b; Eddie Huckaby 463.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Sam Craig leading 225t. Leaders: Aubrey Barfield 365; Janie Short 282; Jo Pendleton 61; Crystal Meadows 416t; Jonathan Pendleton 397; Dale Redman, Jr. 274t; Cassie Allen 355; Rodney Ivey 86; Judy Caudle 273; Donald Ross 95t; Gary Rogan 300; Greg Bowles 106; Tammy Powell 189; Diane Ross 168; Sonny Erwin 113; Olivia Powell 235; Lindsey Wiggins 182; Ryan Ross 132.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Donald Ross. Stanley Smith read the names of the sick and shut-ins. Elder Sonny Huckaby led 513 in their honor.

Donald Ross then read the names of the deceased as follows: John Etheridge—Florida; Frank Hattaway, Denson Hinton, Paul King—Alabama; John Thomas—Massachusetts; Dutch Owen, Adele Reed, Ophelia Matthews, Dick Steil, Dallas Smith, Monnie Ross—Texas; Dr. William J. Reynolds—Tennessee; Elder Gerald Hand—New Mexico; Catherine Caldwell—Georgia. Stanley Smith led 367 in their memory. Elder Sonny Huckaby closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Bruce Coates offered prayer for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Sam Craig leading 553. Leaders: Myrl Jones 142; Zach Rogan 85; Kevin Powell 536; Evelyn Lamb 58; Beverly Coates 489; Chris Nicholson 78; Catherine Rogan 299; Jeb Owen 515; Amanda Bowles 99; Sonny Huckaby 558; Scott Curran 532; Vivian Rogan 508; Tom Owen 47t; Ray Quigley 82; Liz Owen 478; Gaylon Powell 563; Phyllis Costner 222; Riley Owen and Jackson Owen 401; Sarah Huckaby 442; Michele Rogan 215; Bruce Coates 264b; Joan

Smith 127; Robert Vaughn, Joel Livsey and Christian Livsey 47b; Cheryl Foreman 224; Mike Hinton and Rodney Ivey 418; Rick Foreman 28b; Reba Windom 559; John Morris 345t; David Rousseau 159.

Sam Craig led 45t as the closing song. Robert Vaughn offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sam Craig; Vice Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Carole Watts

LAMAR AND PICKENS COUNTY CONVENTION **Zion Church, eight miles north of Gordo, Alabama** **Sunday, August 9, 2009**

The 92nd session of the Lamar and Pickens County Convention was held at Zion Church, north of Gordo, Alabama, on the first Sunday in August. Amber Davis

called the class to order by leading 366. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Amber Davis; Vice Chairman—Clarence McCool; Secretary/Treasurer—Lisa Geist; Arranging Committee—Wayne Baines.

Leaders: Amber Davis 76b; Clarissa Springfield, Jagger Springfield, and Carson Davis 343, 445; Larry Ballinger 472, 528; Annie Lou Price 143, 440; Travis Keeton 68b, 340; Brenda Merritt 33b, 378b; Richard Mauldin 312b, 168; Gravis Ballinger 203, 120; Lena Keeton 282, 512; Wyndell Rinehart 72b, 73t; Bridgett Hill 82t, 186.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Wayne Baines leading 155 and 323b. Leaders: Gary Smith 171, 66; Danny Creel 177, 386; Emily Creel 179, 368; Ken Tate 278t, 271t; Sarah Smith 339, 421; Chris Ballinger 178, 44; John Merritt and Glenn Keeton 86, 349 (for Clarence McCool); Lisa Geist 428 (for Clarence McCool), 224.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by the class singing 37b, 104, and 278b. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 163b, 507 (for Josie Hyde), 349 (for Clarence McCool); Kermit Adams 187, 77t; Earl Ballinger 338, 317; Faye Donaldson 430, 138t; Marlin Beasley 441; Marlin Beasley and Marcus Raley 274t, 45t; Earline Ellis 146, 75; Toney Smith 225t, 475; Paula Springfield 546, 389; Kenneth Dyer and Brian Raley 72b, 40.

A memorial lesson was conducted for those who have passed away in the previous year and in honor of those who are sick or unable to attend. Glenn Keeton led 49b and 403. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Richard Mauldin. Amber Davis led 535 for Jewel McCool. She led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Danny Creel, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Amber Davis; Vice Chairman—Clarence McCool; Secretary—Lisa Geist

ELMORE CENTER SINGING

Elmore Center United Methodist Church, near Gordo, Alabama Wednesday, August 12, 2009

The 165th annual session of the Elmore Center Sacred Harp Singing was held at Elmore Center United Methodist Church, near Gordo, Alabama, on Wednesday before the third Sunday in August. The class was called to order by Toney Smith, extending a hearty welcome. He introduced the pastor of the church, Nancy Cole. Toney Smith led 37b. The morning prayer was offered by Nancy Cole.

The class elected or appointed the following officers to serve: Chairman—Toney Smith; Vice Chairman—Jack Pate; Arranging Committee—Wayne Baines; Secretary—Lena Keeton. Toney Smith led 146.

Jack Pate welcomed everyone and introduced Ms. Nellie Brown, a long time singer. Leaders: Jack Pate 535, 282; Wendell Rinehart 31t, 445; John Van Horn 128, 168; Dylan Feezell 276, 47b.

Ricky Harcrow taught a singing school at Zion Primitive Baptist Church this past week and introduced some of the students. Ricky Harcrow, Clint Moss, Kate Moss, Ann Brantley Moss, Abbigail McCool, Madison McCool, and Amy Moss led 59 and 72b. Leaders: Ricky Harcrow 145b; Larry Ballinger 133, 119; Faye Donaldson 432, 225t.

RECESS

Bill Dyer and Ricky Harcrow called the class back to order by leading 294 and 358. Leaders: Amber Davis 134, 402; Hugh Bill McGuire 312b, 503; Lena Keeton, Clint Moss, Kate Moss, Ann Moss, and Amy Moss 30t, 127; Velton Chafin 487, 68b;

Shirley McCoy 217, 36b; Travis Keeton 179, 349 (for Clarence McCool); Wayne Baines 100, 101t. Pastor Nancy Cole offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Toney Smith leading 229. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 141, 162; John Merritt "Munfordville", 176t; Margaret Keeton 321, 448b; Jack Pate and Asher Moss 45t; Wayne Baines and Patricia (NLN) 294; Jack Pate, Clint Moss, and Kate Moss 75; Travis Keeton 343; Wendell Rinehart 30b; Dylan Feezell 38b; John Van Horn 378b; Hugh Bill McGuire 300; Larry Ballinger 540; Margaret Keeton 155; Earl Ballinger 65; John Merritt and Billy Dyer 426t, 271t; Amber Davis 192.

Following announcements, Toney Smith and Jack Pate led 69t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Ricky Harcrow, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Toney Smith; Vice Chairman—Jack Pate; Secretary—Lena Keeton

MT. RAINIER COOPER BOOK SINGING

Buckley Hall, Buckley, Washington

Saturday, August 15, 2009

The 1st annual Mt. Rainier *Cooper Book* Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Karen Willard leading "A Song of the Pacific Northwest" (an arrangement of 422 by David Wright). Darlene Simpson-Brown offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Karen Willard; Vice Chairman—Kathy Vlach; Secretary—Erika Wilson.

Leaders: David Wright 138t, 292b; Bill Walters 505, 30t; Jean Squires 492; Erik Schwab 210, 40; Darlene Simpson-Brown 54t, 559; Reed Schilbach 122, 572; Ethan Hardy 393t, 464; Lucinda Saue 463.

RECESS

Karen Willard brought the class back together leading 410. Leaders: Janice Bridges 553, 331b; Angie Johnson 127, 549; Karl Oswald 250; Erika Wilson 314, 98; Steve Helwig 108b, 146; Tammi Ziola 392, 38b; Marilyn Murata 571, 484; Raoul Titus 214, 240; Kathy Lee 507b, 171; Greg Saue 563. Darlene Simpson-Brown asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Kathy Vlach brought the afternoon session to order leading 35. Leaders: Karen Willard 500, 95b; Jessica Hahl 425, 165; Jordan Singer 272, 239; David Lee 478, 511b; Cornelia Stanton 336t, 55; Pete Mathewson 430; John Carson and Marti Hoadley 518, 229; Sonya Lee 381t (for Johnny Lee); Sonya Lee and David Lee 199; Steve Cackley 510, 577; Kathy Vlach 411; Kathy Vlach and David Lee 273.

RECESS

Karen Willard brought the class back together leading 380b. Leaders: Linda Jweinat 449; John Carson and Cornelia Stanton 96; Tammi Ziola 107t; Marilyn Murata 200; Steve Helwig 416t; Jessica Hahl 417; Ethan Hardy 232; Erik Schwab 38t; David Lee and Karen Willard 465; Greg Saue and Lucinda Saue 148; Pete Mathewson and Susie Mathewson 544; Kathy Lee 374; Karl Oswald 36t; Steve Cackley 180; Sonya Lee 511t; Cornelia Stanton 573.

The class held a business session. The Treasurer reported that expenses had been met. The Arranging Committee reported that 69 songs had been led, with 38 singers registered overall.

Announcements were made. The next Mt. Rainier *Cooper Book* Singing will be held at Buckley Hall on the Saturday before the third Sunday of August, 2010.

Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach led 574 as the closing song, followed by 147 as singers took the parting hand. Darlene Simpson-Brown offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Karen Willard; Vice Chairman—Kathy Vlach; Secretary—Erika Wilson

BOILING SPRINGS CONVENTION

Lower Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church, near Heflin, Alabama Saturday, August 15, 2009

The 143rd session of the Boiling Springs Convention was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in August at Lower Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church, near Heflin, Alabama. The class was called to order by Eugene Forbes leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

Eugene Forbes welcomed everyone to the convention and a business session was held. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Vice Chairman—Floy Wilder; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 101t; Floy Wilder 299, 120; Judy Chambless 146, 162; Donna Bell 229, 317; Oscar McGuire 371; Pam Nunn 186, 361; Pearl Guier 59, 303; Karen Swenson 183, 460; Robert Chambless 313b (in honor of Dan Brittain), 84; Nate Green and Norma Green 63, 354t; Marilyn Bradley and Stanley Edwards 58, 34t; Tony Hammock 544, 112; Henry Johnson 81t, 111t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Eugene Forbes leading 100. Leaders: Faye Hollis 171, 155; Judy Caudle 138t, 138b; Ed Thacker 441, 492 (in honor of Raymond Hamrick); Reba Windom 300, 268; Karen Rollins 143, 523; Mike Hinton 46, 340; Karen Clark 373; 467; Cecil Roberts 31t, 503 (in memory of B.J. Harris); B.M. Smith 556, 506.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Shelbie Sheppard. Henry Johnson read the list of sick and shut-ins and led 368 in honor of the following: Homer Hulsey, Michael Allen, George and Lucy Garner, Bud and Sammie Oliver, S.T. and Lessie Reed, Jimmie Denney, Lonnie Rogers, John Plunkett, Gib and Vernelle Amason, Teenie Moody, Mary Florence Smith, David Carlton, and Marvin McElroy.

Henry Johnson read the list of deceased and led 570 in memory of the following: Elder Gerald Hand, Mattie Townsel, John Etheridge, Frank Hataway, Lee Rogers, Denson Hinton, Ophelia Matthews, Eddie Albright Hart, Paul King, and Jesse Cotney. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Henry Johnson. Leaders: Bridgett Hill 168, 383; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 45t, 124; Lou Cotney 189, 222; Charlene Wallace 192 (for Howard McGuire), 297. Mike Hinton offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Eugene Forbes leading 101b. Leaders: Stanley Edwards 131b, 269 (in honor of Shelbie Sheppard); Mary Jo Shafer 569b, 452; Jeff Sheppard 466 (by request of Howard McGuire); Margie Smith 313t; Ann Simpson 40, 354b; Evelyn Harris 47t, 75 (in memory of her son, Dale Harris).

In a short business session, the class voted to hold the next Boiling Springs Convention on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October at Jordan's Chapel in Randolph County, Alabama.

Leaders: Shelbie Sheppard 105, 106; Elder Lewis Norton 387, 30b; Floy Wilder 350; Mike Hinton 288; Karen Swenson 228; Karen Clark 475; Karen Rollins 347; Henry Johnson 388; Norma Green 42 (in honor of Bud Oliver); Tony Hammock 321; Ed Thacker 546; Bridgett Hill 348b; Judy Caudle 301; Faye Hollis 276; Oscar McGuire 285t; Pam Nunn and Reba Windom 528.

Following announcements, Eugene Forbes and Elder Lewis Norton led 46 as the closing song. Elder Lewis Norton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Vice Chairman—Floy Wilder; Secretary—Donna Bell

**BELTON AND EMMA BEASLEY
AND PHILLIP LEE III MEMORIAL SINGING
Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama
Sunday, August 16, 2009**

The 42nd annual Belton and Emma Beasley and Phillip Lee III Memorial Singing was opened by Marlin Beasley and Jonathan Marquez leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Danny Creel.

In business session, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Brenda Merritt; Arranging Committee—Wanda Capps.

Leaders: Marlin Beasley and Jonathan Marquez 75; Travis Keeton 146, 129; Gary Smith 171, 66; Lena Keeton 475, 88t; Earl Ballinger 80b, 283; Emily Creel 228, 362; Richard Mauldin 378t, 43; John Beasley 335, 480; Faye Donaldson 124, 168; Kermit Adams 59, 147t.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Marlin Beasley leading 317. Leaders: Wanda Capps 222, 182; Don Keeton 57, 35; Sarah Smith 340, 374; Ken Tate 220, 147b; Danica Thornton and Sarah Smith 354b; Gravis Ballinger 36b, 120; Marlin Beasley, Joshua Marquez, and Jonathan Marquez 61; Wendell Rinehart 31t, 445; Lisa Geist 472 (for Clarence McCool), 546; Beth Ballinger 112, 442; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 309, 401; Becky Briggs 313t, 345t; David “Chug” Beasley and Ruth Nix 457, 235 (for Ann Chalker).

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading 331. Leaders: Danny Creel 106, 564; Hannah Tate 436, 542; Brenda Merritt 361, 336; Cora Sweatt 111b, 46; Corissa Sweatt and Haley Beasley 45t, 145b; Warren Steel 211, 213t; Henry Guthery 372; Matthew Cook 358 (in memory of Richard Mauldin, Sr.), 274t; Betty Baccus 136, 499; John Merritt and Jacob Morton 300, 489; Larry Ballinger 155, 163b; Juanita Beasley, Lisa Close, Tara Stein, and Rowan Stein 77t, 87; Amber Davis 235, 187; the Beasley Children—Cora Sweatt, Chug Beasley, Sarah Smith, Bunk Beasley, John Beasley, Ann Ballard, Becky Briggs, and Marlin Beasley 72b, 153; Harrison Creel 512; Velton Chafin 98; Ricky Beasley 39b, 408; Dorothea Maynard 460, 59; Seth Holloway 108t, 388; Alvin (Bunk) Beasley and Linda Beasley 81; Marlin Beasley 571 (CB) (for Willia Rush).

After announcements, Marlin Beasley led 323t. The closing prayer was offered by Henry Guthery.

Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Brenda Merritt

**CLEBURNE COUNTY CONVENTION
Lower Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church, near Heflin, Alabama
Sunday, August 16, 2009**

The 120th session of the Cleburne County Convention was held at Lower Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church, near Heflin, Alabama, on the third Sunday in August. Stanley Edwards called the class to order leading 56t.

Ed Thacker conducted the introductory lesson from a 1936 edition of *The Sacred Harp*, donated to the convention by Med and Al Huester in memory of J.W. Laminack. The book was given with instructions that this is the only time the book can be used. He led 48t, 77t, and 176b. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Dennis George 159, 56b; Henry Johnson 70b; Donna Bell 314, 203; Judy Caudle 439, 448b; Tony Hammock 436, 60; Reba Windom 318, 384; Eunice Webb 480, 460; Karen Swenson 171, 464; B.M. Smith 284, 73t; Jack Nelson 551, 312t.

RECESS

Glenda Collins brought the class back to order leading 100 and 101t. Leaders: Bridgett Hill 489, 216 (in honor of Betty Shepherd); Robert Chambless 312b, 70t; Pam Nunn 365, 200; Lonnie Rogers 225t, 222; Kelsey Campbell 503, 47b; Cecil Roberts 97, 163b; Tom George 166, 360; Karen Rollins 501, 540; Charlene Wallace 139, 141; Pearl Guier 127, 49t; Debbie Brown 282, 339.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Karen Rollins and Pearl Guier. Karen Rollins read Proverbs 10:7 and the names of the following deceased: Renea Campbell, John Etheridge, Mattie Ivey Townsel, and Eddie Albright Hart. She led 285t in their memory.

Pearl Guier read the names of the sick and shut-ins as follows: Mary Florence Smith, George and Lucy Garner, Teenie Moody, Bud and Sammie Oliver, S.T. and Lessie Reed, Shelbie Sheppard, Reba Norton, and Jimmie Denney. Jeff Sheppard led 340 in their honor. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Eschol Hughes. Cecil Roberts offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Bridgett Hill leading 391. Leaders: Margie Smith 405 (in memory of Everett Denney); Eschol Hughes 349, 58; Stanley Edwards 399t, 383; Howard McGuire 45t, 192; Jeff Sheppard 217, 538; Lou Cotney 172, 218; Marilyn Bradley and Stanley Edwards 77b, 569b; Mary Jo Shafer 82t, 229; Glenda Collins and Burt Collins 290, 81t; Evelyn Harris 61, 274t; Elder Lewis Norton 39b, 341; Ann Simpson 354b, 452; Judy Chambless 573, 92.

A business session was held to elect officers for the following year. Those elected or appointed to serve were: Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Bridgett Hill; and Secretary—Donna Bell.

A proposal was made to hold next year's Cleburne County Convention at Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church. It was decided that Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church will host the Cleburne County Convention in 2010 on the third Sunday in August.

Following announcements, Stanley Edwards led 42 as the closing song. Elder Lewis Norton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Bridgett Hill; Secretary—Donna Bell

BEAR CREEK CONVENTION

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama Saturday, August 22, 2009

The 111th session of the Bear Creek Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Winston County, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August. Kermit Adams called the class to order leading 36b.

The morning prayer was offered by Wendell Rinehart.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Kermit Adams; Arranging Committee—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 176b, 75; Roma Rice 63, 46; Wendell Rinehart 31t, 445; Azalee Adams 337, 317, 34t; Corene White 97; Richard Mauldin 146, 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin); Wayne Baines 72b, 341.

RECESS

Kermit Adams called the class to order leading 78. Leaders: Emily Jones 82t, 83t, 74t; Geraldine Sharpton 452, 466, 68b; Stella Pratt 147t, 318; Dawson Adams 77t, 100; Betty Baccus and Thyra Balentine 39b, 47b.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading 155 and 37b. Leaders: Steve Adams and Richard Mauldin 309, 101t; Lorene Gray 47t, 129; Wayne Baines 569b; Wendell Rinehart 459; Richard Mauldin 410t; Betty Baccus 418; Dawson Adams 49b, 328; Geraldine Sharpton 480; Margaret Keeton 217, 276; Roma Rice 225t. It was decided, with regret, that this singing will be discontinued.

Travis Keeton led 475 (in memory of Woodrow Hocutt) as the closing song.

The closing prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Kermit Adams; Secretary—Roma Rice

CENTRAL ONTARIO ALL-DAY SINGING **Detweiler Meetinghouse, North Dumfries, Ontario** **Saturday, August 22, 2009**

The 6th annual Central Ontario Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Gillian Inksetter leading 30t. Greg Jenkins offered an opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Gillian Inksetter; Secretary—Karen Westhouse.

Leaders: Gillian Inksetter 171; Nicoletta Rogers 40, 208; Steve Rogers 34b; Pleasance Crawford 371, 556; John Seaton 48t, 47t; Anne Evers 53, 504; Brad Young 59, 209; Jo Schultz 350, 472; Chuck Crawford 480, 39t.

RECESS

Gillian Inksetter called the class to order leading 155. Will Fitzgerald shared some information on keeping time. Leaders: Steve Rogers 52t; James Page “Detweiler”, 272; Emily Adam 95; Frank Griggs 369, 362; Karen Westhouse 117, 454; Tom Evers 135; Tom Evers and Frank Griggs 448t; Martha Beverly 464, 131t.

RECESS

Jo Schultz called the class to order leading 299. Leaders: Gerry Hoffman 31b, 300; Rachel Adelstein 327, 333; Will Fitzgerald 147t, 430; Anne Missavage 157, 168.

Tom Siess conducted the memorial lesson. Tom Siess read the names of the sick and homebound as follows and led 66 in their honour: Myke Dyer, Philly Markowitz, Dorle Eppler, Shirley Campbell, Art Campbell, Wendy Dayton, Phyllis Stevenson, Margot Cohen, Mr. Mohlere, Patsy Morris, Victoria Bolles, Karen McLellan, Johanna Fabke, Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, Joyce Anderson, Peg Pearson, Linda Marker and Nadine Dyskant-Miller.

Tom Siess read the names of the deceased as follows and led 503 in their memory: Laurel Miller—Washington; Tony Johnson, Lee Rogers, Katherine Benefield—Georgia; Paul Tutont, John Hart—Ontario; Bill Ellason—Missouri; John Etheridge—Florida; Mattie Townsel, Frank Hataway—Alabama; Dick Steil—Texas. Steve Rogers led 82t and 49b. Gillian Inksetter led the class in a grace, using the words of the Lutheran Table Grace to the tune of 49t. Greg Jenkins offered a prayer before the meal.

LUNCH

Chuck Crawford called the class to order leading 72b. Leaders: Nicoletta Rogers 282; Gillian Inksetter, Naomi Duguid and Tova Houpt “Geneva” HS, 344 (in honour of the tornado victims); Brian How 313b, 335; Jo Dell Albi 372, 385t; Ted

Mercer 352, 345b; Bess Fitzgerald 81t, 160b; Bob Borcharding 56b, 192; Lisa Cohen 485, 84; Greg Jenkins 448t, 143.

RECESS

Pleasant Crawford called the class to order leading 177. Leaders: Tom Siess 63, 178; Nicoletta Rogers 270; Will Fitzgerald 236; Rachel Adelstein 268; John Seaton 269; Gerry Hoffman 492; Jo Dell Albi 142; James Page 334; Anne Evers 112; Brian How 114; Lisa Cohen 148; Ted Mercer 86; Jo Schultz 361; Emily Adam 180; Bob Borcharding 384; Frank Griggs 475.

Announcements were made. Gillian Inksetter led 347 to close the singing. Greg Jenkins dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Gillian Inksetter; Secretary—Karen Westhouse

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONVENTION Pine Grove Church, near Collinsville, Alabama

August 22-23, 2009

Saturday, August 22

The 106th session of the Lookout Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August was called to order by S.T.

Reed leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Wayne Reed.

Leaders: Scot Oliver 100; Bud Oliver 32t; Judy Caudle 85; Cassie Allen 81t; Shirley Figura 361; Jim Aaron 163b; Hubert Nall 64; Nate Zweig 75; Bob Meek 314 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Mary Wright 121; Sue Bunch 479; Robert Chambless 145b; Wayne Dell 66; Bea Carnathan 472; Paula Oliver 540; Boyd Scott 358; Phil Summerlin 35; Donna Bell 73b; Scott Kennedy 228; Louis Hughes 498; Joyce Walton 436; Cecil Roberts 97; Buell Cobb 26; Judy Mincey 162 (by request); Doug Conn 227.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Rodney Ivey leading 106. Leaders: Steve Kick 322; Carolyn Thompson 481; Eddie Mash 491; Ann Mashchek and Andrew Mashchek 452.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—S.T. Reed; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Cassie Allen and Michael Thompson; Memorial Committee—Henry Johnson and Alana Blanks; Finance Committee—Rodney Ivey and Scot Oliver.

Leaders: Ron Harper 428; Xaris Martínez 546; Morgan Bunch 376; Julietta Haynes 222; Linton Ballinger and Lomax Ballinger 385b; Gail Aagaard 503; Eschol Hughes 340; Nate Green and Norma Green 494; Tim Reynolds 492; Pat Temple 373; Kathy Manning 402; Pattie Doss 61.

RECESS

Bud Oliver brought the class together by leading 343. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 318; Cindy Tanner 362; Karen Rollins 354t; Erica Hinton 405; Henry Johnson 166; Beth Branscome 569t; Alex Craig 168; Paul Figura 63 (in memory of Bill Ellason); Pam Nunn 189; B.M. Smith 350; Lou Cotney 318; Dave Ressler 216; Molly Ellis 56b; David Hofstetler 68b; Susan Allred 378b; Karen Freund 383; Ed Thacker 478 (in memory of Milton Oliver and Nora Higginbotham). Wayne Reed offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Bud Oliver leading 73t. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 411; Max Berueffy 386; Loyd Ivey 283; Gary Gronau 192; Deidre Montgomery 426b; Robert Kelly 220; Lynne deBenedette 542; Jerry Enright 300 (in memory of Barrett Ashley and Lawrence Underwood); Rebecca Eldridge 504; Alex

Craig, Zach Craig, Isaac Maxwell, Avalea Maxwell, Gavin Maxwell, and Katherine Eldridge 277; James Eldridge 276; Cheyenne Ivey and Paige Gilbert 76b; Elene Stovall 511; Julian Damashek 172; Bridgett Hill 522; David Ivey 425; Judy Chambless 501; Lela Crowder 348b; Jenna Strizak 217; Jackson Harcrow 507 (for Ricky Harcrow); Sharon DuPriest 434; Richard DeLong 395; Reba Windom 269.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class to order by leading 203. Leaders: Michael Thompson 567; Larry Ballinger 215; Becky Browne 142; Darrell Swarens 72b; Jennifer Lee 564; Dennis George 174; Ron Harper 143 (for Pierce Phillips); Ainslie Allen 146; Jackie Tanner 112; Linda Thomas 391; Marlon Wootten and Eloise Wootten 176b; Delone Cobbs 77t; Adrian Eldridge and Virginia Eldridge 48b.

Bud Oliver led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Ed Thacker, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, August 23

The Sunday session of the Lookout Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Bud Oliver leading 82t. The morning prayer was offered by Wayne Reed.

Leaders: S. T. Reed 129; Judy Caudle 500; Cassie Allen 272; Charity Vaughn, Carole Watts, and Rodney Ivey 282; Charlene Wallace 171; David Light 200; Gail Doss 504; Boyd Scott 58; Jeff Sheppard 556; Harrison Creel 512; Alana Blanks 405; Earl Ballinger, Larry Ballinger, and Gravis Ballinger 528; Loyd Ivey 306; James Eldridge 39b; Brenda Carroll 442; Matt Hinton and Hope Karekezi 347; Kathy Manning 313t; Robert Kelly 193; Deidre Montgomery 548; Ed Thacker 532; Rebecca Eldridge 481; Chris Ballinger 270.

RECESS

Bud Oliver and S.T. Reed brought the class back together by leading 42. Leaders: Dave Ressler 328; Shelbie Sheppard 183; Scott Ivey 139; Allison Whitener 67; Paula Oliver, Maggie Cox, Bryant Beard, and Arleigh Beard 354b; Katherine Eldridge, Cheyenne Ivey, and Paige Gilbert 33b; Lela Crowder 224; David Ivey 456; Wanda Capps 327; Darrell Swarens 448t; Jerry Enright 77t; Judy Chambless and Robert Chambless 40; Pat Temple 473; Mark Carroll 299; Karen Freund 430; Nate Green and Norma Green 495; Virginia Eldridge 113; Gary Gronau 163t; Pattie Doss 145t; Cindy Tanner and Eric McKenny 198; Steve Kick 560; Bob Meek 424; Paul Figura 490; Shane Wootten and Marlon Wootten 283; Wayne Dell 45t; Mary Wright 135; Larry Brasher, Louise Brasher, and Ellen Harris 47t; Robert Walker 99. Wayne Reed offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Bud Oliver leading 101t. Leaders: B.M. Smith 441; Joyce Walton 439; Lynne deBenedette and Reba Windom 216; Dennis George 455; Lisa Geist 273; Susan Harcrow 426b; Coy Ivey 384; Becky Browne and Coy Ivey 222.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Henry Johnson and Alana Blanks. Henry Johnson spoke on behalf of the following sick and shut-ins and led 340 in their honor: David Carlton, Genny Whitworth, Lonnie Rogers, George Garner, Lucy Garner, Mary Florence Smith, Myra Palmer, Marion Grant, Bill Tanner, Rhoda Norris, John Plunkett, William Malloy, Diane Malloy, Elsie Moon, Joanne Bowman, Victoria Bolles, Eugene Forbes, Aaron Wootten, Mary Duncan, John Duncan, Josh Duncan, Jeremiah Redcliff, Josie Hyde, and Marylu Carl.

Alana Blanks spoke of the deceased and led 403 in memory of the following: Frank Hataway, Paul King, Mattie Townsel, Mary Smith, Henry Ott, Gertha Wootten Parker, Pearl Galbreath, Alan Rosser, Woodrow (Woody) Hocutt—Alabama; Lee Rogers, Frank Block, Dutch Tanner Webb—Georgia; John Etheridge, Jane

Bruner—Florida; Bill Ellason, Jean Morris—Missouri; Dr. William J. Reynolds—Tennessee; Charette Wallace—Pennsylvania; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Ophelia Matthews—Texas; Ed Risinger—Kentucky. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Wayne Reed.

Leaders: Eloise Wootten 454; Pam Nunn 220; Julian Damashek 192; Karen Ivey 187; Sharon DuPriest 137; Henry Johnson 418; Elene Stovall and Allison Whitener 182; Hubert Nall and Rodney Ivey 212; Donna Bell 438; Waylon Blakeley and Chita Blakeley 172; Adrian Eldridge and James Vest 406; Shirley Figura 565; Betty Wright 569b; Alex Craig 300; Charles Stiefel and Joyce Whittington 445; S. T. Reed and his sisters 59; Isaac Maxwell, Gavin Maxwell, Rian Maxwell, Avalea Maxwell, Alex Craig, Zach Craig, and Katherine Eldridge 346.

Bud Oliver, S.T. Reed, and Wayne Reed led 146 as the closing song. Wayne Reed offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—S.T. Reed; Secretary—Judy Caudle

MISSISSIPPI STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Scott County, Forest, Mississippi
August 22-23, 2009
Saturday, August 22

The 81st annual session of the Mississippi State Sacred Harp Singing Convention convened at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Forest, Mississippi, on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August, for two days of worship in song service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. President Mark Davis called the meeting to order by leading 37b. He welcomed everyone to the convention. Arlon Gardner offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 36b; John L. Van Horn 200, 209; Arlon Gardner 67; Jean Gray 82t, 63; Darlene Reynolds 484 (CB), 248 (CH) (for Marsha Hedrick and Bruce).

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: President—Mark Davis; Vice President—John L. Van Horn; Secretary—Jean Gray; Assistant Secretary—Darlene Reynolds; Chaplains—Arlon Gardner and W.M. Allen; Arranging Committee—Junie McNeil and Nancy Van Den Akker; Business and Credentials Committee—Hugh McGuire, Henry McGuire, and Tim Gray; Memorial Committee—John Hollingsworth and Wanda Gregg.

Leaders: Baron Powers 268, 85; Wanda Gregg 460, 40; Jeanette Nelson 171, 455; Elizabeth Murleisen 75 (CH), 503; Hans Gutterman 38b (CB), 505 (CB); Velton Chafin 316 (CH), 308 (CH).

RECESS

Leaders: Hugh McGuire 124, 276; Sarah Smith 572 (CB); John Hollingsworth 182, 176t; Billy Hollingsworth 232 (CB), 235 (CB); Bobby Caldwell 216t (CH), 55b (CH); Madeline Freeman, Will Freeman, Haley Gray, and Heidi Gray 354b, 45t (CB); Ann Steel 378b, 318; Ross Brand 270 (CB), 380t (CB). The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Arlon Gardner.

LUNCH

After a bountiful and delicious lunch, John Van Horn brought the class to order by leading 358. President Davis thanked Mr. Alfred Bailey and the people of Antioch Primitive Baptist Church for their hospitality and led 117 (CH). Leaders: Danny Creel 354t (CH), 82b (CH); Renee Eady 214 (CH); Ken Tate 54 (CH), 64 (CH); Henry McGuire 442; Henry McGuire and Tim Gray 240 (in memory of Durward Scarborough); Warren Steel 212, 213t; Emily Mayes Massey 184 (CH); John Merritt 559 (CB) (for Brenda Merritt), 138t (CB); T.J. Funderburk 282, 569b; Nancy Van Den Akker 133 (CH), 142 (CH); Seth Holloway 571 (CB), 388 (CB).

RECESS

Mark Davis brought the class together leading 384. Leaders: Tim Gray, Haley Gray, Heidi Gray, Madelyn Freeman, and Will Freeman 323 (CH), 500 (CB); Hugh Bill McGuire, Hugh McGuire, and Henry McGuire 51 (CH), 472; Linda Funderburk 361, 290; Mike McNeil 522 (CB), 172 (CH); John Todd 127, 172; Wilma Mitchell 147t; Wilma Mitchell and Mike McNeil 204t (CH) (in memory of Bennie Rigdon); Junie McNeil 43 (CH), 253 (CH).

Announcements were made. President Davis dismissed the class until 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning. The Drone was sung, and the class was dismissed with prayer offered by Chaplain Gardner.

Sunday, August 23

President Mark Davis opened the Sunday morning session of the Mississippi State Sacred Harp Convention by leading 176b. He welcomed everyone back to the convention. Arlon Gardner offered the opening prayer. President Davis appointed Mike McNeil and Hans Gutterman to the Resolutions Committee.

Leaders: Mark Davis 106; John Van Horn 120, 215; Arlon Gardner and Peth Gardner 277, 272; Jean Gray 143, 108t; Darlene Reynolds 335, 490; Jeanette Nelson 344, 482; Baron Powers 119, 79; Gary Smith 281b (CH), 30b (CH).

RECESS

The class was brought back together by John Van Horn leading 355 (CH). Leaders: Nancy Van Den Akker 339 (CH), 251 (CH); Hans Gutterman 372 (CH), 511t (CB); Sarah Smith 85b (CH), 101 (CH); Wanda Gregg 186, 288; Hugh McGuire 234, 350 (CH); Billy Hollingsworth 225t (CB), 225t (CH).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by Arlon Gardner leading 155. Leaders: Natalie Davis 572 (CB), 354b; John Hollingsworth 354t; Elizabeth Murliesen 515, 64; Mike McNeil 176 (CH), 322 (CH); Wilma Mitchell 68b, 480 (in memory of Janice Nelson); Hugh Bill McGuire 65, 196; Junie McNeil 503 (CB), 344; Henry McGuire 254, 269.

A business meeting was held at 2:00 p.m. The Business and Credentials Committee reported 3 county conventions represented, and sufficient donations to cover expenses.

The Memorial Committee conducted the memorial lesson. The following list of names of sick and shut-ins was read: Marsha Hedrick, W.M. Allen, Charles Porter, and Clarence McCool. Wanda Gregg offered an uplifting prayer for all the sick and shut-ins. John Hollingsworth and Wanda Gregg led 95b (CB) in their honor.

The following list of names of deceased members was read: Joe Cobb—Mississippi; Dr. William Reynolds—Tennessee; Art Deason—Alabama; John Etheridge—Florida. Wanda Gregg offered a prayer of blessing for these people and for their families, and led 347 in their memory.

The Resolutions Committee reported the following: Thanks to our Heavenly Father for this weekend of singing and fellowship; a special thank you to Antioch Church, all of the visitors (some who traveled a great distance), and for two wonderful days of delicious food. All committee reports were accepted. President Davis appointed the following to serve as the Location Committee: Mark Davis, Henry McGuire, and John Van Horn.

RECESS

Leaders: Hugh McGuire 408; Billy Hollingsworth 507b (CB); Gary Smith 171; Jeanette Nelson 488b (CB); Baron Powers 81t; Sarah Smith 149 (CH); Nancy Van Den Akker 178; Hans Gutterman 38t (CB); John Hollingsworth 393t (CB); Seth Holloway 294.

Announcements were made. A motion and second were made to close the convention. The Drone was the closing song, and John Van Horn offered the closing prayer.

President—Mark Davis; Vice President—John L. Van Horn; Secretary—Jean Gray

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SACRED HARP SINGING **Guiding Star Grange, Greenfield, Massachusetts** **Saturday, August 29, 2009**

The Young People's Sacred Harp Association met on Saturday before the first fifth Sunday after the Fourth of July at the Guiding Star Grange in Greenfield, Massachusetts. Phillip Langley called the class to order leading 144. Deidra Montgomery offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Lela Crowder 139; John Holbrook 354t; Elizabeth Stoddard 171; Jeremy Galvagni 72b; Kelsey Sunderland and Lauren Bock 37b; Bill Holt 203; Linda Shea 371; D.J. Hatfield 411; Joanne Fuller, Jen Francis, and Ruby Jane Francis 131b; Tim Eriksen 499; Peter Golden 154; Sheila Kelly 224; Jan-Erik Steel 270; Kate Richardson 207; Jim Picton 155; Willis McCumber 191.

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

Chairperson—Allison Schofield; Vice Chairperson—Deidra Montgomery; Secretary—Julian Damashek; Treasurer—Nora Dunn; Chaplain—Blake Sisemore; Arranging Committee—Kelsey Sunderland and Lauren Bock; Resolutions Committee—Lela Crowder and Robert Kelly; Locating Committee—Cassie Allen, Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, Richard Ivey, and Phillip Langley. Allison Schofield welcomed the class and led 542.

Leaders: Deidra Montgomery 90; Julian Damashek 73t; Amy Finlay 99; Liz Cantrell 283; Bob Parr 272; Corrone Bryant 523; Jean Seiler 217; Peter Irvine 460; Dan Hertzler 528; Kelly House 179; Terry Ryan 71; Sally Langendorf 108b.

RECESS

Eliza Cavanaugh called the class back to order leading 30t. Leaders: Kelsey Wessels and Meredith Doster 384; George Seiler 480; Mary Gowins 546; Brian Collett 198; Paula Picton 377; Chris Holley 168; Maggie Shar and Molly Merrett 276; John delRe 486; Diane Mennella 564; Jennie Brown 302; Natalie Jablonski 89; Robert Stoddard 522; Leonard Spencer 245; Anne Kazlauskas 200; Sheldon Finlay 189; Laura Borrelli 209; Nora Dunn 157; Martha Henderson 67; James Baumgartner 163t; Judy Caudle 355; Aldo Ceresa 118; Louis Hughes 448t; Barbara Swetman 91; Ines Lüttgen 103; Tom Malone 150; Kelly Macklin 468; Miranda Elliot Rader 410t; Ian Quinn 183; Barb Ames 34b; Ruth Hooke 268. A blessing for the noon meal was offered by Blake Sisemore.

LUNCH

Dana Borrelli called the class back to order leading 335. Leaders: Nicola Collett 269; Kevin Moreno 220; Elizabeth Stokes 328; Blake Sisemore 273; Lela Crowder 322; Lucy O'Leary 474; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 392; Mary Elizabeth Lee 192; Blake Tanedo 312b; Cassie Allen 444; Caitlin Caulfield 344; Richard Ivey 293; Mary Andrews 457; Robert Kelly 204; Sarah West 498; April Dell 48t; Rachel Speer 573; Cheyenne Ivey 30t; Phillippa Stoddard 112; Phillip Langley 172; Anna Mays 436; Ben Bath 182; Brittany Tanedo and Deidra Montgomery 282; Dan Hunter 560; Michael Mosley 368.

RECESS

Dean Jens called the class back to order leading 47b. Leaders: Joanna Lampert 336; Myles Dakan 504; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 213t; Joanne Bowman 228; Rodney Ivey 30b; Rosalie Elkinton 102; Kathy Collett 84; Matt Wojcik and Rosie Wojcik 383; Judith Parker and Paul Clazing 178; Richard Schmeidler 543; Kiri Miller 445;

Jack Sullivan 232; Laura Timmerman 55; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 511; Ron Trial 479; Martha Rogers 106; Bob Mills 160b; Melissa Kline 163b; Cheri Hardy 159; Wing Mui 107; Kitty Kagay 39t.

Allison Schofield brought the class into a business meeting and heard reports from each committee. The Finance Committee announced that expenses had been met and thanked all for their generosity. The Locating Committee announced that next year's Young People's Singing will be held at Fuller Cemetery in Ider, Alabama. The Secretary announced that 109 songs had been led by 120 leaders. The Resolutions Committee expressed its gratitude for the blessing of having this precious time to sing together as a community, as well as to those responsible for organizing the singing and those who traveled from afar. It also gave thanks to those responsible for creating, preserving, and teaching the tradition. The business meeting was closed.

Announcements were made. Allison Schofield, Deidra Montgomery, Julian Damashek, and Blake Sisemore led 146 as a closing song. Blake Sisemore offered the closing prayer.

Chairperson—Allison Schofield; Vice Chairperson—Deidra Montgomery; Secretary—Julian Damashek

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Austin, Texas

August 29-30, 2009

Saturday, August 29

The fall session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the Waldorf School near Austin, Texas. The session was called to order by Sonny Huckaby leading 293b. Prayer was offered by Bruce Coates.

The officers of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention are as follows: Chairman—Sonny Huckaby; Vice Chairman—Tom Owen; Secretaries—John Baker and Cassandra Baker.

Leaders: Sonny Huckaby 450; Tom Owen 57; John Baker 268t; Jessica Garris 159; Bill Bailey 335; Alexa Gilmore 76b; Leon Ballinger 507b; Rich Lee 356; Bruce Coates 571; Katie Mahoney 184b; John Merritt 559; Vivian Rogan 282; Robert Vaughn 422t; Rick Foreman 243b; Crystal Meadows 384; John Kerr 393t; Shannon Primm 380t; Al Rogers 63; Catherine Rogan 182; Gaylon Powell 183; Sonny Erwin 336t; Linda Booker 138t; Alex Muller 492; Greg Bowles 332; Josh Rogan 192; Riley Owen 274t.

RECESS

Tom Owen brought the class back to order by leading 507t. Leaders: Morris Nelms 229; Chris Nicholson 513t; Jo Pendleton 422b; Scott Curran 464; Grant Howard 96; Lindsey Wiggins 38t; Jeb Owen 416b; George Jones 558; Janie Short 522; Donn Howard 505; Donald Ross 93; Evelyn Lamb 285t; Liz Owen 567; Kevin Lee 42; Mike Hinton 78; Carol Selleck 511t; Tammy Powell 189; Trevor Howard 465; Curtis Owen 442t; Gary Rogan 54t; Diane Ross 203. The class was recessed for lunch with prayer offered by Curtis Owen.

LUNCH

Riley Owen and Silas Huckaby called the afternoon session together by leading 401. Leaders: Kevin Powell 300; Sarah Huckaby 68t; Reed Coates 139; Cheryl Foreman 379; Michele Rogan 132; Seth Howard 395b; Beverly Coates 380b; Rich Lee 423; Olivia Powell 146; John Merritt and Kevin Powell 392; Robert Vaughn 479; Morris Nelms 28t; Chris Nicholson 264t; Jo Pendleton 449; Katie Mahoney 200; Leon

Ballinger 120; Crystal Meadows 168; Shannon Primm 140; Jessica Garris 77t; Sonny Erwin 451; Linda Booker 55; Al Rogers 575.

RECESS

John Baker brought the class together by leading 239. Leaders: Curtis Owen 283t; Kevin Lee 47b; Lindsey Wiggins 434; Janie Short 276; Evelyn Lamb 210; Donn Howard family 133; Mike Hinton 400; Carol Selleck 73t; Bill Bailey 388; Alexa Gilmore 217.

Gaylon Powell led 563 as the closing song and in memory of Ophelia Matthews. He then closed the day with prayer.

Sunday, August 30

The Sunday session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention, Fall Session, was brought to order at 9:30 a.m. by Sonny Huckaby leading 49t. Prayer was offered by Donald Ross.

Leaders: Sonny Huckaby 558; Tom Owen 541; John Baker 110; Rich Lee 370; Leon Ballinger 371; Tammy Powell 142; Alexa Gilmore 300; Sonny Erwin 339; Diane Ross 40; Gary Rogan 383; Evelyn Lamb 99; Scott Curran 64; Linda Booker 32t; Carol Selleck 41; Donald Ross 101b; Michele Rogan 203; Rick Foreman 326; Amanda Bowles 155; Josh Rogan 98; Janie Short 58; Lindsey Wiggins 36t; George Jones 35.

RECESS

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 45t; Olivia Powell 36b; Bill Bailey 115; Vivian Rogan 148; Jessica Garris 68t; Jeb Owen 230; Crystal Meadows 280; Mike Hinton 544; Beverly Coates 315; Katie Mahoney 72; Catherine Rogan 118.

Tom Owen conducted the memorial lesson. Michele Rogan read the list of names of sick and/or shut-ins as follows: Leland Owen, Myra Palmer, Sallie Foreman, Doris Hanks, and John Plunkett. Leon Ballinger led 379 in their honor, and also in memory of Elder Gerald Hand.

Tom Owen then spoke in memory of those that have passed away in the past year, noting that "Sacred Harp Singers will sing for each other" after we have left this hollow square. The list included Dutch Owen, Adele Reed, Ophelia Matthews, Dick Steil, Monnie Ross Jr.—Texas; Lee Rogers and Jimmie Denney—Georgia; John Etheridge—Florida; Elder Gerald Hand—New Mexico. Tom led 344 in their memory. Elder Sonny Huckaby closed the lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Riley Owen and Jackson Owen 401; Greg Bowles 30b; Liz Owen 299; Cheryl Foreman 395t; Sarah Huckaby 270; Kevin Powell 47t; Al Rogers 500; Bruce Coates 264t; Emma Smith and Evelyn Lamb 29t; Zach Rogan 159; Diane Ross 470; Sonny Erwin 540; Carol Selleck 463; Shannon Primm 268b; Paul Wilson 411; Leon Ballinger 195; Donald Ross 92; Wayne Wolf 95t. Prayer for the noon meal was offered by Jeb Owen.

LUNCH

Rich Lee opened the final session by leading 29b. Leaders: Gary Rogan 122; Scott Curran 218; Reed Coates 112; Rick Foreman 289; Amanda Bowles 464; Gaylon Powell 486; Janie Short 60; Josh Rogan 53; Lindsey Wiggins 216; Olivia Powell 128; Bill Bailey 332; Vivian Rogan 343; Jessica Garris 384; Jeb Owen 478; Crystal Meadows 553; Katie Mahoney 67; Mike Hinton 367; Beverly Coates 375; Catherine Rogan 172; Greg Bowles 38b; Cheryl Foreman 365; Alexa Gilmore 390; Al Rogers 515; Sarah Huckaby 543.

Announcements were made. Leaders: Evelyn Lamb 196; Linda Booker 87; Kevin Powell 331b; Bruce Coates 572; Paul Wilson 314; Zach Rogan 47b; Shannon Primm 108t; Liz Owen 213; George Jones 336b; Tom Owen 68b.

Sonny Huckaby led 168 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Scott Curran, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sonny Huckaby; Vice Chairman—Tom Owen; Secretaries—John and Cassandra Baker

PIONEER VALLEY ALL-DAY SINGING
Leyden Town Hall, Leyden, Massachusetts
Sunday, August 30, 2009

The 9th session of the Pioneer Valley Singing was held in the Leyden Town Hall in Leyden, Massachusetts, on Sunday, August 30, 2009. The class was called to order by Matthew Wojcik leading 171. The opening prayer was offered by Louis Hughes.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Matthew Wojcik; Vice Chairperson—Sheila Kelly; Secretary—Linda Shea.

Leaders: Sheila Kelley 318; Linda Shea 448b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 205; Jeremy Galvagni 186; Jan-Erik Steel 274t; John Holbrook 52t; Yael Tarshish and Kelsey Sunderland 547; Julian Damashek 81t; Cheri Hardy and Marquela Stevenson 128; Brian Collett 474; Mary Gowins 77t; Laura Timmerman 475; Myles Dakan 385b; Dawn Chang 198; Deidra Montgomery 481; Chris Holley 133; Joanne Fuller 121; Terry Ryan 347.

RECESS

Joanna Lampert called the class to order leading 32t. Leaders: Kelsey Wessels 87; Caitlin Caulfield 506; Ines Lüttgen 373; Barbara Swetman 125; Peter Golden 137; Philippa Stoddard 440; Anne Kazlauskas 201; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 36b; D.J. Hatfield 430; Judith Parker 300; Kevin Griffin Moreno 425; Corrone Bryant 73b; Cindy Bean 163b; Nicola Collett 245; Richard Schmeidler 254; Barb Ames 77b.

RECESS

Julian Damashek called the class to order leading 47t. Leaders: Kitty Kagay 195; Oona Coy 565; Daniel Hunter 211; Jean Seiler 142; Jennie Brown 505; Tim Eriksen 442; Elizabeth Stokes 126; Lauren Bock 405.

Cassie Allen opened the memorial lesson by reading the list of deceased as follows: Jimmie Denney and Margaret DeBolt—Georgia; Richard Altman, Bob Guida, Lewis Ryan, and Katherine Ann Warren—New York; Kristin Coates—Vermont; Shirley Mascey—Arizona; John Etheridge—Florida; James Hare—Wisconsin; Doris Parr—Maine; Herb Hammerman—Virginia; Sandy Paton—Connecticut; Jim Couza—England; Arthur Dobias—Massachusetts. She led 288 in their memory.

Allison Schofield led 384 for the following sick and shut-ins: John Pratt, Curtis Smith, Victoria Bolles, Eric Huther, Alice Blanchard, David Blanchard, David Bornick, Ron Bornick, Margaret Bornick, Diane Ober, Nancy Davis, John Plunkett, Richard DeLong, Lonnie Rogers, Miles Schofield, Aaron Wootten, Josie Hyde, Kim Collins Moreno, and Cindy Kisse. Blake Sisemore closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Elizabeth Stoddard 330t; Kelsey Sunderland 521; Jim Bean 189.

LUNCH

Deidra Montgomery called the class to order leading 76b. Leaders: Nora Dunn 500; Diane Mennella 218; Brittany Tanedo and Deidra Montgomery 59; Anna Mays 208; Blake Sisemore 196; Louis Hughes 348b; Cassie Allen 419; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 416; Mary Elizabeth Lee 344; Aldo Ceresa 428; Judy Caudle 216; Martha Henderson 287; Richard Ivey 187; Phillip Langley 215; Kelly Macklin 473; Cheyenne Ivey 129; Paula Picton 148; Rodney Ivey 550; Lela Crowder 436; Michael Mosley 512; April Dell 58; Sarah West 88t; Blake Tanedo 282; Kevin Griffin Moreno 228.

RECESS

Linda Shea called the class to order leading 75. Leaders: Rick Johnston 392; Leonard Spenser 260; Peter Amidon 31t; George Seiler 68b; Joanna Lampert 431; Katherine Collett 40; Peter Irvine 82t; Allison Schofield 448t; Kelly Taylor 111b; Rosalie Elkington 229; Kate Richardson 429.

The business meeting was called to order by Matthew Wojcik. Secretary Linda Shea reported 87 songs had been led by 77 leaders. Aldo Ceresa and Martha Henderson, for the Resolutions Committee, thanked all those who contributed to the success of the singing. Matthew Wojcik announced that the 2010 Pioneer Valley Singing would return to its normal schedule: the Saturday before the first Sunday in July.

The business meeting was closed.

Following announcements, Matthew Wojcik, Sheila Kelly, and Linda Shea led 62 as the closing song. Laura Timmerman offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Matthew Wojcik; Vice Chairperson—Sheila Kelly; Secretary—Linda Shea

MOON AND GUTHRIE MEMORIAL SINGING **Liberty Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Alabama** **Sunday, August 30, 2009**

The memorial singing held on the third fifth Sunday of each year at Liberty Church, Sumiton, Alabama, was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 32t. Richard Mauldin offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the class electing the following officers: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Anne Chalker 146, 235; Travis Keeton 209, 400; Eldagene Roberson 203, 300; Marlin Beasley 319, 318; Leona Haynes 298, 421; Stella Pratt 335, 379; Carolyn Thompson 74t, 82b; Richard Mauldin 378t, 274t; Amber Davis 109, 401; Brenda Merritt 268 (by request).

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the class to order leading 334. Leaders: Ann Jett 327 (by request); Lisa Geist 171, 546, 480; Margaret Keeton 329, 234; Harrison Creel 111b; Carolyn Thompson 434, 145t; Faye Donaldson 144, 139, 309; Ken Tate 114, 182; Ozella Blackman 200.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin called the afternoon session to order leading 567. Leaders: Henry Guthery 564, 498; Wanda Capps 216, 448t; David Roberson 340, 222, Steve Adams and Carolyn Thompson 101t; Brenda Merritt 86, 178; Larry Ballinger 132, 142; Ann Jett 47b, 108b; Kermit Adams 224, 192; Glenn Keeton 442; Willodean Barton 63; Harrison Creel 512; Leona Haynes 501 (CB); Henry Guthery 75; Carolyn Thompson 476; Steve Adams 401.

Velton Chafin led 54 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson

LACY MEMORIAL SINGING
Fuller Cemetery, Ider, Alabama
Sunday, August 30, 2009

The annual Lacy Memorial Sacred Harp Singing held on the first fifth Sunday following the 4th of July was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd leading 82t and 101t. Samuel Sommers offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Elene Stovall 172; Shane Wootten 349; Nate Green and Norma Green 283; Donna Wootten 74b; Henry Johnson 337; Joyce Whittington 76b; Loyd Ivey 89; Betty Wright 97; Hobert Ivey 235; Mary Ruth Stiefel 234; Eloise Wootten 426b; Dennis George 209; Judy Chambless 274t; Paul Figura 139; Carol Munro Mosley 392; B.M. Smith 313t (in memory of Jimmie Denney); Paige White and Reba Windom 178; Eddie Mash 301; Gerry Hoffman 216; Melvin Stiefel 565; Wayne Wootten 63; Charlene Wallace 186; John Seaton 47t; Deb Morton 299; John Plunkett 125; Susan Allred 183.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Reba Windom leading 155. Leaders: Robert Chambless 317; Shirley Figura 28b; Darrell Swarens 203; Will Allred 300; Tom George 188; Rachel Allred 389; Jackson Harcrow 480 (for Aaron Wootten); Caleb Allred 47b; Scott Ivey 418; Betty Shepherd, Kirk Shepherd, Chris Shepherd, Reba Windom, Regina Castillo, Shelby Castillo, Casey Castillo, James Castillo, Joseph Castillo, Kathy James, Sharon King, Noah King, Jared King, Jeanie Lacy, Deb Morton, Daniel Morton, Wendy Morton, Garrett Morton, Angie Collier, and Lacy Collier 159; Samuel Sommers 184; Marcia Johnson 218; Jonathan Smith 224; Karen Freund 500; Ted Mercer 468; Lynne deBenedette 498; Ted Johnson 269; Jenna Strizak 70b; Danny Arms 304; Nathan Rees 230; Jerry Enright 95; Pierce Phillips 397.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd leading 137. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 30b; Sarah Jenkins 99; James Castillo and Joseph Castillo 542; Karen Ivey 472; Bud Oliver 421; Daphene Causey 196; Joan Aldridge 473; Susan Harcrow 383; David Ivey 271t (in memory of Aunt Margie); Jeannette DePoy 492; Sharon DuPriest 189; Cindy Tanner and Ainslie Allen 146; Shelby Castillo 36b; Linton Ballinger 35; Joyce Walton and Michael Thompson 456; Ed Thacker 220; Angie Collier 46; Joel Jenkins 112; Brian Maxwell, Jaren Maxwell, Avalea Maxwell, Isaac Maxwell, Gavin Maxwell, and Rian Maxwell 445; Andrew Whaley 272; Loyd Ivey and Betty Shepherd 511b (CB); Jim Boyle 308; Jerry Enright, Karen Freund, and Lynne deBenedette 378t; Marcia Johnson, Ted Johnson, and Ted Mercer 348b; John Seaton and Carol Munro Mosley 455; Charles Stiefel 312b; Darrell Swarens and Joan Aldridge 217; Danny Arms 177; Jonathan Smith, Nathan Rees, and Jenna Strizak 192; Gerry Hoffman and Katie White 168; Samuel Sommers 24b; Eddie Mash and Andrew Whaley 384; Michael Thompson 436.

Announcements were made. Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd led 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer.

Co-Chairpersons—Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd; Secretary—Donna Wootten

MULBERRY RIVER CONVENTION
Liberty Church (McCormick) Jefferson County, Alabama
Saturday, September 5, 2009

The 104th session of the Mulberry River Convention was held at Liberty Church (McCormick) in Jefferson County, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Sunday in

September. Velton Chafin called the class to order leading 31b. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Guthery. Velton Chafin led 30t.

A business session was held electing or appointing the following officers:

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Emily Creel; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 35; Yancey Jett 89; Yancey Jett and Harrison Creel 111b; Ann Chalker 146, 235; Carolyn Thompson 372, 101b; Jim Aaron 29t, 163b; Bridgett Hill 82t, 192; Scott Kennedy 546, 547; Wanda Capps 298, 299; Marlin Beasley 392; Marlin Beasley and Brenda Merritt 402; Bea Carnathan 58, 80b; Hubert Nall 313t, 452; Emily Creel 426t, 426b; Delone Cobbs 147t, 480.

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the class back together leading 213b and 444 (by request).

Leaders: Ann Jett 162, 136, 495 (by request); Travis Keeton 348b, 68b; Ozella Blackmon 155.

Richard Mauldin and Emily Creel conducted the memorial lesson. Emily Creel read the names of the following deceased: John Etheridge, Frank Hataway, Paul King, L. H. Gilmore, Gertrude Hannah, Milton Oliver, Jimmie Denney, William Reynolds, and Woodrow Hocutt. Richard Mauldin led 385b in their memory.

The following sick and shut-ins were remembered: Charlotte McCarn, Josie Hyde, Clarence McCool, Corene White, Lecil and Ida Lee Starnes, Cecil and Winell Sanders, Thurman and Lou Nall, and Arley and Hazel Harper. Emily Creel led 216 in their honor. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by John Merritt.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin brought the afternoon session to order leading 318. Leaders: Judy Caudle 389, 336; Darrell Swarens 81t, 72b; Ainslie Allen 401; Willodean Barton 290; Henry Guthery 118, 174; Margaret Keeton 177, 456; Cassie Allen 382, 374; John Merritt and Darrell Swarens 271t; Brenda Merritt 422; Richard Mauldin 446, 143 (in memory of his mother, and for Charlotte McCarn); Harrison Creel 512; Harrison Creel and Ainslie Allen 342; Marlin Beasley 460 (for Cecil Sanders); John Merritt and Richard Mauldin 358; Emily Creel 457 (by request); Judy Caudle and Bridgett Hill 101t (by request); Velton Chafin 463.

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin and Harrison Creel led 521 as the closing song. Richard Mauldin dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Emily Creel

NEW PROVIDENCE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ringgold, Louisiana

Saturday, September 5, 2009

The 3rd annual Sacred Harp singing convened at New Providence Primitive Baptist Church on the Saturday before the first Sunday in September. The morning session was called to order by Robert Vaughn at 10:00 a.m. leading 59 in the B. F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision. The morning prayer was offered by Bro. Wordy Kent.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Sonya Kirkham.

Leaders: Robert Vaughn 528b; Leon Ballinger 507b, 508; Henry McGuire 300, 268; Tim McClain 47t, 146; Peggy Ray 31t, 32t; Frank Walsh 437, 162; Carole Watts 451, 40; Robert Vaughn 532.

RECESS

Robert Vaughn called the class back to order leading 63. Leaders: Joshua McClain 96, 47b; Ron Ryan 515, 408; Joan Smith 395, 127; Sonya Kirkham 463, 44; Jacob

McClain 282, 450; Mark Davis 54t, 154b; Odis Chapman 500, 572. Elder Joe Asbell closed the morning session with prayer and offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The book used in the afternoon session was *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Robert Vaughn called the afternoon session back to order leading 35, 358. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 313b, 280; Henry McGuire 234, 569b; Tim McClain 235, 480; Peggy Ray 143, 63; Frank Walsh 354, 86; Joshua McClain 341, 62; Ron Ryan 350, 277; Sonya Kirkham 147b, 384; Carole Watts 496, 361; Odis Chapman 87, 111t; Jacob McClain 455, 61; Mark Davis 209, 155; Joe Asbell 45t, 49t; Leon Ballinger 424; Henry McGuire 490; Mark Davis 182; Ron Ryan 333; Tim McClain 46.

Following announcements, the closing prayer was offered by Tim McClain, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Sonya Kirkham

MAIDENCREEK SINGING

Leesport, Pennsylvania

Saturday, September 5, 2009

The 14th annual Maiden Creek Singing was held on the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend at Maiden Creek Friends Meeting House. The class was called to order by Guy Bankes leading 28b. Ruth Wampler offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Guy Bankes; Secretary—Ina Shea.

Leaders: Ruth Wampler 394; Ina Shea 70t; Laura Densmore 148; Tom Tucker 100; Lorah Hopkins 503; Dan Hunter and Bethany Towne 328; Becky Wright 505; Lamar Matthew 112; Barbara Hohenstein 543; Carol Stevens 350; Doron Henkin 428; Laura Florence 48t; Ted Stokes 144; Patricia Neiderer 50b; Betty Hanf 479; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 439; Judy Clay 86; Gerry Hoffman 182; Kelsey Sunderland 113; Laura Keeler 448b; Dennis Leipold 84; Gwen Gethner 312b.

RECESS

Paula Picton and Bethany Towne brought the class back together leading 59.

Leaders: Frank Evans 87; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 455; Myles Dakan 273; Heather Batson 270; Cindy Wasson 27; Leland Kusmer 300; Dan Coppock 304; Anna Mays 80t; Guy Bankes 68; Suzan Greenberg and Jael Greenberg 377; George Seiler 99; Patty Lambert 344; Eileen Metzger 39t; Leon Pulsinelle 216; Fiona Nugent 346; Claire Simon 504; Dean Jens 245.

Terry Ryan began the memorial lesson leading 339 in memory of the following deceased: Katherine Warren, Richard Altman, Bob Guida, and Louis Ryan—New York; John Anthony Brogan and Tadd Gero—Pennsylvania; Jimmie Denney—Georgia; Ivan Tominack—Maryland; Alan Parrish—Tennessee.

Diane Mennella led 70t for the following sick and homebound: Victoria Bolles, Bill Farnon, Aiden Gardner, Brian Howard, Nancy Katzen, Linda Marker, Kim Collins Moreno, John Plunkett, and David Wampler. George Seiler closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Barbara Swetman 542; Jim Picton 347; Nancy Mandel 77t; Katie White 288; Lauren Bock 371; Ames Bielenberg 108b. A blessing for the noon meal was offered by Ruth Wampler.

LUNCH

Guy Bankes and Anna Bowen brought the afternoon session to order leading 475. Leaders: Mairi Quodomine 447; Gina Balestracci 419; Thom Metzger 522; Jennie Brown 396; Sheila Nugent 362; Tom Fahrbach 434; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 532; Susan Bingham 340; Brian How 313b; Jon Giles 524; Mary Gowins 391; John Hewes 497; Jean Seiler 492; Aldo Ceresa 507; Erin Kelly 207; Roland Hutchinson

553; Kevin Griffin Moreno 309; Terry Ryan 299; Diane Mennella 212. Roland Hutchinson and Christa Farnon instructed the class in singing the German shape note song “Jerusalem” from Die Pennsylvanische Choral Harmonie. The session ended with announcements of future singings.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Gerry Hoffman leading 278t. Leaders: Tom Fahrbach 422; Barbara Swetman and Dennis Leipold 35; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 527; Sheila Nugent, Fiona Nugent, Thankful Batterson, Patience Batterson, and Mercy Batterson 318; Myles Dakan, Becky Wright, Ames Bielenberg, Mark Kharas, Marissa Roque, Lara Keeler, and Anne Krikorian 319; Ruth Wampler 491, Gerry Hoffman and Katie White 40; Lauren Bock and Kelsey Sunderland 418; Steve Hoyt and Lynne Hoyt 282; Nancy Mandel and Catherine Donaldson 82t; Barbara Hohenstein and Lamar Matthew 163b; Mary Gowins 332; Eileen Metzger 383; Gina Balestracci 287; Rachel Speer and Sandra Whittle 284; Jennie Brown 325; Jon Giles 181.

Guy Banks thanked those whose efforts contributed to the singing’s success. Guy Banks, Laura Densmore, and Ina Shea led 62 as the closing song. George Seiler dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Guy Banks; Secretary—Ina Shea

SHILOH-LITTLE VINE SINGING

Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, south of Tallapoosa, Georgia Sunday, September 6, 2009

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church was held the first Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Stanley Edwards leading 56t. The morning prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee—Judy Henry; Memorial Committee—Karen Rollins and Miranel Swafford.

Leaders: Stanley Edwards 61; Cecil Roberts 33b, 229; Charlene Wallace 63, 79; Judy Chambless 426t, 426b; Nick Griffin 551; Mildred Patterson 294, 358; Tony Hammock 303, 527; Karen Rollins 406 (for Lonnie Rogers); 405; Robert Chambless 452, 163b.

RECESS

The class was called together by Stanley Edwards leading 208. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 325, 176t; Marilyn Bradley and Stanley Edwards 77b, 290; Curtis Hamrick 137, 77t; Joyce Lambert 111t, 127 (for Leonard Benefield); Richard DeLong 399b, 375; Evelyn Harris 101t, 155; Shelbie Sheppard 36b, 202.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Karen Rollins. She led 339 in memory of the following deceased: Katherine Benefield, J. T. Robinson, Jimmie Denney, John Etheridge, Elder Gerald Hand, and Ceford Wood.

Cecil Roberts led 37b in honor of the sick and shut-ins, and then offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Reba Windom led 76b, 418, and 40.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Cecil Roberts leading 81t and 30b. Leaders: Mary Jo Shafer 72b, 410t; Penny Patterson, Amy Hicks, and Mildred Patterson 274t, 87; Ann Simpson 122, 445; Carlene Griffin 448b; Ruth Daniel 335, 378t; Judy Henry and Aslenn Leister 401, 146; Tony Hammock 434, 430; Reba Windom 171, 172; Richard DeLong 482, 275t; Robert Chambless 225t; Jeff

Sheppard 388, 97, 373; Curtis Hamrick 45t, 436; Louise Schrock, Steve Schrock, and Richard DeLong 159, 128.

Announcements were made. Stanley Edwards led 56t as the closing song. Cecil Roberts dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Charlene Wallace

CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION WEST
Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)
Fayette County, Alabama
Sunday, September 6, 2009

The Clear Creek Convention West was held at Pleasant Hill Church on the first Sunday in September. The class was called together by Elene Stovall leading 36b. Harrison Creel offered our morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Elene Stovall; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Carolyn Thompson.

Leaders: Elene Stovall 217; Larry Ballinger 119, 93; Carolyn Thompson 163t, 365; Margaret Keeton 42, 107; John Merritt 110, 191; Henry Guthery 232, 431; Travis Keeton 57, 343; Xaris Martínez 205, 528; Angela Myers 82t, 101t; Wanda Capps 53, 187; Earl Ballinger 212, 293; Hugh Bill McGuire 51, 556.

RECESS

Larry Ballinger brought the class back together leading 116. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 300, 112; Lisa Geist 155, 372; Steve Adams 101t, 401; Harrison Creel 342, 111b; Kermit Adams 341, 120; Scott Kennedy 454, 86; Bea Carnathan 496, 438; Chuck Howell 373, 569b; Darrell Swarens 34b, 198; SuNell Ellis 159, 146. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Henry Guthery.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Elene Stovall leading 192. Leaders: Bridgett Hill 99, 276; Larry Ballinger 540; Carolyn Thompson 481; Margaret Keeton 181; Henry Guthery (no page number listed); Travis Keeton 482; Xaris Martínez 507; Angela Myers 348b; Larry Ballinger 177; Hugh Bill McGuire 40; Gravis Ballinger 203; Lisa Geist 283; Steve Adams 129; Harrison Creel 498; Kermit Adams 76b; Scott Kennedy 31t; Bea Carnathan 175b; Chuck Howell 127; Darrell Swarens 45t; SuNell Ellis 532.

Appreciation was expressed to all who participated in providing our accommodations and provisions. Elene Stovall and Larry Ballinger brought this year's convention to a close by leading 46. Earl Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Elene Stovall; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary—Carolyn Thompson

LABOR DAY SINGING
Shoal Creek Church, Cleburne County, Alabama
Monday, September 7, 2009

The annual Labor Day Singing was held at Shoal Creek Church in Talladega National Forest, Cleburne County, Alabama, on the first Monday in September. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Jeff Sheppard leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 72t; Richard DeLong 205, 109; Judy Chambless 35, 501.

The class was organized in a business session with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong;

Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless and Margie Smith.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 403; B.M. Smith 475; Scott DePoy 410t; Ed Thacker 449; Rodney Ivey 571; Reba Windom 168; Karen Rollins 406 (for Lonnie Rogers); Jeannette DePoy 414 (in memory of Frank Block); Darrell Swarens 47b (in memory of William Reynolds); Loyd Ivey 288; Virginia Dyer 454; Robert Chambless 145b; Danny Arms 313t; Cecil Roberts 429; Erica Hinton 460; Henry Johnson 515.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Richard DeLong leading 271t. Leaders: Glenda Collins 282; Hubert Nall 176b; Angela Myers 82t; Michael Thompson 329; Tony Hammock 148; Jim Aaron 163b; Ray Holley and Joyce Holley 120; Judy Mincey 538; Frances Jones 127; Matt Hinton 217; Curtis Hamrick 192; Mary Jo Shafer 225t; Charlene Wallace 99; Ruth Daniel 335; Ann Simpson 358; Evelyn Harris 155; Erin Mills 267; Richard DeLong, Michael Thompson, and Danny Arms 458; Tony Hammock 321; Jeannette DePoy 142; Rodney Ivey 134.

Sonya Randall, of the historic society, presented a history of Shoal Creek Church. Ms. Randall and Hester Edwards led 87. Jeff Sheppard offered the blessing for the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 187. Leaders: Henry Johnson 88t; Anna Hinton and Eli Hinton 277; Michael Rich 388; B.M. Smith 222; Matt Hinton 300; Karen Rollins 347; Darrell Swarens 542; Ed Thacker 400; Michael Thompson 418; Glenda Collins 100; Scott DePoy 179; Loyd Ivey 208; Hubert Nall 203; Erin Mills 430; Robert Chambless 503; Cecil Roberts 31t; Judy Caudle 123b (for S.T. and Lessie Reed); Angela Myers 452; Reba Windom 84; Jim Aaron 63; Judy Mincey and Louise Schrock 474; Danny Arms 200; Curtis Hamrick 436; Erica Hinton 389; Ann Simpson 445; Mary Jo Shafer 229; Michael Rich 340. Jeff Sheppard and Richard DeLong led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong; Secretary—Judy Caudle

GRAY COURT PIONEER DAY SINGING **Ora Old Fields Presbyterian Church, Culbertson Backcountry** **Settlement, Gray Court, Laurens County, South Carolina** **Saturday, September 12, 2009**

The 4th session of the Gray Court Pioneer Day singing was held in the Ora Old Fields Presbyterian Church, Gray Court, Laurens County, South Carolina. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Frances Carnell leading 32t and 33t. Leon Carnell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Leon Carnell 47b, 56b; Dan Huger 209, 99; Robert Kelley 471, 214; Lela Crowder 126, 77t; Marshall Gagne 38b, 522; David Libbey 523, 569t; Tom Ivey 108b, 472; Amandeep Gill 267, 268.

In a business session the following officers were elected: Chairperson—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Leon Carnell; Secretary—Victoria Eastland.

RECESS

Frances Carnell brought the class back to order by leading 569b. Leaders: Mary Baumeister 102, 565; Jesse Roberts 280, 284; Kirk Boyer 42, 59; John Hollingsworth 354t, 418; Mike Spencer 382, 499; John Plunkett 410b, 271b; Charlene Wallace 171, 401; Frances Carnell 384, 34t; Leon Carnell 479, 503; Dan Huger 546, 81t. The blessing for dinner was offered by Jesse Roberts.

LUNCH

Frances Carnell called the afternoon session to order leading 143. Leaders: Robert Kelley 414, 260; Lela Crowder 306, 273; Chris Carnell 430, 189; Sarah Carnell 282, 178; Marshall Gagne 419, 457; David Libbey 348t, 47t; Tom Ivey 549, 254; Amandeep Gill 335; Mary Baumeister 539, 67; Jesse Roberts 316, 285t.

RECESS

Dan Huger brought the class back together leading 501. Leaders: Kirk Boyer 448b; Mike Spencer 29b; Eric Carnell 86, 277; John Plunkett 160t; Chris Carnell 142, 332; Frances Carnell 192; Leon Carnell 51, 481; Robert Kelley 50b; Marshall Gagne 218; David Libbey 566; Tom Ivey 66; Amandeep Gill 48t; Jesse Roberts 454 (in memory of Lee Rogers).

Announcements were made. Frances Carnell, Leon Carnell, and Dan Huger led 347 as the closing song. Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Leon Carnell; Secretary—Victoria Eastland

NORTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA SINGING **Crossroads Community Baptist Church, Erie, Pennsylvania** **Saturday, September 12, 2009**

The 2nd annual Northwest Pennsylvania Singing was called to order by Gerry Hoffman leading 34b. Reverend Katie White offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Gerry Hoffman; Vice Chairman—Brian How; Secretary—Henry Schuman.

Leaders: Brian How 38b; Henry Schuman 47b; Laura Densmore 101b; Harry Webb 178; Katie White 146 (for Elmer DeWolf); Dave Clum 49t; Marita Straffin 114; Andy Slotter 163b; Martha Beverly 171; Debi Hagberg 117; Bob Wheeler 40; Mary Ellen D'Aurizio 282; Jerusha Wheeler 107; Katie Reimers 31t; Nate Zweig 77t; Beth Todd 501; Eileen Metzger 70b; Bill Beverly 440; Jo Schultz 441; Ann Missavage 480.

RECESS

Gerry Hoffman called the class to order leading 49b. Leaders: Thom Metzger 399; Gillian Inksetter 474; Gerry Hoffman 203, 503; Henry Schuman 318, 426b; Laura Densmore 549, 522; Bob Wheeler 569b, 155; Katie White 344, 47t; Jerusha Wheeler 133, 276; Jo Schultz 297, 489.

RECESS

Thom Metzger called the class to order leading 84. Leaders: Marita Straffin 128; Bill Beverly and Marita Straffin 86; Bill Beverly 547; Debi Hagberg 135; Gillian Inksetter 32b, 151; Gerry Hoffman 68b; Katie Reimers 48t, 312b; Beth Todd 32t, 373; Dave Clum 28t. Reverend Katie White offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Beth Todd called the class to order leading 82t. Leaders: Nate Zweig 59, 75; Thom Metzger 198, 274t; Martha Beverly 131t, 546; Mary Ellen D'Aurizio 159; Harry Webb 209; Brian How 335, 313b; Sue Beates 63, 48b; Ann Missavage 112, 454; Eileen Metzger 423, 505; Bill Beverly 504; Jo Schultz 150; Thom Metzger 486; Gerry Hoffman 99; Marita Straffin 457; Gillian Inksetter 66.

RECESS

Martha Beverly called the class to order leading 56t. Leaders: Mary Ellen D'Aurizio 268; Cynthia Furman 72b; Jerusha Wheeler 196; Katie White 267; Debi Hagberg 453; Eileen Metzger 270; Nate Zweig 170; Katie Reimers 122; Beth Todd 430; Bob Wheeler 142; Martha Beverly 300; Sue Beates 62; Ann Missavage 168; Brian How 183; Harry Webb 186; Laura Densmore 228.

Announcements were made. Gerry Hoffman led 347 as the closing song. Reverend Katie White dismissed the class with prayer.
Chairman—Gerry Hoffman; Vice Chairman—Brian How; Secretary—Henry Schuman

RIVANNA RIVER SHAPE NOTE SINGING
Charlottesville Friends Meeting House, Charlottesville, Virginia
Saturday, September 12, 2009

The annual Rivanna River Shape Note Singing held at the Charlottesville Friends Meeting House was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Tom Clay and Zoe Clay leading 59 and 274t. The morning prayer was offered by John Alexander.

A business session was held with the following officers elected: Chairman—Zoe Clay (age 9); Vice Chairman—Tom Clay; Secretary—Diane Ober; Arranging Committee—Hank Schutz and Bob Clay; Chaplain—John Alexander; Treasurer—Judy Cahill.

Leaders: John Alexander 312b, 76b; Joan Fenton 268, 47b; Judy Clay 384, 503; Judy Cahill 87; Diane Ober 551; Mary Wright 35, 108t; Kelly Macklin 433, 318; Hank Schutz 49b, 84; Stephen McMaster 86, 196; Frances Schutz 147t, 155.

RECESS

Leaders: Tom Clay 168, 56b; John Alexander 178; Jane Spencer 500, 501; Leyland delRe 564, 475; Pat Temple 34b, 373; John delRe 207, 212; Nate Matthews 148; Mary Langley 545, 101t; Zoe Clay 112; Tom Gould 63; Joan Fenton 117; Judy Cahill 122; Mary Wright 121, 129.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Tom Clay who led 211 for Daniel Macklin of Virginia, and in memory of Lee Rogers of Georgia. Prayer was offered by John Alexander.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Stephen McMaster leading 313t and 282.
Leaders: Zoe Clay 354b; Pat Temple 567; Kelly Macklin 546; Jane Spencer 298; Leyland delRe 280; Tom Clay 547; John Alexander 179; Judy Clay 535; John delRe 425; Nate Matthews 105; Zoe Clay 455, 159; Mary Langley 29t; Tom Wool 183; Joan Fenton 488; Judy Cahill 47t; Mary Wright 477; Stephen McMaster 236; Pat Temple 209.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Kelly Macklin leading 49t. Leaders: Jane Spencer 176b; Leyland delRe 270; Tom Clay 76t; John Alexander 163b; Judy Clay 454; John delRe 272; Nate Matthews 220; Zoe Clay 222; Mary Langley 269; Tom Wool 64.

John Alexander presented resolutions thanking all who contributed to the success of the singing. Judy Cahill gave a treasurer's report.

Following announcements, John Alexander led 347 as the closing song, offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Zoe Clay, Vice Chairman—Tom Clay; Secretary—Diane Ober

UNITED KINGDOM SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Mechanics Institute, Marsden, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom
September 12-13, 2009

Saturday, September 12

The 14th United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Judy Whiting leading 50b. Rev. Paul Sanderson offered the opening prayer. Judy Whiting welcomed the class and led 34b.

Leaders: Helen Brown 171; Ian West 84; Hannah Land 30t; Ted Brown 72b; Maria Wallace 142; Sarah West 370; Carmel Wood 270; Sharon Langridge 99; Michael Walker 411; Anne Eringa 535; Sheila Girling Macadam 506; Phil Tyler 91; Edwin Macadam 300; Cath Tyler 47t; Ted Mercer 349; Linda Reed 287; Ruth Steggle 49b; Chuck Crawford 52t; Rachel Jordan 474; Steven Levine 164; Jacqui Selby MacLeod 131b; Nick Hall 494.

RECESS

Ian West called the class back together leading 32t. Leaders: Benny Ross 40; Steve Fletcher 504; Adrian Bolge 503; Pleasance Crawford 150; Dave Townsend 324; Mick Verrier 217; Aaron Kahn 209; Mandy Townsend 318; Sarah West 498; Chris Brown 501; Hannah Land 544; Judy Whiting 354t; Ted Brown 97; Helen Brown 507; Carmel Wood 306; Steven Levine 344; Maria Wallace 448t; Sharon Langridge 313b; Ted Mercer 187; Sheila Girling Macadam 442; Michael Walker 280; Anne Eringa 168; Rachel Jordan 192; Edwin Macadam 538; Helen Barber 64. Paul Sanderson offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Hannah Land called the class to order leading 457. Leaders: Chuck Crawford 225t; Judy Whiting 178; Phil Tyler 157; Ruth Steggle 454; Nick Hall 455; Cath Tyler 250; Benny Ross 330t; Jacqui Selby MacLeod 312b; Pleasance Crawford 505; Amanda Boughton 47b; Ian West 500; Linda Reed 268; Steve Fletcher 65; Dave Townsend 288.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Carmel Wood leading 282. Leaders: Mick Verrier 383; Adrian Bolge 350; Mandy Townsend 203; Aaron Kahn 183; Sarah West 430; Ted Brown 176b; Hannah Land 145t; Steven Levine 28b; Helen Brown 422; Ted Mercer 86; Maria Wallace 38b; Michael Walker 213t; Sharon Langridge 35. Chris Brown led 56t as the closing song. Paul Sanderson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 13

The Sunday session of the United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention was brought to order by Chris Brown leading 82t. Paul Sanderson offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Chris Brown 466; Helen Brown 492; Benny Ross 297; Judy Whiting 34b; Margaret Gillanders 542; Chuck Crawford 101t; Helen Barber 122; Anne Eringa 335; Edwin Macadam 472; Rachel Jordan 384; Phil Tyler 30b; Reda McIntosh 159; Sheila Girling Macadam 299; Ruth Steggle 294; Nick Hall 569b; Jacqui Selby MacLeod 47b; Cath Tyler 419; Ian West 101b; Pleasance Crawford 485; Linda Reed 479.

RECESS

Rachel Jordan called the class back to order leading 66. Leaders: Adrian Bolge 72b; Steve Fletcher 107; Emily Verrier 146; Dave Townsend 481; Carmel Wood 48b; Mick Verrier 163t; Alice Metherell 276; Mandy Townsend 532; Sarah West 432; Ted Brown 496.

Michael Walker conducted the memorial lesson and led 285t in memory of the following deceased: Jean Cousins—Lowestoft; Jeremy Hayter, Audrey Nathan, Johnny Collins, Simon—London; Margaret Clay—Stockport; David Williams—Keighley; Stanley Robertson—Aberdeen; Sylvia Catlow—Bury; Andy Gavin, Michael Hayter—Hemel Hempstead; Timothy Hayer—Amsterdam; Les—Foolow; David Little—Leicester; Jim Lewis—Bedford; Ron Lewis—Barnstaple; Malcolm Douglas—Sheffield; Sue Briggs—Nottingham; Ann Cox, Florence Mellor—Oldham; Jack Walne—Beaconsfield; Olga King—Solihull; Henry Allingham, Harry Patch, John Lowerson—Lewes; Gill Brunton—Newcastle; Stan Shaw—Bolton; Gladys Buchanan—Cheam; Deirdre Powell—Winchester; Beryl Satterthwaite,

Michael Bickel—Chiselhurst; Alf Reeves Eastwood—Tatsfield; Trevor Sanderson—Ealing; Gwynneth Ford—Dunstable; Rose Adelaide Baker—Massachusetts; Marie Holloway—Maryland; James Oss—Indianapolis; John Etheridge—Florida; Denson Hinton—Alabama; Bill Reynolds—Tennessee.

Sharon Langridge spoke for the following sick and housebound; Gina le Faux, Cheri Graebe, Judy Chambless, Lynne Cousins, John Plunkett, Doreen Grime, Kathy Armstrong, Leo McGuigan, Erik Mogenson, David Dakin, Amanda, Alan Jackson, Paul Ruth, Robert Freestone, Rebecca Havard, Victoria Bolles, Alex Stabler, Christopher Wood, Simon Everson, John Davies, Bernard Collard, Joan Andrews, Mabs Pasquire, Andy, David Lee, Gillian Ford, Maureen Gamlin, and June Powell. She led 68b in their honor. Paul Sanderson offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Steven Levine 29t; Hannah Land 56b; Ted Mercer 273; Maria Wallace 457; Benny Ross 441; Chuck Crawford 274t; Judy Whiting 328. Paul Sanderson offered thanks for the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Ted Brown and Helen Brown leading 111b. Leaders: Phil Tyler 477; Margaret Gillanders 475; Jenny Reid 504; Michael Walker 134; Anne Eringa 277; Sharon Langridge 212; Rachel Jordan 189; Helen Barber 153; Nick Hall 464; Sheila Girling Macadam 142; Jacqui Selby MacLeod 512; Edwin Macadam 236; Pleasance Crawford 177; Ian West 102; Linda Reed 534; Adrian Bolge 156; Steve Fletcher 148.

There was a brief business meeting. It was agreed overwhelmingly that the date of the 2011 and subsequent conventions be moved to the third Sunday and Saturday before in September to avoid the current clash with the United Sacred Harp Musical Association Convention. Chris Brown, the 2009 co-chairman and Mick Verrier, the chairman for 2010, led 28t.

RECESS

Sarah West called the class back together leading 354b. Leaders: Dave Townsend 155; Cath Tyler 193; Aaron Kahn 284; Carmel Wood 490; Alice Metherell 209; Amanda Boughton 410t; Mandy Townsend 84; Jenny Reid 178; Chuck Crawford 147b; Helen Brown and Ted Brown 77t; Ted Mercer 515; Pleasance Crawford 521; Steven Levine 192.

Chris Brown and Judy Whiting led 323t as the closing song. Rev. Paul Sanderson offered the closing prayer.

Co-Chairpersons—Chris Brown and Judy Whiting; Secretary—Sharon Langridge

UNITED SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION **Corinth Baptist Church, Fyffe, Alabama** **September 12-13, 2009** **Saturday, September 12**

The 106th session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association met at Corinth Baptist Church in Fyffe, Alabama, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in September. The class was called to order by Elene Stovall and Joan Aldridge leading 36b. The morning prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

Leaders: Dennis George 82t; Nora Parker 317; Ed Thacker 432; Richard DeLong 410t; Judy Caudle 411; Darrell Swarens 186; Michael Thompson 111b; Henry Johnson 111t; Cassie Allen 460; David Ivey 419; Cindy Tanner 498; Erica Hinton 391; James Aaron 29t; Roberta Strauss 276; David Killingsworth 277; Ricky Harcrow 110; Karen Rollins 136; Roy Turrentine 146; Rene Greene 273; Ken Tate 114; Linda Sides 328; Hubert Nall 176b.

RECESS

The class was called together by Dennis George leading 108b. A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—Jeannette DePoy; Secretary—Nora Parker; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner and Darrell Swarens; Chaplain—Louis Hughes; Memorial Committee—Richard DeLong, Michael Thompson, and Bridgett Hill; Resolutions Committee—Lauren Bock, Eddie Mash, and Matt Hinton; Locating Committee—Ricky Harcrow, Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, David Ivey, and Sarah Jenkins. Shane Wootten and Jeannette DePoy led 171. Shane Wootten introduced Senator Lowell Barron, who spoke and welcomed everyone to Fyffe. Shane Wootten and Senator Barron led 358.

Leaders: Syble Adams 448t; Harrison Creel 342; Julietta Haynes 216; Judy Mincey 474; Danny Creel 472; Caleb Dillehay 298; Blake Sisemore 436; Sandra Wilkinson 203; Chris Holley 123b; Reba Windom 182; Eddie Mash 530; Buell Cobb 295.

Ricky Harcrow, DeKalb County Commission Chairman, presented a certificate of recognition commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Alan Lomax recording made at Corinth Church and recognizing the town and community of Fyffe, Alabama, for their work in hosting the United Convention.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Shane Wootten and Jeannette DePoy leading 176t. Leaders: Daphene Causey 140; S.T. Reed 109; Louis Hughes 314; Virginia Douglas 86; Phil Summerlin and Allen Broaks 112; Bridgett Hill 454; Jim Carnes 440; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 396; Doug Conn 392; Scott Kennedy 344; Kristie Harju and Sue Harju 39t; David Carlton 377; Diane Menella 505; Robert Walker 99; Sarah Jenkins 209; Joanna Lampert 431; Carolyn Thompson 481; Steve Kick 373; Jennie Brown 527; Robert Chambless 452; Julian Damashek 212.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Shane Wootten leading 40. Leaders: Boyd Scott 58; Danny Arms 304; Sharon DuPriest 318; B.M. Smith 72b; Laura Krueger 538; Jackie Tanner 222; Rachel Rudi 122; Jeff Sheppard 486; Susan Harcrow 218; Richard Mauldin 446; Judy Chambless 335; Greg Mulkern 404; Stephanie Fida 272; Avalea Maxwell, Isaac Maxwell, Gavin Maxwell, Rian Maxwell, Alex Craig, and Zach Craig 421; Xaris Martínez 283; Pam Nunn 236; Joyce Walton 192; Lauren Bock 208; Warren Steel 195; Aldo Ceresa 383; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 349.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Cindy Tanner leading 76b. Leaders: Donna Bell 504; Tom George 29b; Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall 556; Ross Brand 70b; Bud Oliver 73t; Nate Green and Norma Green 418; Deidra Montgomery 353; Janet Rees 30b; Bea Carnathan 145t; Tim Reynolds 260; Barbara Swetman 542; Eloise Wootten 384; Jessica Hahl 59; Karen Ivey 368; Betty Wright 569b; Jack Stiefel 348b. Shane Wootten led 45b as the closing song. Ricky Harcrow dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, September 13

The Sunday session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association was called to order by Shane Wootten leading 32t. The assistant pastor of Corinth Baptist Church welcomed everyone and offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 213t; Nora Parker 36b; Louis Hughes 138b; Darrell Swarens 217; Richard DeLong 411; Michael Thompson 550; Bridgett Hill 168; Lauren Bock 142; Eddie Mash 536; Matt Hinton 335; Judy Caudle 286; Jackie Tanner 172; David Ivey 371; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 432; Sarah Jenkins 313t; Steve Kick 475; Cindy Tanner 546; Joyce Whittington and Joanna Lampert 99; Terry Wootten 201; Max Berueffy and Karin Covi 528; Verlon Stiefel and Mary

Ruth Stiefel 97; Amber Davis 380; John Plunkett 545; Rodney Ivey 500; Robert Kelly 250; Jane Hancock 159; Stephanie Fida 129; Jonathon Smith 442.

RECESS

Jeannette DePoy brought the class back together by leading 67. The Mayor of Fyffe, Ms. Woodall, was introduced and welcomed everyone to the town.

Leaders: Danny Arms 232; Daphene Causey 200; Greg Mul Kern 192; Lela Crowder 374; Jackson Harcrow 418; Laura Krueger 547; Ainslie Allen 146; Elene Stovall 440; Coy Ivey and Mayor Woodall 384; Joel Jenkins 496; Cheyenne Ivey 56t; Betty Wright 424; Barbara Swetman 485; Rachel Rudi 464; Judy Chambless 319. Joyce Walton spoke to the class about her memories of the 1959 convention and led 455.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Bridgett Hill, Michael Thompson, and Richard DeLong. Bridgett spoke of what Sacred Harp singing has meant to her, and of those who have passed away. Michael Thompson read the names of the following deceased: Henry Ott, Fay Oliver, Mattie Townsel, Gertha Parker, Auther Beaty, Alan Rosser, E.M. Robbins—Alabama; Lee Rogers, Frank Block, Marie Stewart, Jimmie Denney—Georgia; Marion Hatchett, Dr. William J. Reynolds—Tennessee; Mary Gladys Cornelius—Kentucky; Katherine Ann Warren—New York; John Etheridge—Florida; Venson Arms—South Carolina; Ophelia Matthews—Texas. Bridgett led 330b in their memory.

Michael Thompson read the names of the following sick and shut-ins and led 34t in their honor: Karen Keller, Violet Thomason, Ottis Sides, Charlotte Hill, Emily Boswell, Josie Hyde, Clarence McCool, Charlotte McCarn, Michael Hancock, Ruth Wampler, Mildred McElroy, Marvin McElroy, Genny Whitworth, Myrtle Wootten, Rodney Willard, Bill Tanner, and Corene White.

Richard DeLong read excerpts from the memorial lesson of 1959 and also read the names of the deceased at that time as follows: Mattie Morris, Lena Cagle, Molly Blocker, Mrs. William Tipton, Era Snow, Mildred White, Della Helton, Oscar Putman, Rev. A.J. Snider, Rev. C.E. Dean, Newton Blackwood, Tom Nunnely, Henry Campbell, D.J. Hughes, W.H. Butler, and T.C. Jackson. Richard led 420. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Ricky Harcrow.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Shane Wootten leading 155. Leaders: Tom George 231; J.C. Rutledge 568; Pam Nunn and Jeff Sheppard 556; Tim Reynolds 313b; Virginia Douglas 49b; Pierce Phillips 524; Jennie Brown 456; Susan Harcrow and Karen Ivey 426b; Nathan Rees 434; Sharon DuPriest 300; Richard Mauldin 378t; Julian Damashek 153; Ross Brand 419; Kristie Harju and Donna Bell 441; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 462; Cassie Allen 183.

RECESS

B.M. Smith brought the class back together leading 448b. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 320; Chris Holley 101b; Xaris Martínez 204; Jessica Hahl 165; Warren Steel 82b; Deidra Montgomery 74b; Janet Herman 65; Scott Kennedy 347; Dennis George and Tom George 270; Nate Green and Norma Green 185; Bud Oliver and Reba Windom 42; Carolyn Thompson 278t; Ed Thacker and Henry Johnson 406; Shellbie Sheppard and Rene Greene 216; Bea Carnathan 80b.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing committee reports. Nora Parker gave the financial report stating that expenses had been met.

The Resolutions Committee submitted the following report: We, the Resolution Committee of the 106th session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association, make the following resolutions: (1) We thank the Lord who, through his bountiful mercy, has granted us voices to sing praises to His name, provisions to sustain us this weekend, and the privilege to sing with friends and loved ones whom we hold dear; (2) We also thank the Town of Fyffe, Senator Barron, and Representative Greeson

for their gracious welcome and for the many ways they have made the singing a success; (3) Furthermore, we thank all those who provided their valuable time and material support to this convention; (4) We also thank the singers who came from far and near, and united their voices in song; (5) We thank all the officers and committee members who made the singing run smoothly; (6) We resolve to return again next year for the 107th session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association meeting, to carry on the traditions that have been handed down from those who have gone before, and to go forth praising God in our hearts. This report is respectfully submitted by Lauren Bock, Eddie Mash, and Matt Hinton.

The Locating Committee reported that 2 requests were received and recommended that the 107th session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association meet at Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Douglas, Alabama.

All reports were approved and the business session was closed.

Announcements were made. Shane Wootten and Jeannette DePoy led 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Ed Thacker, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—Jeannette DePoy; Secretary—Nora Parker

CALHOUN COUNTY CONVENTION

**Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church, Four Mile Community,
between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama
Saturday, September 19, 2009**

The 95th session of the Calhoun County Convention met at Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church, Four Mile Community, between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama, at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday before the third Sunday in September. Jeff Sheppard called the class to order by leading 36b. Ed Thacker offered the morning prayer. Jeff Sheppard welcomed everyone and led 82t. Pearl Guier led 59 and 32t. A business session was held with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Pearl Guier.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 101t, 50b; Judy Caudle 100, 129; Robert Chambless 81t, 225t; Reba Windom 299, 373; Ed Thacker 500, 75; Judy Chambless 66, 146; Angela Myers 63, 159; Roy Nelson 274t, 179.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Jeff Sheppard leading 110. Leaders: Sharon DuPriest 208, 503; Michael Rich 203, 388; Charlene Wallace 168, 314; Pierce Phillips 99, 145b; Nate Green and Norma Green 29t, 136, 425; Ann Simpson 27, 127; Margaret Thacker 303, 565; Cecil Roberts 277, 178; Rene Greene 564, 436; Mary Jo Shafer 335, 163b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Caudle. She read the following names of the deceased: Nora Higginbotham, Mattie Townsel, John Etheridge, Paul King, Jimmie Denney, and Frank Hataway. She read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Lonnie Rogers, Marvin McElroy, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, and Lessie Dean Reed. She led 389. Prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts to close the memorial lesson and bless the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Ed Thacker leading 77t (by request). Leaders: Reba Windom 186; Michael Rich 312b; Judy Chambless 142; Cecil Roberts 31t, 30b; Mary Jo Shafer 155 (for Evelyn Harris), 229; Robert Chambless 354t; Sharon DuPriest 313t; Ann Simpson 445; Nate Green and Norma Green 438;

Charlene Wallace 347; Margaret Thacker 480; Rene Greene 182; Evelyn Harris 47t; Judy Caudle 344 (by request); Daphene Causey 434; B.M. Smith 448b (for Margie Smith).

Jeff Sheppard led 46 as the closing song. Michael Rich offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Judy Caudle

NEW YORK CITY ALL-DAY SINGING
Fifteenth Street Friends' Meeting House, Manhattan, New York
Saturday, September 19, 2009

The 5th annual New York City All Day singing was brought to order by Inga Knets leading 81t. Gina Balestracci offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Inga Knets; Vice Chairman—Aldo Ceresa; Treasurer—Dean Jens; Chaplain—Gina Balestracci; Secretary—Diane Mennella.

Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 77b; Diane Mennella 540; Nancy Mandel 65; Anna Mays 172; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 76t; Dean Jens 27; Anna Hendrick 101t; Ryan Young 31t; Rachel Speer 56t; Ian McGullam 56b; Susan Bingham 454; Kevin Sims 61; Ina Shea 482; Al McCready 84; Lauren Bock 73t; Roland Hutchinson 49b; Leon Pulsinelle 217; Ezekiel Healy 313b; Erre Hunter 567; Deidra Montgomery 303; Nora Blackall 47t; Daniel Hunter 286; Claire Simon 28t; Dean Koga 220.

RECESS

Violet Krumbein called the class back to order leading 99. Leaders: Kevin Moreno 485; Myles Dakan 250; Gary Ryan 74b; Tom Tucker 442; Dean Jens 486; Crystal Burnham 89; James Baumgartner 171; Terry Ryan 114; Gina Balestracci 328; Brenda Peña 480; Jennie Brown 432; Matthew Small 178; Benjamin Bath 546; Mary Ellen Schrock 448b; Mary Gowins 392; Liz Cantrell 318; Joseph Matthews 159.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Lauren Bock who led 75 for the following sick and shut-ins: Nancy Katzen, Ruth Wampler, Sarah Leitao, Victoria Bolles, Dan Brittain, Brian Howard, John Plunkett, Scott Fultz, Kathy Wood, Ron Bornick, Margaret Bornick, David Bornick, and Miles Schofield.

Kevin Moreno led 30b in memory of the following deceased: Richard Altman, Bob Guida, Louis Ryan, Jimmy Denney, Bessie Davidson, Derek Israel, Steve Isenberg, Ernest Hollander, Katherine Ann Warren, and Sky Houser. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by the Gina Balestracci.

Leaders: Guy Bankes 569b; Laura Noble 163b; Julian Damashek 197; Mary Andrews 457.

LUNCH

Benjamin Bath called the class back to order leading 319. Leaders: Natalie Jablonski 196; Anna Nowogrodzki 179; Becky Wright 511; George Seiler 183; Kamilah Tisdale 29t; Laura Densmore 383; Natalie Sims 340; Kelsey Sunderland 431; Henry Johnson 113; Cathy Tucker 192; Allison Schofield 564; Elene Stovall 500; Jean Seiler 168; Sherry Wong 163t; Shawn Whelan 335; Lynne deBenedette 384; Molly Ellis 378; Hal Kunkel 333; Sheila Nugent 360; Kiri Miller 112; Rosemarie Yntema 105; Ames Bielenberg and Anne Krikorian 288; Gillie Campbell 68b; Dan Coppock 102; Barbara Swetman 448t.

RECESS

Rachel Speer called the class back together leading 85. Leaders: Leland Kusmer 504; Zachary Marcus 320; Charlotte Ehrman 365; Richard Schmeidler 254; Ben Vincent 270; Laura Keeler 472; Sue Hanson 280; Matt Wojcik 532; Mel Novner 324; Laura Timmerman 460; Violet Krumbein 240; Merv Horst 236; Benjamin Bath and Lilah Anderson 349; Elene Stovall and Diane Mennella 216; Natalie Sims and Shawn

Whelan 117; Jennie Brown, Henry Johnson, and Kelsey Sunderland 521; Allison Schofield and Sherry Wong 142.

After reports, the class took the parting hand, singing 62, and was dismissed with prayer.

Chairperson—Inga Knets; Vice Chairman—Aldo Ceresa; Secretary—Diane Mennella

LEE ROGERS MEMORIAL SINGING **Home of John and Elsie Hollingsworth, Ila, Georgia** **Saturday, September 19, 2009**

The 1st annual session of the Lee Rogers Memorial Singing was called to order by Robert Kelley leading 23t from the *Christian Harmony*, Parris-Deason Edition. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer. Robert Kelley welcomed the singers, and appointed John Hollingsworth and Judy Mincey to the Memorial Committee, and Jane Spencer to the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Michael Spencer 163t; Shannon Primm 27t; John Hollingsworth 51; Mildred Chandler 131; Billy Hollingsworth 56t; Sue Bunch 142; Eddie Mash 54; Lela Crowder 44b; Dan Huger 55b (in memory of J. B. Parker); Tony Hammock 143 (in memory of his grandmother); Winston Stephens 171; John Plunkett 205; Karen Clark 189; Gaylon Powell 336t; Alexander Garden “Holy Hill”; Morgan Bunch 64; Jackie Elsner 117.

In a business session, the following officers were elected: Chairman—Robert Kelley; Vice Chairman—Michael Spencer; Secretary—Shannon Primm.

RECESS

Michael Spencer led 361 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Mary Baumeister 130t (for Ben Wiley); Don Clark 253 (in memory of Lee Rogers and Bertha Deason); Nathan Rees 227; Darlene Reynolds 291; Andy Morse 372.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. John Hollingsworth shared some personal comments about Lee Rogers, and Judy Mincey led 85b in memory of the following deceased: Lee Rogers, John Etheridge, Paul King, Jimmy Denney, Frank Hataway, Ophelia Matthews, Dick Steil, Dutch Owen, Elder Gerald Hand, Adele Reed, and folksinger Mary Travers. The sick and shut-ins included Rodney Willard, Henry Vickers, Marsha Hedrick, Benny Walls, and Wanda Talley.

LUNCH

Robert Kelley called the class back to order leading 42. Leaders: Rachel Rudi 145b; Jane Spencer 172; Chris Wilhelm 305; Mike Spencer 163b; Shannon Primm 276; John Hollingsworth 369; Mildred Chandler 89; Billy Hollingsworth “Macedonia”; Sue Bunch 221t; Eddie Mash 364; Lela Crowder 128t; Dan Huger 303; Tony Hammock 187 (for Wanda Talley); Winston Stephens 67b; John Plunkett 263.

RECESS

Robert Kelley led 123 to reconvene the class. Leaders: Karen Clark 214; Gaylon Powell 230t; Alexander Garden 73b; Morgan Bunch 43; Don Clark 121t; Mary Baumeister 66b; Nathan Rees 316; Rachel Rudi 88; Andy Morse 41b; Jackie Elsner 87; Jane Spencer 74 (for Jonathon Smith); Judy Mincey 280t.

After announcements, in a brief business session, the class decided to sing from the new *Christian Harmony* edition next year, if available; if not, the Deason-Parris edition will be used.

Robert Kelley led 222b as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed to the front porch for homemade ice cream.

Chairman—Robert Kelley; Vice Chairman—Michael Spencer; Secretary—Shannon Primm

ILLINOIS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Christian County Historical Museum, Taylorville, Illinois
September 19-20, 2009

Saturday, September 19

The 25th annual Illinois State Sacred Harp Convention was opened by Janet Fraembs leading 49t. She welcomed everyone to this special anniversary event, and after opening announcements, Don Baker offered the morning prayer.

The following officers and committees were previously elected or appointed: Chairperson—Janet Fraembs; Honorary Chairperson—Marcia Johnson; Co-Chairperson and Secretary—Martha Tyner; Treasurer—Barbara Moore; Chaplains—Don Baker and Don Bardsley; Arranging Committee—Berkley Moore and Barbara Moore; Finance Committee—Mark Graber; Memorial Committee—Becky Browne, Don Bardsley, and Joan Aldridge.

Leaders: Marcia Johnson 97; Terry Hogg 147 (MH); Don Baker 312b; Berkley Moore 14 (MH); Terry Cunningham 63; John Seaton 28t; Martha Tyner 59; Peggy Brayfield 29t; Gary Gronau 547; Virginia Eldridge 549; Richard Popp 145b; Val Dunagan 128; Rebecca Eldridge 500; Ted Johnson 405; Steve Warner 168; Lou Kujawinski 162 (MH); Susan Geil 565; Bob Sullivan 503; Randy Neufeld 151 (MH).

RECESS

Marcia Johnson brought the class back to order leading 123b. Leaders: Dick Dunagan 49b; Daniel Braithwaite 107 (MH); Michael Appert 146; Pattie Doss 175 (MH); Anne Heider 171; Penny Kujawinski 200; Pete Ellertsen 32t; Cathryn Bearov 148 (MH); Jim Helke 160 (MH); Darrell Swarens 72b; Karen Isbell 84 (MH); Ted Mercer 42 (in memory of Dean Slaton); Presley Barker 89 (MH); Judy Hauff 77 (MH) (in memory of Jeanette Lowry); James Page “North Montpelier”; Joan Aldridge 542; Johanna Fabke 472; Ryan Wheeler 149 (MH). Janet Fraembs invited the class to lunch and Don Baker offered the blessing.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Ted Johnson leading 354b. Leaders: Melanie Hauff 68; Peggy Mistak 49b; Katherine Eldridge 87.

Janet Fraembs conducted a session in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the first Illinois Sacred Harp convention held in Paxton, Illinois, in 1985. Janet, Marcia Johnson, Ted Mercer, and Judy Hauff shared the story of the first gathering, intended as a meeting between groups in Charleston, Illinois and Chicago, with choir-like presentations by each group. Hugh McGraw’s arrival, with Bylaws in hand and accompanied by a group of singers from the south, opened a lot of eyes and changed the course of singing for both groups. As part of their remarks, Marcia Johnson led 38t and Ted Mercer led 208, as they had at the first convention. It was noted that this was only the 2nd convention to take place outside of the South at the time, and a number of individuals in attendance were instrumental in the spread of Sacred Harp singing throughout the North. Commemorative tote bags were presented to those who had been at the first convention, and to past chairpersons of the Illinois Convention, with additional bags available for purchase. Everyone was also invited to take a copy of a booklet of reminiscences of past conventions, compiled by Janet Fraembs and with photos compiled by Peggy Brayfield. Janet led 532, and the afternoon singing continued.

Leaders: Grace Scrimgeour 216; Anita Buswell 473; Don Keeton 480; Lori Graber 53; Ruth Dolby 350; Don Bardsley 277.

RECESS

The class was called to order for the final session of the day by Presley Barker leading 276. Leaders: Anne Heider 268; Terry Cunningham 133; Richard Popp 196;

Susan Geil 369; John Seaton 47t; Gary Gronau 127 (MH); Steve Warner 131 (MH); Michael Appert 344; Ted Johnson 300.

Following announcements, Janet Fraembs led 46 as the closing song. Don Baker dismissed the class with the closing prayer.

The Saturday evening social included 25th anniversary cake and ice cream and more memories of the first convention.

Sunday, September 20

Janet Fraembs called the Sunday session of the Illinois State Sacred Harp Convention together leading 31t. Don Bardsley offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Martha Tyner 324; Peggy Brayfield 195; Lori Graber 278b; Berkley Moore 137 (MH); Joan Aldridge 272; Becky Browne 474; Myles Alexander 129; Zee Charles 209; Bill Rintz 268; Anita Buswell 100; James Page 170 (MH); Johanna Fabke 373; Don Keeton 76b; Ruth Dolby 178 (MH); Mary Caldwell 159; Grace Scrimgeour 33b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Don Bardsley leading 163b. Leaders: Ryan Wheeler 29 (MH); Terry Hogg 180 (MH); Peggy Mistak 148; Melanie Hauff 113 (MH); Judy Hauff 80 (MH); Karen Isbell 78 (MH); Ted Mercer 62 (MH).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Joan Aldridge, Don Bardsley, and Becky Browne. Joan Aldridge spoke for the following sick and shut-ins: Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, Mary Jean McGuire, David Carlton, Josie Hyde, Clarence McCool, Karen Hojnacki, Cindy Kisse, Edna McKinny, Patsy Brodnicki, Richard DeLong, Lee Steinmetz, Doris Steinmetz, Mary Sutherland, John Plunkett, and Charlie Derleth. She reminded us how easy it is, in this day of cell phones and email, to contact these people and let them know we think of them, and led 134. Don Bardsley led "Friday" by John Beabout.

Becky Browne led 36b for the following deceased: Mary Ellen Durhan, Lafetta Buie, Earl Sparks, Bill Milligan and Matine—Illinois; Tom Porter—Illinois/Georgia/Florida; William Reynolds—Tennessee; Jean Morris, Bill Ellason, and Gil Fisher—Missouri; Blossom Miller—New York. Becky Browne closed the lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Presley Barker 481; David Kaeser 142; Janet Fraembs 335; Martha Tyner 479; Peggy Brayfield 8 (MH). Don Bardsley offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Martha Tyner leading 155. Leaders: Berkley Moore 290; Becky Browne 430; Anita Buswell 523; Myles Alexander 515; Zee Charles 107; Bill Rintz 51 (MH); James Page 34 (MH); Johanna Fabke 475; Don Keeton 317; Ruth Dolby 138 (MH); Lori Graber 108b; Grace Scrimgeour 287; Don Bardsley 528; Ryan Wheeler 448t; Terry Hogg 142 (MH); Peggy Mistak 457; Karen Isbell 384; Ted Mercer 70 (MH); Presley Barker 11 (MH).

RECESS

Jim Page called the class together leading 52t. Leaders: Lissa Blood 204; Judy Hauff 135 (MH); David Kaeser 127 (MH); Melanie Hauff 277; Janet Fraembs 147 (MH); Martha Tyner 58; Lori Graber 318; Peggy Brayfield 84 (MH); Terry Hogg 172 (MH).

Janet Fraembs presented the Resolutions report, thanking all who helped with this Convention, and all who made the past 25 years of conventions possible, with particular mention of Lori Graber, Peggy Brayfield, Ted Mercer, Frank Fraembs, and the Christian County Historical Museum.

Following announcements, the convention closed with the singing of 347, taking of the parting hand, and closing prayer by Don Bardsley.

Chairperson—Janet Fraembs; Secretary—Martha Tyner

THE ORIGINAL B.F. WHITE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (1911 J.L. WHITE REVISION)

Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia

Sunday, September 20, 2009

John Plunkett brought the class to order by leading 30t. Charles Woods offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 54t; Sandra Wilkinson 316, 118t; Billy Hollingsworth 546t, 487t; Russ Hanson 511, 526; Tony Hammock 46t, 83t; B.M. Smith 112, 222; Mary Brownlee 496b, 264t; John Hollingsworth 480t, 544t; Martha Ann Stegar 519, 317t; Helen Bryson 313, 487b.

The class entered into a business session and the following officers were elected:

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Sandra Wilkinson.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Oscar McGuire leading 49t. Leaders: Charles Woods 499t, 517; Tom Hanson 512, 447t; Malinda Snow 83b, 108b; Karen Clark 507, 97; Gaylon Powell 540, 154b; Robert Kelley 443, 372; Don Clark 348; Andy Morse 480b, 60; Carol Hanson 192, 389t; Pierce Phillips 478t, 495. The blessing for the noon meal was offered at the lunch table by Andy Morse.

LUNCH

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 504. Leaders: Laura Akerman 328, 327; Ellie Soler 209, 330t; Raymond Hamrick 490b; Shannon Primm 108t, 109; Charles Woods 191.

The memorial lesson was humbly presented by Helen Bryson who concluded her inspiring remarks by leading 491b for the deceased and the sick and shut-ins. The deceased memorialized were Nora Roberts, Jimmie Denney, Harold Cook, Pat Cook, Barbara Cook Smith, Lee Rogers, Clarence Cook, and Richard Johnson—Georgia; Elder Gerald Hand—New Mexico; Frank Green—North Carolina; John Etheridge—Florida; Frank Hataway and Paul King—Alabama; Dick Steil, Ophelia Matthews, Dutch Owen, Adele Reed, and Pama Jo Cook McMillen—Texas. The sick and shut-ins remembered were Robert Cook, Rodney Willard, Bob DePoy, Wanda Talley, Myra Palmer, and Benny Walls.

Leaders: Debora Grosse 489t, 155; Betty Harber 341, 491t; Linda Thompson 548t, 527; Carol Brown 91t, 26 (in back of book); Alice West 40, 63.

RECESS

John Plunkett brought the class together leading 535. Leaders: Karen Clark 486t; Don Clark 208; Gaylon Powell 422t; Robert Kelley 488t; Oscar McGuire 37t; Billy Hollingsworth 317b.

Following announcements, John Plunkett led 54b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by John Hollingsworth.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Sandra Wilkinson

CORNELIUS BENJAMIN KEETON MEMORIAL
Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery), Walker County, Alabama
Sunday, September 20, 2009

The 38th annual Sacred Harp singing at Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery) held on the third Sunday in September was called to order by Travis Keeton extending a warm welcome and leading 73t. Glenn Keeton offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led 37b.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Lena Keeton; Arranging Committee—Elizabeth Keeton.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 166b; Willodean Barton 274t, 270; Ken Tate 271t, 114; Kermit Adams 81t, 147t; Margaret Keeton 122, 325; Anne Chalker 146, 235; Lena Keeton 34b, 497 (in memory Benny and Maude Keeton and in honor of Nell Sorsby, Leonard Keeton, and Arlon Keeton); Lisa Geist 394, 546; Judy Caudle 411, 345b; Larry Ballinger 345t, 540; Richard Mauldin 35, 72b; Elizabeth Keeton 378b, 354b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Glenn Keeton leading 76b. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 75, 406; Stella Pratt 318; Mike Hankins 303, 471; Steve Adams and Elizabeth Keeton 101t, 309; Harrison Creel 111b; Amber Davis 391, 142; Gravis Ballinger 78, 176b; Juanita Beasley 61, 39b; Glenn Keeton, Lena Keeton, Arlon Keeton, and Leonard Keeton 47b (in memory of Benny Keeton).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Travis Keeton leading 421. Leaders: Hannah Tate 436, 282; Henry Guthery III 434, 456; Betty Baccus 571 (CB), 134; Velton Chafin 567, 437; Henry Guthery 507 (for Josie Hyde), 365 (for Josie Hyde); Richard Mauldin 168; Lisa Geist 360; Ken Tate 220; Willodean Barton 498, 480 (in memory of John Hocutt); Harrison Creel 512; Anne Chalker 388; Marlin Beasley 144; Kermit Adams 99; Mike Hankins 490; Henry Guthery III 530; Velton Chafin 187; Henry Guthery 534; Glenn Keeton 349 (for Clarence McCool).

Announcements were made. Glenn Keeton and Travis Keeton led 267 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Henry Guthery, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Lena Keeton

NORTHWEST LONDON SACRED HARP SINGING
St. Mary's Church, Parish Centre, Willesden, London, United
Kingdom
Saturday, September 26, 2009

The 2nd Northwest London Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Michael Walker leading 45t. Michael Walker welcomed everyone present. The Rev. David Clues of St. Mary's Church offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Michael Walker; Arranging Committee—Ian West and Sarah West; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders and Judy Whiting.

Leaders: Judy Whiting 171; Ted Brown 47t; Margaret Gillanders 313t; Ian West 135; Helen Brown 422; Sarah West 299; Shelby Sampson 68b; Chris Brown 28b; Steve Fletcher 48t; Edwin Macadam 172; Sharon Langridge 63; Sheila Girling Macadam 272 (for Mick Verrier); Jacqui Selby-Macleod 82t; Michael Walker 89; Margaret Gillanders 203; Ted Brown 97; Sarah West 370; Judy Whiting 512.

RECESS

Ian West called the class back together by leading 276. Leaders: Helen Brown 39t; Chris Brown 476; Shelby Sampson 501; Edwin Macadam 472; Sharon Langridge 38b; Steve Fletcher 189; Sheila Girling Macadam 506; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 277; Michael Walker 192; Margaret Gillanders 503; Ted Brown 43; Sarah West 432; Ian West 105 (for Dave Richardson); Judy Whiting 527; Helen Brown 33t; Edwin Macadam 183 (for Rachel Jordan); Shelby Sampson 209; Chris Brown 35; Sharon Langridge 480; Steve Fletcher 65; Sheila Girling Macadam 168; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 131b. Catherine McArdle offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Margaret Gillanders brought the afternoon session to order by leading 84. Leaders: Michael Walker 134; Jan Lawrence 268; Ted Brown 445; Judy Whiting 511; Sarah West 430; Edwin Macadam 441; Shelby Sampson 474; Helen Brown 319; Ian West 312b; Steve Fletcher 383; Sharon Langridge 496; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 314; Sheila Girling Macadam 330b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Chris Brown. The following deceased were remembered, and Chris led 510 in their memory: Jean Cousins, Margaret Clay, David Williams, Johnny Collins, David Little, Trevor Sanderson, Cecily Blunt, Stan Shaw, Gladys Buchanan, Deirdre Powell, Michael Bickel, Alf Reeves-Eastwood, and Jack Walne; John Etheridge—Florida; Denson Hinton—Alabama; Dr. Bill Reynolds—Tennessee; James Oss—Indiana; Marie Holloway—Maryland; Rose Adelaide Baker—Massachusetts.

The sick and housebound lesson was conducted by Maggie Eiseman-Renyard. The names of the sick and housebound included Alan Jackson, John Plunkett, Paul Ruth, Mel Browne, Helen Bushell, Leo McGuigan, Kathy Armstrong, Alex Stabler, Hannah Field, Lauren Stabler, David Lee (Essex, England), Maureen Gamlin, June Powell, Erik Mogensen, Sofi Mogensen, Dave Richardson, Anne Milne, and Jack. Michael Walker led 70t in their honor. Ted Brown offered prayer, and the memorial service was closed.

RECESS

Ted Brown called the class back to order leading 77t. Leaders: Margaret Gillanders 182; Edwin Macadam 236; Jan Lawrence 178; Judy Whiting 466; Chris Brown 479; Sarah West 547; Shelby Sampson 344; Helen Brown 345b; Steve Fletcher 481; Sheila Girling Macadam 442; Ian West 32t; Sharon Langridge 270; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 278t; Michael Walker 417.

Following announcements, Michael Walker led 62, the class took the parting hand, and Ted Brown offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Chairman—Michael Walker; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders, Judy Whiting

MOUNTAIN HERITAGE DAY

Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina Saturday, September 26, 2009

Due to inclement weather, the Mountain Heritage Day singing was held in the multi-purpose room of the Hines University Center. Mike Nichols and Dr. James Dooley welcomed the singers to the Sacred Harp session.

The 35th Mountain Heritage Day singing was called to order by Hugh McGraw leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by James Dooley.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Mike Nichols; Arranging Committees—Sacred Harp: Hugh McGraw; *Christian Harmony*: Dan Huger; Secretary—Mary Baumeister.

Leaders: Hugh McGraw 73b; James Dooley 127, 155; Carl Blozan 159, 452; Rachel Rudi 448b, 129; Dan Huger 36b, 66; Judy Mincey 40, 178; Chris Berg 117, 68b; Mary Baumeister 106, 569b; Will Peebles 49b, 58. James Dooley announced that

Mike Nichols had received the Mountain Heritage Eva Adcock Award for 2009. Leaders: Chris Wilhelm 373, 500; Ed Smith 222, 47t; Sara Lynch-Thomason 142, 209; Steve Walker 312b, 107; Barbara Denson 101t, 164; Mike Nichols 114; James Dooley 47b, 137; Rachel Rudi 282, 183; Carl Blozan 81t; Hugh McGraw 146; Mike Nichols 128. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Ed Smith.

LUNCH

Mike Nichols welcomed the singers to the *Christian Harmony* session. Dr. Dooley gave a brief history of the singing tradition. Leaders: Dan Huger 41t (CH), 67b (CH); Mary Baumeister 245t (CH), 170t (CH); James Dooley 255t (CH), 225b (CH); Hugh McGraw 214 (CH); Steve Walker 254 (CH), 141 (CH); Judy Mincey 116 (CH), 50 (CH); Rachel Rudi 52 (CH), 336 (CH); Ed Smith 117 (CH), 136 (CH); Nick Gattis 339 (CH), 359 (CH); Mike Nichols 51 (CH), 367 (CH); Becky Walker 81t (CH), 291b (CH); Chris Wilhelm 281b (CH); Chris Berg 293 (CH), 194t (CH); Will Peebles 103b (CH), 381-D (CH); Carl Blozan 381-A (CH), 135 (CH); Robert Varkony 87t (CH); 189b (CH); Dan Huger 200b (CH).

The closing prayer was offered by Mike Nichols.

Chairman—Mike Nichols; Secretary—Mary Baumeister

MINNESOTA STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

St. Sahag's Armenian Church, St. Paul
and the Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota
September 26-27, 2009

Saturday, September 26

The 20th annual Minnesota State Convention was called to order at St. Sahag's Armenian Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, by Stacey Berkheimer and Kristie Harju leading 36t. Kit Canright offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Steven Schmidgall 496; Carol Buche 171; Matt Wells 500; Will Gilman 67; Claudia Egelhoff 77b; Alfred Saussotte 112; Johanna Fabke 355; Jen Blair 186; Laura Densmore 522; Jeanette Nelson 503; Michael Moore 223; Shirley Figura 565; Colette Miller and Francis Gurtz 436; James Page 272.

RECESS

Jim Pfau called the class back together by leading 106. Leaders: Christine Stevens 542; Michael Mosley 440; Paul Landskroener 70t; Martha Henderson 139; Paul Figura 268 (in memory of Bill Ellason); Midge Olsen 198; Tamara Harris 313t; Jim Helke 176b; Dan Edwards, Karen Edwards, Peter Edwards, and Joan Edwards 383; Bill Caldwell 240; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 52t; Charlie Obert 474; Valerie Stoehr 163b; Leon Pulsinelle 217; Denise Kania 208; Roberta Strauss 56b; Bonnie Davis 210; Robin Fox 163t.

RECESS

Cathy Lutz called the class together by leading 29t. Announcements were made. Leaders: Jim Goetz 547; Gerry Skerbitz 300; Jennifer Agans 38b; John Seaton 47t; Steven Levine 195; Stephen Parker 49b.

A business session was held and next year's officers were announced as follows: Co-chairpersons for next year's fall convention—Kit Canright and Nancy Koester; Chairperson for the *Cooper Book* singing in February—Midge Olsen. Paul Wyatt offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Keith Willard leading 82t. Leaders: Shelley Robbins 299; Gordon Olsen 86; Louis Hughes 472; Mary Ann Saussotte 137; Julie Vea 269; Gary Gronau 192; Steve Helwig 302; Marjorie Matthews 454; Kit Canright 99; Lisa Grayson 419; Steve Luttinen 85; Jessica Beer 430; Tanya

Cothran 149; Val Eng 528; Jeff Bell 154; Becky Browne 200; Tivey 49t; Nancy Koester 501; Carol Crawford 37b; Stacey Berkheimer 297; Carol Munro Mosley 392.

RECESS

Steven Levine called the class to order by leading 34b. Leaders: Kristie Harju 216; Scott Schroeder 535; Keith Willard 278b; Paul Wyatt 168; Jennie Willard 318; Beth Haaland 515; Cathy Lutz 282; Cassie Lang and Melissa Kelley 145b; Jim Pfau 448t; Jessica Beer 183; Louis Hughes 348b; Carol Buche 178; Steve Helwig 80t; Laura Densmore 376; Paul Figura 481.

Stacey Berkheimer and Kristie Harju led 323t as the closing song. The class was dismissed after prayer offered by Louis Hughes.

Sunday, September 27

The Sunday session of the Minnesota State Convention was called to order at The Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota, by Stacey Berkheimer leading 171. Jefferson Spilman of Three Rivers Park District welcomed us to The Landing (formerly known as Murphy's Landing). Kristie Harju welcomed guests and visitors to the 20th Minnesota State Convention. Paul Figura offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Karen Swenson 142; Jeff Bell 288; Martha Henderson 460; Stephen Parker 32t; Carol Munro Mosley 492; Lisa Grayson 218; Roberta Strauss 480; Gordon Olsen 277; Julie Vea 536; Paul Wyatt 125; Tamara Harris 212; Kit Canright 48t.

RECESS

Midge Olsen called the class back to order leading 312b. Leaders: Val Dunagan and Dick Dunagan 474; Alfred Sausstotte 232; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 464; Paul Figura 28t; Jeanette Nelson 455; Gary Gronau 384; Dan Edwards and Karen Edwards 84; Leon Pulsinelle 34t; Jenny Willard 349; Ann Sleeva 34b; Shirley Figura 28b; Marjorie Matthews 193. Announcements were made.

RECESS

Steven Levine led 40 to call singers to the front porch of the Town Hall for a group photo to commemorate our twentieth annual convention.

Jim Pfau called the class back to order by leading 475.

Paul Wyatt and Johanna Fabke conducted the memorial lesson. The names of the deceased were read as follows: Frances Ruth Minnick, Mark Voight, Steve Jensen, Roxanne Crawford—Wisconsin; Irene Andersen, Dora Tann Adler—Iowa; John Etheridge—Florida; Frank Hataway—Alabama; Bill Ellason—Missouri; Edna Montaigne; Bonnie Brasser; Mary Travers—Connecticut; Bonnie Tinker—Oregon; Doris Parr—Maine; Allan Maynor—New Jersey; Richard Grayson, Glen Ernst—Illinois; John Yoakam, John Lutz—Minnesota; Katherine Worthington—Georgia; James Edward Zundel Bell—Pennsylvania; Blossom Miller—New York; Raj Verma—Singapore, Malaysia; Jan Osting, Louise Harris—North Carolina; Joseph Evans—Colorado. Paul Wyatt led 285t in their memory.

The list of sick and shut-ins included Peg Pearson, Victoria Bolles, Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, Steve Senger, Ansam Groshong, Melanie Hauff, Nancy Katzen, David, Margaret Bornick, Ron Bornick, Andy Worthington, Richard DeLong, Don Bowen, Lynn Waddington, Jeff Breting, Tott Sasser, Kim Bahmer, Cindy Kisse, John Blattner, Ramblin' Jack Elliot, Dean Magraw, Mikael Rudolph, Rodney Willard, Barbara Willard, Ted Mercer, Russ Harden, and Carolyn Brown. Johanna Fabke led 472 in their honor.

Leaders: Steve Luttinen 452; Jim Helke 161. A table prayer was offered by Nancy Koester before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Lisa Grayson called the class to order by leading 29t. Leaders: Claudia Egelhoff 485; Louis Hughes 314; James Page 24t; Laura Densmore 328; Michael Mosley 506;

Steven Schmidgall 47b; Carol Crawford 404; Jen Blair 313b; Mary Ann Sausstotte 453; Becky Browne 362; Denise Kania 442; John Seaton 49b; Bill Waddington 46; Steve Helwig 373; Christine Stevens 270; Bill Caldwell 497; Michael Moore 428.
RECESS

Val Eng called the class to order by leading 299. Leaders: Jim Crawford and Steven Schmidgall 315; Jessica Beer 229; Will Gilman 95; Keith Willard 112; Jim Goetz 99; Paul Landskroener 268; Melissa Kelley 114; Matt Wells and Michael Shewmaker 503; Steve Copeland 86; Robin Fox and Mary Rose O'Reilley 203; Carol Buche 547; Midge Olsen 454; Nancy Koester 290; Kim Bahmer 146; Scott Schroeder and Jim Parsons 87; Cathy Lutz and Steven Levine 217.

Announcements were made and reports were made. Secretary Nancy Koester reported that singers attended from thirteen states as follows: Minnesota, Colorado, Wisconsin, Illinois, Oregon, Missouri, New Jersey, Iowa, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Massachusetts, Alaska, and two Canadian provinces, Alberta and Manitoba. A total of 148 songs were sung at this convention. Stacey Berkheimer expressed the gratitude and appreciation of Minnesota singers to Elouise Jerome for all that she has done for us over the years. Stacey Berkheimer and Kristie Harju thanked all who worked to make the convention a success.

Stacey Berkheimer and Kristie Harju led 347 as the closing song. Stephen Parker offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Next year's convention will be held on September 25 and 26, 2010.

Chairpersons—Stacey Berkheimer and Kristie Harju; Secretary—Nancy Koester

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH SACRED HARP CONVENTION

**Lakewood, Colorado
September 26-27, 2009**

Saturday, September 26

The 20th session of the Rocky Mountain High Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Sharon Kermiet leading 565. The opening prayer was offered by Lance Lloyd.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Sharon Kermiet; Food oversight—Bonnie Dolan, Dani Lindholm, Judy Van Duzer; Hospitality Coordinator—Penny Thome; Registration and Signage—Wynonia Horn; Treasurer—Bill Howe; Arranging/Secretary—Paul Lindholm.

Leaders: David McPherson 59; Sally Gwylan 77t; Mary Lou Van Laanen 48t; Nancy Nortz 350; Pete Mathewson 480; Claire Singleton 405; John Schaffer 66; Mike Hinton 178; Bonnie Dolan 447; Carol Selleck 73t; Ginnie Ely 546; Kathryn Eastburn with her friend Ann 49t; Steve Kick 560; Isaac Lloyd 139; Eric Metzler 34b; Erik Mason 313b; Janie Short 328.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Steve Kick leading 32t. Leaders: Catie Van Duzer 354t; Sandy Klein 280; Corrie Van Duzer 179; Gaylon Powell 365; Karl Dise 380; Courtney Lawton and Corrie Van Duzer 479; Dani Lindholm 278t; Leon Ballinger 195; Marilyn Murata 277; Donald Klein 412; Elyssa Lloyd 535; Mia Alvarado 452; Sally Gwylan 216; Chris Kermiet 74b; David McPherson 421; Sharon Kermiet 327; Paul Lindholm 187; Mary Lou Van Laanen 564; Nancy Nortz 183; Pete Mathewson 501; Claire Singleton 82t; John Schaffer 143; Mike Hinton 146; Bonnie Dolan 296; Carol Selleck 68b; Ginnie Ely 313t; Kathryn Eastburn 84; Steve Kick 373; Isaac Lloyd 282.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Karl Dise leading 29t. Leaders: Eric Metzler 107; Erik Mason 163b; Janie Short 192; Deborah Johnson 504; Catie Van

Duzer 503; Sandy Klein 385b; Corrie Van Duzer 254; Gaylon Powell 240; Karl Dise 379; Toby Tenenbaum 362; Dani Lindholm 456; Leon Ballinger 269; Marilyn Murata 218; Donald Klein 556; Elyssa Lloyd 148; Mia Alvarado 147; Sally Gwylan 65; Judy Van Duzer 419; Sharon Kermiet 217; David McPherson 430; Paul Lindholm 115.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Mary Lou Van Laanen leading 474. Leaders: Nancy Nortz 71; Pete Mathewson 496; Claire Singleton 228; John Schaffer 515; Mike Hinton 527; Toby Tenenbaum 528; Bonnie Dolan 512; Carol Selleck 524; Ginnie Ely 454; Kathryn Eastburn 99; Isaac Lloyd 45t; Eric Metzler 86. Sharon Kermiet led 276 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 27

The Sunday session of the Rocky Mountain High Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Sharon Kermiet leading 47t. John Schaffer gave a brief history of the beginnings of the Rocky Mountain Convention, including Hugh McGraw's role in encouraging the convention. Sharon Kermiet led 549 in honor of Hugh McGraw. Leaders: Erik Mason 315; Karl Dise 121; Judy Van Duzer 48t; Gaylon Powell 542; Steve Kick 475; Marilyn Murata 506; Donald Klein 344; Janie Short 168; Catie Van Duzer 147t; David McPherson 300; Sandy Klein 155; Sally Gwylan 334; Mallie Kermiet 189; Courtney Lawton 178; Corrie Van Duzer and John Van Duzer 107; Leon Ballinger 297; Carol Selleck 198; Ginnie Ely 196.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Gaylon Powell leading 119. Leaders: Susie Mathewson 145b; Claire Singleton 299; Bonnie Dolan 501; Kathryn Eastburn 47b; Mary Lou Van Laanen 150; Eric Metzler 106; Pete Mathewson 497; Nancy Nortz 547; John Schaffer 569b; Mike Hinton 340; Sharon Kermiet 162; Erik Mason 282; Marilyn Murata 492; Steve Kick 507; David McPherson 133.

Pete Mathewson conducted the memorial lesson. Sharon Kermit led 34t in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Myra Palmer, Victoria Bolles, Fumie Murata, and Suzi Moto.

Carol Selleck led "Sweet Reunion", by Mary Whitehurst, in memory of the following deceased: Paul King—Alabama; John Etheridge—Florida; Ophelia Matthews, Dutch Owen, Adele Reed, Dick Steil—Texas; William Reynolds—Tennessee; Jane Dise—North Carolina; Lois Barkey, Janie Corbill Briton—Colorado; Mary Barkey—Ohio; Enis Kelly—Oklahoma; Elder Gerald Hand, Nita Taylor—New Mexico; Mary Elizabeth Smith—Wyoming; Clara Redfield—Montana. Mike Hinton offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Mary Lou Van Laanen 540; Judy Van Duzer 193; Sally Gwylan 330b; Ginnie Ely 373; Sandy Klein 142; Courtney Lawton 209; Donald Klein 571; Janie Short 312b; Catie Van Duzer 288; Eric Metzler 85; John Schaffer 38b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Sharon Kermiet leading 27. Leaders: Paul Lindholm 426b; Toby Tenenbaum 31t; Carol Selleck 70b; Dani Lindholm 222; Karl Dise 320; Nancy Nortz 89; Chris Kermiet 33t; Corrie Van Duzer 273; Leon Ballinger 424; Bonnie Dolan 441; Claire Singleton 455; Deborah Johnson 277; Mike Hinton 532; Pete Mathewson 39t; Mary Lou Van Laanen 128.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Steve Kick leading 101t. Leaders: John Schaffer 236; Carol Selleck 425; Claire Singleton 270; David McPherson 440; Eric Metzler 159; Sally Gwylan 61; Nancy Nortz 122; Marilyn Murata 351; Leon Ballinger and Carol Selleck 329 (in memory of Elder Gerald Hand); Gaylon Powell 500; Janie Short 229; Mike Hinton 434; Toby Tenenbaum 131t; Ginnie Ely 349; Pete Mathewson 39b;

Karl Dise 411; Judy Van Duzer and Catie Van Duzer 173; Catie Van Duzer 203; Corrie Van Duzer 535.

Sharon Kermiet led 267 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Sharon Kermiet; Arranging/Secretary—Paul Lindholm

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Eva, Morgan County, Alabama

Sunday, September 27, 2009

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in September was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Elder J.L. Hopper leading 326 and 327. The morning prayer was offered by Bud Oliver.

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

Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Jonathon Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Brandon Thompson and Nancy Thompson.

Leaders: J.L. Hopper 207; Brandon Thompson 335, 39b; Jonathon Thompson 68b, 32t; Nancy Thompson 405, 49b; Rodney Ivey 47t, 225t; David Light 318, 112; Judy Caudle 312b, 36b; Lomax Ballinger 67, 168; Bud Oliver 145b, 30t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jonathon Thompson leading 84. Leaders: Michael Thompson 341, 275b; Clayton Ezell 300, 358; Joyce Lambert 127, 56t; Susan Holmes 313t, 441 (in memory of Pauline Cobbs); Gerald Holmes 28t, 268; Danny Arms 120, 302; Lena Keeton and Ernestine Parker 146 (for Glenn Keeton), 63; Gordon Wilkinson 434; Cheyenne Ivey and April Watkins 77t, 277; Loyd Ivey 176t, 378t; Chrissie Watkins 270, 457. Lomax Ballinger offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by J.L. Hopper leading 354b. Leaders: Hubert Nall 129, 176b; Darrell Swarens 81t, 72b; Jim Aaron 163b, 503; Delone Cobbs 73t, 480; Carol Newman 220, 405; Sonya Sipe 39t, 47b; Jennifer Clay and Beth Anne Clay 63; Garrett Sipe 274t; Anna Grace Sipe and Ailee Martin 569b; Craig Holmes 479, 66; Angela Myers 82t; Nell Morris 428, 61; Beth Anne Clay 542; Daniel Hopper 54, 117; Judy Caudle 459 (in memory of Bera Bradford), 276 (for Bridgett Hill); Michael Thompson 76b; Danny Arms 200; J.L. Hopper 245 (by request), 254 (by request), 269 (by request).

J.L. Hopper led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Daniel Hopper, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Jonathon Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle

WINSTON COUNTY CONVENTION

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama

Sunday, September 27, 2009

The Winston County Convention was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Double Springs, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday in September. Kermit Adams called the class to order leading 31b. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

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

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

Leaders: Kermit Adams 43; Roma Rice 490, 297; Dawson Adams 77t, 68b; Faye Donaldson 129, 124; Anne Chalker 146, 235; Leona Haynes 335, 421; Jayne Fulmer 186, 155; Stella Pratt 36b, 318; Richard Mauldin 339, 312b.

RECESS

Kermit Adams called the class back to order by leading 418. Leaders: Travis Keeton 203, 179; Earl Ballinger 337, 123t; Larry Ballinger 121, 139; Jayne Fulmer 454, 300; Faye Donaldson 430, 225t; Josie Hyde 224, 434, 111t; Parnell Berry 283, 177.

LUNCH

Dawson Adams called the afternoon session to order leading 123b. Leaders: Steve Adams and Richard Mauldin 101t, 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin); Betty Baccus 159, 282, 294, 290; Richard Mauldin 35, 100; Larry Ballinger 150; Parnell Berry 306; Earl Ballinger 331, 319; Travis Keeton 340, 388; Leona Haynes 277, 501 (CB); Anne Chalker 79; Margaret Keeton 470, 325; Steve Adams and Richard Mauldin 309; Kermit Adams 317.

Kermit Adams led 275b as the closing song. Earl Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

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

HAMRICK MEMORIAL SINGING

Old Carrollton Primitive Baptist Church, Carroll County, Georgia Sunday, September 27, 2009

The 1st session of the Hamrick Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on the fourth Sunday in September at Old Carrollton Primitive Baptist Church, Carroll County, Georgia. Curtis Hamrick (a direct descendant of Elder Robert Signor (Bobby) Hamrick, who gave the land in 1849 for this church to be built, and for whom this singing was named) called the class to order leading 59t. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer.

The class entered into a business session and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Curtis Hamrick; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Curtis Hamrick 75; Cecil Roberts 229, 97; Donna Bell 426t, 268; Tony Hammock 500, 510, 402; Sheri Taylor 77t, 146; Hayden Arp 340, 145b; Robert Chambless and Richard Driver 155, 472; Kelsey Campbell 86, 47b; Jenna Frey 358; 401.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Curtis Hamrick leading 335. Leaders: B.M. Smith 64, 123t; Charlene Wallace 139, 106; Ann Simpson 127, 452; Laura Frey 133, 178; Richard DeLong 435 (in memory of Henry Wilson), 121; Karen Rollins 120, 46 (in memory of Jimmie Denney); Ruth Daniel 40, 378t; Evelyn Harris 32t, 47t. Curtis Hamrick offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Curtis Hamrick called the class back to order leading 137. Leaders: Judy Chambless 58, 52t; Mary Jo Shafer 82t, 503, 347; Hayden Arp 384; Tony Hammock 138b (in memory of Elder Gerald Hand); Donna Bell 192; Laura Frey 163b; Richard DeLong 317; Robert Chambless 225t; Karen Rollins 196; Kelsey Campbell and Kennedy Wigley 342; Ann Simpson 448b; Sheri Taylor 148. The class sang birthday wishes to James Jordan. Leaders: Evelyn Harris 400; Jenna Frey and Christian Frey 294; Mary Jo Shafer 569b; B.M. Smith 45t; Judy Chambless 565.

Following announcements, Curtis Hamrick led 358 (by request) as the closing song. Brother Harold Hamrick offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Curtis Hamrick; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell

SHADY GROVE CHURCH (COOPER BOOK)

Dutton, Alabama

Saturday, October 3, 2009

The annual singing at Shady Grove Church was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in October. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Syble Adams leading 72. The morning prayer was offered by Bro. Ben Barrentine. Mark Brown welcomed everyone.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Mark Brown; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Syble Adams.

Leaders: Mark Brown and Ben Barrentine 84, 63; Syble Adams and Bill Adams 410; Rex Wilks 138t; Loyd Ivey 229; Pierce Phillips 78; Tollie Lee 544; Hubert Nall 563; B.M. Smith 38t (in memory of Virgil Phillips); Frank Strickland 100; Doron Henkin 102; Samuel Sommers 486; Pam Wilkerson 505; David Killingsworth 95b; Jim Aaron 283t; Judy Caudle 380t; Robert Walker 546; Tom Owen 344; Laura Densmore 370; Don Clark 320.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Syble Adams and Rodney Ivey leading 73t (for Bud Oliver). Leaders: Michael Thompson 98; Ricky Harcrow 478; Karen Clark and Laura Densmore 386; Beverly Coates 464; John Bahler 111b; Henry Johnson 445t; Karen Bahler 572; Bill Aplin 101t (in memory of John Etheridge); Syble Adams, Charlotte Heard, Joan Wilks, and Betty Ellis "Holy Manna"; Nathan Rees 286b; Joan Aldridge 515; Aaron Little 430; Rhonda Arnold 559; Brad Bahler 55; Syble Adams 541 (by request); Ed Thacker 163b; Danny Arms 51; Andrew Farris 489; Shane Wootten 450; Darlene Dalton 488b (for Lavon Tyree, Earl Bradshaw, Ralph Brown, Michael Owens, and Opal Wootten); Betty Wright 225t. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Brad Bahler.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Syble Adams leading 543. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 524; Ruth Dolby 463; Bruce Coates 264; Mark Brown "Sweet Beulah Land", 574; Claudine Townsend and Shane Wootten 518; Vicky Aplin 421; Karen Clark 575; Brad Bahler, Karen Bahler, John Bahler, and Rob Bahler 571; Doron Henkin 522; Tom Owen, Mary Owen, Beverly Coates, and Bruce Coates 442t; Pierce Phillips 511t; Bill Aplin and Vicky Aplin 567; Laura Densmore 101b; Samuel Sommers, Ruth Dolby, and Holly Hauck 500; Tollie Lee 319; Frank Strickland 488t; Nathan Rees 497; Shane Wootten 468 (for Billy Williams), 465 (by request); B.M. Smith, Aaron Little, and Linda Little 449; Syble Adams and Rhonda Arnold 393t; David Killingsworth 404.

Mark Brown led 573 as the closing song. Bro. Ben Barrentine offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mark Brown; Secretary—Judy Caudle

CHURCH MUSIC HERITAGE AND FALL FESTIVAL
1859 USA Presbyterian Church, Petersburg, Tennessee
Saturday, October 3, 2009

The 6th annual Sacred Harp singing at USA Presbyterian Church in Petersburg, Tennessee, was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by John Edmondson. Tim Reynolds offered the opening prayer and led 34b, 49t, and 128.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—John Edmondson; Secretary—Marcia Edmondson.

Leaders: John Edmondson 59, 159, 81t; Nelda Ezell 335, 30t, 67; Clayton Ezell 300, 390, 278t.

RECESS

Laurens Blankers brought the class back to order leading 40, 107, and 58. Sandie Scott led 38b, 74b, and 472.

A brief business meeting was held to discuss an invitation to move the annual singing, beginning next year, to Petersburg United Methodist Church. A motion was made by Tim Reynolds and seconded by Clayton Ezell. The class voted unanimously to move.

Leaders: Marcia Edmondson 452, 457; Sara Harwell 63, 72b, 146. Clayton Ezell offered the prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Edmondson called the class back to order leading 85. Leaders: Marilyn Burchett 294, 312b, 108b; Jim Hery 39t; David Carlton 134, 376, 547, 496; Tim Reynolds 282; John Edmondson 133; Nelda Ezell 66; Laurens Blankers 479; Sara Harwell 178; Marcia Edmondson 277; Sandie Scott 155; Marilyn Burchett 551.

Following announcements, David Carlton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

The singing will be held beginning 2010 at Petersburg United Methodist Church, 301 Church Street, Petersburg, Tennessee.

Chairman—John Edmondson; Secretary—Marcia Edmondson

NEW ENGLAND SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Byfield Community Arts Center, Byfield, Massachusetts
October 3-4, 2009
Saturday, October 3

The 34th annual New England Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Joanna Lampert leading 33b. Chris Holley offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairpersons—Joanna Lampert and Bill Holt; Vice Chairman—Justin Levi; Secretary—Jennie Brown.

Leaders: Bill Holt 52t; Justin Levi 36b; Jennie Brown 138t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 74b; Susan Loucks 228; D.J. Hatfield 411; Susan Willett 274t; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 528; Laura Borrelli 209; Dennis O'Brien 304; Elizabeth Stoddard 229; Richard Schmeidler 254; Robert Dove 287; Ben Vincent 171; Ian Quinn 163t; Bruce Randall 327; Liz Cantrell 318; Corrone Bryant 524; John Redman 386; Anne Kazlauskas 110; Ed Smith 362; Rosemarie Yntema 183.

RECESS

Dan Hertzler called the class to order leading 37b. Leaders: Jeremy Galvagni 335; Lyra O'Brien 440; John Seymansic 189; Carole Dempsey 157; Alice Maggio and Eli Hetko 47t; Paul Gauthier 428; Kathe Pilibosian 365; Mary Gowins 434; Peter Golden 198; Jim Harper 56b; Martha Rogers 270; Dana Borrelli 277; Chris Holley 268; Aram Hollman 300; Terry Ryan 163b; Julian Damashek 328; Ian Ludders 500;

Bob Parr 430; Ines Lüttgen 573; Kelsey Sunderland 527; David Bliss 86; Jenny Wright 474; Stephen Marini 178. Robert Dove asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back together by Chris Noren leading 32t. Leaders: Deidra Montgomery 153; Joanne Fuller and Robin Honaker 159; Scott Luscombe 506; Kelly House 384; Dan Hertzler 306; Allison Schofield 542; Neely Bruce 553; Lynne deBenedette 426b; Aldo Ceresca 216; Guy Bankes 549; Sheila Girling Macadam 142; Jean Seiler 273; Tom Malone 187; Bobbie Goodell 287; Lauren Bock 422; Tim Eriksen 385t; Edwin Macadam 538; Diane Mennella 564; Linda Shea 371; George Seiler 99; Kyle Sansnome 315; Willis McCumber 383; Leonard Spencer 245; Ken Mattson 454.

RECESS

Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner called the class back together by leading 106. Leaders: Eric Hildebrant 551; Eric Fellingner 107; Andrew Lebrun 282; Matt Wojcik 488; Chris Noren 269; Elizabeth Brownell 547; Pat Callahan 195; Jean Seiler and George Seiler 146; Mary Gowins, Deidra Montgomery, and Ben Vincent 101t; Ian Quinn and Martha Rogers 480; Dana Borrelli and Kelly House 77t.

Joanna Lampert, Bill Holt, Justin Levi, and Jennie Brown led 46 as the closing song. Kathe Pilibosian offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, October 4

The Sunday session of the New England Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Bill Holt leading 59. Liz Cantrell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Joanna Lampert 101t; Justin Levi 32t; Jennie Brown 283; Ron Trial 99; Kathe Pilibosian 112; Yael Tarshish 410t; Bob Parr 215; Mary Seem and Zachary Marcus 268; Andy Johnston 294; Cindy Bean 163b; Joanne Fuller 121; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 142; Lucy O'Leary 377; Susan Willett 503; Tom Malone 492; George Pomfret 455; Rachel Stevens 385b; Ian Ludders 83b; Duncan Vinson 100; Sylvia Martin 556; John Travers 49t; Patty Cuyler 428; Terry Ryan 570; Corrone Bryant 569t.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Lynne deBenedette leading 89. Elizabeth Stoddard 546; Joanne Bowman 485; James Baumgartner 454; Anne Kazlauskas 466; Willis McCumber 203; Laura Borrelli 82t.

Kathe Pilibosian led 83t for the following deceased: Beverly Jessup—California; Sandy Paton—Connecticut; John Etheridge, Ken Moran—Florida; Jimmie Denney—Georgia; Virginia Mampre—Illinois; Doris Parr—Maine; Tom Mattson—Maryland; Rose Adelaide Baker, Jodi Baldotti, Horace Boyer, Margaret Callahan, John Coburn, Virginia Flannagan, Sandra Goss, Jean Mattson, Elmer Travers, Ruth and Bob—Massachusetts; Lowell Fellingner—Missouri; Richard Altman, Bob Guida, Louis Ryan, Katherine Anne Warner—New York; Diane McFadden—Vermont; Mary LaMarca—District of Columbia.

Robert Dove shared a message from Victoria Bolles affirming the power of singing for the ill and absent friends, and led 146 for the following sick and shut-ins: Kshama Ananthapura, Victoria Bolles, Liz Celebucki, Judy Curran, Brian Fitzgerald, Sarah Leitao, Len Katz, Nancy Katzen, Karen Keller, Virginia Luscombe, Raymond O'Neill, Jim Picton, John Plunkett, Maura Robinson, Miles Schofield, Lisa Schoelles, Mae and Senior. Kathe Pilibosian closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Leaders: Susan Mampre 228; D.J. Hatfield 442; Anais Wright 300; Susan Jaster 412; Chris Noren 236; Pat Callahan 344; Bobbie Goodell 28t; Bruce Randall 150; Susan Loucks 299; Jim Bean 178; Carole Dempsey 111b; Guy Banks 151; Ines Lüttgen 34t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 196. Meredith Brown offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Tom Malone leading 97. Leaders: Matt Wojcik 302; John Redman 532; Zachary Marcus 398; Edwin Macadam 550; Lauren Bock 456; Chris Holley 155; Kelsey Sunderland 530; Richard Schmeidler 474; Scott Luscombe 353; Diane Mennella 370; Allison Schofield 419; Larry Gordon 198; Julian Damashek 220; Lynne deBenedette 29t; Aldo Ceresa 280; Liz Cantrell 441; Leonard Spencer 260; Kiri Miller 430; Sheila Girling Macadam 168; Peter Golden 176t.

RECESS

Justin Levi called the class to order leading 85. Leaders: Lauren Bock and Lucy O'Leary 436; Eric Hildebrant 148; Anais Wright and Susan Mampre 497; Carole Dempsey, Ian Ludders, and Ines Lüttgen 200; Susan Willette and Susan Terhune 457; Zachary Marcus, Kiri Miller, James Baumgartner, and Mary Seem 408.

A business session was called for the purpose of hearing reports. A petition was made by singers from the state of Maine to be included in the rotation for the New England Convention in four years time (2013), following Vermont and preceding Massachusetts. The motion was passed unanimously. The secretary reported that 161 songs had been led by 101 leaders, and that 221 singers from 14 states, 2 Canadian provinces, and the UK were in attendance. The treasurer thanked the class for collections to help cover expenses. The Resolutions Committee thanked the organizers and resolved to meet next year in Rhode Island. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Terry Ryan and Tom Malone 192; Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam 128; Cindy Bean and Jim Bean 277; Aldo Ceresa and Diane Mennella 448t; Julian Damashek, Allison Schofield, and Joanne Fuller 129; Matt Wojcik, Rosie Wojcik, Patty Cuyler, and Larry Gordon 528; Duncan Vinson, Guy Bankes, and Scott Luscombe 486; Liz Cantrell, Lynne deBenedette, and Rick Ahl 335; Chris Holley, Kathe Pilibosian, Peter Golden, and Bobbie Goodell 371; George Pomfret and Ron Trial 535; Rachel Stevens and Yael Tarshish 31t; Sylvia Martin and Joanne Bowman 569t; Jennie Brown and Justin Levi 536; Bill Holt and Joanna Lampert 434; Bill Holt 159.

Bill Holt, Joanna Lampert, Justin Levi, and Jennie Brown led 62 as the closing song. Chris Holley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairpersons—Bill Holt and Joanna Lampert; Vice Chairman—Justin Levi; Secretary—Jennie Brown

ALEXANDER, HULLETT, LOWE, BROTHERS, HYATT, PUTMAN, AND WOOTTEN MEMORIAL Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama Sunday, October 4, 2009

The 43rd session of the Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers, Hyatt, Putman, and Wootten Memorial singing was held at Hopewell Primitive Baptist church in Oneonta, Alabama, on the first Sunday in October. Terry Hullett called the class to order by leading 59. Ed Thacker offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretaries—Rebekah Gilmore and Paula Gilmore.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 129; Bob Watkins 101t, 480; Judy Caudle 540, 448b; Willie Mae Moon 283, 460; Henry Johnson 176t, 176b; Doyle Alexander 36b, 68b; Nate Green and Norma Green 69t, 135; April Watkins 146, 323b; Doug Conn 67; Laura Densmore 522, 50t.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class together by leading 203. Leaders: Ed Thacker 316, 234; Rebekah Gilmore 32t, 178; Doron Henkin 179, 192; Stella Pratt 63, 317; Samuel Sommers 413, 386; Joyce Walton 436, 392; Michael Thompson and Joyce Walton 292, 293.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class together by leading 276. Jordan Ratliff led the class in singing "Sweet Beulah Land." Leaders: B.M. Smith 556, 340; Harrison Creel 498; Margaret Keeton 171; Tom Owens 47b, 168; Carmen Brothers, Linda Thomas, and Jordan Ratliff 45t; Carmen Brothers and Doug Conn 401; Marlon Wootten 64; Paula Gilmore and Grace Gilmore 29t, 97; Danny Creel 269, 472; Leona Haynes 277, 61; Scott Ivey 500, 42; Terry Hullett and Shane Wootten 96 (CB).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Terry Hullett leading 222. Leaders: Shane Wootten 56t, 376; Lena Keeton 163b; Danny Arms 309, 530; Elene Stovall 492, 172; Rodney Ivey 511, 137; Lloyd Ivey 208, 424; Henry Guthery 361, 456; Chris Green and Pam Green 274t, 532; Philip Gilmore 278b, 411; Dennis George 549, 457; Laura Densmore 383; Doron Henkin 53; Samuel Sommers 92; Tom Owens 347.

Terry Hullett, Philip Gilmore, and Doyle Alexander led 47t as the closing song. Elder Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretary—Rebekah Gilmore

SOUTH GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Liberty Hill Church, Barnesville, Georgia** **Sunday, October 4, 2009**

The 90th session of the South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Oscar McGuire leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Wayne Watson.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 145t; Lela Crowder 421, 283; Bentley McGuire 43, 505; Mary Brownlee 47b, 291; Wayne Watson 48b, 348b; David Grant 400, 378t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: President—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Bentley McGuire; Nominating Committee—Wesley Haley and Raymond Hamrick; Memorial Committee—Lela Crowder and Helen Bryson; Arranging Committee—Mary Brownlee.

Leaders: John Hollingsworth 47t, 48t; Sharon Hamrick 460, 276.

RECESS

Oscar McGuire brought the class together leading 73b. Leaders: Helen Bryson 102, 299; Tony Hammock 347, 500; Sandra Wilkinson 406, 498; John Plunkett 164, 207; Patty Dancy 155, 159; Richard DeLong 197, 205; Rita Haley 268, 63; Robert Kelley 371, 329.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the class go into a business session, and the following officers were confirmed for 2010: President—Oscar McGuire; Vice President—Lela Crowder; Secretary/Treasurer—Bentley McGuire; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer—Mary Brownlee; Chaplain—Wayne S. Watson; Assistant Chaplain—David Grant.

The list of singings scheduled for the coming year were reviewed and confirmed (see list of singings for 2010). The Business Session was concluded with Treasurer's Report.

LUNCH

Lela Crowder brought the class together leading 332. Leaders: Rosemund Watson 203, 229; Billy Hollingsworth 350, 236; Malinda Snow 548, 540; Wesley Haley 34b, 273; Raymond Hamrick 71, 231; Charlene Wallace 287, 479.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Helen Bryson leading 475 for the following sick and shut-ins: Violet Thomason, Lonnie Rogers, Glenna Randall, and Robert Chambless.

Lela Crowder led 440 in memory of the following deceased: Nora Roberts, Wanda Tally (Tony Hammock's aunt), Elder Gerald Hand, Jane Bruner, Richard Johnson, and Jimmie Denney. John Plunkett closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Michael Spencer 29b, 382; Mollie Ellis 317, 30t.

RECESS

Oscar McGuire brought the class together leading 57. Leaders: Carol Hanson 434, 45t; Matt Hinton 151, 203; Martha Harrell 178, 77t; Russ Hanson 270; Erica Hinton 549, 405; Timothy Haley 117, 384.

After announcements, Oscar McGuire and Lela Crowder led 62 as the closing song. Hugh McGraw offered the closing prayer.

President—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Bentley McGuire

RUTHERFORD COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING

King's Chapel, Arrington, Tennessee

Saturday, October 10, 2009

The 2nd annual session of the Rutherford County Sacred Harp Singing was held in the King's Chapel Church in Arrington, Tennessee. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Ron Harper leading 72b. Darrell Swarens offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by appointing the following officers to serve: Co-Chairmen—Ron Harper and Jeff Adcock; Arranging Committee—Cassie Allen; Chaplain—Bob Simmons; Secretary—Janie Harper.

Leaders: Ron Harper 29t; Jeff Adcock 108t; Bob Simmons 532, 313t; Cassie Allen 176b, 228; Lewis Frost 503, 547; Gary Smith 99, 66; Caleb Dillehay 472, 399b; Marilyn Burchett 274t, 335; Lloyd Ivey 288, 225t; Elsie Moon 434, 494.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Ron Harper leading 209. Leaders: Laurens Blankers 141, 391; Barrett Patton 224, 82t; Kyle Webb 63, 452; Darrell Swarens 47b, 542; Sandie Scott 424, 235; Julianna Jett 410t; Tim Reynolds 163b, 217; Ann Jett 269, 327; Eddie Mash 91, 318; Judy Caudle 138b, 394; Amber Davis and Carson Davis 440, 378b; Henry Johnson 88t, 521; Julietta Haynes 222, 298. Bob Simmons offered prayer before the lunch break.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Ron Harper leading 358. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 101t, 97; Sarah Smith 340, 136; David Carlton 448t, 230; Wanda Capps 36b, 216; Angela Myers and Ainslie Allen 146; Cindy Tanner and Ainslie Allen 336, 436; Rick Fretter 107, 268; Paula Springfield and Carson Davis 297, 389; Seth Holloway 110, 408; Judy Caudle 534 (by request), 143 (by request for Charlotte McCarn); Caleb Dillehay "Smith"; Barrett Patton 47t.

Following announcements, Ron Harper and Jeff Adcock led 121 as the closing song. Bob Simmons led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairman—Ron Harper; Co-Chairman—Jeff Adcock; Secretary—Janie Harper

SHEFFIELD SACRED HARP SINGING DAY
Our Lady and St. Thomas Church, Sheffield, United Kingdom
Saturday, October 10, 2009

The Sheffield Sacred Harp Singing Day was called to order by Carmel Wood leading 34b. Cath Tyler taught a short singing school including 47t and 107. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Carmel Wood; Secretary—Judy Whiting.

RECESS

Carmel Wood called the class back to order by leading 31t. Leaders: Judy Whiting 512; Maria Wallace 168; Chris Brown 324; Jacqui Selby- MacLeod 29t; Ted Brown 49b; Sarah West 89; Richard Percival 155; Sharon Langridge 501; David Moore 236; Jenny Reid 504; Cath Tyler 53; Shelby Sampson 63; Carmel Wood 270; Judy Whiting 273; Maria Wallace 350; Chris Brown 354t; Jacqui Selby- MacLeod 128; Sarah West 370. Sharon Langridge gave thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Sharon Langridge called the afternoon session to order leading 276. Leaders: Ted Brown 569b; Jenny Reid 99; Richard Percival 210; Helen Brown 503; Phil Tyler 82t; Shelby Sampson 183; David Moore 38t.

Chris Brown conducted the memorial lesson and led 475 in memory of Eric Mogensen, Jean Cousins (Lowestoft), Johnny Collins (London), Margaret Clay (Stockport), David Williams (Keighley), Trevor Sanderson (Ealing), Gladys Reid and Stan Shaw (Bolton).

Jenny Reid spoke for the sick and housebound and led 68b for David Percival, Betty Percival, Kathryn Beaton, Alan Jackson, John Plunkett, Paul Ruth, Neil Henderson, Glyn Roberts, Chris Wood, Kathy Armstrong, Leo McGuigan, and Maureen Gamlin.

Leaders: Carmel Wood 178; Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 274t; Richard Percival 313b; Judy Whiting 441; Sarah West 432; Cath Tyler 380.

RECESS

Chris Brown called the class back together leading 390. Leaders: Sharon Langridge 481; Phil Tyler 513; Helen Davenport 47b; Shelby Sampson 358; Ted Brown 97; Jenny Reid 171; David Moore 365.

Carmel Wood led 323t as the closing song. Sharon Langridge offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Carmel Wood; Secretary—Judy Whiting

SAVANNAH SACRED HARP SINGING
Faith Primitive Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia
Saturday, October 10, 2009

The 5th annual Savannah Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in October at Faith Primitive Baptist Church. Gene Pinion called the class to order leading 28b. Elder Dean Robbins offered the opening prayer.

A business session resulted in the election or appointment of the following officers: Chairman—Gene Pinion; Vice Chairman—Frank DeBolt; Secretary—Sharon Strong; Arranging Committee—Tom Ivey; Chaplain—Elder Dean Robbins. Leaders: Frank DeBolt 33b, 569b; Sharon Strong 77b, 171; Lucile Gunnels 310, 143; John Gentry 569t, 354b; Riley Lee 31t, 63; Lynell McClure 49b, 454; Donna Smith 178, 276; Dean Robbins 99, 148; Nancy Wheless 147t, 146; Agnes Roberts 137, 120; Judith Parker 300, 84.

RECESS

Gene Pinion called the class to order leading 48t. Leaders: Joyce Heath 294, 318; Sarah Grovenstein 111b, 123t; Tom Ivey 547, 269; Gene Pinion 40; Frank DeBolt 452, 155. A memorial lesson in remembrance of departed friends and family was conducted by John Gentry leading 463 (CB). Leaders: Lucile Gunnels 234; Tom Ivey 66.

LUNCH

Frank DeBolt called the class back to order and presented a beautiful stained glass plaque, created by Nancy Wheless, on behalf of the Savannah Sacred Harp singing family, to Gene Pinion for his continued efforts to try to promote Sacred Harp singing in Savannah.

During the afternoon session the class sang from the *Cooper Book*. Leaders: Gene Pinion 282; Riley Lee 543, 573, 68b; Sharon Strong 113, 191, 189; Jairus Purcell 572, 571, 574; Donna Smith 122, 47b; Rexanna Lester 393t, 500, 268t; Dean Robbins 242, 107t; Nancy Wheless 511t, 515, 518.

RECESS

Gene Pinion called the class to order leading 72. Leaders: Agnes Roberts 186, 358; Judith Parker 434, 159, 488b; Hedina Christiner 45t, 49t, 553; Joyce Heath 127, 87, 82; Sarah Grovenstein 139, 111t; Tom Ivey 235; Gene Pinion 239.

Following announcements, Gene Pinion led 62 as the closing song. Elder Dean Robbins closed the session with prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Gene Pinion; Vice Chairman—Frank DeBolt; Secretary—Sharon Strong

COLUMBIA SINGING Dripping Spring Christian Church, Columbia, Missouri Saturday, October 10, 2009

The 15th annual Columbia Singing was held at the Dripping Spring Christian Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October. Cherry Hinderberger called the class to order leading 34b. Lou Kujawinski offered an opening prayer. The class was organized with the following officers and committees elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Cherry Hinderberger; Secretaries—Cindy Stone and Gayle Von Engeln; Chaplains—Lou Kujawinski and Tim Von Engeln; Arranging Committee—Penny Kujawinski; Finance Committee—Pattie Doss. Leaders: Wendy Hofmann 39t; Carla Bermudez and Steve Bermudez 59; Cindy Pepmiller 547; Alexis Bermudez 457; Pattie Doss 285t (in memory of her brother, Owen Doss); Meg Stauffer 29t; Annie Grieshop 168; Tim Von Engeln 89 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 473; Cindy Stone 371 (dedicated to the peacemakers quickened by the Heavenly Dove); Shirley Figura 47t; Sandy Falloon 105; Paul Figura 268 (in memory of Bill Ellason); Anita Buswell 319; Dan Britain 377; Presley Barker and Melody Von Engeln 178.

RECESS

Presley Barker called the class to order leading 142. Leaders: Roberta Strauss 480; Gayle Von Engeln 107; Becky Browne 344; Ryan Wheeler “Vanessa” (dedicated to his wife in honor of their 6th wedding anniversary); Dave Ressler 171; Bonnie Davis 210; Joan Aldridge 222; David Lloyd 68t; James Page “North Montpelier”; Gary Gronau 175 (MH); Lori Graber 472; Anne Drexler 277; Penny Kujawinski and Dee Worley 77t; Charlie Derleth 28b (in memory of Jeanette Lowry). Tim Von Engeln offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Lou Kujawinski called class back to order leading 385t. Leaders: Wendy Hofmann 430; Carla Bermudez and Steve Bermudez 332; Annie Grieshop 160 (MH); Cindy

Pepmiller 159; Pattie Doss 532; Presley Barker 28t; Ryan Wheeler 29 (MH); Melody Von Engeln 138 (MH); David Lloyd 56b; Becky Browne 75 (MH); Anita Buswell 87; Paul Figura 127 (MH); Roberta Strauss 384; Dan Brittain 125 (MH); Charlie Derleth 348b; Lori Graber 296.

RECESS

Cherry Hinderberger called class back to order leading 106. Leaders: James Page 170 (MH); Bonnie Davis 276; Anne Drexler 313b; Joan Aldridge 270; Dave Ressler 77 (MH); Peggy Baum 112; Lou Kujawinski 350; Penny Kujawinski 500 (in memory of Jean Morris, mother of Cindy Pepmiller); Ryan Wheeler 149 (MH); Pattie Doss 76b; Annie Grieshop 318; Dan Brittain 417; Melody Von Engeln 163b; Dave Ressler 218; Charlie Derleth 68b; Presley Barker 300.

Cherry Hinderberger thanked everyone for coming and announcements were made. Cherry Hinderberger led 347 as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand. She offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Cherry Hinderberger; Secretaries—Cindy Stone and Gayle Von Engeln

TENNESSEE STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Near Five Points, Tennessee** **October 10-11, 2009**

Saturday, October 10

Tim Reynolds called the 15th annual session of the Tennessee State Sacred Harp Convention to order on Saturday night leading 35. Eddie Mash offered the evening prayer. Song selections are from the *B.F. White Sacred Harp, 2006 Edition*.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 427; Clayton Ezell 571; Kerene Box 146; Nelda Ezell 335; Sarah Smith 518; Sandie Scott 361; Wanda Capps 505; Darrell Swarens 511t; Michele Cull 393t; Margie Norwood 447t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Bob Meek leading 516. Leaders: Gary Smith 54t; Ann Jett 503; Eddie Mash 96; Charlotte Plunkett 143; Elsie Moon 133; Seth Holloway 392; Marilyn Burchett 229; Vella B. Gillespie 408.

Tim Reynolds led 132 for the closing song. Darrell Swarens offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, October 11

Tim Reynolds opened the Sunday session of the Tennessee State Convention leading 63. Song selections are from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Danny Creel offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 159; Clayton Ezell 66; Eddie Mash 434; Sarah Smith 129; Gordon Wilkinson 475; Marilyn Burchett 108b; Larry Ballinger 109; Henry Guthery 548; Kerene Box 28b; Gravis Ballinger 410t; Sandie Scott 549; Bob Meek 551; David Carlton 417.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Judy Caudle leading 272. Leaders: Nelda Ezell and Clayton Ezell 65; Darrell Swarens 72b; Gary Smith 99; Lucy Heidorn 155; Michele Cull 82t; Linton Ballinger 144; Angela Myers 503; Danny Creel 456; Emily Creel 455; Seth Holloway 388; Wanda Capps 142; Margie Norwood 405; Charlotte Plunkett 143; Harrison Creel 111b.

RECESS

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Eddie Mash; Arranging Committee—

Nelda Ezell and Clayton Ezell; Memorial Committee—Eddie Mash and David Carlton; Secretary—Sandie Scott.

Tim Reynolds led 148. Leaders: Eddie Mash 149; Alicia Williams 340; Paige Owens 100; Margie Norwood 147t; Kerene Box 106; Sandie Scott 146; Darrell Swarens 236. Harrison Creel offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds led 73b to bring the afternoon session to order. Leaders: Henry Guthery 488; Larry Ballinger 472; Marilyn Burchett 373; Bob Meek 556; Nelda Ezell and Clayton Ezell 335.

Eddie Mash and David Carlton conducted the memorial lesson. Eddie Mash led 454 for the following deceased: John Etheridge—Florida; Frank List, Gladys Cornelius—Kentucky; Reba Norton—Alabama; Dr. William J. Reynolds, Bill Anderson—Tennessee.

David Carlton led 501 for the following sick and shut-ins: Kenneth Hubbard, Doris Littrell, Clay Mattox, Frances Mattox, Emily Boswell, Clarence McCool, Glenda Hopper, Josie Hyde, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Mary Helen Guthery, Shirley Fisher, and Charlotte McCarn. Henry Guthery closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Linton Ballinger 35; Ezell Family 294; David Carlton 254; Emily Creel 540; Creel Family 342; Gravis Ballinger 91; Angela Myers 192; Gary Smith and Sarah Smith 268; Danny Creel 283; Vella B. Gillespie 358; Carol Taylor 75; Sarah Smith and Seth Holloway 274t; Lucy Heidorn and Harrison Creel 30t; Judy Caudle 528; Alicia Williams 84; Michele Cull 137; Gordon Wilkinson 112.

Harrison Creel and Darrell Swarens led 512 as the closing song. Darrell Swarens dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Eddie Mash; Secretary—Sandie Scott

CHESTNUT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ider, Alabama

Sunday, October 11, 2009

The 83rd session of the annual Chestnut Grove Sacred Harp singing was held on the second Sunday in October. Loretta Smith called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 32t. Ed Thacker offered the morning prayer. Loretta Smith and Amy Smith led 46.

Leaders: Bridgett Hill 564; Tom George 496; Eschol Hughes 58; Dennis George 142, 128; Jonathon Smith 129, 186; Terry Wootten 74t, 324; Scott Kennedy 276, 547; Billy Thompson 565, 480; Nathan Rees 82t, 475; Ed Thacker 149, 472; Brenda Carroll 155, 299; Linda Sides 277, 448t; Marty Wootten 73t.

RECESS

Loretta Smith and Carla York reconvened the class leading 49b. Loretta Smith and Carla York led 452 and 505(CB) (by request) (in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ott and for Donna Hartsell), 358 and 49t (by request). Leaders: David Killingsworth 120 (in memory of Billy Beaty); Joyce Whittington, Joshua Sandlin, and Christopher Byrd 268, 68b; Jared George 127, 270; Cheyenne Ivey, Jessica Ivey, and Ainslie Allen 146, 77t; Elene Stovall 298, 422.

Loretta Smith and Amy Smith conducted the memorial lesson and led 147t for the following deceased: Don Durden, Precious Honea, Eliza Harris, Alan Posey, Genora Meadows, Gertha Wootten Parker, and Elbert Harris.

Loretta Smith and Amy Smith led 403 for the following sick and shut-ins: O.O. (Toad) Smith, Justin Lea, Caleb Higdon, Billy Gray, Randall Black, Nannie Jo Crabtree, Ralph Brown, Dot Williamson, Linnie Ruth Phillips, Ed Whitten, Myrtle

Wootten, Bill Tanner, Joyce Cowart, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, and Winnie Blevins. Donald Carroll offered the memorial prayer.

LUNCH

Rodney Ivey brought the afternoon session to order leading 56t and 136 (for Winnie Blevins). Leaders: Jenny Mann 65, 546; Brian Maxwell, Jaren Maxwell, Isaac Maxwell, Avalea Maxwell, Gavin Maxwell, and Rian Maxwell 421, 518(WB); Betty Wright and Anzlea Maxwell 569b; Cassie Allen 90, 72t; Blake Sizemore 113, 30b; Charles Stiefel 39b; Jamie Wootten and Hayden Wootten 29t; Claudine Townsend and Marlon Wootten 74b, 45t; Norma Green 175; Jackie Tanner 138t, 101t; David Ivey 33b; Cindy Tanner 157, 332; Hobert Ivey 426t.

Following announcements, Loretta Smith and Amy Smith led 62, and the class was dismissed with prayer offered by Leonard Smith.

Chairperson—Loretta Smith; Secretary—Amy Smith

CATES-BROWN MEMORIAL **Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama** **Sunday, October 11, 2009**

The annual singing in memory of the Walker Cates and Herbert Brown families was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Jeff Sheppard leading 32t. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 61; Cecil Roberts 97, 277; Pearl Guier 122, 448b. The class was organized with the following officers elected to serve: Co-Chairmen—Jeff Sheppard and B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee—Pearl Guier and Margie Smith.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 101t, 123t; Stanley Edwards 131b, 436; Virginia Dyer 192, 193, 195; Tony Hammock 83b, 112; Pam Nunn 65, 528; Michael Thompson 314, 292; Rene Greene 137, 217.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Jeff Sheppard leading 78. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 415, 344; Donna Bell 276, 209; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 318; Judy Mincey 474, 347; Bentley McGuire 327, 329; Ann Simpson 317, 335; Charlene Wallace 99, 171; John Plunkett 464, 353; Karen Rollins 46 (in memory of Jimmie Denny), 196; Jesse Pearlman-Karlsberg 549, 316; Margie Smith 225t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by B.M. Smith leading 212. Leaders: Karleen Williams 222, 45t; Danny Arms 309, 232; Reba Windom 299, 546; Judy Chambless 399t, 34t; Joyce Walton 197; Robert Chambless 159, 77t; Marilyn Bradley and Stanley Edwards 77b, 303; Sharon DuPriest 300, 216; Richard DeLong 399b, 458; Evelyn Harris 155, 47t; Jeff Sheppard, Rene Greene, and Pam Nunn 269. Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard, B.M. Smith, and Cecil Roberts led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Cecil Roberts. Co-Chairmen—Jeff Sheppard and B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard

TAYLOR SINGING **Lafayette County, Mississippi** **Sunday, October 11, 2009**

The 22nd annual Sacred Harp singing at Taylor United Methodist Church (formerly held at Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church) was called to order by Warren Steel leading 48t and 73t. John Van Horn offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Kevin Dyess 52t, 480; John Van Horn 77t, 209; John Wall 358, 142; George Easley 34b, 299; Hugh Bill McGuire 203; Ross Brand 277, 82t; Brenda Merritt 86, 428; Carolyn Thompson 505, 278t; Xaris Martínez 390, 31t; Jeff Corbett 192, 31t; Anne Steel 268, 278b.

LUNCH

Warren Steel called the class together leading 36b. Leaders: John Merritt 300, 271t; Sarah Tidwell 129, 146; Jamie Corbett 354b, 133; Mary Amelia Taylor and Ashley Wigley 159, 63; Jack Barbera 139, 179; Thomas Cesario 176b, 176t; Andy Paney 100, 210; Kevin Dyess 236.

RECESS

Warren Steel brought the class together leading 70b. Leaders: John Van Horn 410t; John Wall 45t; Hugh Bill McGuire 542; Ross Brand 455; Anne Steel 147t (in memory of Charlotte Hille), 61; Carolyn Thompson 297, 481; Brenda Merritt 378b; Xaris Martínez 328; John Merritt “Higher Ground”; Sarah Tidwell 42; Jamie Corbett 186; Mary Amelia Taylor 162;

Ashley Wigley 137; Thomas Cesario 274b; Andy Paney 274t; Warren Steel 327.

Following announcements, Warren Steel led 378t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by John Merritt.

Chairman—Warren Steel

MCWHORTER MEMORIAL

Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Cleburne County, Alabama Saturday, October 17, 2009

The annual McWhorter Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church in Cleburne County, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Cecil Roberts, who extended greetings to everyone before leading 138b. Ed Thacker offered the morning prayer. Cecil Roberts led 76b. Tony Hammock led 61, 83b, and 303. The class was organized with the following officers elected: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Tony Hammock; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Hubert Nall 32t; Virginia Dyer 37b, 34t; George Garner 30b; Ed Thacker 398, 235; Curtis Hamrick 77t, 59; Charlene Wallace 105, 155; Jeff Sheppard 176b, 177; James Aaron 68b, 47b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Tony Hammock leading 60. Leaders: Lou Cotney 172, 384, 405; Robert Chambless 72b, 145b; Eschol Hughes 111b, 58, 460; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 45t, 340; C.W. Garner 101t, 100; Evelyn Harris 47t, 400; Stanley Edwards 329, 229, 500; Judy Chambless 501, 82t; Ann Simpson 127, 33b; Virginia Dyer 63, 143.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Cecil Roberts leading 97. Leaders: Hubert Nall 448t; Ed Thacker 516; Lou Cotney 358; Charlene Wallace 347; James Aaron 66; Jeff Sheppard 145t; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 390; Curtis Hamrick 436; Eschol Hughes 380; Evelyn Harris 503; C.W. Garner 40; Robert Chambless 163b; George Garner 186; Ann Simpson 123t; Stanley Edwards 121; Judy Chambless 274t; Hubert Nall 276; James Aaron 29t; Curtis Hamrick 137; Tony Hammock 517; Ed Thacker 225t.

Following the announcements, Tony Hammock led 56t as the closing song. Ed Thacker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Tony Hammock; Secretary—Judy Chambless

NEW YORK STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Hubbard Hall, Cambridge, New York

October 17-18, 2009

Saturday, October 17

The 21st session of the New York State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Hubbard Hall in Cambridge, New York, on the third Sunday and Saturday before in November. The convention was called to order by Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg leading 32t. George Seiler offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg; Vice Chairlady—Jean Seiler; Secretary—Joanne Fuller; Chaplain/Treasurer—George Seiler.

Leaders: Eric Bean 34b; Jean Seiler 47t; Joanne Fuller 39t; Lauren Bock 36b; Kelsey Sunderland 228; George Sigut 178; Bliss McIntosh 444; Crystal Burnham 31t; Brother Stavros Winner 268; Pat Geritz 523; Dan Adams 270; Sheila Kelley 33b; Dennis Leipold 47b; Melody Johnson 335; Al McCready 84; Susan Bingham 361; Ines Lüttgen 400; Jeffrey Francom 457; Laura Timmerman 456; Scott Luscombe 506; Sue Hengelsberg 504.

RECESS

Julian Damashek brought the class back to order leading 81t. Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg announced the following committee appointments: Arranging Committee—Lauren Bock and Kelsey Sunderland; Locating Committee—Thom Metzger, Barbara Swetman, and Ginny Huszagh; Finance Committee—Michael Ryan, Fred Kirk, and Jean Seiler; Memorial Committee—Kiri Miller and Nathan Rees; Resolutions Committee—Shane Wootten, Kelly Macklin, and G.C. Waldrep. Leaders: Chris Holley 40; Barbara Swetman 484; Anne Krikorian 339; Benjamin Bath 179; Margaret Bornick 472; Jeremy Galvagni 312b; Katherine Flanigan 479; Bob Parr 391; Brian Collett 273; Ginny Huszagh 300; Anne Kazlauskas 304; Daniel Hunter 263; George Seiler 68b; Molly Merrett 82t; Jim Ulrich 474; Emily Hancock 442; Ian Ludders 327; Guy Bankes 254; Jerusha Wheeler 107. Diane Mennella offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Liz Cantrell called the class back to order leading 101t. Leaders: Becky Wright 411; Tom Malone 286; Linda Shea 306; Gerry Hoffman 416; John delRe 466; Diane Mennella 542; Alex Perry 311; Nora Dunn 379; Thom Metzger 362; Anna Mays 536; Nathan Rees 120; Gillian Inksetter 151; Ames Bielenberg 155; Kiri Miller 383; G.C. Waldrep 269; Aldo Ceresa 272; Kelly Macklin 485; Peter Golden 34t; Ben Vincent 189; Laura Densmore 522; Bill Holt 377; Willis McCumber 430; Lynne deBenedette 445; Katie White 547; Joel Miller 546; Jennie Brown 454; Mel Novner 505; Mary Seem 282; L.H. Spencer 260; Patricia Van Voorhis 105; Maggie Shar 276.

RECESS

Joanna Lampert called the class back to order leading 89. Leaders: Ina Shea 548; Ron Bornick 198; Gillie Campbell 503; Bethany Towne 423; Eileen Metzger 182; Sam Kleinman 66; Matthew Keegan 448t; Carole Dempsey 142; Brian How 183; Cara Dworin 159; Bob Wheeler 350; Mary Gowins 222; Michael Kaye 448b; Kathy Collett 344; James Baumgartner 77t; Suzan Greenberg, Yael Tarshish, and Anna

Tarshish 455; Dan Hertzler 32b; Fred Henson 148; Jenny Wright 313b; Terry Ryan 287; Michael Ryan 163b; Lucy Roberts 352; Chris Haller 267; Sue Ulrich 146. Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg led 521 as the closing song. Susan Bingham offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, October 18

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg opened the Sunday session of the New York State Sacred Harp Singing Convention leading 129. Chris Holley offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Jean Seiler 49t; Joanne Fuller 52t; Kelsey Sunderland and Lauren Bock 47t; Judy Bridge and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 168; George Seiler 159; Bliss McIntosh 56b; Ryan Taussig 47b; Jenny Scotto di Carlo and Joanne Fuller 87; Matthew Keegan 481; Suzan Greenberg, Anna Tarshish, and Yael Tarshish 385b; Ron Bornick 454; Ginny Huszagh 299; Bill Holt 203; Michael Kaye 340; Jennie Brown 480; Mel Novner 455; Willis McCumber 348t; Sally Langendorf 108b; Thom Metzger 29b; Lauren LiCausi 478; Ames Bielenberg 410t; Katie White 171.

RECESS

Ben Vincent called the class to order leading 67. Leaders: Anna Mays 56t; Deanna Anderson 312t; Joel Miller 532; Laura Densmore 383; Jean Seiler 106; Gillian Inksetter 217; John Wibben 45t; Carole Dempsey 114; George Sigut 99; Crystal Burnham 535.

Kiri Miller and Nathan Rees conducted the memorial lesson. Kiri Miller read the names of the deceased and led 30b in memory of the following: Fenno Heath, Richard Savage—Connecticut; John Etheridge, Rae Green—Florida; Jimmie Denney—Georgia; Lewis Roberts—Indiana; Dr. Horace Clarence Boyer, Arthur Dobias, Sandra Goss—Massachusetts; Maeann Stevens, Winnie Wright—New Hampshire; Evan Samey—New Jersey; Richard Altman, Shirley Copion, Richard Gladwell, Bob Guida, Christian Haller, Sr., Karla Kuskin, Louis Ryan, Katherine Ann Warren—New York; Blossom Lego—Pennsylvania; Chris Sutherland—Vermont.

Nathan Rees read the names of the sick and shut-ins and led 374 in honor of the following: Kshama Ananthapura, Victoria Bolles, David Bornick, Keith Daritt, Nadine Dyskant-Miller, Natasha Elkovitch, Cindy Hazan, Meredith Holzev, Nancy Katzen, Karen Keller, Sarah Leitao, Virginia Luscombe, Linda Marker, James Mays, Jacqueline McKannay, Nicholas McKennitt, Bill Miller Coulter, Jim Picton, John Plunkett, Curtis Smith, Ruth Wampler, Dawn Weir, Paul Wexelblat. George Seiler closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Diane Mennella 540; Gerry Hoffman 328; Lucy Roberts 28b; Eileen Metzger 216; John delRe 68t; Melody Johnson 475; Terry Ryan 27; Chris Haller 236; Eric Bean 285t. Brother Stavros Winner offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Gillie Campbell called the class back to order leading 66. Leaders: Sheila Kelley 318; Chris Holley and Kathe Pilibosian 123b; Nora Dunn 176t; Bob Parr 502; Barb Swetman 196; Kelly Macklin 477; Shane Wooten 283; Joanna Lampert 432; Dean Jens 384; Guy Bankes and Laura Densmore 549; Laura Timmerman 564; James Baumgartner 112; Ines Lüttgen and Brother Christopher Savage 58; Dan Hunter and Bethany Towne 101b; Liz Cantrell 441; Nathan Rees 426b; Anne Kazlauskas 207; Julian Damashek 172; Dan Hertzler 147t; Ina Shea 367; Dennis Leipold 113; Jeremy Galvagni 176b; Dan Adams 73t; Mary Gowins 228; Scott Luscombe 353; Leon Pulsinelle 134; Heather Osowiecki 460; Brian How 38b; Susan Bingham 530; Sam Kleinman 335.

RECESS

Brother Stavros Winner called the class back to order leading 319. A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports. The Locating Committee report was

given by Barbara Swetman who reported that the 2010 New York State Sacred Harp Singing Convention would be held in Rochester, New York. The Finance Committee Report was given by George Seiler who noted that all expenses had been met. The Resolutions Committee (Shane Wootten, Kelly Macklin, and G.C. Waldrep) thanked everyone who helped make the convention a success. A motion was made and seconded to accept the reports as given and adjourn the business meeting.

Leaders: Margaret Bornick 334; Mary Skidmore and Irene Arnold 282; Aldo Ceresa 538; Robbie McIntosh 163t; Leonard Spencer 254; Ian Ludders 396; Kiri Miller 144; Al McCready 34b; Becky Wright 424; G.C. Waldrep and Robin Woolner 192; Anne Krikorian 333; Suny Potsdam Students with Dr. Jeffrey Francom 433.

The Secretary reported that for the two days a total of 201 singers had registered from 15 states and 4 countries and 119 leaders had led 189 songs. Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg thanked everyone for coming to the Convention and gave special thanks to Bliss McIntosh, Jean and George Seiler, and Joanne Fuller for their help and guidance.

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, Jean Seiler, George Seiler, and Joanne Fuller led 62 as the closing song. George Seiler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg; Vice Chairlady—Jean Seiler; Secretary—Joanne Fuller

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION (OREGON)

The Laurelhurst Club, Portland, Oregon

October 17-18, 2009

Saturday, October 17

The 19th annual Pacific Northwest Convention was held at The Laurelhurst Club, Portland, Oregon, on the third Sunday and Saturday before in October. Marie Brandis called the class to order at 9:00 a.m. leading 448b. Dorothy Robinson offered the invocation.

A brief business meeting was called to order. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairlady—Marie Brandis; Secretary—Lyle Lindsey; Treasurer—Dan Thoma. Marie Brandis welcomed everyone, a few brief announcements were made, and the singing school teacher was introduced.

Henry Johnson presented an in-depth lecture on the history and rudiments of *The Sacred Harp* and its revisions: how the original tradition and editions used three line songs, and then gradually changed, with additions of more alto line songs. He spoke of the polyphonic chords and progressions that make Sacred Harp music different from other music. He emphasized the written tradition of the rudiments, teaching the pleasing quality of the music both harmonically and dynamically, and led several songs to demonstrate those qualities. Midway through his lecture there was a recess and call back by Dan Thoma leading 145b.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Sarah Hauser leading 46. Leaders: Lyle Lindsey 34b; Steve Cackley 213b; Tamara Harris 176t; Tom McTighe 274t; Julie Thoma 129; Jessica Beer 171; Cameron Doerge 76b; Dan Thoma 312b; Thom Fahrback 391; Dorothy Robinson 77t; Bridgett Hill 522; Chris Cotter 215; Jack Lofton 216; Ethan Hardy 486; Mryka Hall-Beyer 350; Steve Helwig 64; Lucinda Saue 49b; Greg Mulkern 267; Anne Huckins 452; Matt Hinton 365; Cornelia Stanton 108t; Bruce Roland 282. Noon time grace was offered by Dorothy Robinson.

LUNCH

The class was brought back together by Cindy Reuter leading 72b. Leaders: Betsy Jeronen 302; Christie Harju 411; David Wright 283; Henry Johnson 521; Rebecca Edwards 402; Caleb Hardy 192; Mary Lou Van Laanen 540; Anna Stoerch 84; Kathy Vlach 535; Cindy Overmeyer 276; Linda Booth 198; Marie Brandis 142; Marcia Stedman 318; Susan Helf 189; Jenn Dolan 222; John Carson 335; Mary Ditson 532; Jessica Hahl 417; Greg Saue 99; Bob Schinske 392; Jacob Breedlove 506; Emily Winokur 339; Robert Norman 504.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Jack Lofton leading 278b. Leaders: Karl Oswald 178; Susanne Denker 56b; Abraham Hardy 223; Callie Jordan 277; Steve Tarr 315; Wendy Marshall 499; Eran Rhodes 159; Em Lash 547; Eric Holt 501; Meg Larson 200; Mryka Hall-Beyer 497; Matt Hinton 31t; Mary Lou Van Laanen 474; Bridgett Hill 377; Julia Garfield 45t; Henry Johnson 515; Rebecca Edwards 47t; Kristie Harju 168.

The closing prayer was offered by Dorothy Robinson, and the class was dismissed for the day.

Sunday, October 18

The Sunday session of the Pacific Northwest Convention held in Portland, Oregon, was brought to order by Marie Brandis leading 82t. The invocation was offered by Bridgett Hill.

Leaders: Lyle Lindsey 510; Julie Thoma 107; Cindy Reuter 452; Steve Cackley 77b; Liz Bryant 547; Sarah Hauser 106; Tom McTighe 328; Betsy Jeronen 344; Greg Saue 163b; Gary Plouff 318; Em Lash 28b; Dorothy Robinson 349; Bob Schinske 278t; Eric Holt 313b; Lucinda Saue 86; Jacob Breedlove 32t; Anna Stoerch 448b.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Tamara Harris leading 30t. Leaders: John Carson 38b; Jessica Hahl 59; Bruce Rowland 426b; Karen Willard 558; Linda Booth 196; Steve Helwig 245; Caroline Helmeczi 48b; Kathy Vlach 313t; Dana Thoma 103; Cindy Overmyer 28t; Martha Johnson 198; Andrew Snyder 142; Cornelia Stanton 466; Jack Lofton 220; Mary Ditson 455; Pat Nida 369; Greg Mulkern 564.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Julie Thoma leading 37b. Leaders: Wendy Marshall 32b; Ann Huckins 270; Sophia Schinske 117; Susan Helf 112; Marcia Stedman 66; David Wright 195; Emily Winokur 330b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jessica Hahl, who spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins. She led 229 after reading the following names: Ralph Krupp, Dorothy Herival, Ken Doerge, Leola Doerge, Bob La Moon, Bernice White, Kathryn Cramer, Barbara Conde, Ima Rowland, Janet Trygstad, Hugo Glanville, Bruce Clarke, David Willard, Nadine Willard, Rodney Willard, Barbara Willard, Shelbie Sheppard, Beth Phillips, Jack Hoadley, and Dean Nida.

On behalf of the deceased, Thom Fahrback presented a very moving memorial lesson, and led 376 after reading the following names: Kristrun Groundal, Heidi Novak—Unknown states of origin; Jack Stephen, Leta Marshall, Janice Lillehammer-Latham, Laura Vanderbeek, Bobby Stewart, Labon Backer—Washington; Dominic DeFazio, Leslie Brocklebeck, Harold Gurske, Garrett McLoughlin, Mary Dahl, Jonathan Kunze, Amma Cauley, Anylese Diaz, Chester Pietka, Betty Pietka, Vern Larson—Oregon; Jane Bruner—Florida; Jimmy Camp—Georgia; Pam Hahl—Colorado; Ernest Breuer—Austria. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Bridgett Hill.

Leaders: Marie Brandis 445; Gary Plouff 500; Andrew Snyder 454; Robert Norman 163t; Karen Willard 128. Noon time grace was offered by Bridgett Hill.

LUNCH

The class was brought back together by Greg Mulkern leading 162. Leaders: Kristie Harju 110; Karl Oswald 38t; Matt Hinton 186; Henry Johnson 138t; Ethan Hardy 193; Bridgett Hill 440; Jenn Dolan 472; Rebecca Edwards 422; Tamara Harris 329; Mryka Hall-Beyer 68b; Caleb Hardy 320; Thom Fahrback 306; Cindy Reuter 569b; Caroline Helmeczi 108b; Liz Bryant 475; Tom McTighe 39t; Jacob Breedlove 114.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Mary Ditson leading 146. Leaders: Steve Helwig 150; Bridgett Hill 546; Greg Mulkern 442; Henry Johnson 418; Pat Nida 542; Tamara Harris and Chris Cotter 425; David Wright 144; Dan Thoma 549; Mryka Hall-Beyer 327; Kristi Harju 203; Matt Hinton 448t.

Marie Brandis called a business meeting to order. Committee reports were given. The Treasurer announced most of the expenses were met. Registration reported 207 registered singers, and 68 leaders led 146 songs. Resolutions were given by Kristie Harju and Jacob Breedlove, in a very eloquent and amusing manner, thanking each committee chair, travelers from afar, and Henry Johnson for his fine singing school. A gift was presented to Henry Johnson, a cross stitch book cover which quoted one of Henry's favorite Sacred Harp songs, sewn by Jessica Beer and Emily Winokur. Marie Brandis led 36b as those who wished took the parting hand. Bridgett Hill offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairlady—Marie Brandis; Secretary—Lyle Lindsey

REID MEMORIAL **County Line Church, Corner, Alabama** **Sunday, October 18, 2009**

The 90th session of the Reid Memorial Sacred Harp singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Harrison Creel leading 30b. The opening prayer was offered by Henry Guthery. Kathy Robinson led 48t for Kathleen Robbins, who was unable to attend. Permanent Officers: Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairperson—Kathleen Robbins; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn. Leaders: Emily Creel 434, 475; Travis Keeton 392, 348b; Lomax Ballinger 129, 144; Tim Cook 52b, 312b; Carolyn Thompson 165, 349; Billy Thompson 176t; Richard Mauldin 35, 36b; Joyce Walton 205.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Cassie Allen leading 82t and 84 (in memory of Hadyn Creel). Leaders: Lisa Geist 327, 528; Buell Cobb 105, 177; Joan Aldridge 166, 217; Gravis Ballinger 215, 168; Willodean Barton 416; Ken Tate 294, 269; Henry Guthery 543, 534; Amber Davis 187, 380 (for Paula Springfield); Jerry Ryan 490, 274t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Ken Tate leading 275b. Leaders: Cheyenne Ivey 77b; B. M Smith 556, 350; Ann Chalker 146, 235; Yancey Jett and Julianna Jett 89, 108b, 410t; Angela Myers 569, 192; Charles Creel 216, 80t; Harrison Creel 111b. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Charles Creel.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Kathy Robinson leading 142. Jackie Tanner led 222. Lucy Heidorn gave a brief history of the Reid Memorial, recognized members of the Reid family, and led 460.

Leaders: Ann Jett and Julianna Jett 47b, 399b; David Ivey 304 (in memory of Marie Aldridge), 532 (in memory of Edith Tate); Elene Stovall 470; Elene Stovall and David Ivey 384 (for Coy Ivey); Judy Caudle 183, 345b (for Bud Oliver); Dennis George 224, 440; Owen Grooms and Madelaine Wadley 178, 340; Jim Carnes 270, 436; Rodney Ivey 521, 432; Hannah Tate 454, 542; Larry Ballinger 430, 428; Max

Berueffy and Karin Covi 566, 306; SuNell Ellis 117, 388; Wanda Capps 200, 546 (for Kathleen Robbins); Eugene Forbes 328, 55; Lucy Heidorn, David Heidorn, and Jerry Ryan 143 (for Charlotte McCarn); Edie Richardson and Ken Tate 159; Cindy Tanner and Cassie Allen 358 (for Jean Reid Downey); Cindy Tanner 498, 198; Harrison Creel 342 (by request); Charles Creel 131b. After announcements, Harrison Creel led 46 as the closing song, and Charles Creel offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed. Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairperson—Kathleen Robbins; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn

TRI-STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)
Mars Hill Church, Hoboken, Georgia
Sunday, October 18, 2009

The 13th annual session of the Tri-State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Mary Elizabeth Lee and April Dell leading 59b and 119. Bryant Lee offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Julie Lee 558; Trevor East 268t; Tommie Spurlock 99; Lee Bradley 293t; Morgan Bunch 524; Karen Clark 573; Hannah Gunter 475; David Richardson 488t; Alice Bejnar 218; Frank DeBolt 500; Riley Lee 447t; Eleanor Haase 575; Mary Whitehurst and Stanley Smith 268b; Buck Lea 553; Kendra Strickland 162; Tom Ivey 494.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Mary Elizabeth Lee and April Dell leading 63.

Leaders: Stacy Berkheimer 72; Kathy Folsom 505; Jenny Steuver 488b; Judith Parker 518; Lloyd Jones and Loretta Jones 45t; Laurie Sommers 73t; Sarah Kahre 559; Tony Batten and Lynn Batten 571; Don Clark 320; Hans Guttman 47b; Shane O'Neal 283b; Bryant Lee, Amy Lee, and family 145b; Pat Morse 49b; Macy Crawford and Kendra Strickland 393t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Mary Elizabeth Lee and April Dell leading 146. Leaders: Amy Lee 270; Stephanie Steuver 511t; Steven Taylor 135; Syble Adams 543; Tor Bejnar 38b; Bill Aplin and Vicki Aplin 567; Denise Kania 98; Jessica Altman 142; Tom Clay 331t; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Terry Herrin 274t; Jim Pfau 171; Donna Smith 276.

Mary Elizabeth Lee and April Dell led 344 for the memorial lesson. David Lee offered prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Mary Elizabeth Lee and April Dell leading 300. Leaders: Aubrey Barfield 220; Sue Bunch 38t; Ashley Thompson 168; Zoe Clay 132; Karen Rollins 406; Gene Pinion 229; Ellen Gwynn and Beverly Dayton 76b; John Gentry 380t; Stanley Smith 364; Michael Walker 411; Michael Spencer 380b; Ross Brand 376; Lela Crowder 133; Arlene Strickland 285t; Frank Strickland 100; Rion Spurlock 282; James Williamson 348t; Dinah East 563.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Mary Elizabeth Lee and April Dell leading 64.

Leaders: Jane Spencer 156; Clarke Lee 287; David Gibson 290; Phillip Reeves 31t; Robert Kelley 138t; Johnny Lee and Delorese Lee 273; Karen Martin 422t; Raymond Hickox 395t; David Lee 463; Paula McNeill and Laurie Sommers 63.

Announcements were made. Mary Elizabeth Lee and April Dell thanked everyone for coming. The next session of the Tri-State Convention will be held in Florida on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 2010.

The class sang 69 as the closing song, while taking the parting hand. Elder Clarke Lee offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Co-Chairmen—Mary Elizabeth Lee and April Dell

ANDREW'S CHAPEL SINGING
Andrew's Chapel/Schoolhouse, Upson County, Georgia
Sunday, October 18, 2009

The Andrew's Chapel Sacred Harp singing was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Oscar McGuire leading 34b. Wayne Watson offered the opening prayer. Oscar McGuire led 171.

In a business session the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Mary Brownlee; Arranging Committee—Bentley McGuire and Mary Brownlee.

Leaders: Lela Crowder 131b; Michael Walker 213t; Bentley McGuire 95; Wayne Watson 49b; Mary Brownlee 350; Jack Nelson 513; Sandra Wilkinson 512; John Hollingsworth 186; Judy Chambless 142; John Plunkett 94; Charlene Wallace 139; David Grant 85; Robert Kelley 104.

RECESS

Bentley McGuire called the class back together by leading 138t. Leaders: Malinda Snow 287; Jane Spencer 454; Tom Clay 547; Billy Hollingsworth 71; Robert Chambless 84; Erica Hinton 270; Martha Harrell 569b; Lauren Harrison 178; Mike Spencer 86; Rosemund Watson 503; Dave Richardson 492; Zoe Clay 168.

LUNCH

During the afternoon session, song selections were leader's choice from the Georgian Harmony and *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

Oscar McGuire opened the session by leading 45t. Leaders: Lela Crowder 374; Michael Walker 275t; Bentley McGuire 316; Wayne Watson 47b; Mary Brownlee 540; Jack Nelson 504; Sandra Wilkinson 125; Sharon Hamrick 276; Judy Chambless 129; Raymond Hamrick 94 (GH), 8 (GH); John Plunkett 54 (GH); Charlene Wallace 347; David Grant 390; Robert Kelley 25 (GH); Malinda Snow 59 (GH); Jane Spencer 26 (GH); Tom Clay 11 (GH); Billy Hollingsworth 14 (GH).

Oscar McGuire conducted the memorial lesson. He led 48 (GH) for the Futral Family, Richard Johnson, and Wesley Haley, and in memory of Janice Hughes's mother.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Bentley McGuire leading 87 (GH). Leaders: John Hollingsworth 18 (GH); Erica Hinton 66 (GH); Mike Spencer 9 (GH); Zoe Clay 76 (GH); Dave Richardson 95 (GH); Rosemund Watson 33 (GH); Bentley McGuire 20 (GH); John Plunkett 16 (GH).

Oscar McGuire led 21b (GH) as the closing song. Hugh McGraw dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Mary Brownlee

ALASKA SACRED HARP CONVENTION
United Methodist Church, Sitka, Alaska
October 23-24, 2009
Friday, October 23

The 2nd annual Alaska Sacred Harp Convention was held at the United Methodist Church in Sitka, Alaska, on Friday evening and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. David Lee of Hoboken, Georgia, conducted a singing school Friday evening, giving an overview of the Sacred Harp tradition and rudiments.

Saturday, October 24

Kari Lundgren called the class to order Saturday morning by leading 31b. Chaplain William Davis offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Kari Lundgren 64; Sara Beaber-Fujioka 178; Sylvia Friske 49b; Judy Gangle 277, 282; Sher Schwartz 268, 354t; David Kreiss-Tomkins 38b, 276; Paul Norwood 40; Iris Klingler 107, 551; Erika Wilson 171, 29t; Linda Jweinat 235, 323b; Heidi Ekstran 378t; Denise Klingler 445; Tom Crane 82t; David Lee 501, 39t.

RECESS

David Kreiss-Tomkins called the class back to order leading 59. Leaders: Scott Willis 63; Erik Schwab 440, 217; Kathy Lee 201, 374; Ken Hallock 52t, 142; Cornelia Stanton 101t, 350; Mryka Hall-Beyer 53, 344.

Karen Willard and Steve Helwig conducted the memorial lesson. Steve Helwig spoke for those who were sick and shut-in and led 340 for Rodney Willard, Barbara Willard, and Kathryn Hopp.

Karen Willard spoke for the deceased and led 330b in memory of the following: Leta Marshall, Bruce Heiner—Washington; Ron Brownell—Arizona; Don Welch—Florida; Francile Bue—Minnesota; Dale McMurren—Montana. The chaplain closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Karen Willard 196, 148; Steve Helwig 280, 163b. Chaplain William Davis offered the noon blessing.

LUNCH

Kari Lundgren called the class back to order leading 49t. Leaders: Kari Lundgren 146; Linda Jweinat and Steve Helwig 376; Tom Crane 155; Erik Schwab 110, 455; Sher Schwartz 176t, 388; Judy Gangle 81t; Mryka Hall-Beyer 479, 454; Iris Klingler 59; David Lee 273 (CB); Paul Norwood 288; Denise Klingler 45t; Ken Hallock 65, 30t (CB).

RECESS

Erik Schwab called the class back to order leading 565. Leaders: Erika Wilson 203, 131t; Sarah Beaber-Fujioka 314; Scott Willis 192; Cornelia Stanton 511t (CB), 573 (CB); Sylvia Friske 451 (CB), 488b (CB); David Lee 484b (CB); Steve Helwig 70b, 76b; Karen Willard 465 (CB), 463 (CB).

Announcements were made, including the resolution that the Third Annual Alaska Sacred Harp would meet again in Sitka the Friday evening and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 2010.

Kari Lundgren led 571 (CB) as the closing song. Chaplain William Davis offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Kari Lundgren; Secretary—Steve Helwig

PRATT-WOODARD MEMORIAL SINGING

Houston Congregational Church, Houston, Winston County, Alabama Saturday, October 24, 2009

The 2nd annual Pratt-Woodard Memorial singing was held at Houston Congregational Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. Richard Mauldin welcomed the class and called them to order by leading 31b. The opening prayer was offered by Henry Guthery.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Don Robertson; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Richard Mauldin 68b (in memory of Corene White and Ray Tate); Stella Pratt 487; Stella Pratt, Kasey Crutcher, and Hunter Crutcher 100, 45t; Kermit Adams 224, 99; Margaret Keeton 97 (in memory of Corene White), 73b; Hubert

Nall 108t, 129; Geraldine Sharpton 569b, 565; Jim Aaron 503, 163b; Leona Haynes 339 (in memory of Corene White), 140, 146; Travis Keeton 340, 46.

RECESS

Don Robertson brought the class back together by leading 142 and 216. Leaders: Betty Baccus 418, 347 (in memory of Corene White); Velton Chafin 210, 222; Ann Chalker 235, 388; Jerome Lee 62, 75; Roma Rice 149; Henry Guthery 283, 488.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Richard Mauldin leading 358. Leaders: Lena Keeton 122, 123t; Steve Adams and Richard Mauldin 331, 378t; Harrison Creel 111b, 512; Glenn Keeton 472, 150, 86; Don Robertson 440; Hubert Nall 332; Jerome Lee 319; Jim Aaron 47b; Geraldine Sharpton 299; Henry Guthery 234, 407; Steve Adams 309; Don Robertson 294; Ann Chalker 147t; Harrison Creel 342; Josie Hyde 49b (in memory of Amanda Denson), 297, 507.

Richard Mauldin and Don Robertson led 373 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Harrison Creel.

Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Don Robertson; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS SHILOH SINGERS, FALL SESSION

First United Methodist Church, Springdale, Arkansas

Saturday, October 24, 2009

The Northwest Arkansas Singing, Fall Session, was called to order by Syd Caldwell leading 29t and 73t. Mary Ellen Wilkinson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Syd Caldwell 277; Andrew Albers 410b, 88t; Katy Black 282, 178; Dan Brittain 458, 459; Anita Buswell 473, 448b; Bill Caldwell 472, 66.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Syd Caldwell; Vice Chairman—Andrew Albers; Secretary—Katy Black; Memorial Committee—Dan Brittain. The business session was closed.

Syd Caldwell led 313b and 481.

RECESS

Syd Caldwell called the class back together leading 328 and 336. Leaders: Dan Brittain 113 (MH), 34 (MH); Andrew Albers 232, 58; Katy Black 217, 87; Bill Caldwell 350, 547; Anita Buswell 479, 384; Holly Childs and Syd Caldwell 268, 225t; Andrew Albers 139 (MH), 151 (MH); Dan Brittain 9 (MH), 13 (MH); Syd Caldwell 454, 462; Dan Brittain 164 (MH). The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Andrew Albers.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order for the afternoon session by Andrew Albers leading 270 and 542. Leaders: Syd Caldwell 318, 208; Bill Caldwell 189, 503.

Dan Brittain conducted the memorial lesson and led 285t in memory of the following deceased: Mattie Townsel—Alabama; Ves Childs, A.J. Lindsey—Arkansas; John Etheridge—Florida; Jewell Hardy, Katherine Worthington—Georgia; Bill Elason—Missouri; Bill Reynolds—Tennessee; Myra Palmer—Texas.

Andrew Albers read the list of sick and shut-ins as follows: Myrtle Wooten, Dorothy Dye, Mary Florence Smith, Andy Worthington, Billie Ingham, Richard Dunigan, Jeff Sheppard, Shelby Sheppard, and Willie Shoopmon. He led 209 in their honor and offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Andrew Albers and Hannah Albers 117, 34t; Anita Buswell 105, 496; Syd Caldwell 376, 436; Dan Brittain 136 (MH), 109 (MH); Bill Caldwell 138 (MH); Syd Caldwell 135 (MH); Andrew Albers 551 (for Michelle Raine), 455 (for Melanie Albers), 502 (for Gail Cowart); Michelle Raine and Syd Caldwell 147t; Syd Caldwell 146, 138t, 300.

Announcements were made. Syd Caldwell led 62, and the class was dismissed with prayer offered by Bill Caldwell.

Chairman—Syd Caldwell; Vice Chairman—Andrew Albers; Secretary—Katy Black

SEED AND FEED SACRED HARP SINGING

Emory Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia

Saturday, October 24, 2009

The 33rd annual Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October at Emory Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia. The class was called to order by Tony Hammock leading 59. John Plunkett offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Tony Hammock 138b; Phillip Langley 283, 306; Laura Akerman 543, 344; Kelly Morris 49b, 159; Debora Grosse 448b, 112; Charles Woods 349, 47b; Eliza Marcus and students 542, 63.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Phillip Langley; Vice Chairman—Andy Anderson; Secretary—Laura Akerman.

Leaders: Earlis McGraw 389 (in honor of Lonnie Rogers), 225t; Helen Bryson 428, 365; Andy Anderson 28t, 39t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Malinda Snow leading 269 and 472. Leaders: Bob Goodman 497, 475; Nancy Yeager 566, 510; George Burnette 101t, 81t; Emily Moore and Ruth Reveal 111t, 86; Michael Walker 92, 374.

Helen Bryson conducted the memorial lesson, leading 418 in memory of the following deceased: Elder Gerald Hand, Reba Norton, Jimmie Denney, Wanda Talley, Emil Ibele, and Nora Roberts. She led 313b for the following sick and shut-ins: Mary Lambert-Smith, Teenie Moody, Lonnie Rogers, Bob DePoy, and Violet Thomason. John Plunkett closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Elise Sparks and two friends led 268 and 551.

LUNCH

David Yeager called the class back together by leading 147t and 240. Leaders: Judy Mincey and Sondra 503, 538; Sandra Wilkinson 167, 425; Gaston White 99, 34b; Erica Hinton 452, 460; Martha Ann Stegar 84, 85; Molly Ellis 274t, 148; Matt Hinton 168, 171; Charlene Wallace 106, 126; John Whittemore 40, 47t; Susan Posey 347, 536; John Plunkett 71, 181; Dan Huger 38b, 61; Sally McEwen 66, 87; Anna Hinton 277; Michael Walker 134.

Phillip Langley led 46 as the closing song. Matt Hinton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Phillip Langley; Vice Chairman—Andy Anderson; Secretary—Laura Akerman

PUTNAM, LIGHT, AND KING MEMORIAL SINGING

Mt. Oak Methodist Church, Arab, Alabama

Saturday, October 24, 2009

The Putnam, Light, and King Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Mt. Oak Methodist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by David Light leading 101t. The opening prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper.

The following officers were retained: Chairman—David Light; Vice Chairman—J.C. Rutledge; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: David Light 100, 274t; Dan Hopper 136, 213b, 346, 285t; Imogene Nelms 328, 275b, 89.

RECESS

The class was called back together by David Light leading 112, 176b, and 45t.

Leaders: J.L. Hopper 44, 137, 343, 321; Dan Hopper 320, 323t.

During this session, Elder J.L. Hopper taught the class some of the finer points of minor music. Elder Dan Hopper offered the blessing at the lunch table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by David Light leading 276. Leaders:

David Light 143, 354b (for Sandra Light); Imogene Nelms 312b, 313t, 63; J.L. Hopper 184, 277; Dan Hopper 138t, 129, 131t (for Glenda Hopper).

Following announcements, David Light led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by J.C. Rutledge, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Light; Vice Chairman—J.C. Rutledge

BLOOMINGTON SINGING

Friends Meetinghouse, Bloomington, Indiana

Saturday, October 24, 2009

The 6th annual Bloomington, Indiana, all day singing was held at the Friends Meetinghouse on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. Wayne Dell brought the class together by leading 59. Adrian Eldridge offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Wayne Dell; Arranging Committee—Stephanie Fida and Rebecca Eldridge; Finance Committee—Mark Richardson; Secretary—Darrell Swarens.

Leaders: Darrell Swarens 72b; Stephanie Fida and Rebecca Eldridge 36t; James Eldridge 58; Bob Meek 516 (CB); Virginia Eldridge 551; Randy Weber 236; Thomas Smith 126; Peggy Brayfield 556; Keith Collins and Kathryn Montoya 159; Adrian Eldridge 144; Karen Bahler 34b; Tim Morton 479; Eloise Clark 475; Michael Mosley 460; Ruth Dolby 350; Brad Bahler 29t; Janet Fraembs 421; Scott Oliver 100.

RECESS

Wayne Dell called the class back together leading 277. Leaders: John Bahler 448t; William Shetter 57 (CB); Carol Munro Mosley 192; Paula Oliver 454; Katherine Eldridge 85; Andy Morse 472; Doug Trent 178; Laura Morton 49t; Angela Myers 569b; Judy Caudle 411, 500; Stephanie Fida 142; Joan Aldridge and Darrell Swarens 217, 36b; Nate Zweig 317; Peggy Brayfield 296; Karen Bahler 114; Eloise Clark 532; Tom Morton 31t; Michael Mosley 185; Keith Collins 56b. Bob Meek offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing resumed for the afternoon session. Leaders: Tim Morton 503; Janet Fraembs 155; Ruth Dolby 40; Scott Oliver 176b; Joel Deckard 282; Carol Munro Mosley 392; Brad Bahler “Plevna”; John McCurley 38b; Paula Oliver 540; Dorothy Glanzer 95; Andy Morse 572 (CB); John Bahler 38t (CB); Joan Aldridge 84 (CB); James Eldridge 89; Michele Cull 430; Thomas Smith 117; Judy Caudle 186.

RECESS

Wayne Dell called the class back to order leading 452. Leaders: Katherine Eldridge 354b; Bob Meek 314; Angela Myers 87; Daniel Williams 268; Rebecca Eldridge 441; William Shetter 414; Laura Morton 49b; Randy Weber 122; Doug Trent 66; Nate Zweig 439; Virginia Eldridge 569t; Mark Feddersen 455; Kay Holly 107; Wayne Dell 47b.

Announcements were made. Wayne Dell led 347 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Adrian Eldridge, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Wayne Dell; Secretary—Darrell Swarens

JORDAN'S CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH
Newell, Randolph County, Alabama
Sunday, October 25, 2009

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Jordan's Chapel Methodist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Stanley Edwards leading 59. Rev. Brian Moore, pastor of the church, offered the morning prayer.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected: Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Honorary Chairman—Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Stanley Edwards 56t; Earlis McGraw 163t, 385t; Henry Johnson 288, 88t; Floy Wilder 389, 350; Robert Chambless 452, 159; Ed Thacker 498, 460; Charlene Wallace 79, 135; Lonnie Rogers 97, 222, 373; Cecil Roberts 283, 285t; Karen Rollins 405, 36b; Marilyn Bradley 47b, 47t (for Paige Gilbert).

RECESS

Stanley Edwards brought the class back to order leading 73t. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 155, 171; Nell Estes 40, 120, 186; Shannon Primm 344, 569t; John Plunkett 52b, 88b; Ruth Daniel 335, 378t; Eschol Hughes 204, 197; Michael Walker 410b, 434; Evelyn Harris 32t, 30t; Ann Simpson 445, 354b; Judy Chambless 472, 276; Frank Bell Reaves, Pam Williams, and Sue Barker (descendants of Frank Bell, organizer of this singing) 399b, 339; Earlis McGraw 225t; Henry Johnson 535; Floy Wilder 441; Robert Chambless 503. Rev. Brian Moore offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Stanley Edwards leading 560. Leaders: Ed Thacker 428; Charlene Wallace 327; Cecil Roberts 30b (in memory of Bobby Jackson); Marilyn Bradley 34t; Oscar McGuire 358; Shannon Primm 448b (for Carlene Griffin); Nell Estes 112; John Plunkett 308; Eschol Hughes 348b; Michael Walker 377; Ann Simpson 123b; Nellie Mae White 312t; Judy Chambless 540; Michael Walker, John Plunkett, and Oscar McGuire 500; Charlene Wallace and Earlis McGraw 165, 333; Shannon Primm and Henry Johnson 332; Ed Thacker and Eschol Hughes 367; Evelyn Harris, Ruth Daniel, and Nellie Mae White 45t, 127; Cecil Roberts, Judy Chambless, and Marilyn Bradley 81t.

Following announcements, Stanley Edwards led 62 as the closing song. Theron Williams offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Judy Chambless

W.A. PARKER, MR. AND MRS. JOE MYERS
AND ELSIE BEASLEY MEMORIAL
New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Walker County, Alabama
Sunday, October 25, 2009

The annual Sacred Harp singing held in memory of W.A. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers, and Elsie Beasley was held at New Hope Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Guthery.

The class organized by electing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Nora Parker; Arranging Committee—Sarah Smith.

Leaders: Marlin Beasley 63; Travis Keeton 421, 400; Ann Chalker 146, 388; Lisa Geist 472, 386; Ozella Blackmon 112; Margaret Keeton 470, 572; Richard Mauldin 312b, 313t; Josie Hyde 298, 150; Harrison Creel 530, 542; Amber Davis 82t, 397.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Marlin Beasley leading 46. Leaders: Lena Keeton 480, 482; Henry Guthery 407, 570; Willodean Barton 498, 454; Larry Ballinger 389, 403; Juanita Beasley 61, 39b; Glenn Keeton 457, 178 (in memory of Corene White); Steve Adams 101t, 309.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading 317. Leaders: Gary Smith 171, 99; Ann Ballard 144, 274t; Kermit Adams 426t, 426b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Richard Mauldin and Nora Parker. Richard Mauldin spoke and led 339 in memory of the following deceased: Corene White, Ray Tate, Bill Reynolds, John Etheridge, Frank Hataway, Myra Palmer, Merlie Powell, Paul King, and Ora Lee Calvert. The following sick and shut-ins were honored: Reedie D. Powell, Clarence McCool, Charlotte McCarn, Cecil Sanders, and Uel Freeman. Marlin Beasley offered prayer.

Leaders: Nora Parker, Ginny Williams, Martha Heyman, Darrell Parker, and Earnestine Parker 566 and 294 (in memory of W.A. Parker); Billy Williams 143, 340; Dorothea Maynard 192, 280; Velton Chafin 35, 40, 279; Sarah Smith 159; Marlin Beasley 295.

Marlin Beasley and Richard Mauldin led 323t as the closing song. Velton Chafin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Nora Parker

SCHOOLHOUSE SINGING **Eldridge Farm, Near Orleans, Indiana** **Sunday, October 25, 2009**

The 3rd annual Eldridge Schoolhouse singing was held at the Eldridge farm, near Orleans, Indiana, on the fourth Sunday in October. Rebecca Eldridge brought the class together by leading 37b. Bob Meek offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Adrian Eldridge; Arranging Committee—Rebecca Eldridge; Secretary—Darrell Swarens.

Leaders: Adrian Eldridge 32t; James Eldridge 35; Virginia Eldridge 209; Katherine Eldridge 335; Darrell Swarens 171; Bob Meek 361; Carol Munro Mosley 492; Steve Schmidgall 55 (CB); Paula Oliver 282; Tim Morton 76b; Angela Myers 127; Eddie Mash 450 (CB); Michael Mosley 449 (CB); Laura Morton 72b; Scott Oliver 145b; Adrian Eldridge 101t (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Joan Aldridge 384 (for Coy Ivey); Eric Schedler “Calhoun”; Tom Morton and Katy Morton 49t; Thomas Smith 203; Wayne Dell 66; Judy Caudle 464 (CB); Joel Deckard 463 (CB); Nate Zweig 337; Katie Zukof 504; Doug Trent 68b; Bill Hayes 277; Brandon Thomas 77b; Stephanie Fida 511t (CB).

LUNCH

The singing resumed for the afternoon session with Katy Morton and Rebecca Eldridge leading 448t. Leaders: Randy Weber “Vine Street”; Rebecca Eldridge 548; James Eldridge 44; Darrell Swarens and Virginia Eldridge 549; Tim Morton 242;

Steve Schmidgall 136; Angela Myers 87; Stephanie Fida and Darrell Swarens 505 (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Michael Mosley 84; Virginia Eldridge and Angela Myers 393t (CB); Judy Caudle 464; Steve Schmidgall 333; Scott Oliver 313t; Joan Aldridge 559 (CB); Eddie Mash 269; Paula Oliver 354b; Bob Meek 268; James Eldridge 179; Stephanie Fida 408 (CB); Katherine Eldridge 146; Wayne Dell 235.

Announcements were made. Adrian Eldridge led 62 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Bob Meek, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Adrian Eldridge; Secretary—Darrell Swarens

POLAND SACRED HARP SINGING **Dominican Priory, Ul. Freta 10; Warsaw, Poland** **Sunday, October 25, 2009**

The 1st Poland Sacred Harp Singing was held as a conclusion of a Sacred Harp singing school taught by Allison Blake Schofield (Old Chatham, New York) on October 22-25, 2009.

Before the singing the following officers were elected: Chairman—Blazej Matusiak OP; Vice Chairman—Allison Blake Schofield; Secretary—Mikolaj Pietruch; Chaplain—Blazej Matusiak OP; Singing Order Officer—Magdalena Rybak. Pitches of the opening sounds before each song were given by Allison Schofield. Blazej Matusiak OP led the opening song 33b, followed by an opening prayer and welcoming speech by Blazej Matusiak OP.

Leaders: Blazej Matusiak OP 300; Allison Schofield 542; Mikolaj Pietruch 335; Katarzyna Dudek 274t; Magdalena Rybak 278t; Anna Falat and Renata Stachura 146; Malgorzata Maciejewska 178; Barbara Borkowicz 268; Jacek Borkowicz 282; Magdalena Gryszko 47b; Alma Kucharska 201; Marta Wnukiewicz 86; Paulina Truczynska 155; Marek Pawlowski 131b; Justyna Orlikowska 39t; Jakub Lipski 203; Malgorzata Perycz 49t; Tomasz Mochon 335.

Blazej Matusiak OP led 503 as the closing song. The closing prayer, concluding speech, and invitation to the regular singings in Warsaw was given by Blazej Matusiak OP.

Chairman—Blazej Matusiak OP; Vice Chairman—Allison Blake Schofield; Secretary—Mikolaj Pietruch

DENNEY MEMORIAL **Emmas Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia** **Saturday, October 31, 2009**

The Denney Memorial was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church near Carrollton, Georgia. The class was called to order by Tony Hammock leading 59. Michael Avery read Psalms 100: 1-3, and Phillip Denney offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected: Chairman—Tony Hammock; Vice Chairman—Phillip Denney, Arranging Committee/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Tony Hammock 60; Phillip Denney 73t; Judy Chambless 142, 186; Louise Holland 178, 168; Michael Walker 495, 306; Karleen Williams 294, 405; Jan House 340, 151 (for her mother, Mary Fox); Ed Thacker 569t, 475; Lonnie Rogers 97, 176b; John Plunkett 55, 313t (in memory of Jimmy Denney); Karen Rollins 354t;

Karen Rollins, Denney Rogers, Paige Harrod, Karlene Williams, and Sherry Lovvorn 46 (in memory of Jimmy Denney).

RECESS

Phillip Denney brought the class back to order by leading 40. Leaders: Jack Nelson 145b, 513 (for Virginia Futral); Myron House 109, 421; Robert Chambless 63, 84; Cheyenne Ivey 74b, 128; Dick Plunkett 45t, 268; Bud Oliver 145t, 203; George Burnett 101t, 76b; Elene Stovall 389, 42. Cecil Roberts offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Phillip Denney brought the class back to order by leading 100. Leaders: B.M. Smith 318, 448b; Paige Harrod 143, 112; Rodney Ivey 75, 225t; Charlene Wallace 365 (in memory of Aline Denney), 503; Sandra Wilkinson 300, 67; Richard DeLong 214, 403 (in memory of Mary Ann and Hermon Denney); Ruth Daniel 127, 378t; Cecil Roberts 283, 229; Sherry Lovvorn 373, 343; Margie Smith 393; Evelyn Harris 155, 47t; Ann Simpson 354b, 339; Shannon Prim 43, 33t; Julian Damashek 511, 132. Announcements were made. Tony Hammock led 56t as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tony Hammock, Vice Chairman—Phillip Denney, Secretary—Judy Chambless

B. I. WOOD AND ALVIS BROTHERS MEMORIAL Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Attalla, Alabama Saturday, October 31, 2009

The annual Sacred Harp singing in memory of B.I. Wood and Alvis Brothers was held at Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Ron Crocker leading 48t. The morning prayer was offered by Othie Chamblee.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Ron Crocker; Secretary—Gloria Hutchens.

Leaders: Ron Crocker 47t, 49b; Beecher Yancey 452, 565; Willouise Malone 147t, 354b; Helen Lambert 75, 74b; Larry Lambert 410t, 332; Debra Ritch 133, 108b; Gloria Hutchens 77t, 101t; Beecher Yancey 378t, 39b; Ron Crocker 61.

RECESS

Ron Crocker called the class back to order leading 274t. Leaders: Willouise Malone 164, 89; Helen Lambert 426t, 285t; Larry Lambert and Helen Lambert 490 (in memory of her mother, Lela Brothers), 111b; Debra Ritch 335, 312b; Gloria Hutchens 30t, 566; Ron Crocker 148. Ron Crocker offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Ron Crocker leading 270. Leaders: Ron Crocker 144, 145b; Helen Lambert 82t, 127; Larry Lambert 31t, 31b, 32t; Debra Ritch 64, 406; Gloria Hutchens 45t, 201; Ron Crocker 129, 501 (CB) (in memory of Billie Dean Hornsby), 65; Ron Crocker and Debra Ritch 511b (CB); Ron Crocker 134 (OSH), 358, 145t.

Ron Crocker led 62 as the closing song, and offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ron Crocker; Secretary—Gloria Hutchens

VELTON CHAFIN BIRTHDAY SINGING

**Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Alabama
Saturday, October 31, 2009**

The annual Velton Chafin Birthday Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 33b. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

The class was organized by electing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Brenda Merritt.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 30t, 225t (CB); Leona Haynes 290, 278t; Ann Chalker 146, 235; Gary Smith 268, 99; Travis Keeton 179, 44; Stella Pratt 318, 319; Jerome Lee 75, 388; Hubert Nall 312b, 299; Richard Mauldin 43, 446; Don Robertson 174, 89; Hugh Bill McGuire 137; Margaret Keeton 301; Willodean Barton 454; Larry Ballinger 572 (CB), 39 (CB); Bridgett Hill 277, 209.

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the class back to order leading 478 (CB) (for Cecil Sanders) and 464 (CB). Leaders: Jim Aaron 127, 163b; Emily Creel 567 (CB), 86 (CB); Henry Schuman 151, 426b; Bea Carnathan 438, 472; Sarah Smith 518 (CB); Ozella Blackmon 192.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Velton Chafin leading 465 (CB) and 373 (CB). Leaders: Glenn Keeton 501 (CB), 505 (CB); Lisa Geist 224, 559 (CB); Bill Hogan 133 (CB), 522 (CB); Danny Creel 404 (CB), 140 (CB); Nancy Hogan 84 (CB), 145 (CB); Harrison Creel 96 (CB), 54 (CB); Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 309, 401; Bridgett Hill 95b (CB), 463 (CB); Henry Schuman 411 (CB); Hugh Bill McGuire 410 (CB); Bill Hogan 450 (CB); Richard Mauldin 229 (CB); Hubert Nall and Brenda Merritt 391 (CB); Brenda Merritt 281b (CB), 129; Lisa Geist 507 (for Josie Hyde); Wanda Capps 142, 203.

Velton Chafin led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Hugh Bill McGuire, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

HYDE PARK ALL-DAY SINGING

**University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
Saturday, October 31, 2009**

The 11th annual Hyde Park All-Day singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November, in Fulton Recital Hall, on the University of Chicago campus. Cathryn Bearov called the class to order at 10:05 a.m. and led 479. Jim Swanson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 344; Jim Helke 13 (MH); Rachel Adelstein 60 (MH); Jim Swanson 328; Susan Geil 52t; Steve Warner 171; Nick Pasqual 73t; Don Keeton 480.

A business meeting was held to elect or appoint the following officers:

Chairperson—Daniel Braithwaite; Secretary—Lisa Cohen; Arranging Committee—Ginny Landgraf and James Page; Chaplain—Jim Swanson.

Leaders: Daniel Braithwaite 311; Darrell Swarens 47b; Pleasance Crawford 486; Michael Mosley 478; Martha Beverly 546; Ted Mercer 62 (MH); Willis McCumber 396; Anne Heider 273; Carol Munro Mosley 392.

RECESS

Lisa Cohen brought the class back to order leading 84. Leaders: Jeff Breting 47t; Chuck Crawford 114; Herb Schroeder 151 (MH); James Page “North Montpelier”;

Peggy Mistak 45 (MH); Bill Beverly 547; Bob Sullivan 503; Chuck McCallum 86; Melanie Hauff 68 (MH); Johanna Fabke 472; Jo Dell Albi 532; Peter Bradley 228; Lisa Cohen 148 (MH).

RECESS

Randy Neufeld brought the class together leading 99. Leaders: Mark Dawson 236; Megan Dunning 373; Ted Johnson 81 (MH); Randy Neufeld 127 (MH); Sarah Burghardt 178; Michael Appert 49b; Karen Swenson 89 (MH); Cathryn Bearov 538. Jim Swanson led the class in prayer and we broke for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Daniel Braithwaite brought the afternoon session to order by leading 156. Leaders: Jim Swanson 144 (MH); Kelly Brest van Kempen 335; Pleasance Crawford 381; Willis McCumber 512; Darrell Swarens 542; Karen Swenson 250; Johanna Fabke 150; Chuck McCallum 155; Bill Beverly 19 (MH); Peter Bradley 163b; Chuck Crawford 101t; Steve Warner 475; Martha Beverly 89; James Page 170 (MH); Don Keeton 59; Jo Dell Albi 77 (MH); Lisa Cohen 169 (MH); Michael Mosley 430.

RECESS

Ginny Landgraf brought the class to order by leading 82t. Leaders: Michael Appert 268; Judy Hauff 159 (MH); Jim Helke 31 (MH); Rachel Adelstein 131 (MH); Susan Geil 177 (MH); Steve Warner 106; Nick Pasqual 195; Ted Mercer 411; Anne Heider 362; Carol Munro Mosley 540; Jeff Breting 448b; Herb Schroeder 332; Peggy Mistak 312b; Megan Dunning 31t; Ginny Landgraf 135 (MH).

The Finance Committee reported that expenses were met. The Resolutions Committee made resolutions that thanked everyone for their involvement and contributions. The Secretary reported that 75 songs were led by 49 leaders from 7 states and Canada.

Announcements were made. Daniel Braithwaite led 347 as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand. Jim Swanson offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Daniel Braithwaite; Secretary—Lisa Cohen

SADSBURY TWO BOOK SINGING (COOPER AND DENSON) Sadsbury Friends Meeting, Christiana, Pennsylvania Saturday, October 31, 2009

The Sadsbury Two Book All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Sadsbury Friends Meetinghouse in Christiana, Pennsylvania. Doron Henkin brought the class to order leading 34b. Lamar Matthews offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairpersons—Barb Hohenstein and Doron Henkin; Secretaries—Cindy Wasson and Laura Densmore. Leaders: Barbara Hohenstein 54t (CB); Cindy Wasson 77b; Laura Densmore 511t (CB); Susan Munch 315; Guy Bankes 228; Nancy Kruel 497; Lamar Matthew 38t (CB); Joan Trout 569b; Becky Wright 32t; Dan Hunter 559 (CB); Ina Shea 393t (CB); Terry Ryan 573 (CB); Ted Stokes 416t (CB); Claire Maher 288; Peter Gulden 396 (CB); Kevin Griffin-Moreno 30t (CB); Tom Tucker 176t (CB); John Merritt 564 (CB); Doron Henkin 42 (CB); Laura Densmore 219 (CB); Barbara Hohenstein 392 (CB); Cindy Wasson 50t (CB); Susan Munch 91.

RECESS

Peter Gulden called the class back together leading 133. Leaders: Nancy Kruel 31t (CB); John Merritt “Higher Ground”; Sue Hansen 473; Guy Bankes 391 (CB); Bethany Towne 142; Lamar Matthews 35; Becky Wright 428 (CB); Joan Trout 47b; Dan Hunter 432 (CB); Ruth Wampler 184; Claire Maher 408; Ina Shea 196; Terry Ryan 344; Ted Stokes 524 (CB); Peter Gulden 35 (CB); Kevin Griffin-Moreno 522;

Tom Tucker 571 (CB); Doron Henkin 41 (CB). Cindy Wasson offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Merritt called the afternoon session to order by leading 95b (CB). Leaders: Terry Ryan 505 (CB); Ted Stokes 286b (CB); Cindy Wasson 133 (CB); Joan Trout 163b; Barbara Hohenstein 485 (CB); Nancy Krueel 51 (CB); Laura Densmore 98 (CB); Bethany Towne 434; Doron Henkin 436; Ruth Wampler 119; Tom Tucker 528; Becky Wright 505; Lamar Mathews 507t (CB); Dan Hunter 464 (CB); Claire Maher 504; Kevin Griffin-Moreno 155 (CB); Ina Shea 320; Peter Gulden 463 (CB); David Graff 423; Guy Bankes 494 (CB); John Merritt 386 (CB).

RECESS

Tom Tucker brought the class back together leading 82t. Leaders: Becky Wright 548; Terry Ryan 192; Dan Hunter 567 (CB); Nancy Krueel 539 (CB); Sue Hansen 473 (CB); David Graff 48b; Kevin Griffin-Moreno 276; Peter Gulden 279 (CB); John Merritt and Cindy Wasson 380t (CB).

The class took the parting hand while singing 347. Lamar Mathews offered prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Barb Hohenstein and Doron Henkin; Secretaries—Cindy Wasson and Laura Densmore

MT. EBRON CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING **Near Double Springs, Alabama** **Sunday, November 1, 2009**

The 104th session of the Mt. Ebron Memorial Singing was held on the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Richard Mauldin leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Steve Wakefield, pastor of Mt. Hope Church. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Jayne Fulmer; Arranging Committee—Margaret Keeton and Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Richard Mauldin 84; Travis Keeton 340, 475; Jayne Fulmer 360, 273; Don Robertson 142, 216; Betty Baccus 396; Betty Baccus and Steve Wakefield 46; Kermit Adams 428, 434; Gary Smith 111t, 99; Sarah Smith 319, 97 (in memory of Corene White); Stella Pratt 63, 318; Harrison Creel 111b; Steve Adams and Amber Davis 101t, 309; Leona Haynes 277,192; Richard Mauldin 294.

RECESS

Travis Keeton led 300 to call the class to order. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 528, 224; Earl Ballinger 283, 203; Buell Cobb 109, 322; Lisa Geist 546, 304 (for Josie Hyde); Gravis Ballinger 472, 112; Amber Davis, Carson Davis, and Jada Williams 76b, 276. Henry Guthery conducted the memorial lesson. The sick and shut-ins honored were Clarence McCool, Cecil Sanders, and Victoria Bolles. The deceased remembered were Ray Tate, Corene White, Bill Reynolds, Gertrude Hannah, Franklin F. Hathaway, and John Etheridge. Henry Guthery led 420. Richard Mauldin closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Bea Carnathan 136, 295; Wendell Wakefield 108b, 421.

LUNCH

Richard Mauldin called the afternoon session to order by leading 66. Leaders: Henry Guthery 140, 108t; Josie Hyde 442, 365; Roma Rice 338,120; Leona Haynes 339; Lisa Geist 197; Gary Smith 299; Margaret Keeton 349, 301; Larry Ballinger 291; Earl Ballinger 177; Gravis Ballinger 138t; Bea Carnathan 205; Don Robertson 500; Betty Baccus 465,159 (for Bernice Wakefield); Josie Hyde 198; Harrison Creel 498; Henry Guthery 527; Sarah Smith 213t; Jayne Fulmer 236 (for Andrea Fulmer); Richard Mauldin 323t.

Announcements were made. The closing prayer was offered by Harrison Creel, and the class was dismissed.

NOTE: The church building has been rented and the name on the church sign now reads Mt. Hope at Mt. Ebron. We will meet again at the same location next year.

Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Jayne Fulmer

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

South of Bremen, Georgia

Sunday, November 1, 2009

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 81t; Tony Hammock 60, 321; Judy Chambless 389, 186; Eric Tweedy 327, 569b; Kennedy Wigley 323b; Hayden Arp 384, 225t; Jane Spencer 235, 232; Sheri Taylor 503, 84; Helen Bryson 411, 523; Sharon DuPriest 222, 217; Jeanne March 145t, 32t; Robert Chambless 176b, 303.

In a business session, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve:

Chairperson—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairperson—Carlene Griffin; Secretary—Judy Henry; Arranging Committee—Hugh McGraw and Judy Henry.

RECESS

The class was called together by Earlis McGraw leading 283. Leaders: Julian Damashek 328, 31t; Stanley Edwards 436, 340; Cheyenne Ivey 129; Daphene Causey 236; Richard DeLong, Mike Castleberry, and Michael Thompson 456, 339 (in memory of Gladys and Buford McGraw and Lloyd and Ruth Redding); Greg Dewberry 45t; Rodney Ivey 571; Elene Stovall 500; John Hollingsworth 240; Sandra Wilkinson 405.

RECESS

Judy Henry and Aslinn Leister called the class together leading 146. Leaders: Debora Grosse 460, 461; Terry Wootten 472; Michael Walker 69t, 170; Judy Mincey 468, 492; Oscar McGuire 485, 163b; John Whittemore 155, 47b; Matt Hinton and Tyler 114, 212; Michael Thompson 318; John Plunkett 541.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by B.M. Smith leading 556 and 475. Leaders: Dennis George 348t, 349; Mike Spencer 499, 191; Ed Thacker 530; Henry Johnson 521; Eddie Mash 518; Judy Caudle 522; Jeannette DePoy 392; Wesley Haley 198; Nathan Rees 440; Lonnie Rogers 373, 348b; Karen Rollins 347; Lela Crowder 99, 131t; Erica Hinton 391, 74b; Rita Haley 479; Louis Hughes 448t; Loyd Ivey 498; Bill Hollingsworth 56b; Ian Ludders 126, 396; Shannon Primm 82b, 483; Ann Simpson 445; Virginia Dyer 532; Malinda Snow 38t, 569t; Sophie Whittemore and Molly Ellis 39t; Martha Ann Stegar 275t; Cecil Roberts 75, 285t.

Announcements were made. Earlis McGraw, Hugh McGraw, Judy Henry, and Charlene Wallace led 209 as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairperson—Carlene Griffin; Secretary—Judy Henry

DALLAS COUNTY SINGING
Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas
Saturday, November 7, 2009

The annual Dallas County Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Lovers Lane United Methodist Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Cheryl Foreman leading 31b.

Robert Vaughn offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cheryl Foreman; Vice Chairman—Ben Brown; Secretary—Rick Foreman.

Leaders: Ben Brown 189; Sonny Erwin 454; Ron Ryan 350; Chloe Webb 81t; Lindsey Wiggins 182; Gaylon Powell 538; Reed Coates 475; Diane Ross 198; Silas Huckaby 401; Donna McKay 569b; Mike Hinton 527; Priscilla Wiggins 503; Jeb Owen 273; Sarah Huckaby 532; Claudine Townsend 383; Bruce Coates 32t; Cassie Allen 430; Esther Huckaby 106; Tammy Powell 318 (in memory of Myra Palmer).

RECESS

Ben Brown called the class back to order by leading 58. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 299; Bill Bailey 72b; Jo Pendleton 499; Robert Vaughn 36t; Beverly Coates 330t; Tom Owen 338; Kat Krone 178; Tollie Lee 30t; Kris Wiggins 522; Evelyn Lamb 542.

Bill Bailey and Robert Vaughn conducted the memorial lesson. Bill Bailey led 72t in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Leland Owen, Doris Hanks, Sallie Foreman, and Liz Wolff.

Robert Vaughn led 329 in memory of the following deceased: Monnie Ross, Jr., Myra Palmer, Dick Steil, Ophelia Matthews, and Dutch Owen—Texas; Ray Tate—Arkansas; Dr. William Reynolds—Tennessee; John Etheridge—Florida. Donald Ross closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Owen Ross 344; Crystal Meadows 183; Ryan Ross 294; Michelle Rogan 391; Donald Ross 236; Scott Curran 500; Chris Nicholson 285t; Eddie Huckaby 323b; Ron Ryan 546; Lindsey Wiggins 442. Bruce Coates offered a prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Cheryl Foreman called the class to order by leading 85. Leaders: Rick Foreman 145t; Gaylon Powell 524; Chloe Webb 142; Leon Ballinger 297; Diane Ross 455; Reed Coates 65; Avon Miller 188; Donna McKay 159; Mike Hinton 456; Priscilla Wiggins 31t; Jeb Owen 74b; Sarah Huckaby 30b; Sonny Erwin 441; Tollie Lee 417; Bruce Coates 143; Cassie Allen 485; Bill Bailey 451.

RECESS

Cheryl Foreman called the class to order by leading 358. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 448t; Beverly Coates 107; Tammy Powell 436; Tom Owen 472; Stephanie Turney 45t; Kris Wiggins 86; Evelyn Lamb 434; Chris Nicholson 479; Crystal Meadows 196; Michelle Rogan 39t; Donald Ross 328; Scott Curran 163b; Eddie Huckaby 49b; Ryan Ross 385.

Cheryl Foreman led 62 as the closing song. Mike Hinton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Cheryl Foreman; Vice Chairman—Ben Brown; Secretary—Rick Foreman

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL-DAY SINGING
Plum Grove Church, Folklore Village Farm, Dodgeville, Wisconsin
Saturday, November 7, 2009

The 23rd annual Southern Wisconsin All-Day Singing was held at Plum Grove Church, Folklore Village Farm, Dodgeville, Wisconsin, on Saturday before the

second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Julie Vea leading 171. David Hoffelt offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Carl Houtman 268; Jim Page 272; Annie Grieshop 168; Laura Densmore 313t; Martha Beverly 196; Jim Goetz 159; Ryan Wheeler 417; Lou Kujawinski 136; Gillian Inksetter 151; Cassie Lang 29t; Will Fitzgerald 287; Greg Jenkins 34b; Michael Mosley 208; Peggy Brayfield 332; Chuck McCallum 56b; Stacey Berkheimer 182; Miles Alexander 128; Colette Miller 448t; Anna Pfau 112; Penny Kujawinski 37b; Gordon Olsen 86.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairpersons—Renee Arbisi and Marjorie Matthews; Arranging Committee—Jim Page; Chaplains—David Hoffelt and Carl Houtman; Finance Committee—Marjorie Matthews; Secretary—Val Dunagan.

RECESS

Renee Arbisi and Marjorie Matthews called the class to order leading 117. Leaders: Melissa Kelley 144; Kit Canright 99; Michael Moore “Dean’s Rock”, Bill Beverly 297.

A memorial lesson was held with Jan Ketelle leading 348 for the following deceased: James Edward Zundel Bell—Pennsylvania; Charlotte Menzel, Bob Hurt—Minnesota; Dick Steil—Texas; Jimmie Denney—Georgia; Bill Ellason—Missouri; Richard Grayson—Illinois; Linda Farley, Frank Moore-Livingston—Wisconsin; Bob Fort—Florida; Roger Floury—France; Sue Brown—Indiana; Mary Travers—Connecticut; Mike Seeger—Virginia; Lynn Waddington—Washington.

Susan Matthews led 147t for the following sick and shut-ins: John Blattner, Bob Scorgie, Joyce Anderson, Bob Anderson, Nancy Katzen, Cindy Kisse, Peg Pearson, and Nils Pearson. Karl Houtman closed with prayer.

Leaders: Kristie Harju 302; Francis Gurtz 183; Joan Yeatman 496. The lunch blessing was offered by David Hoffelt.

LUNCH

Renee Arbisi and Marjorie Matthews called the class to order leading 334. Leaders: Jeanette Nelson 472; Claudia Egelhoff 556; Jim Pfau 474; Midge Olsen 454; Judy Hauff 411; Cathy Lutz 344; Pattie Doss 426b; Eleanor Haase 142; Bonnie Davis 210; Jeff Bell 475; Bob Sullivan 503; Paul Landskroener 485; Marjorie Matthews 319; GeorgeAnn Evans 335; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 224; Bill Waddington 362; Val Dunagan 350; Martha Henderson 456; Peggy Mistak 312b; Samuel Sommers 431; Don Keeton 480; Bryan Davis 275t.

RECESS

Peter Bradley called the class to order leading 228. Leaders: Lori Graber 481; Lisa Bulawsky 217; Bruce Western 150; Carol Munro Mosely 192; Janet Fraembs 186; Steven Levine 28b; Roberta Strauss 384; Ginny Landgraf 547; Denise Kania 442; Peter Bradley 163b; Melanie Hauff 278b; Valerie Stoehr 47t; Carol Crawford 370; Julie Vea 216; Jim Helke 124; Jim Crawford 546.

RECESS

Johanna Fabke called the class to order leading 114. Leaders: David Hoffelt 358; Marjorie Mathews 218; Laura Densmore 542; Chuck McCallum 178; Martha Beverly 197; Bill Beverly 191; Samuel Sommers 24b; Elsie Bacher 47b; Will Fitzgerald 130.

David Hoffelt offered the closing prayer. Renee Arbisi and Marjorie Matthews led 347 as the closing song.

Chairpersons—Renee Arbisi and Marjorie Matthews; Secretary—Val Dunagan

BERKSHIRE FOOTHILLS SINGING
Milton Hall, Milton, Connecticut
Saturday, November 7, 2009

The 3rd annual Berkshire Foothills All Day Singing opened with Joanne Fuller leading 48t and 52t. The opening prayer was offered by Joanne Bowman.

Leaders: Paula Picton 72b, 129; Lauren Bock 138t, 131b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 74b, 411.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Paula Picton; Vice Chairperson—Allison Schofield; Secretary—Diane Mennella. The business session was brought to a close and singing continued.

Leaders: Paula Picton 300; Allison Schofield 439, 348b; Diane Mennella 77b, 76b; Sally Langendorf 108b, 56t; Al McCready 34b, 148; Alice Maggio 38b, 448t; Andy Johnston 512, 294; Martha Rogers 105, 282; Terry Ryan 452, 142; Jim Picton 384, 347.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Allison Schofield leading 101t. Leaders: Philippa Stoddard 144, 454; John Redman 513, 143; Molly Merrett 445, 146; Rachel Speer 216, 278t; Brian Collett 218, 474; Jim Bean 106, 107; Anne Kazlauskas 173, 269; L.H. Spencer 324, 70b; Joanne Bowman 430, 168; Ines Lüttgen 349, 302; Eli Hetko 47t, 186; Laura Borrelli 196, 274t; Mary Andrews 457; Mary Andrews and Christine Andrews 176b; Bethany Towne 283, 131t; Jan-Erik Steel 170, 319. The mealtime blessing was offered by Barbara Swetman.

LUNCH

Paula Picton called the class back to order by leading 32t. Leaders: Liz Cantrell 313t, 441; Bill Holt 352, 550; Kelsey Sunderland 431, 528; Dean Jens 377, 545; Elizabeth Stoddard and Linda Chilsey 191, 181; Julian Damashek 374, 203; Joanna Lampert 318, 336; John Merritt 271t, 400; Barbara Swetman 417, 484; Tom Malone 193, 212; Guy Banks 183, 467; Jennie Brown 30t, 362; Lynne deBenedette 67, 182; Dan Hunter 225b, 500.

RECESS

Allison Schofield brought the class back together by leading 182. Leaders: Robert Stoddard 390, 392; Deidre Montgomery 558, 548; Cindy Bean 159, 163t; Ian Trupin 535, 178; Ines Lüttgen and Lisa 34t, 120; Scott Luscombe 481, 506; Mary Jo Shafer 225t, 229; Jack Sullivan 503, 48b; Kathy Collett 547, 84; Gail Rosen 47b; Christine Andrews 288, 285.

The class went into business session for the purpose of hearing reports and voted to include in the minutes the following from the resolutions committee: We extend thanks and appreciation to all those who made the singing possible. First, we thank our Lord, the Creator, on whose help we depend. We are grateful to all the officers for their hard work, and all those who made and carried the food that nourished us. Thanks to those who found this wonderful space, and all those committee members who made our singing in it easy and up-lifting. We resolve to meet again next year. The officers closed the singing by leading 62, and the class was dismissed with prayer offered by Elizabeth Stoddard.

Chairperson—Paula Picton; Vice Chairperson—Allison Schofield; Secretary—Diane Mennella

JAMES RIVER CONVENTION
Historic St. John's Church, Richmond, Virginia
Saturday, November 7, 2009

The 18th annual James River Convention was held on the Saturday before the second Sunday in November in the parish hall of Historic St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia. The class was welcomed by Stephen McMaster leading 77b. The opening prayer was offered by Don Polaski.

Leaders: Bev Yaeger 28b; Mary Wright 35; Lois Badey 335.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Bev Yaeger; Vice Chairman—Sandra Polaski; Treasurer—Lois Badey; Secretary—Mary Wright; Arranging Committee—Mary Ann Daly.

The class resumed singing with Bev Yaeger leading 203. Leaders: Kelly Macklin 545; Tom Clay 235; Leslie Booher 155; Frank DeBolt 569b; Lynda Hambourger 112; Marty DeNys 99; Leyland delRe 327; Jim Glaser 352; Clare Maher 65; John Alexander 312b; Kathy Manning 212; Mary Langley 539; John delRe 160b; Cathy Tucker 454; John Fedderson 163b; Mary Ann Daly 430; Tim Slattery 344; Kathy Kaiser 368; Jim Strube 148.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order. Leaders: Stephen McMaster 282; Pat Temple 33t; Mary DeNys 72b; Nancy Lee Newell 300; Nate Mathews 29b; Don Polaski 269; Craig Baughan 122; Frank Evans 64; Sheila Nugent 240; Mary Wright 105; Lois Badey 42; Frank DeBolt 49b; Kelly Macklin 498; Jim Strube 216.

Tom Clay conducted the memorial lesson. The following deceased were remembered: Margaret Wayt DeBolt—Georgia; John O'Hara, A.S. Terry, Mary Earle Berger and Mary Rose Rafer—North Carolina; Marty and Cathy Zarell—New York; Kathleen Berry—Indiana; Marion Hatchett—Tennessee; Dr. Margaret Abernathy—Virginia. The sick and shut-ins honored were Henry Bizzell, Jim North, Dan Macklin, Hank Schutz, and Kevin Moreno.

Leaders: Leyland delRe 98; Marty DeNys 147t; Leslie Booher 81t; Jim Glaser 80t; Lynda Hambourger 448t; John Alexander 179; Mary Langley 87; John Fedderson 528; Clare Maher 209. Don Polaski offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Fedderson called the afternoon session together by leading 130. Leaders: John delRe 354t; Kathy Manning 403; Mary DeNys (?); Nate Mathews 294; Kathy Kaiser 501; Tim Slattery 228; Sandra Polaski 84; Cathy Tucker 192; Don Polaski 198; Mary Ann Daly 108b; Craig Baughan 347; Nancy Lee Newell 146; Frank Evans 229; Pat Temple 473; Sheila Nugent 136; Tom Clay 328; Bev Yaeger 142; Stephen McMaster 268; Frank DeBolt 503; Leslie Booher 535; Sandra Hack Polaski 446; Clare Maher 38b; Jim Strube 38t; Lynda Hambourger 74b; Jim Glaser 369t; Nancy Lee Newell 159; Marty DeNys 299; Kelly Macklin 187.

RECESS

John delRe called the class back to order by leading 141. Leaders: Mary Wright 108t; John Alexander 401; Mary Langley 319; Tim Slattery 171; Mary DeNys 47b; Nate Mathews 338; Sheila Nugent 440; Craig Baughan 178; Pat Temple 168.

Leyland delRe thanked all who had a part in putting on the convention and all who participated. Bev Yaeger led 62 as the closing song, and a prayer of dismissal by Don Polaski concluded the convention. The James River Convention will meet next year on the Saturday before the second Sunday in November, November 13, 2010.

Chairman—Bev Yaeger; Vice Chairman—Sandra Hack Polaski; Secretary—Mary Wright

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Nashville, Tennessee
Saturday, November 7, 2009

The 24th annual Sacred Harp singing at Immanuel Baptist Church was called to order by Tim Reynolds leading 34b. Gary Smith offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 81t; Ron Harper 131t, 40; Sandie Scott 176b, 59; Bob Simmons 101b, 313t; Eddie Mash 214, 228; Marilyn Burchett 551, 58.

RECESS

Gary Smith called the class back to order leading 299. Leaders: Gary Smith 99; Darrell Swarens 457, 77t; Linda Thomas and B. M. Smith 345b; Laurens Blankers 229, 479; B.M. Smith 475, 318; Fay Thompson 53, 128; Caleb Dillehay 47b, 445; Bob Meek 209, 163b.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class back to order by leading 148 and “Belle Meade”, a composition by Tom Malone.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Secretary—Sandie Scott.

Leaders: Rick Hoffman 72b, 178; Carolyn Thompson 48b, 505; Lewis Frost 86, 565; Judy Caudle 389; Judy Caudle and Bob Simmons 534. Ron Harper offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class came to order again with Tim Reynolds leading 135 and 142. Leaders: Michele Cull, AnnaLiza Cull, and Elizabeth Clements 146; Tim Morton 448t, 472; Julietta Haynes 168, 192; Bea Carnathan 64, 145t; Sarah Smith 129, 421; Alicia Williams 143, 100; Gail Doss 504; Gail Doss and Dave Anderson 112, 65; Angela Myers 127, 282; Brenda Waters 515, 68b; Nakayah Box 117, 268; Seth Holloway 145b, 79; Bob Cull 99; Bob Cull and AnnaLiza Cull 155; Byron Burchett 186, 254. Announcements were made. Tim Reynolds led 46 as the closing song. Darrell Swarens offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Secretary—Sandie Scott

STAPLEFORD SACRED HARP SINGING
St. Luke's Church, Stapleford, Nottingham, United Kingdom
Saturday, November 7, 2009

The 11th annual Stapleford Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Helen Brown leading 52t. Michael Walker offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Helen Brown 171; Ian West 445; Dave Richardson 30t; Margaret Gillanders 313t; Ted Brown 77b; Ruth Steggle 73b; Aldo Ceresa 39t; Sarah West 370; Chris Brown 211; Carmel Wood 430; Sheila Girling Macadam 506; Michael Walker 104; Judy Whiting 72b; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 131b; Edwin Macadam 168; Rosalind Oldham 84; Shelby Sampson 162; Hannah Land 67; Helen Brown 534; Ian West 98 (CB); Margaret Gillanders 505 (CB); Ted Brown 54t (CB); Sarah West 288.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Helen Brown; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders and Rosalind Oldham; Arranging Committee—Dave Richardson and Ian West.

RECESS

Dave Richardson brought the class back together by leading 274b. Leaders: Rosalind Oldham 575 (CB); Aldo Ceresa 422; Carmel Wood 45t; Chris Brown 38b; Sheila Girling Macadam 377; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 179; Michael Walker 129; Judy Whiting 456; Shelby Sampson 276.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Ted Brown, and the following deceased were remembered: Margaret Clay, David Williams, Johnny Collins, Stan Shaw, Ann Cox, Florence Mellor, Vicky Agezo, Audrey Nathan, Graham Goddard, Rose Adelaide Baker, Trevor Sanderson, Marie Holloway, Eric Mogensen, David Lee, Katherine Anne Warren (New York), Denson Hinton (Alabama), Bill Reynolds (Tennessee), John Etheridge (Florida), James Oss (Indiana), Jimmie Denney (Georgia), Odella Whitmore (Georgia), Peter Phillips, David, Madeleine, Arthur, Mansell, Lucy.

The names on the sick and housebound list were read as follows: Alan Jackson, John Plunkett (Georgia), Richard DeLong (Georgia), Paul Ruth, Neil Henderson, Glyn Roberts, David Daykin, Cath Tyler, Byron Tyler, Chris Wood, Uncle Basil, Tom Hodgkinson, Diane Davis, Jean Eastwood, Harry Carpenter, Carl Lawrence, Muriel Geraghty, Maureen Gamlin, Bernice and Edward. Ted Brown led 77t for all those named, and Helen Brown closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Edwin Macadam 441; Hannah Land 373; Ian West 101b; Margaret Gillanders 571 (CB); Aldo Ceresa 214; Rosalind Oldham 480; Carmel Wood 472; Chris Brown 466; Helen Brown 50b. Hannah Land asked the blessing on the mid-day meal.

LUNCH

Dave Richardson called the class to order for the afternoon session by leading 566.

Leaders: Sarah West 432; Sheila Girling Macadam 556; Michael Walker 103; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 141; Ted Brown 339; Judy Whiting 499 (CB); Shelby Sampson 497; Edwin Macadam 528; Hannah Land 457; Ruth Steggles 490; Ian West 105; Margaret Gillanders 182; Aldo Ceresa 227; Helen Brown 157; Rosalind Oldham 488t (CB); Chris Brown 324; Carmel Wood 535; Dave Richardson 347; Sarah West 89; Sheila Girling Macadam 330b.

RECESS

Michael Walker convened the class by leading 135. Leaders: Jacqui Selby-Macleod 282; Ted Brown 496; Judy Whiting 273; Rob Mahoney 454; Shelby Sampson 474; Edwin Macadam 236; Hannah Land 216; Ruth Steggles 148; Chris Brown 277; Margaret Gillanders 278t; Aldo Ceresa 550; Helen Brown 319; Ian West 140 (CB); Rosalind Oldham 127; Dave Richardson 38t (CB); Carmel Wood 272; Sarah West 88t; Michael Walker 410b; Sheila Girling Macadam 415; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 512; Ted Brown 546.

Following announcements and thanks, Helen Brown led “The Christian’s Love” as the closing song. Anne Hayto offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairperson—Helen Brown; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders and Rosalind Oldham

OAK HILL BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING

Oxford, Alabama

Sunday, November 8, 2009

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Hill Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Stanley Edwards leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts.

Leaders: Stanley Edwards 47b; Jeff Sheppard 61, 89; Judy Caudle 177, 33b; Margie Smith 313t, 225t; Pearl Guier 32t, 81t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Pearl Guier and Margie Smith.

Leaders: Michael Thompson 176b, 123b; Marilyn Bradley 58, 34t; Ed Thacker 306, 507; Charlene Wallace 283 (for Don Bowen), 409.

RECESS

Stanley Edwards brought the class back to order by leading 101b. Leaders: Reba Windom 171, 192; Cecil Roberts 34b, 31t; Shannon Primm 545, 303; Henry Johnson 105, 138t; Judy Chambless 460, 540; B. M. Smith 204, 222; Angela Myers 472, 335; Ian Ludders 385t, 419.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Stanley Edwards leading 271t. Leaders: John Plunkett 572, 446; Bridgett Hill 302, 440; Robert Chambless 68b, 72b; Sharon DuPriest 436, 434; Jerry Creason 163b, 47t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 332. Leaders: Michael Thompson 496; Shannon Primm 91; Cecil Roberts 294 (by request); Reba Windom 280; John Plunkett 50t; Bridgett Hill 208; B.M. Smith 98; Ann Sibole and Jerry Creason 63; Henry Johnson 152; Judy Caudle 374; Ed Thacker 186; Lois Owens 480, 373; Robert Chambless 77t; Marilyn Bradley 77b; Jeff Sheppard 155 (for Evelyn Harris, Carlene Griffin, and Lou Cotney); Charlene Wallace 327; Ian Ludders 500; Pearl Guier 358 (by request); Judy Chambless 81b; Angela Myers 82t; Sharon DuPriest 216; Ann Simpson 339, 448b.

Stanley Edwards led 42 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—Judy Caudle

WEST YORKSHIRE SACRED HARP DAY **Haworth Methodist Church, Haworth** **West Yorkshire, United Kingdom** **Saturday, November 14, 2009**

The 7th annual West Yorkshire Sacred Harp Day was held at Haworth Methodist Church, in the United Kingdom, on Saturday before the third Sunday in November. Judy Whiting began the day by leading 146. Aldo Ceresa offered the opening prayer. Leaders; Chris Brown 213t; Aldo Ceresa 39t; Michael Walker 134; Maria Wallace 171; John Seaton 47t; Hannah Land 81t; Sarah West 335; Cath Tyler 202; Shelby Sampson 297; Sharon Langridge 313b; Phil Tyler 388; Anne Eringa 542; Richard Percival 287; Chris Brown 267; Aldo Ceresa 478; Carmel Wood 312b; Michael Walker 53; John Seaton 276; Maria Wallace 142; Hannah Land 56b; Sarah West 405; Judy Whiting 34b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairmen—Chris Brown and Judy Whiting; Secretaries—Rose Hudson and Cath Ingham.

RECESS

Phil Tyler called the class to order by leading 217. Michael Walker gave a short talk to mark the 200th anniversary of William Walker's birth. In the course of this session, the leaders were Aldo Ceresa 45t; Judy Whiting 268 (SoH); Maria Wallace 122 (SoH); Carmel Wood 16 (SoH); Cath Tyler 61 (SoH); Helen Brown 127 (SoH); Phil Tyler 99 (SoH); Aldo Ceresa 204; Cath Tyler 83 (SoH); Helen Brown 78 (SoH); Chris Brown 19 (SoH). Chris thanked Michael for his presentation. Leaders: Sharon Langridge 99; Ted Brown 49b; Benny Ross 29t; Helen Brown 436; Cath Tyler 216; Shelby Sampson 112; Anne Eringa 107; Richard Percival 344; Carmel Wood 472. John Seaton offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Judy Whiting called the class back to order leading 350. Leaders: Michael Walker 387; Maria Wallace 455; Ted Brown 74b; Helena Davenport 86; Benny Ross 474; Helen Brown 396; Chris Brown 362; Aldo Ceresa 522; Hannah Land 30t.

Sharon Langridge conducted the memorial lesson and read the following names of the deceased: Marie Holloway, David Williams, Margaret Clay, Johnny Collins, Stan Shaw, John Etheridge, Bill Reynolds, Denson Hinton, Jimmie Denney, Ann Cox, Audrey Nathan, Florence Mellor, Maurice Wilson, Alex McClean, Graham Goddard, and Jim Oss.

Sharon read the names of the sick and housebound: John Plunkett, Evelyn Harris, John Hobson, Alan Jackson, Paul Ruth, Neil Henderson, Glyn Roberts, Maureen Gamlin, Zoe Massey, Brenda Knudssen, Leo McGuigan, Kathy Armstrong, Ron Lahav, Chris Wood, Simon Dumbleton, Jock and Susan Knight, Roy Thompson and John Hopkinson. She led 31t and offered prayer.

Leaders: Sarah West 101t; John Seaton 128; Phil Tyler 131t; Shelby Sampson 38b; Anne Eringa 481; Richard Percival 210; Carmel Wood 448t; Cath Tyler 448b; Michael Walker 306; Maria Wallace 159; Benny Ross 196; Judy Whiting 212.

RECESS

Helen Brown called the class to order leading 270. Leaders: Chris Brown 277; Helena Davenport 56t; Ted Brown 418; Aldo Ceresa 383; Hannah Land 507; Sharon Langridge 515; John Seaton 192; Shelby Sampson 504; Anne Eringa 67; Carmel Wood 48b.

Chris Brown and Michael Walker led 62 as the closing song. Cath Tyler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairmen—Chris Brown and Judy Whiting; Secretaries—Rose Hudson and Cath Ingham

ELMORE COUNTY CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK) **First Presbyterian Church, Wetumpka, Alabama** **Saturday, November 14, 2009**

The 2nd annual session of the Elmore County Convention was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in November, and dedicated to the memory of John Etheridge, Frank Hataway, and Paul King.

The class was called to order by Bill Hogan leading 448. He welcomed the class, read Hebrews 11:1-4, 12:1-3, and led 36b. The opening prayer was offered by Bill Hogan. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—Don Clark; Secretary—Nancy Hogan.

Leaders: Don Clark 320; Nancy Hogan 133; Frank Strickland 478; J.A. Mosley 559; Mike Jones 384; Judy Chambless 142; Steve Grauberger 426t; Kennon Smith 189; Ann Webb 282; Kathy Folsom 383; Emily Creel 86; Tommy Spurlock 405; Tim Jones 120; Henry Guthery 138t (for Johnnie Chafin); Billy Kelley 558; Alice Mosley 343.

RECESS

Bill Hogan brought the class back together leading 155. Leaders: Ernestine Pipkin 110; Harrison Creel 355; Mary Whitehurst 215; Robert Chambless 145b; Wendy Futral 500; Ken Kelley 464; Danny Creel 567; Bea Carnathan 572; Janet King 148; Stanley Smith 98; Lloyd Jones 45t; Robert Walker 511t; Tim Cook 95b (for Johnnie Chafin and John Merritt).

RECESS

Bill Hogan called the class back to order leading 470. Leaders: Wanda Capps 222; Eva Padgett 524; Victoria Aplin 421; Chip Westbrook 336b; Gary Smith 99; Jane Spencer 78; Bill Aplin 106; Jonathan Blakeley 444t; Shannon Primm 268t; Linda Westbrook 465; Wayne Jones 502; Jim Aaron 47b; Barbara Jones 461; Mako Cook 573; Alton Peters 571; Sam Smith 192. The class sang 369 and Danny Creel offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Don Clark brought the class to order leading 31t. Leaders: Ross Brand 108b; Robert Dupree 463; Loretta Jones 77t; Sarah Smith 505, 358; Frank Strickland 100; Mike Jones 395b; Judy Chambless 166; Steve Grauberger 94; Ann Webb 393t; Kathy Folsom 329; Emily Creel 404; Tommy Spurlock 212; Tim Jones 543; Henry Guthery 450; Billy Kelley 442t; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Harrison Creel 54t; Mary Whitehurst 414; Robert Chambless 70t; Ken Kelley 497; Danny Creel 140; Bea Carnathan 136; Shannon Primm 268b; Jane Spencer 273; Ross Brand 122; Robert Walker 336t; Tim Cook 55; Victoria Aplin 406; Chip Westbrook 501; Gary Smith 484b.

After announcements were made, the class sang 146 and shared the hand of fellowship. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Bill Hogan.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—Don Clark; Secretary—Nancy Hogan

CROSSROADS CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING

North of Tallapoosa, Georgia

Saturday night, November 14, 2009

The 42nd session of the Crossroads Church Memorial Singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Cecil Roberts leading 34b. Dorsey Newman offered the opening prayer. Cecil Roberts welcomed those in attendance and gave a brief history of this singing before leading 283.

Leaders: Miranel Swafford 348b (in memory of her father, Gilbert Pope, his siblings, and her grandparents, Gus and Etta Pope), 225t (in honor of Lonnie Rogers); Donna Bell 47t (in honor of Evelyn Harris), 36b (in memory of D.L. McCray).

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Miranel Swafford and Charlene Wallace.

Leaders: Greg Dewberry, Erin Dewberry, and Ashlyn Dewberry 45t; Ann Simpson 452, 155 (in honor of Evelyn Harris); George Garner 499 (in memory of Cefard Wood and D.L. McCray); Margie Smith 512 (in memory of Felton Denney); James Hughes and Cecil Roberts 63; Jane Spencer 213t; Richard DeLong 399b, 27; Eschol Hughes 138b (in memory of the Hughes generations), 30b.

RECESS

Cecil Roberts and Skye Overby brought the class back to order leading 294. Leaders: B.M. Smith 475, 101t; Alpha Kay Lyle 323b; Karen Clark 565, 467; Shannon Primm 480, 162 (by request); Charlene Wallace 379; Inez Chandler and Cynthia Fielder 490 (in memory of Cefard Wood), 457; C.W. Garner 82t, 100; Donna Bell 358 (by request).

Announcements were made. Cecil Roberts led 128 (in honor of the sick and shut-ins) as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by James Hughes.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Donna Bell

WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL

(GANUS, WILFORD, CLIFFORD, GENE, AND CECIL)

Mt. Vernon (King School House), Natural Bridge, Alabama

Sunday, November 15, 2009

The 39th session of the Wakefield Memorial Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 75. Richard Mauldin offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led 99.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Julie Poston and Betty Baccus.

Leaders: Richard Mauldin 36b, 143 (in memory of Charlotte McCarn and Richard's mother); Judy Caudle 177, 172; Henry Guthery III 434, 426b; Stella Pratt 182, 235; Chris Ballinger 270, 84; Jayne Fulmer 454 (for Willodean Barton), 273 (for Helen Wakefield); Kermit Adams 402, 229; Sarah Beasley 323b, 406 (for Johnnie Chafin); Glenn Keeton 284 (in memory of Wakefield family), 163b; Leona Haynes 399b, 400.
RECESS

The class was called back together by Richard Mauldin leading 446. Leaders: Bridgett Hill 302, 383; Angela Myers 192, 127; Ken Tate 347, 475 (in memory of Flarce Creel); Lena Keeton 147b, 200; Larry Ballinger 217, 540; Henry Guthery 279, 140; Don Keeton 480, 76b; Logan Donaldson 59, 30t; Clara Stults, Nadine Willis, Julie Poston, Wayne Wakefield, Wendell Wakefield, Helen Langston, Larry Wakefield, Betty Baccus, and Faye Donaldson 333, 339, 426t. Marlin Beasley offered the blessing for the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 421. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 460, 274t; Gravis Ballinger 215, 168; Amber Davis and Carson Davis 49b; Amber Davis and Bridgett Hill 142; Harrison Creel 512, 111b; Juanita Beasley 61, 39b; Earl Ballinger 176t, 187; Gary Smith 268, 66; Margaret Keeton 208; Betty Baccus and Alpha Stults 111t, 358; Josie Hyde 507; Debra Hall 391, 382; Wendell Wakefield 108b; Henry Guthery III 530; Judy Caudle 325; Angela Myers 551. Richard Mauldin led 146 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Henry Guthery III, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde

ELDER AND MRS. JASON DAVIS MEMORIAL Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, Calhoun, Georgia Sunday, November 15, 2009

The annual Sacred Harp singing held in memory of Elder and Mrs. Jason Davis on the third Sunday in November was called to order by Judy Mincey leading the traditional opening song on page 59. Elder Kelly Smith offered the invocation.

Leaders: Ed Smith 299, 358; Nathan Rees 39b, 374; Wanda Queen 45t, 47b; Michael Thompson 47t, 30b (in memory of Lee Rogers); Charlene Wallace 99, 217; Bob Mitchell 348b, 282; Shannon Primm 479 (in memory of Lee Rogers), 42 (in honor of absent friends); Kelly Smith 35, 68b; Eddie Mash 54, 327; Coy Coggins 354b, 100.

RECESS

Judy Mincey called the class back to order leading 142. Leaders: B.M. Smith and Betty White 350, 123t; Suzie Smith 460, 274t; John Plunkett 459, 111t; Rory Smith 370, 81b; Henry Johnson 81t, 406; Laramie Smith 112, 61; Ed Thacker 275b (in honor of Bud Oliver), 538; Karen Clark 143, 566; Kenn Smith 340, 58; Andrew Mashchak 146, 277.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairlady—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Elder Ed Smith; Secretary—Judy Mincey; Arranging Committee—Margie Smith.

Ed Thacker offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Judy Mincey called the afternoon session to order by leading 224. Leaders: Jane Spencer 151, 298; Tony Hammock 570, 83b; Martha Ann Stegar 276, 268; Molly

Ellis 95, 500; David Smith 240, 236; Sandra Wilkinson 177, 176t; Rachel Rudi 129, 160b; Sara Lynch-Thomason 288, 155; Dan Huger 45b, 36b; Jennifer Kerns 107, 31b; Judy Mincey 459 (in memory of Catherine Worthington); Henry Johnson 345b; Ed Thacker 475; Rachel Rudi 548; Karen Clark 569t; Dan Huger 349; Sarah Lynch-Thomason and Rachel Rudi 504; Eddie Mash 528; Nathan Rees 359.

The class sang 62 and took the parting hand. Elder Ed Smith offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairlady—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Elder Ed Smith; Secretary—Judy Mincey

ALABAMA SACRED HARP MUSICAL CONVENTION
Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham, Alabama
November 21-22, 2009

Saturday, November 21

The 110th session of the Alabama State Sacred Harp Musical Convention met at Jefferson State Community College on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in November. David Ivey called the class to order at 9:00 a.m. leading 56t. The morning prayer was offered by Eddie Mash.

Leaders: Hubert Nall 30t; Elene Stovall 171; Cassie Allen 319; Henry Johnson 230; Linda Thomas 32t; Joyce Walton 392; Robert Chambless 84; Michael Thompson 362; Danny Creel 196; Rodney Ivey 203; Ed Thacker 532; Sonya Sipe, Garrett Sipe, and Anna Grace Sipe 63; Phil Summerlin 318; Arlon Gardner 277; Tommie Spurlock 402; Daryl Chesney 492; Doug Conn 498; Jim Aaron 68b; Ashley Wigley 45t; Tim Morton 558.

RECESS

The class was brought together by David Ivey leading 61. Leaders: John Plunkett 353; Joe Nall 46; Shelbie Sheppard 327; Mary Amelia Taylor 276; Elsie Moon 292; J.L. Hopper 534; Roberta Strauss 56b; Gravis Ballinger 112; Karen Rollins 389; Wendy M. Futral 35; Molly Ellis 370; Julian Damashek 74t; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Jennifer Clay and Sonya Sipe 47b; David Carlton 421; Patty Doss 48b; Tom George 280; Joanna Lambert 573.

RECESS

Hubert Nall and Joe Nall brought the class to order leading 460. Leaders: Buell Cobb 83t; Luke Daniel 40; Beth Branscome 313t; B.M. Smith 111b; Kelsey Sunderland 403; Harrison Creel 512; Henry Guthery 543; Marlin Beasley 336; Ross Brand 73t; Daphene Causey 140; Wanda Capps, Emma Calvert, and Ainslie Allen 146; Richard Mauldin 446; Ken Tate 212; Rachael Rudi 70b; Jeannette DePoy 271t. A business session was held and following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Hubert Nall; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Chaplain—Robert Chambless; Secretaries—Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall; Arranging Committee—Cassie Allen and Richard DeLong; Resolutions Committee—Richard Ivey and Jeanette DePoy; Location Committee—Linda Thomas and David Ivey; Finance Committee—Rodney Ivey and Louis Hughes; Memorial Committee—Bea Carnathan and Eddie Mash. After committees were appointed, the business session was closed. Leaders: Delone Cobbs 49b; Nora Parker 394; Louis Hughes 181; Judy Caudle 461; Gail Doss 126; Richard DeLong 320. Robert Chambless offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Hubert Nall and Rodney Ivey leading 129. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 151; Charlene Wallace 283; Darrell Swarens 208; Samuel Sommers 368; Pam Nunn 189; Reba Windom 216; Emily Creel 546; Allison Schofield 215; Ann Chalker 146; Richard Ivey 328; Eddie Mash 444; Bridgett Hill 304; Ann Jett 88t; Sharon DuPriest 434; Linton Ballinger 306; Julietta Haynes

371; Beth Todd 234; Karen Ivey 108t; Cindy Tanner 436; Kristie Harju 302; Deidra Montgomery 377; Loyd Ivey 340; Nathan Rees 228; Rene Greene 172; Stanley Smith 344.

RECESS

Hubert Nall and Max Berueffy brought the class back to order leading 38b. Leaders: Dennis George and Jeremy Krans 211; Eugene Forbes 384; Travis Keeton 179; Xaris Martínez 522; Judy Mincey 501; Nate Green and Norma Green 131b; Scott Kennedy 454; Judy Chambless 386; Bea Carnathan 568; Jeff Sheppard 550; Sarah Smith 290; Willis McCumber 428; Matt Hinton and Erica Hinton 448t; Jerry Creason 278t; Ian Ludders 81t; Seth Holloway 274t; Joyce Whittington, Cheyenne Ivey, and Joanna Lampert 99.

Announcements were made. Hubert Nall led 176b as the closing song. Robert Chambless offered prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, November 22

The Sunday morning session of the Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention began at 9:00 a.m. with Hubert Nall leading 36b. Robert Chambless offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Richard Mauldin 168; Linda Thomas 81b; Robert Chambless 163b; Richard Ivey and Jeannette DePoy 567; Rodney Ivey and David Ivey 540; Eddie Mash and Bea Carnathan 472; Louis Hughes 314; B.M. Smith 556; Gavin Blakeley 196; Ian Ludders 327; Travis Keeton 57; David McGinty 323b; Nate Green and Norma Green 415; Loyd Ivey 337; Sara Lynch-Thomason 106; Wanda Capps 542; Daphene Causey 223; Judy Mincey 474; Lomax Ballinger and Linton Ballinger 224; Anne Chalker 146.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Hubert Nall leading 288. Leaders: Henry Guthery 527; Joyce Whittington 76b; SuNell Ellis 388; Ed Thacker 315; Nathan Rees 387; Erica Hinton 391; J. C. Rutledge 490; Ainslie Allen 401; Arlon Gardner 67; Deidra Montgomery 548; Marlin Beasley 298; Dennis George 250; Steve Helwig 328; Elene Stovall and Gresham Davis 200.

RECESS

David Ivey and Hubert Nall brought the class together leading 192. Leaders: Darrell Swarens 198; Shelbie Sheppard 216; Jerry Creason 32t; Judy Chambless 142; Matt Hinton 383; Willis McCumber 419; Allison Schofield 384; Jeff Sheppard 176t; Sharon DuPriest 189.

Eddie Mash and Bea Carnathan conducted the memorial lesson. Bea Carnathan read the names of the sick and shut-in as follows: Victoria Bolles, Byron Burchett, Virginia Futral, Becky Browne, David Kayser, Marie Ivey, Joe Todd, Clarence McCool, Rhoda Norris, Violet Thomason, Lonnie Rogers, Reedie Denson Powell, Miles Schofield, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Johnnie Chafin, and Ron Harper. Bea Carnathan and Eddie Mash led 340 in their honor.

Eddie Mash spoke on behalf of the deceased. Bea Carnathan read the names of the deceased as follows: Ray Tate, Charlotte Creel McCarn, Bill Ellason, Ann M. Kucera, William Reynolds, Pearl Galbreath, Frank Block, Jane Bruner, Jimmie Denney, Corene White, Cindy Kisse, John Penn, and John Etheridge. Bea Carnathan and Eddie Mash led 285t in their memory. Robert Chambless closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Sarah Smith 129; Karen Rollins 354t; Robert DuPree 569b; Harrison Creel 342; Roberta Strauss 496.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Hubert Nall leading 313t. Leaders: Pam Nunn 528; Richard DeLong 193; Beth Todd 89; Michael Thompson 182;

Kelsey Sunderland 488; Hannah Tate 282; Cassie Allen 431; Judy Caudle 518; Julian Damashek 217; Ken Tate 422; Julietta Haynes 155; Cindy Tanner 442; Joanna Lampert and Bridgett Hill 564; Tom George 507; Allison Whitener and Karen Ivey 440; Bridgett Hill, Joanna Lampert, and Rodney Ivey 500; Susan Harcrow 430; Reba Windom and Richard DeLong 411; Scott Kennedy 149; Henry Johnson 113; Danny Creel 269; Samuel Sommers 316; Paul Clazing 408; Tim Morton 74b; Eugene Forbes 299; Steve Adams and Richard Mauldin 101t; Gail Doss 191; Rachael Rudi 410b; Kermit Adams 99; Seth Holloway 400; Jim Aaron 503.

A business session was held for the purpose of giving reports. The Resolutions Committee (Richard Ivey and Jeannette DePoy) thanked everyone who helped make the convention a success. The Finance report was given and all expenses were met. The Secretaries' report was given, stating that a total of 199 leaders from 15 states attended. A motion was made and seconded to accept the reports as given and adjourn the business meeting.

Announcements were made. Hubert Nall, David Ivey, and Richard Mauldin led 62 as the closing song. Robert Chambless offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Hubert Nall; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretaries—Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall

SACRED HARP MUSICAL HERITAGE ASSOCIATION **Annual Meeting** **Saturday, November 21, 2009**

The annual meeting of the Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA) was held at Jefferson State College on Saturday, November 21, 2009. President Jeff Sheppard called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. Board members present were Henry Johnson, Jeannette DePoy, Judy Caudle and David Ivey, Secretary. Terry Wooten was unable to attend.

Jeff turned the meeting over to David Ivey, Secretary. David described the responsibilities of SHMHA, which include Camp Fasola, the annual minute book, and sponsoring the Fasola.org website. David gave a brief history of the organization, which began in 1997. SHMHA's Camp Fasola is now in its seventh year. This was its second year of offering two camps. One was geared for adults, this year held at Camp McDowell in Winston Co. near Nauvoo, Alabama, which had approximately 100 campers plus visitors (up from 80 in 2008). The new camp facilities were very nice; each room was more like a hotel than the dorm style at Camp Lee. The only two drawbacks were a power outage due to a thunderstorm that occurred, and the distance between the cabins and the meeting rooms was a far walk. The second camp was geared for youth under age 30 and was held at Camp Lee with about 140 campers (up from 110 in 2008.) We plan again this year to hold two camps with the same locations. Adult camp will be held June 13-17, 2010, and Youth camp will be held July 5-9, 2010, with the Muscadine all-day singing held on July 5th at the Ark at Camp Lee. We will have to increase the costs in 2010, as there are more costs involved at Camp McDowell than at Camp Lee. Registration will begin January 1, 2010.

David thanked the Sacred Harp Publishing Company for their gift of \$4,000.00 for scholarships for camp. David has applied for grants from the Alabama Council on the Arts. The grant money given is, unfortunately, less each year.

David asked Judy to report on the minutes. Judy was happy to announce that the minutes are caught up to November 15, 2009. She thanked all the secretaries for being more prompt this year. There were 263 all-day singings submitted, and 29 two-day conventions. The cost for printing the book is now up to \$2.34 each. There

was a discussion about the fact that singings held late in the year may not need as many books. It was suggested that people whose singings are later in the year share some of their books with earlier singings. Please notify Judy if you have extra books. SHMHA's fiscal year is the calendar year; therefore, we will share the financials after the Jacksonville singing in early February. Pam Nunn and Shelbie Sheppard suggested that when you write a check to SHMHA, please indicate in the "For" section what the money is to be used for, i.e., "Scholarship for camp," "minutes," etc. Bob Meek has challenged singings to donate part of the money collected at all singings to SHMHA.

Sam Sommers asked if there was word from Camp Lee about re-building the church that burned down on the property last year. David reported that a new chapel will be built near the dining hall, and that the staff at Camp Lee had asked for his input.

David suggested that it be an all wooden building a little bigger than the previous building. Camp Lee thinks it will be ready for camp next summer.

Jeff thanked Pam and Karen for all the refreshments at camp. David thanked all the singers who assisted and supported camp financially or by their work. David asked that if your employer will match your donation, please let SHMHA know.

There being no further discussion, President Jeff Sheppard adjourned the meeting at 4:15 pm. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Richard Mauldin.

SHMHA is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization, incorporated in Alabama, whose purpose is the perpetuation and preservation of Sacred Harp singing and its traditions. SHMHA publishes the Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singing, operates Camp Fasola, sponsors the fasola.org website, and supports other activities related to the history and traditions of Sacred Harp singing.

President—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—David Ivey

UNION MUSICAL SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia** **November 28-29, 2009**

Saturday, November 28

The 141st session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia, on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in November. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Matt Hinton leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

Jesse Roberts conducted the introductory lesson leading songs on pages 30b, 31t, 399b, 329, 170, and 171.

Leaders: Jane Spencer 306; Helen Bryson 81b; Scott DePoy 277; Tony Hammock 321; Jeannette DePoy 82t (for Dollie Hudgins); John Plunkett 123t; Mike Spencer 308; Andy Morse 51; Leslie Hunter 159; George Burnette 129; Jeanne Marsh 145t; Mollie Ellis 77t; Susan Firestone 551; Sandra Wilkinson 100.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Matt Hinton leading 229. Leaders: Charles Woods 501; Faye Hollis 340.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jane Spencer; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong; Secretary—Helen Bryson; Arranging Committee—Matt Hinton; Memorial Committee—Bridgett Hill and Henry Johnson; Finance Committee—Mike Spencer; Resolutions Committee—John Hollingsworth and Ted Mercer.

Leaders: Jane Spencer 53; Martha Ann Stegar 40; Ellen Lee 114; Harry Eskew 128; Kristin Bernhard 31b; Chris Wilhelm 505; Joseph Reed 63; Holly Mixon 388; Jean Durden 107; Ellie Soler 143; John Hollingsworth 182; Judy Chambless 386; Buck Lee 474.

LUNCH

Richard DeLong brought the afternoon session to order by leading 370. Leaders: B.M. Smith 350; Linda Booth 452; Reba Windom 198; Ricky Harcrow 38b; Charlene Wallace 347; Ted Mercer 300; Bridgett Hill 391; Daphene Causey 336; Steve Helwig 96; Rachel Rudi 214; Ed Thacker 91; Sarah Jenkins 203; Oscar McGuire 573; Judy Caudle 464; Loyd Ivey 460; Susan Harcrow 426b; Henry Johnson 398; Judy Mincey 475; Bill Hollingsworth 236.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Steve Helwig leading 29t. Leaders: Erica Hinton 318; Robert Chambless 503; Sharon DuPriest 217; Laura Akerman 192; Jenna Strizak 335; Sally McKuen 66; Willis McCumber 287; Ellen Lee and Buck Lee 496; Ricky Harcrow, Susan Harcrow, Sarah Jenkins, and Loyd Ivey 186; Rachel Rudi and Chris Wilhelm 290.

Announcements were made. Jane Spencer, Richard DeLong, and Helen Bryson led 267 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Matt Hinton.

Sunday, November 29

The Sunday session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Jane Spencer leading 33b. The morning prayer was offered by Tony Hammock.

Leaders: Richard DeLong 81t; Helen Bryson 213t, 72t; Matt Hinton 73t, 82t; Mike Spencer 205, 278t; John Plunkett 182 (in honor of Lauren Bock and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg), 516; Jeannette DePoy 112 (for Violet Thomason), 55; Malinda Snow 279, 407; Phillip Langley 283, 318; Tony Hammock 60, 434; Sandra Wilkinson 475, 473; Jeanne Marsh 312b, 32t; Scott DePoy 47b.

RECESS

Jane Spencer led 64 to call the class back together. Leaders: Lela Crowder 48t, 157; Kristin Bernhard 503, 159; Randa Harris and Karen Rollins 127, 268; Russ Hanson 222, 147t; Mollie Ellis 67, 274t; Judy Mincey 464, 492.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Bridgett Hill and Henry Johnson. Bridgett Hill spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins and led 134 in honor of the following: Nancy Watson, Evelyn Harris, Violet Thomason, Don Bowen, Raymond Hamrick, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Lonnie Rogers, Dottie Tobias, and Gertie DeLong.

Henry Johnson spoke of the devotion and reverence Sacred Harp singers share with one another. The following deceased were remembered: Frank Block, Nora Roberts, and Margaret DeBolt—Georgia; John Etheridge—Florida; Elder Gerald Hand—New Mexico; Corene White and Charlotte McCarn—Alabama. John Plunkett led 330b, and offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Richard DeLong leading 214.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 276, 344; Judy Caudle 542, 345b; Ted Mercer 468, 123b; Rodney Ivey 348b (for Lonnie Rogers), 511; Bridgett Hill 110, 302; Steve Helwig 352, 550; Jesse Roberts 532, 498; Ian Ludders 296, 210; Henry Johnson 418, 521; Robert Kelly 414, 572; Ed Thacker 220, 273; Anna Hinton 277; John Hollingsworth 223; Shannon Primm 367, 562; Bill Hollingsworth 365, 354t.

RECESS

Jane Spencer brought the class together by leading 312t. Leaders: Linda Booth 196, 358; Andy Morse 472, 538; Willis McCumber 272, 512; Erica Hinton 306, 108t; Erica Hinton and friends 332; George Burnette 417, 101t; Jan Smith 178.

The convention entered into a business session for the purpose of hearing committee reports. The Resolutions Committee reported the following: We are blessed to meet in the 141st session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention by the

providence of the Almighty. We resolve to thank those who have labored to make the gathering a success. We thank Camp Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, and the Wilkinson family for hosting this event with grace and hospitality. We offer thanks to those who have prepared the bountiful feasts; to the officers and committees; to the singers and visitors from far and near; to a loving God for providing these rich blessings. Be it resolved further that we will gather next year at Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church, Dunwoody, Georgia, for the 142nd session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention.

The finance report was given, stating that expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that over the course of two days, 98 leaders conducted 150 songs, and seven states were represented. The reports were approved, and the business session was closed.

Jane Spencer, Richard DeLong, and Helen Bryson led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jesse Roberts, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jane Spencer; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong; Secretary—Helen Bryson

INDIANA COOPER BOOK SINGING **Carroll County Fairgrounds Community Center, Flora, Indiana** **Saturday, November 28, 2009**

The 2nd annual Indiana *Cooper Book* Singing was called to order by Brad Bahler leading 575. Johnny Lee offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Bahler 111b; Karen Bahler 563; Henry Schuman 411; Claudine Townsend 383; James Nelson Gingerich 171; Syble Adams 478; Jubal Bayer 138t; Rachel Miller Jacobs 508; Johnny Lee 96; Roger Crabtree 392; Ruth Dolby 559; Matthew Lind 145b; Loraine Bayer 573 (for Regina Frick).

RECESS

Samuel Sommers called the class to order leading 319. Leaders: Holly Hauck 63; David Lee 176t; Julia Hess 148; Bob Meek 574; Mary Caldwell 159; William Shetter 38t; Randy Webber 151; John Bayer 39; Nate Zweig 535t; Hans Bayer 511t; Rob Bahler 380t; Samuel Sommers 450; Ray Rechenberg 270; Susan Holsinger 166.

RECESS

Brad Bahler called the class back together leading 55. Leaders: James Nelson Gingerich 571; Iris Weber, Brad Bahler, and John Bahler 451; Ed Walton and John Bayer 488b; Claudine Townsend and David Lee 32t; Johnny Lee 273; Loraine Bayer 336t; Randy Webber 36b.

LUNCH

John Bahler called the class to order leading 293b. Leaders: Janet Glossic 505; Henry Schuman 229; Syble Adams and David Lee "Song of Praise"; Matthew Lind 346; Holly Hauck 49t; Rob Bahler 370; Roger Crabtree 31t; Karen Bahler 48t; Ray Rechenberg 47t; Jubal Bayer 140; Rachel Miller Jacobs 103; Nate Zweig 567; Ruth Dolby 515; John Bayer 488t; William Shetter 268t.

RECESS

Brad Bahler and John Bahler called the class together by leading 465. Leaders: John Bahler 486; Bob Meek 463; Hans Bayer 100; Samuel Sommers 544.

David Lee gave a brief presentation about Sacred Harp tradition, and led 68b with a demonstration of walking time.

Leaders: David Lee and Syble Adams 99; Johnny Lee 95; Claudine Townsend 68t; Syble Adams 367; Henry Schuman 522.

Announcements were made. Brad Bahler led 541 as the closing song. John Bahler dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Brad Bahler; Vice Chairman—John Bahler; Secretary—Henry Schuman

HOUSTON SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Heights Church of Christ, Houston, Texas
Saturday, December 5, 2009

Due to unusually wintry weather in Houston, the Houston Heights singing began at 11:00 a.m. on the Saturday before the first Sunday in December. Evelyn Lamb called the class to order leading 59. Robert Vaughn offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Evelyn Lamb 142; Leon Ballinger 203, 313b; Gaylon Powell 268t (CB), 53 (CB); Mel Rosenbaum 49t (CB), 49b (CB); Tammy Powell 454, 99; Barbara Smith 84, 131b; Robert Vaughn 196, 422t (CB); Larry Hall 171, 551; Evelyn Lamb 544 (CB), 239 (CB); John Morehead 168, 186; Chris Nicholson 558 (CB), 223 (CB); Linda Siemers 336t (CB), 107t (CB). Dr. Lynn Mitchell offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Evelyn Lamb leading 273. Leaders: Evelyn Lamb 272; Emma Smith 163b, 385b; Wade Price 129, 192; Mary Price 282 (CB), 299 (CB); Carrie Allen 569b, 106; Megan Smith 481, 107; Leon Ballinger 507b (CB), 137 (CB); Gaylon Powell 293t (CB), 91 (CB); Mel Rosenbaum 47b, 38b; Tammy Powell 505 (CB), 559 (CB); Barbara Smith 81b, 189.

RECESS

Evelyn Lamb called the class back to order leading 101t. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 110 (CB), 357 (CB); John Morehead 480, 277; Chris Nicholson 566, 162; Crystal Meadows 399, 328; Larry Hall 151, 155; Linda Siemers 45t, 500 (CB); Emma Smith 300, 178; Wade Price 40, 127; Mary Price 348t (CB), 72 (CB); Carrie Allen 384, 145t; Megan Smith 344, 504; Gaylon Powell 301.

Evelyn Lamb led 48t as the closing song. Dr. Lynn Mitchell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Evelyn Lamb; Secretary—Megan Smith

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)
Holiday Inn, Panama City, Florida
December 5-6, 2009
Saturday, December 5

The 41st session of the Florida State Convention was called to order by Tim Jones leading 293b. The opening prayer was offered by Johnny Lee.

Leaders: Tim Jones 461; Morgan Bunch 59, 168; Victoria Aplin 76b; Jewell Rowland 143; Aubrey Barfield 288; Tommie Spurlock 574 (for the Brewer family); Velton Chafin 86, 76t; Nancy Hogan 145b, 319; Sonny Erwin 488b, 488t; Reba Windom 478, 572; Robert Chambless 96.

Tim Jones appointed Wayne Jones and Mary Whitehurst to serve as the memorial committee.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Tim Jones leading 63. Leaders: Frank Strickland 108b, 573; Marvin Reeves and Annie Reeves 404, 513b; Hans Guttmann 270; Chrissy Fullerton 268t, 444b; Joe Nall 186, 499.

RECESS

Morgan Bunch led 98 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 313, 507t; Kathy Folsom 329, 522; Bill Aplin 567, 94; Beverly Dayton 410, 489; Bill

Hogan 91, 494. The class sang 369. Tommie Spurlock offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Tim Jones leading 424. Leaders: Johnny Lee and Delorese Lee 82; Jeanette Nelson 132; Wayne Jones and Barbara Jones 464; Wynette Allen Smith 49t; Rick Foreman 273; Jenny Whitworth 436t; Nate Green and Norma Green 244; Mary Whitehurst 146; Ellen Gwynn 99; Adrian Nall 393t; Cheryl Foreman 380t; Loretta Jones and Lloyd Jones 465; Ernestine Pipkin 277; Ernest Cockcroft 422t, 553; Sue Bunch 148.

RECESS

The singing continued with Tim Jones leading 358. Leaders: Russ Schulz and Kate Kelton Fischer 47t; Judy Chambless 563; Juanita Hill 84; Tommie Spurlock 137; Voncille Nall 285t; Loretta Jones 138t; Stanley Smith 433; Margaret Spurlock 112; Georgeanna Presnell 335; Ken Sundberg 540.

Announcements were made. Tim Jones led 95b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Russ Scholz.

Sunday, December 6

The Sunday session of the Florida State Convention was called to order by Tim Jones leading 35 and 36t. The opening prayer was offered by Bill Hogan.

Leaders: Morgan Bunch 171, 106; Jewell Rowland 186; Victoria Aplin 417; Tommie Spurlock 182, 183; Velton Chafin 373; Nancy Hogan 543; Sonny Erwin 541; Robert Chambless and Judy Chambless 142; Reba Windom 559; Hans Guttman 511t; Wynonia Horn 168; Joe Nall 272; Jeff Sheppard 388; Kathy Folsom 143; Bill Aplin 216; Alice Sundberg 133.

RECESS

Tim Jones brought the class together by leading 120. Leaders: Bill Hogan 450; Sarah Kahre 335.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Wayne Jones and Mary Whitehurst. The names of the sick and shut-ins were read by Wayne Jones and he led 187 in their honor. Mary Whitehurst read the names of the deceased, and then led 285t in their memory. She said this was a time to remember our friends who have already gone home... to remember the impact each one had on our lives. Life is a short span and our separation is temporary, then one day there will be a great reunion. The session was closed in prayer by Johnny Lee.

Leaders: Jeanette Nelson 449; Mike Jones 385t; Wynette Smith 558; Johnny Lee 569; Janet King 282; Chip Westbrook 398b; Barbara Jones 276; Rick Foreman 207; Jenny Whitworth 170; Nate Green and Norma Green 491. The class sang 369 and Tommie Spurlock offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Tim Jones leading 355. Leaders: Ken Kelley 572; Cheryl Foreman 225t; Adrian Nall 505; Chrissy Fullerton 478; Billy Kelley 571; Ernestine Pipkin 203; Ernest Cockcroft 47t; Sue Bunch 72; Russ Scholz 447t; Juanita Hill 274t; Voncille Nall 507b; Stanley Smith 235; Margaret Spurlock 268t; Ken Sundberg 507t; Mary Whitehurst 38b; Wayne Jones 30b; Aubrey Barfield 522.

The officers for the 2010 Florida State Convention were appointed as follows: Chairman—Morgan Bunch; 1st Vice Chairman—John Merritt; 2nd Vice Chairman—Nate Green. Those who served this year were recognized for their contribution to help make this singing a success. Announcements were made.

The class sang 336t as the closing song. Tim Jones offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tim Jones; Vice Chairman—Morgan Bunch; Secretary—Jewell Rowland

JOE BEASLEY MEMORIAL SINGING
Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama
December 12-13, 2009

Saturday, December 12

The 15th annual Joe Beasley Memorial Singing was called to order by John Beasley leading 31b. Danny Creel offered the morning prayer. John Beasley and Richard Schmeidler led 45t.

A business meeting was held re-electing the current officers as follows: Chairman—John Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Schmeidler; Secretary—Sandie Scott; Arranging Committee—Dorothea Maynard and Brenda Pena.

Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 77b, 475; Jim Helke 346 (CHa), 143 (CHa); Velton Chaffin “Higher Ground”, 464 (CB); Tim Cook 200 (CH), 261 (CH); Gary Smith 99, 54t (CB); Hubert Nall 186, 155; Eugene Forbes 522 (CB), 551; Brenda Merritt 76b, 282.

RECESS

Marlin Beasley brought the class back to order leading 460. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 80b; Danny Creel 123 (CHa), 338b (CHa); Kevin Dyess 348b, 176t; Beth Branscome 38b, 299; Nate Zwieg 111b, 138b; Eric Eliason 24b; Emily Creel 372 (CHa), 186 (CHa); Matthew Cook 274, 222; Xaris Martinez 422, 490; Jim Aaron 68b, 163b; Henry McGuire 574 (CB), 518 (CB); Harrison Creel 342. Danny Creel offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Beasley brought the class back together by leading 333 (LD). Leaders: Hannah Tate 542, 436; Betty Baccus 396, 392; Hugh Bill McGuire 349; Sarah Smith 117 (CHa), 380t (CB); Henry Guthery 450 (CB), 64 (CHa); Mary Amelia Taylor 60 (CB), 505 (CB); Seth Holloway and Jim Helke 595 (LD); Seth Holloway 54 (CHa); Mako Cook 573 (CB), 81t (CHa), 81b (CHa); David Carlton 98 (CB), 102; Joan Aldridge 280; Travis Keeton 496, 499; Carolyn Thompson 36t, 376; Chug Beasley and Ruth Nix 235, 354b; Ken Tate 238 (CHa), 176 (CHa); Cora Sweat 159, 47b; Sandie Scott 223; Sandie Scott and Jim Helke 512 (CB); Harrison Creel 258 (CHa); Emily Creel 172 (CHa).

Announcements were made. John Beasley and Richard Schmeidler led 48t as the closing song. Danny Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, December 13

The Sunday session of the Joe Beasley Memorial Singing was called to order by Richard Schmeidler leading 34b. Marlin Beasley offered the opening prayer. Song selections are from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 474; Marlin Beasley 298; Cora Sweat 81t; Warren Steel 360, 81b; Richard Mauldin 146 (for Anne Chalker), 378t (in memory of Dick Mauldin); Henry Guthery 511; Sarah Smith 340; Xaris Martinez 153; Judy Caudle 412; David Carlton 304; Joan Aldridge 273; Harrison Creel 111b; Buell Cobb 92, 88b; Becky Briggs 336, 318.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Travis Keeton leading 343b.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 275; Margaret Keeton 144; Nate Zwieg 121; Angela Myers 569b; Josie Hyde 507; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 101t; Chug Beasley and Ruth Nix 33b; Elizabeth Keeton, Isabella Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Glenn Keeton 163b,

497; Faye Donaldson 225t; Gravis Ballinger 300; Carolyn Thompson 101b; Mary Amelia Taylor 31t; Hugh Bill McGuire 472; Larry Ballinger 327; Lena Keeton 546; Gary Smith 66; Eugene Forbes 434; Kermit Adams 157; Seth Holloway 388; Elene Stovall and Gresham Davis 564; Earl Ballinger 530. Marlin Beasley offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Marlin Beasley led 480 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Bea Carnathan 205; Lisa Geist 186; Danica Thornton and Sarah Smith 401.

Judy Caudle and Warren Steel conducted the memorial lesson. Judy read a devotional from the writings of Charles H. Spurgeon and led 403 in memory of the following deceased: Charlotte Hille—Mississippi; William J. Reynolds—Tennessee; Katherine Warren—New York; Corene White, Charlotte McCarn—Alabama; Ray Tate—Arkansas; and Jerry David Harper.

Warren Steel spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins and led 460 in honor of Victoria Bolles, Clarence McCool, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Dean Reed, Byron Burchett, and Cathryn Bearov. Hugh Bill McGuire offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Jim Helke 75; Eric Eliason 361; Juanita Beasley 61; Sandie Scott 408; Xaris Martinez 447; Becky Briggs 384; Eric Eliason 117; Jim Helke 428; Cora Sweatt 143; Richard Schmeidler 543; Warren Steel 214; Sandie Scott 147b (for Brenda Pena); Bunk Beasley 45t; Dorothea Maynard 421 (for her mother, Ann Ballard), 225b.

Announcements were made. Richard Schmeidler, Becky Briggs, Sarah Smith, Bunk Beasley, Chug Beasley, and Marlin Beasley led 46 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Schmeidler; Secretary—Sandie Scott

SACRED HARP SINGERS HISTORICAL MEMORIAL PROJECT

This is an ongoing project to document the names of prominent, lifelong Sacred Harp singers and supporters with their dates of birth and death and location of burial. Please send your contributions to minutes@fasola.org. Please note that this historical project is not extended to family members and friends who are not Sacred Harp singers and supporters. Also note that all entries in this year's book are new. Please see the earlier books for all names submitted prior to this year.

Russell Ervin Brothers

b. August 27, 1913
d. June 8, 1995
Douglas Cemetery
Marshall County, Alabama

Sarah Lee (wife of Ervin) Brothers

b. November 29, 1913
d. October 4, 2005
Douglas Cemetery
Marshall County, Alabama

Jimmie Denney

d. August 25, 2009
Abilene Baptist Church
Cemetery
Georgia

Willie (Bill) Ellason, Jr.

b. 1927
d. August 17, 2009
Forever Oak Hill
Kirkwood, Missouri

John Virgil Etheridge

b. November 27, 1939
d. December 5, 2008
Valley Grove Primitive
Baptist Church Cemetery
Opp, Covington County,
Alabama

Elder Gerald Hand

b. March 4, 1914
d. December 15, 2008
Hillcrest Memorial Gardens
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Flossie E. Ford Holmes

b. October 23, 1905
d. November 1, 2009
Lawrence Cove Cemetery
Morgan County, Alabama

Delia Omerlean (wife of Marvin) Hopper

b. November 7, 1923
d. February 7, 2009
Bethel Cemetery
Eva, Morgan County,
Alabama

**Charlotte B. Creel McCarn
McCarn**

b. February 23, 1948
d. November 7, 2009
Ryans Creek Cemetery
Bremen, Cullman County,
Alabama

Reba J. Norton

b. June 27, 1921
d. October 4, 2009
Lower Cane Creek Church
Cemetery
Heflin, Cleburne County,
Alabama

**Gertha Arizona Wootten
(Aunt Gee) Parker**

b. August 9, 1908
d. May 27, 2009
Antioch Baptist Church
Cemetery
Ider, DeKalb County,
Alabama

William J. Reynolds

b. April 2, 1920
d. March 28, 2009
Mount Olivet Cemetery,
Nashville, Tennessee

Dallas Coy Smith

b. July 30, 1923
d. December 23, 2008
New Harmony Cemetery
New Harmony, Smith
County, Texas

Mary Oliver Smith

b. 1912
d. January 18, 2009
Mt. Pleasant Church
Cemetery
near Crossville, DeKalb
County, Alabama

Ray Tate

b. September 29, 1940
d. October 22, 2009
Camden, Arkansas

Corene White

b. August 21, 1919
d. October 18, 2009
Alabama

2009 DEATHS

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 2009 minutes.

Listed by Date

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| 12-15-08 | Elder Gerald Hand | Texas |
| 12-23-08 | Dallas Coy Smith | Texas |
| 01-18-09 | Mary Oliver Smith | Alabama |
| 02-06-09 | Lou Rilla Landrum | Georgia |
| 02-16-09 | Zelda Faye "Peggy" Bergman | Alabama |
| 02-17-09 | Art Deason | Alabama |
| 02-20-09 | Leta Marshall | Washington |
| 03-27-09 | Nora Roberts | Georgia |
| 03-28-09 | Dr. William J. Reynolds | Tennessee |
| 04-29-09 | Dick Steil | Texas |
| 05-27-09 | Gertha Wootten Parker (Aunt Gee) | Alabama |
| 06-19-09 | Paul King | Alabama |
| 08-17-09 | Bill Ellason | Missouri |
| 08-25-09 | Jimmie Denney | Georgia |
| 10-04-09 | Reba J. Norton | Alabama |
| 10-18-09 | Corene White | Alabama |
| 10-22-09 | Ray Tate | Arkansas |
| 10-22-09 | Myra Palmer | Texas |
| 11-01-09 | Flossie Holmes (104 years) | Alabama |
| 11-07-09 | Charlotte B. Creel McCarn | Alabama |
| 11-17-09 | Cynthia Kissee | Minnesota |

Listed by State (* — see above list for date)

Alabama

Otto Allred
 Auther Beaty
 *Peggy Bergman
 Jesse William Cotney
 Wade Daniel
 *Art Deason
 Don Durden
 Willard D. Frederick
 Pernie George
 L.H. Gilmore
 Elbert Harris
 Eliza Harris
 Denson Hinton
 *Flossie Holmes
 Odetta Holmes
 Precious Honea
 Delia Omerlean Hopper
 Peggy Howton
 Guy Hunt
 Verita Keith
 *Paul King
 *Charlotte B. McCarn
 Genora Meadows

*Reba J. Norton

Fay Oliver
 Henry Ott
 *Gertha Wootten Parker
 Alan Posey
 Merlie Powell
 Howard Precise
 E.M. Robbins
 *Mary Oliver Smith
 *Corene White

Arizona

Ron Brownell
 Alice Ho
 Shirley Mosley
 Sally Schneider

Arkansas

Marge Burch
 Ves Childs
 Roscoe Knight
 A.J. Lindsey
 *Ray Tate

California

Xenia DeMarco
 Santiago El Mundo
 Beverly Jessup
 Janelle Jessup
 Bud Ogren

Colorado

Lois Barkey
 Janie Corbill Briton
 Janie Britton Corkett
 Pam Hahl

Connecticut

Fenno Heath
 Christine Helurg
 Sandy Paton
 Richard Savage
 Mary Travers

Delaware

Mary Nelson

District of Columbia

Mary LaMarca

Florida

Jane Bruner
Pat Murphy Chambers
Bob Fort
Rae Green
Ken Moran
Ellis Shanks
Don Welch

Georgia

Sharon Bailey'
Frank E. Block
John Broom
Jimmy Camp
Clarence Cook
Harold Cook
Pat Cook
Margaret Wayt DeBolt
Allene Denney
*Jimmie Denney
Pearl Driver
Jewell Hardy
Emil Ibele
*Lou Rilla Landrum
*Nora Roberts
Junior Rogers
Barbara Cook Smith
Marie Stewart
Wanda Talley
Rev. Hollis Tibbitts
Odella Whitmore
David Wilson
Katherine Worthington

Hawaii

Edward Wilson

Illinois

Richard Grayson
Ellen Kaluzny
Virginia Mampre
Doris Holly Peters
John Taylor
Betty Jean Wise

Indiana

Kathleen Berry
Sue Brown
James (Jim) Oss
Lewis Roberts

Kentucky

Mary Gladys Cornelius

Betty Fish
Frank List
Pauline Udus
Crysogonus Waddell

Maine

Paul Genova
John McKeon
Doris Parr

Maryland

Marie Holloway
Tom Mattson

Massachusetts

Rose Adelaide Baker
Jodi Baldotti
Dr. Horace C. Boyer
Betty Sue Burgess
Margaret Callahan
Don Caranna
Joe Cobb
John Coburn
Margaret Conway
Arthur Dobias
Virginia Flannagan
Sandra Goss
Jean Mattson
Rich Morse
Aulikki Olsen
Mriscilla Parke
Evelyn Russell
Amanda Slocumb
Elmer Travers

Michigan

Jayne Bull
Stephen Domino
Ann Schilbach

Minnesota

Lorin Blackstad
Francile Bue
Bob Hurt
*Cynthia Kisse
Charlotte Menzel

Missouri

*Bill Ellason
Lowell Fellingner

Montana

Dale McMurren
Clara Redfield

New Hampshire

Maeann Stevens
Julie Williams
Winnie Wright

New Jersey

Evan Samey

New Mexico

Carter Clary
*Elder Gerald Hand
Nita Taylor

New York

Richard Altman
Marian Bliss
Shirley Copion
Richard Gladwell
Bob Guida
Christian Haller, Sr.
Karla Kuskin
Louis Ryan
Katherine Ann Warren
Cathy Zarell
Marty Zarell

North Carolina

Mary Earle Berger
Kevin Brock
Jane Dise
Frank Green
John O'Hara
Mary Rose Rafer
A.S. Terry

Ohio

Mary Barkey
Pat Blanford
Alice Casenhiser
Don Cunningham
Dallas Fish
Ray Rechenberg, Sr.
Margaret Schuur
Clarence Stanley
George Swanwich
Sally Weiss

Oklahoma

Ennis Kelley
Carol Lee
James Lee

Oregon

Leslie Brocklebeck

Scott Carpenter
Amma Cauley
Mary Dahl
Dominic DeFazio
Anylese Diaz
Harold Gurske
Jonathan Kunze
Vern Larson
Ruby Little
Garrett McLoughlin
Betty Pietka
Chester Pietka
Bonnie Tinker

Pennsylvania

James Edward Zundel
Bell
Bob Brewer
Peg Hess
Blossom Lego
Bob Nearing
Jean Weyl Rossheim

South Carolina

Venson Arms

Tennessee

Bill Anderson
Marion Hatchett
*Dr. William J. Reynolds
Gene Shanks

Texas

Sandra Dennis
Harold Lackey
Ophelia Matthews
Tracy McGuire
Pama Jo Cook McMillen
Odus (Dutch) Owen, Jr.
*Myra Palmer
Adele Reed
*Dallas Coy Smith
*Dick Steil

Vermont

Helen Dicke
Louise Downey
Diane McFadden
Kate Quinn
Chris Sutherland

Virginia

Dr. Margaret Abernathy
Mike Seeger

Washington

Labon Backer
Quincy Coleman
Steve Hale
Bruce Heiner
Marie Holloway
Janice Lillehammer-
Latham
*Leta Marshall
Denis Daniel Murphy
Lois Marrow Shanks
Jack Stephenson
Bobby Stewart
Lynn Waddington
Laura Vanderbeek

Wisconsin

Linda Farley
Frank Moore-Livingston

Wyoming

Mary Elizabeth Smith

State Unknown

Paul Cozzutto
Virginia Endicott
Spencer Garner
Kristrun Groundal
Joe Hammonds
Mary Ann Koester
Ann M. Kucera
Candy McLeod
Heidi Novak
Robert Vernon
Naomi Wampler
Lee Williamon

Austria

Ernest Breuer

Canada

Dolly Bignell
Baby Gaia
Cora Murchie
Jane Rule

France

Roger Floury

Germany

Bruno Eckardt

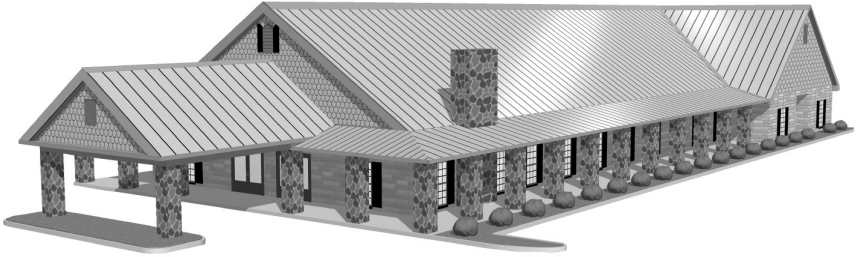
United Kingdom

Vicky Agezo

Pete Allen
Henry Allingham
Jim Bamford
Michael Bickel
Cecily Blunt
Sue Briggs
Gill Brunton
Gladys Buchanan
Barry Burling
Sylvia Catlow
Margaret Clay
Johnny Collins
Jean Cousins
Ann Cox
Bill Craven
Malcolm Douglas
Gwynneth Ford
Andy Gavin
Graham Goddard
Peter Gregory
Timothy Hayer
Jeremy Hayter
Michael Hayter
Alistair Heron
Marie Holloway
Olga King
David Lee
Jim Lewis
Ron Lewis
David Little
John Lowerson
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Stan Shaw
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July 5-9 (Youth emphasis)
Camp Lee, near Anniston, Alabama

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