

Sacred Harp Sings

2011 & 2012

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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 42.
- **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** \$45 per singing day to have books mailed within the USA
-or- \$30 per singing day if you will pick up the books in person
-or- \$15 per singing day if you prefer not to receive books.
- **Check Payable to:** **Sacred Harp Minutes**
Mail to: Judy Caudle
1821 Gum Pond Rd., Eva, AL 35621

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.

2012 CALENDAR

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2013 CALENDAR

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SACRED HARP SINGINGS

2012 DIRECTORY

ANNUAL SINGINGS

+ This symbol indicates that directions to the singing are found on page 39. Fifth Sunday singings are included here by their dates, and, in addition, are listed in a separate section starting on page 26, with explanations of the formulas for determining their dates.

January

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sun., 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

Sun., 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

Sun., 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

Sun., 1st—New Year's Day Singing—10:00 a.m.—Hollingsworth Home, 1547 Adams Clarke Rd, Commerce, Georgia—The Georgian Harmony—Info: John Hollingsworth

Sun., 1st—Shady Grove Annual Singing—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—The first Sunday of each year +

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 7th, 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 +

Sat., 7th—Covington County New Year's Singing—Evergreen Baptist Church, Seminary, Mississippi—*Cooper Book*—About 5 miles south of Collins, Mississippi—First Saturday.

Sun., 8th—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., 8th—Anniversary Singing—Kilbourn Park Fieldhouse, 3501 N Kilbourn Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60641—10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 14th—Auburn Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.—St. Dunstons Episcopal Church—Auburn, Alabama—Info: Richard Ivey

Sat., 14th & Sun., 15th—All-California Sacred Harp Convention—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Casa de Flores, 737 Walnut St, San Carlos, California—Convention rotates San Francisco (2012); San Diego (2013); Los Angeles (2014);—

Info: Laura Boyd Russell (Los Angeles), Rebecca Edwards (San Francisco) and Carla Smith (San Diego)

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—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., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Keystone Convention—UUCLV, 424 Wall St, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018—Saturday 10:00 a.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m.—Info: Daniel Hunter

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 28th—William J. Reynolds Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—Cowden Hall—Fort Worth, (Tarrant County), Texas—Dutch Treat—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Last Saturday in January—Info: Timothy Studstill

Sat., 28th—Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, South Matthews St., Roberta, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett

Sat., 28th—Singing School—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Liberty Church, Henagar, (DeKalb County), Alabama—Info: David Ivey +

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

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

Sun., 29th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

February

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 4th—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., 5th—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., 5th—J.D. Starnes Memorial—Mount Hope Missionary Baptist Church—Walker County, Alabama—Four miles northeast of Sipsey. Take Hwy 69 South, turn onto Hwy 91 at Bug Tussle, turn South on Hwy 91, go about 12 miles

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 11th—Sanders Memorial—Liberty Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Alabama—Info: Velton Chafin +

Sat., 11th—Emory University—10:00 a.m.—Cannon Chapel—Decatur, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett or Elise Eskew.

Sat., 11th—Minnesota State Midwinter Singing—9:30 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., St. Paul—Info: Karen Swenson

Sat., 11th—Baylor University Singing—Truett Seminary Great Hall, Baylor U, Waco, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: David Music

Sat., 11th—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., 11th—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., 12th—Lincoln's Birthday Singing—1:00 p.m.—University of Chicago—Ida Noyes Hall—Chicago, Illinois—(Note: this singing is in connection with Folk Festival and will alternate with first, second, or third Sunday)—Info: Cathryn Bearov

Sun., 12th—Roy Avery's Memorial/Birthday Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Tallapoosa County, Alabama †

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 18th—Alabama Collegiate Singing—9:30 a.m.—Wesley Foundation Methodist Student Center—9th Street and Hackberry Lane—Tuscaloosa, Alabama—
Info: Tim Cook

Sat., 18th—Grinnell, Iowa—Winter Singing—Stewart Art Center, 926 Broad St.,
Info: Martha Pinder

Sat., 18th—Home Counties Mid-Winter Singing Day—11:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.—
Waltham Abbey Community Association Hall, 46 Crooked Mile, Waltham Abbey,
Essex, UK—Info: Neil Rogers

Sat., 18th & Sun., 19th—Pacific Northwest Convention—9:30 a.m.—Seattle area,
Washington—Singing school and singing on Saturday, and all day singing on
Sunday—Info: Karen Willard

Sun., 19th—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., 25th—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., 25th—New York Regional (Midwinter) Singing—10:00 a.m.—Clinton, New
York—Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Student Activities Village, Hamilton College—
Info: Barbara Swetman or Ron/Margaret Bornick.

Sat., 25th—South Yorkshire Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:30 a.m.—Wood Lane
Countryside Centre, Wood Lane, Stannington, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, United
Kingdom—Info: Sarah West

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—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., 26th—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

Fri., 2nd—Sun. 4th—Ireland Sacred Harp Convention—Friday evening singing
school—Saturday and Sunday—Aula Maxima, University College Cork, Cork, UK—
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. each day—Info: Sadhbh O'Flynn or Eimear O'Donovan

Sat., 3rd—North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention—Pullen Memorial Baptist
Chapel, 1801 Hillsborough St., Raleigh, North Carolina—Info: Kathy Kaiser

Sat., 3rd—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

Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th—Ohio State Convention—Saturday 10:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—(Columbus Singers)Jeffrey Mansion, 165 North Parkview Avenue, Bexley, Ohio—First Sunday and Saturday before in March—Convention usually alternates between Cincinnati and Dayton—Info: John Bealle

Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th—Tucson Singing—9:30 a.m.—Sonora Cohousing—501 E. Roger Rd. (at 1st Ave.), Tucson, Arizona—1991 Edition—Info: Paige Winslett
Sun., 4th—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers Memorial—9:30 a.m.—Ephesus School Auditorium—Ephesus (Heard County), Georgia—On Georgia Hwy. 100

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 10th—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., 10th—Zion Primitive Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Pickens County, Alabama +

Sat., 10th & Sun., 11th—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., 10th & Sun., 11th—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., 11th—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., 17th—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., 17th—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., 17th—Hurst All-Day Singing—10:30 a.m.—Hurst Village Halls, Hurst, near Reading, Berkshire, UK—Info: Michael Walker

Sat., 17th, p.m.—Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial Singing—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Boldo (Walker County), Alabama +

Sun., 18th—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—Info: Susan Harcrow

Sun., 18th—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., 24th—Higher Ground Singing—10:00 a.m.—Centenary United Methodist Church, 301 N. 7th St., Terre Haute, Indiana—Info: Darrell Swarens

Sat., 24th—Pike's Peak Sacred Harp Singing—9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Chapel of Our Savior (in the Broadmoor), #8 4th Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906—Denson and Cooper Books—Info: Pete Mathewson

Sat., 24th—Vermont State Singing—Burlington, Vermont—Note: Singing is on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March, unless it's Easter, then it's a week earlier—Info: Lynette Combs

Sat., 24th—Holmfirth Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Wooldale Community Centre, Robert Lane, Wooldale, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire—United Kingdom—Info: Cath Ingham/Chris Brown/Judy Whiting

Sat., 24th—Pittsburgh Regional All-Day Singing—Franklin Park Baptist Church, 2470 Nicholson Rd, Sewickley, Pennsylvania—Info: Gerald Hoffman

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Georgia State Convention—9:30 a.m.—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia—Info: Michael Thompson

April

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., Mar 31st—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

Sat., Mar 31st—Harpeth Valley—Priestley Miller Memorial Singing—9:30 a.m.—Radnor Primitive Baptist Church, 503 Brewer Drive,—Nashville (Davidson County), Tennessee—Singing School on Friday night—7:00 p.m.—Teacher—Judy Caudle—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., Mar 31st—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., Mar 31st & Sun., Apr 1st—Potomac River Convention—Saturday session 1:00 p.m.—Sunday session 10:00 a.m.—The Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, Virginia 22066—Info: Carly Goss

Sun., Apr 1st—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—Hwy. 9—one mile north of Bruce—Church is on the right.

Sun., Apr 1st—Edwardsville Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Edwardsville (Cleburne County), Alabama—Six miles east of Heflin—Just off U.S. Hwy. 78

Sun., Apr 1st—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.

Sun., Apr 1st—Palm Sunday Singing—10:30 a.m.—Finstock Village Hall—Nr Whitney—Oxfordshire—United Kingdom—Info: Mandy Townsend

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 6th p.m.—6:30 p.m. ET—Antioch/Shiloh Memorial—Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church—Haralson County, Georgia—South of Tallapoosa—From I-20 take exit #5 for Georgia Hwy. 100 and go south for 1.4 miles—Turn right on Shiloh Church

Road and go 0.8 miles to church—Friday night before the second Sunday in April—alternates between Antioch Baptist Church (odd year) and Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church (even year).

Sat., 7th—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., 7th—Iowa All-Day Singing—Berwick Congregational Church, Berwick, Iowa—Info: Annie Grieshop

Easter Sunday

Sun., 8th—Antioch Baptist Church—9:00 a.m.—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.

Sun., 8th—County Line Church—near Corner, (Jefferson County), Alabama +

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 14th—Middle Georgia Sacred Harp Singing—9:00 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., 14th—Rhode Island All Day Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Providence Friends Meeting House, 99 Morris Ave, Providence, Rhode Island—Info: Charles Cofone

Sat., 14th—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., 14th—Futral, Nelson, and Henry Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church—Goodwater, Alabama—From Hwy. 9, turn east in Goodwater on Hackneyville Road—Go approximately 5 miles to County Road 83, turn right (church sign there), go approximately 0.25 miles, church is on left. The singing was changed from Sunday to Saturday

Sat., 14th—Oxted Sacred Harp Singing—10:30 a.m.—United Reformed Church, 21 Bluehouse Lane, Oxted, Surrey—UK—Info: Martin Williams

Sun., 15th—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., 15th—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., 15th—New Haven Singing—New Haven, Connecticut—Info: Ian Quinn

Sun., 15th—Pine Grove Church—9:30 a.m.—Lookout Mountain—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Info: Bud Oliver +

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 21st—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/Hopewell Road—North of Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia +

Sat., 21st—New York Regional (Spring)—10:00 a.m.—Rochester Mennonite Meetinghouse, 111 Hillside Avenue, Rochester, New York—
Info: Chris Haller, Thom/Eileen Metzger

Sat., 21st—FaSoLa Omaha—10:00 a.m.—Saint Vincent’s Church, 51st and Lake Streets, Omaha, Nebraska—Info: Jenni Wallace

Sat., 21st—Golden Gate Singing—Location to be announced—
<http://fasola.org/sf/goldengate/>—Info: Hal Eisen

Sat., 21st—York All-Day Singing—York Friends Meetinghouse, 135 W. Philadelphia St, York, Pennsylvania—Info: Lamar Matthew or Erin Kelly

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention—10:00 a.m.—Singing from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *Cooper Edition*—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., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Rusk County Convention—Saturday, Redlands Church, Laneville, Texas—*Christian Harmony*—Sunday, Pine Grove Church, Henderson, Texas—*Cooper Book*—Fourth weekend in April unless falls on Easter, then third weekend in April—Info: Robert Vaughn or Gaylon Powell

Sun., 22nd—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., 22nd—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., 22nd—Pine Grove Church Singing—Henderson, Texas—Off FM Road 2867 on County Road 364, southeast of Henderson—(*Cooper Book*)—Info: Robert Vaughn

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 28th—The Piccolo Spoletto Singing—10:00 a.m.—Charleston, South Carolina—Gage Hall, 4 Archdale Street—Info: Michael Walker

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

Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—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., 28th & Sun., 29th—Bob Meek Memorial/Harrold’s Creek Shape Note Convention—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Harrold’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: Michele Cull

Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—Holt Collier/Mississippi Bear Hunt Memorial Singing—DATE CHANGED TO MAY 26TH & 27TH, 2012

Sun., 29th—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

Sun., 29th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

May

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 5th—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., 5th—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., 5th—Portland Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—The Little Church—5138 NE 23rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon—Info: Heather Ikeler

Sat., 5th—Augusta Sacred Harp Singing—Augusta Old Line Primitive Baptist Church, Martinez, Georgia—Info: Diane Goldman

Sun., 6th—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—Reid (Calhoun County), Mississippi—Hwy. 341—South of Reid—Dinner, followed by singing at 1:00 p.m.

Sun., 6th—Shady Grove Baptist Church—Dutton (Jackson County), Alabama +

Sun., 6th—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama +

Sun., 6th—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church—Clay County, Alabama +

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Fri. night, 11th & Sat., 12th—Memphis Weekend Singing—Location to be determined, Memphis, Tennessee—Info: Matt Bell

Sat., 12th—Furman University *Sacred Harp/Christian Harmony* Singing—Herring Pavilion, Furman Campus—Greenville, South Carolina

Sat., 12th—Boston Singing—10:00 a.m.—Location to be announced—Info: Kelsey Sunderland

Sat., 12th—Mid-Michigan Singing—Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos, Michigan—Info: Bob Borchering/Anne Missavage

Sun., 13th—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—10:00 a.m.—3 miles south of Nauvoo, Alabama—Info: Jimmie Gilmore +

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 18th p.m., & Sat., 19th—Garden State Singing Convention—Montclair Friends Meetinghouse—289 Park Street at Gordonhurst Ave., Montclair, New Jersey—Friday night 7:00-9:30 p.m.—Saturday 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Info: Claire Simon

Sat., 19th—Los Angeles Regional Singing—San Pedro, California—Info: Rick/Laura Boyd Russell

Sat., 19th—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., 19th—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., 19th—Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention—Pisgah Presbyterian Church—Versailles, Kentucky—Near Lexington—Info: Charles Coulston

Sun., 20th—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.

Sun., 20th—Liberty Hill Church—Lamar County, Georgia—Please bring a dish to share +

Sun., 20th—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., 20th—Rocky Mount Homecoming—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Daviston, Tallapoosa County, Alabama +

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 26th—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., 26th—Lewes Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:00 a.m.—South Malling Parish Church, Church Lane, Lewes, E. Sussex, United Kingdom—Info: Rachel Jordan

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—Holt Collier/Mississippi Bear Hunt Memorial Singing—Vicksburg, Mississippi—Location TBA—Info: Mark Davis or Henry McGuire

Sun., 27th—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., 27th—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., 27th—The Big Singing—10:00 a.m.—*Southern Harmony*—Marshall County Courthouse on the Square, Benton, Kentucky—Info: Tim Reynolds

Mon., 28th—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., 2nd—Northern Shenandoah Valley—Location to be announced—Berryville, Virginia—A set date of Saturday before the first Sunday in June—Info: John delRe/Kelly Macklin

Sat., 2nd & Sun., 3rd—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Near Bremen, Carroll County, Georgia +

Sun., 3rd—Liberty Decoration Day Singing—9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—Info: David Ivey +

Sun., 3rd—Hill Roane Memorial—Sherman Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—On Hwy. 32, 10 miles west of Bruce—Dutch treat: singers bring lunch.

Sun., 3rd—Parker Family and Sherry Guthery Memorial Singing—9:30 a.m.—Fellowship Church, Cullman County, Alabama—8-10 miles west of Cullman just off Hwy. 278

Sun., 3rd—Missouri Harmony Singing—Berryville, Virginia—Location to be announced—Info: John delRe/Kelly Macklin

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 9th—New York State Regional Singing—Ithaca area—Location TBA—Info: Ginny Huszagh

Sat., 9th—Georgian Harmony Singing—Location to be announced—

Info: John Plunkett

Sat., 9th—Newcastle Singing—10:00 a.m.—St. Bartholomew's Church Hall—Station Road, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom—Info: Cath Tyler

Sat., 9th & Sun., 10th—Hopewell Homecoming—9:00 a.m.—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—3596 Airport Road, Altoona, Blount County, Alabama—

Info: Nate Green +

Sun., 10th—Alpharetta Singing—Location to be announced, Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—Info: Helen Bryson

Sun., 10th—Oak Springs Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—3 miles north of Derma

Sun., 10th—Aldridge Memorial—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—Fayette County, Alabama—

Info: Elene Stovall, Bridgett Kennedy, or Joan Aldridge +

Sun., 10th (4:00 p.m.) - Thu., 14th (8:30 a.m.)—Camp Fasola—Adult Session—Camp McDowell—Double Springs, Alabama—Community Singing (all are invited) on Wed., June 13th—7:00 p.m.—Info: David Ivey—<http://fasola.org/camp>

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 14th, Fri., 15th & Sat., 16th—National Sacred Harp Singing Convention—9:30 a.m.—First Christian Church of Birmingham, 4954 Valleydale Road, Birmingham, Alabama—Info: Mark Davis

Sat., 16th—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., 16th—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., 17th—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., 17th—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., 17th—Clifford Wakefield Memorial—King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church)—Winston County, Alabama +

Sun., 17th—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., 23rd—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., 23rd—Oxford Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Seacourt Hall—Botley, Oxford, England—Info: Edwin/Sheila Macadam.

Sat., 23rd—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama +

Sun., 24th—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: Jesse Roberts

Sun., 24th—New Hope Church—Cullman County, Alabama +

Sun., 24th—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—Fayette County, Alabama +

Sun., 24th—Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church—*Cooper Revision*—CR 368, southeast of Henderson, Texas—Info: Robert Vaughn

July

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., June 30th—Independence Day Singing—Mt. Herman Primitive Baptist Church—New Liberty Community (Calhoun County), Mississippi—North of Hwy. 8—3 miles west of Vardaman

Sat., June 30th—Pioneer Valley Singing—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—First Congregational Church Chapel, Sunderland, Massachusetts—Info: Sheila Kelley

Sat., June 30th & Sun., July 1st—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., 1st—Cross Roads Baptist Church—10:00 a.m. ET—North of Tallapoosa—Haralson County, Georgia +

Mon., 2nd—Independence Day Singing—9:00 a.m. CT—Camp Lee, Lakeview Lodge, 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 2nd (4:00 p.m.) - Fri., July 6th (9:00 a.m.)—Camp Fasola (Youth Session)—Camp Lee—Anniston, Alabama—Community Singing (all are invited) on Thurs., July 7th—7:00 p.m.—Info: David Ivey / <http://fasola.org/camp>

Wed., July 4th—Independence Day

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 5th, Fri., 6th & Sat., 7th—Mountain View Shape Note Gathering, Ozark Folk Center, Mountain View, Arkansas—Teacher training Thurs—Singing Friday night & Saturday—Info: Charley Sandage

Fri. p.m., 6th p.m. & Sat., 7th—Quebec Convention—Location TBA—Quebec, Canada—Info: Chuck Neville

Sat., 7th—Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church Singing—Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church—2052 Fairview Road, Stockbridge, Georgia—Info: Jesse Roberts

Sat., 7th & Sun., 8th—Cullman County Singing Convention—9:30 a.m.—Cullman County Courthouse—Cullman, Alabama

Sun., 8th—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

Sat., 14th—Walker County Convention—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Walker County, Alabama—Info: Velton Chafin +

Sat., 14th p.m.—Elder Bernard Moon Memorial—Dorsey Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Bremen, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Hwy. 69

Sat., 14th—Spivey Hall Singing—Spivey Hall—Clayton College and State University—Morrow, Georgia—Info: Hugh McGraw

Sat., 14th—Michiana Singing—9:30 a.m.—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., 14th & Sun., 15th—Gwehelog Sacred Harp Singing—Saturday 10:00 a.m.—Sunday 10:30 a.m.—Gwehelog Methodist Chapel, nr Usk, United Kingdom—Info: Chris Brown/Judy Whiting

Sun., 15th—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., 15th—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., 15th—Hillabee Convention—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Daviston (Tallapoosa County), Alabama +

Thurs., 19th—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—Always held on the third Thursday in July—Info: Joey Brackner

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 21st—Cotaco Convention—10:00 a.m.—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—2086 Gum Pond Rd. (Morgan County) Eva, Alabama—Info: Judy Caudle +

Sat., 21st—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., 21st—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., 21st—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., 21st & Sun., 22nd—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 or Janie Short

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—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., 22nd—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

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 28th—Young People's Singing—9:30 a.m.—Minnesota—Location to be announced—This singing is held on Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4th—Info: Anna Pfau/Nathan Berry

Sat., 28th—Central Pennsylvania Singing—Progress Grange Hall, 217 South Pennsylvania Ave, Centre Hall, Pennsylvania—about 8 miles east of State College—Info: Hal Kunkel

Sat., 28th—Eugene Singing—9:30 a.m.—Eugene, Oregon area—Location to be announced—Saturday following the fourth Sunday in July—Info: Steve Helwig

Sat., 28th—Maine Singing—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Union Town House, Townhouse Rd, Union, Maine—Saturday before the last Sunday in July—
Info: Kathe Pilobosian or Chris Holley

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—Info: Reba Windom

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

Sun., 29th—D.H. Mansfield Singing—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Union Town House, Townhouse Rd, Union, Maine—American Vocalist and The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition—Last Sunday in July—Info: Peter Golden or Chris Holley

Sun., 29th—Minnesota Singing—9:30 a.m.—Location to be announced—
Info: Anna Pfau/Nathan Berry

Sun., 29th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

August

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 4th & Sun., 5th—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., 5th—Fayette County Convention—9:30 a.m.—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—Fayette County, Alabama +

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 11th—Calhoun County Convention—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Highway 9, one mile north of Bruce, Mississippi—church is on the right.

Sat., 11th—Geneva All-Day Singing—Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva, 102 South Second, Geneva, Illinois—Info: Ryan Wheeler

Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th—East Texas Sacred Harp Convention—Henderson Civic Center, 1005 Hwy 64, Henderson (Rusk County), Texas—*Cooper Book*—
Info: Robert Vaughn

Sun., 12th—Lamar and Pickens County Convention—Zion Primitive Baptist Church—Pickens County, Alabama +

Wednesday after second Sunday

Wed., 15th—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., 18th—Mt. Rainier Singing—*Cooper Book*—Buckley Hall, 127 N. River Ave., (between Main St. and Cottage St. N, Buckley, Washington—Info: Karen Willard

Sat., 18th—*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

Sun., 19th—Willard Birthday Bash Singing—Buckley Hall, 127 N. River Ave., (between Main St. and Cottage St. N, Buckley, Washington—Info: Karen Willard

Sun., 19th—Cleburne County Convention—9:30 a.m.—Edwardsville Baptist Church—Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama—Info: Stanly Edwards

Sun., 19th—Emma Beasley, Belton Beasley, and Phillip Lee, III Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—Info: John Beasley +

Sun., 19th—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.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 25th—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., 25th & Sun., 26th—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., 25th & Sun., 26th—Lookout Mountain Convention—9:00 a.m.—Pine Grove Church—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Info: Bud Oliver +

September

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 1st—Maidencreek Friends Meetinghouse—Near Leesport—Berks County, Pennsylvania—Saturday of Labor Day Weekend—Info: Ted Stokes

Sat., 1st—New Providence Primitive Baptist Church—Ringgold, Louisiana—1991 Edition and Cooper books—Info: Robert Vaughn

Sat., 1st—Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett or Oscar McGuire

Sat., 1st—Goodshaw Sacred Harp Singing—10:30 a.m.—Goodshaw Baptist Church, Chapel Street, Goodshaw, Rossendale, Lancashire, UK—Info: Chris Brown/Judy Whiting

Sun., 2nd—Clear Creek West Convention/Mulberry River Convention—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—Fayette County, Alabama—Convention held in even years at Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse), Fayette County, Alabama, and in odd years at County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama+ Info: Velton Chafin or Danny Creel

Sun., 2nd—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., 2nd—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., 2nd—Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing—11:30 a.m.—Island Park—Geneva, Illinois—Always the Sunday before Labor Day.

Mon., 3rd (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

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 8th—*Cooper Book* Singing—Little Flock Church, Molino, Florida—Barrineau Park Road, 1.5 miles West of US Hwy. 29—Info: Hubert Nall

Sat., 8th—Rivanna River Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Charlottesville, Virginia—Info: Diane Ober, John Alexander

Sat., 8th—Pioneer Day Sacred Harp Singing—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—Info: Leon Carnell

Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th—United Sacred Harp Musical Association (United Sacred Harp Singing Convention)—Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama—
Info: Tim Reynolds/David Ivey †

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 15th—New York City All Day Singing—9:30 a.m.—Location TBA—
Info: Aldo Ceresa

Sat., 15th—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., 15th—Pasadena United Methodist Church—10:00 a.m.—1062 Fairmont Parkway—Pasadena, Texas—Info: Crystal Meadows

Sat., 15th & Sun., 16th—Illinois State Convention—Taylorville, Illinois—
Christian County Historical Society Museum—Third Sunday and Saturday before—
Info: Berkley Moore or Janet Fraembs

Sat., 15th & Sun., 16th—United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention—Hurst Village Halls, Hurst, nr Reading, Berkshire, UK—Info: Michael Walker

Sun., 16th—Cornelius Benjamin Keeton and Travis Keeton Memorial Singing—
Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama †

Sun., 16th—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., 16th—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

Mon., 17th-Thu., 21st—Camp FaSoLa Europe—Wichrowe Wzgorze 13 Street, 83-333 Chmielno, Poland—Info: David Ivey / <http://fasola.org/camp> or Gosia Perycz or Kuba Choinski or Justyna Orlikowska

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd—West Texas Singing—Crosbyton Primitive Baptist Church, 401 S. Emerald St., Crosbyton, Texas—10:00 a.m.—*1991 Edition*—Info: Kathy Taylor

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Minnesota State Convention—9:30 a.m.—Saturday—
Location TBA—Sunday—Shakopee, Minnesota—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Rocky Mountain Convention—9:30 a.m.—Colorado—
Location to be announced—Convention alternates between Colorado and New Mexico.

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Alabama State *Christian Harmony* Convention—9:30 a.m.—Union Baptist Church, 3351 Warrior Jasper Road, Warrior, Alabama—I-65 to exit 282—Church is 7.6 miles west on Warrior-Jasper Road (approximately 5 miles east of Hwy 78—Info: Emily C. Burleson

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Polish Sacred Harp Convention—Warsaw, Poland—Info: www.sacredharp86.org

Sun., 23rd—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—10:00 a.m.—2086 Gum Pond Rd., Eva, Morgan County, Alabama—Info: Judy Caudle +

Sun., 23rd—Winston County Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church +

Sun., 23rd—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

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 29th—Indiana *Cooper Book* Singing—Flora, Indiana—Info: Brad Bahler

Sat., 29th—Saints Rest Singing—Grinnell, Iowa—Info: Annie Grieshop

Sat., 29th—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., 29th & Sun., 30th—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia—First fifth Sunday after Labor Day and Saturday before—Info: John Plunkett

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

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—New England Convention—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Hosted by Vermont—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., 30th—Velton Chafin Birthday Singing—Held on the last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving—Liberty Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Jefferson County, Alabama +. 1991 Edition and *Cooper Book*—Changed from Saturday before the first Sunday in November—Info: Velton Chafin

Sun., 30th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

October

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 6th—*Cooper Book* Singing—Shady Grove Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Between Dutton and Section—Jackson County, Alabama—Info: Syble Adams +

Sat., 6th—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., 6th—Church Music Heritage and Fall Festival—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Methodist Church—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., 6th—Northwest Pennsylvania Singing—First Universalist Church of Girard, 107 Myrtle St, Girard, Pennsylvania—Info: Gerald Hoffman

Sun., 7th—South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Liberty Hill Church—Lamar County, Georgia—Info: Oscar McGuire

Sun., 7th—Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers, Wootten Memorial—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—3596 Airport Road, Altoona, Blount County, Alabama—Info: Nate Green †

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 13th—Tallahassee Singing—9:30 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science—Tallahassee, Florida—Info: Alice/Tor Bejnar

Sat., 13th—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.—Saturday before the second Sunday—Info: Gene Pinion

Sat., 13th—Columbia Singing—Dripping Springs Christian Church—2701 Dripping Springs Rd., Columbia, Missouri—Info: Wendy Hofmann or Lou/Penny Kujawinski

Sat., 13th—Sheffield Sacred Harp Singing Day—11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Our Lady and St. Thomas Church, Meadowhead, Woodseats, Sheffield, United Kingdom—Info: Carmel Wood

Sat., 13th—Duluth Singing—Duluth—Superior Friends Meeting, 1802 East First Street, Duluth, Minnesota—10:00 a.m.—Second Saturday in October—Info: Larry Spears

Sat., 13th—Middle Tennessee Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.—King's Chapel—Hwy 96, Arrington, Tennessee—Info: Ron Harper

Sun., 14th—Tennessee State Convention—Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church—280 Second Creek Road, Five Points, Tennessee—*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., 14th—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., 14th—Chestnut Grove Church—10:00 a.m.—Near Ider—DeKalb County, Alabama—3 miles south of Ider—Off Hwy. 117

Sun., 14th—Taylor United Methodist Church—Taylor (Lafayette County), Mississippi—8 miles south of Oxford—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 20th—Tri-State Convention—9:00 a.m.—Hoboken, Georgia—*Cooper Book*—Info: Morgan Bunch, Mary Whitehurst, Russ Scholz

Sat., 20th—Shapers Sacred Harp Singing Day—United Kingdom—Venue to be confirmed—Info: Steve Fletcher

Sat., 20th—McWhorter Memorial—This singing has been discontinued

Sat., 20th and Sun. 21st—New York State Convention—Albany area—Location TBA—Info: Mary Skidmore

Sat., 20th & Sun., 21st—Pacific Northwest Convention, Oregon—9:30 a.m., both days—Laurelhurst Club, 3721 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., 21st—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., 21st—Reid Memorial Singing—County Line Church—Jefferson County, Alabama +

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 26th and Sat., 27th—Alaska Sacred Harp Convention—United Methodist Church, Sitka, Alaska—Info: Kari Lundgren

Sat., 27th—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., 27th—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., 27th—Bloomington All-Day Singing—10:00 a.m.—Friends Meetinghouse—Bloomington, Indiana—Info: William Shetter or Darrell Swarens

Sat., 27th—Northwest Arkansas Fall Singing—9:30 a.m.—Chapel, First United Methodist Church, 206 W. Johnson, Springdale, Arkansas—

Info: Holly Childs, Sydney Caldwell

Sat., 27th—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: Richard Mauldin

Sat., 27th—Sadsbury Two Book Singing (*Cooper and Denson*)—Old Sadsbury Friends Meeting House, Christiana, Pennsylvania—Info: Laura Densmore

Sat., 27th—Northwest London Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:30 a.m.—Location to be announced—Info: Michael Walker

Sun., 28th—Jordan 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., 28th—Schoolhouse Singing—10:00 a.m.—Eldridge Farm—near Orleans, Indiana—Info: Adrian Eldridge or Darrell Swarens

Sun., 28th—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers/W.A. Parker Memorial Singing—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Walker County, Alabama +

November

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 3rd—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., 3rd—Alvis Brothers and B.I. Wood Memorial Singing—This singing has been discontinued

Sat., 3rd—Denney Memorial—10:00 a.m.—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., 3rd—University of Chicago/Hyde Park Sacred Harp Anniversary Singing—
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Chicago, Illinois—Augustana Lutheran Church, on 55th St.
between University and Woodlawn—Always Saturday before the first Sunday in
November—Info: Cathryn Bearov

Sun., 4th—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Near Bremen—
Carroll County, Georgia—Info: Phillip Langley +

Sun., 4th—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., 10th—Immanuel Baptist Church—222 Belle Meade Boulevard—Nashville,
Tennessee—Between Harding Road, U.S. 70, and Harding Place

Sat., 10th—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., 10th—Dallas County Singing—9:30 a.m.—Cochran Chapel United Methodist
Church Fellowship Hall, 9027 Midway at N W Hwy, Dallas, Texas—Southwest
corner of the intersection, enter from Midway Rd—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—
Info: Cheryl Foreman or Sonny Erwin

Sat., 10th—Stapleford Sacred Harp Singing—St. Luke's Church—Moorbridge
Lane, Stapleford, Nottingham, United Kingdom—Info: Helen Brown

Sat., 10th—James River Convention—Richmond, Virginia—Saturday before the
second Sunday in November—PLEASE NOTE: Changed to a one day singing—
Info: Stephen McMaster or Pat Temple

Sat., 10th—Berkshire Foothills Singing—10:00 a.m.—for location see
WMSHC.org—Info: Allison Steel or Joanne Fuller

Sat., 10th—Boiling Springs Convention—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Clay
County, near Ashland, Alabama—Info: Eugene Forbes or Blake Sisemore +

Sat., 10th—Arkansas Valley Harvest Singing—North La Junta Community Center,
#17 Trail, La Junta, Colorado—Info: Pete Mathewson

Sun., 11th—Oak Hill Baptist Church and Calhoun County Convention—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., 17th—Elmore County Convention—*Cooper Book*—First Presbyterian
Church—Wetumpka, Alabama—Info: Bill Hogan

Sat., 17th—West Yorkshire Sacred Harp Day—West Lane Methodist Chapel—
Haworth, United Kingdom—Info: Chris Brown/Judy Whiting

Sat., 17th—Oxted Sacred Harp Singing—10:30 a.m.—Oxted URC, 21 Bluehouse
Lane, Oxted, Surrey—Info: Martin Williams

Sat., 17th—7:00 p.m.—Cross Roads Church—North of Tallapoosa—Haralson
County, Georgia—Saturday night before the third Sunday in November. +

Sun., 18th—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., 18th—Wakefield Memorial—King's School House (Mt. Vernon)—near
Lynn, Winston County, Alabama +

Thurs., 22nd—Thanksgiving Day

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 24th—Thanksgiving Sacred Harp Singing—10:30 a.m.—Jordans Village Hall,
Green Road West, Jordans, Buckinghamshire—UK—Info: Sheila/Edwin Macadam

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—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., 24th—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., 1st—Sacred Harp Singing—Heights Church of Christ—1548 Heights Blvd.—
Houston, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book*—Info: Crystal Meadows

Sat., 1st & Sun., 2nd—Florida State Sacred Harp Convention—Holiday Inn—2001
Cove Boulevard—Panama City, Florida—*Cooper Book*—For reservations call
850.769.0000

Sat., 1st & Sun., 2nd—Georgia State Christian Harmony Convention—9:30
a.m.—Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church—Tallapoosa, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th—Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial—Concord Primitive
Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—Info: John Beasley +

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 15th & Sun., 16th—No listings

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd & Sun. 23rd—No listings

Mon., 24th and Tue., 25th—Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sun., 30th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth
Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

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

Mon., 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 28 Sunday, January 29
Second Fifth Weekend	Saturday, April 28 Sunday, April 29
Third Fifth Weekend	Saturday, July 28 Sunday, July 29
Fourth Fifth Weekend	Saturday, September 29 Sunday, September 30
Fifth Fifth Weekend	Saturday, December 29 Sunday, December 30

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

Midwest Convention—Chicago, Illinois

***Holt Collier/Mississippi Bear Hunt Memorial**—This singing has been moved to
the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in May

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

Third Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Young People's Singing—Minnesota—Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July
4th

Lacy Memorial Singing—Ider, 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 †

Fifth Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

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: One Friday night in March and September, 2012—St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church—136 E. Magnolia Avenue (just north of College Street—7:00 p.m.—Info: Karen Clark/Fred Hoerr

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

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: Friday Night—February 3, April 6, August 3, November 2—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: Charley Basham or Robert Sullivan.

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

Arizona

Tucson: Most first and third Saturdays—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Sonora Cohousing—501 E. Roger Rd.—Info: Paige Winslett, tucsonfasola@earthlink.net

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 p.m.—All Saints Chapel, 2451 Ridge Road—Info: Hal Eisen
- Claremont:** Fourth Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—Claremont Presbyterian Church, 1111 N. Mountain Ave—Info: Church office 909.624.9693, please call to confirm
- Loma Linda:** Inland Empire Sacred Harp Singing—Second Sunday of the month—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Call for location each month—Info: Charles/Kathryn Knecht or Rodney Willard
- Los Angeles (Culver City):** Fourth Thursday (and most other Thursdays)—7:00-9:00 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
- 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—1:30—4:30 p.m.—St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 101 Gold Mine Dr, 94131—Info: Julian Damashek
- San Francisco Bay Area-Oakland/East Bay:** First Sundays—4:30-6:30 p.m.—followed by a potluck—Info: Alice Sharp or Vicki Solomon
- San Francisco Bay Area-Peninsula/South Bay:** Second Sundays—11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. and Fourth Sundays—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. (hosted lunch following)—Info: Terry Moore
- San Francisco Bay Area-University of California/Berkeley:** Every Monday—7:30—9:30 p.m.—location near UC Berkeley Campus—Info: Hal Eisen
- 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:** Third Mondays—6:30-8:30 p.m.—417 Carson Ave, La Junta, CO—singing from the 1991 Edition and Cooper Book—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. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2015 Glenarm Pl.—(1991 Edition, Norumbega, Cooper, and Christmas Harp in season)—Always confirm—Info: Sharon Kermiet
- Fort Collins:** First Monday—7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.—St Luke's Episcopal Church—2000 Stover—Info: Hill Grimmitt

Connecticut

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

New Haven: Every Monday—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Room 210, W.L. Harkness Hall (corner of College Street and Wall Street—Info: Ian Quinn

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

District of Columbia

Downtown: Third Tuesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Capitol Hill Presbyterian

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: First Saturday each month—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Morningside Nature Center in the historic school house, 3540 E University Ave, Gainesville—Info: Mary Doyle/Durward Rackleff

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

Tallahassee: Friday before third Sunday in each month, except June—Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 2015 Fleischmann Rd—please call to verify—Info: Alice and Tor Bejnar—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, Christian Harmony, or other shape note books

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

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 Rapids: Fourth Saturdays—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

Grinnell: Third Saturdays—1:00 p.m.—Info: Martha Pinder

Iowa City: First Saturdays—3:30-5:30 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Callie Garnett

Kansas

Lawrence: Third 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: Michele Cull

Louisiana

Baton Rouge: Third Sundays—2:00-4:30 p.m.—St. Alban's Chapel on the LSU
campus—Info: Charlene Heaton

Maine

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

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.—Portland New Church, 302 Stevens Avenue—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

Sandy Spring: Third Sundays—4:00-6:00 p.m.—17801 Meetinghouse Road, in the small schoolhouse behind the Community Building—Info: Kent Beck

Massachusetts

Amherst: First Sundays—2:00—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

Lenox: Third Sunday—Singing School 1:00-2:00 p.m.—Regular Singing 2:00-4:00 p.m.—55 Main St—Info: Allison Steel

Leysden: 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 Borcharding

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

Duluth: First Sundays—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Duluth Friends Meeting House, 1802 East First St—Info: Larry Spears

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

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

Montana

Missoula: Third Sundays—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, 1475 Easton—Info: Beverly Young

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 (Clifton Park): Second Saturday in September, First Saturdays from November through June, (no October singing)—6:30-9:00 p.m.—Jonesville United Methodist Church, 963 Main Street, Clifton Park, New York—

Info: Jean Seiler/Mary Skidmore

Altamont: June: Friday, 23rd—Saturday, 24th—Sunday, 25th—Old Songs Festival—Altamont Fairgrounds—Altamont, New York—Morning singing, workshops—Always held the last full weekend in June, the last Sunday and the Friday and Saturday before.

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

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

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

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—5:00 p.m. Potluck snack at break—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

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

Durham: Second Sundays—2:00-4:00 p.m.—First Baptist Church, 305 E. Main St.—Info: ncshapenote.org

Durham: Thursday evenings—7:30-10:00 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Kathy Kaiser

Raleigh: Fourth Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Friends Meeting House, 625 Tower Street—Info: ncshapenote.org

Swannanoa: Third Sundays—September – May—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall—Info: Sarah and Kevin Kehrberg

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.—St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 2690 Fairlawn Drive—Info: Tom Dillon

Ohio

Cincinnati: Second Sundays—4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.—Community Friends Meeting, 3960 Winding Way—Info: tinyurl.com/CincinnatiSacredHarp

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

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

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City: Info: Nancy Powell/Claire Powell

Oregon

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

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

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

Portland: Every First Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Waverly Heights UCC, Fellowship Hall, 3300 SE Woodward—Cooper Book

Portland: Every Second Sunday—5:00-7:00 p.m.—People's Co-Op—3029 SE 21st Ave, Community Room

Portland: Every Third Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Cedar Hills UCC, 1169 SW Park Way—*Cooper Book*.

Portland: Every Fourth Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—McMenamins Kennedy School, Community Room (SE Corner of the building), 5736 NE 33rd—Call for details—Info: Jessica Beer

Portland: Every Fifth Sunday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Peninsula Baptist Church, 2653 N. Lombard

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

Salem: Every Monday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Info: Melissa Stephenson or www.salemsacredharp.org

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): Meets irregularly—Info: David Martin

Rhode Island

Providence: Fourth Sundays—3:00-6:00 p.m.—Providence Friends Meeting House, 99 Morris Ave (corner of Olney St)—Info: ri-sacredharp.net/singings.html

Providence: Weekly—Thursdays during the school year (Sep-early Dec and late Jan-April)—Brown University Campus—5:00-7:00 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, except June and July—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

Memphis: Third Thursday each month—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Evergreen Presbyterian Church, 613 University St, Memphis—Info: Matt Bell

Nashville: First Sundays—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Room 124, Belmont United Methodist Church—2007 Acklen Ave, Nashville, Tennessee—Info: Sandie Scott

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—2:00-4:30 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: Chloe Webb

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 Sunday afternoon—2:00-4:00 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: Barbara Smith

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: First Saturdays (except December)—3:00—5:00 p.m.—Coker United Methodist Church, Wesley Bldg, 2nd 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: Third Sundays—3:00-5:30 p.m.—Centre Congregational Church parlor, 193 Main St—Info: Peter Amidon

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

Derby Line: Fourth Sundays—Universalist Unitarian Church Hall—3:00 p.m. with a pot-luck, the church is about 500 feet from the International Border Line between Canada and the US—call/write to confirm—Info: Troad (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

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

Olympia:—Info: olympiasacredharp@yahoo.com

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—1:30-4:00 p.m.—Good Samaritan Center, 17121 E. 8th Avenue, Spokane Valley—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

Canada

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

Guelph, Ontario: Third Friday each month—7:00-9:30 p.m.—St. James Anglican Church (corner of Paisley and Glasgow)—Info: Sue Woodward

Orangeville, Ontario: Alternate Saturdays, 2:00-4:00 p.m. 50 Second St, Orangeville—call or email—Info: Steve or Nicoletta Rogers

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

Poland

Warsaw: Every Monday—7:30 p.m.—Freta 10, Dominicans friary—

Info: Magdalena Gryszko—Facebook (search for “Sacred Harp Poland”)

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

Ireland: Cork—Every Monday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—O’Riada Hall, UCC School of Music building, Sunday’s Well Road—Info: <http://www.music.ucc.ie/shapenote>

Ireland: Cork—Every Thursday—6:00-8:00 p.m.—Camden Palace, Camden Quay—Info: <http://www.music.ucc.ie/shapenote>

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

West Yorkshire, Oldham, and Sheffield: Third Fridays—7:30 p.m.—Locations in West Yorkshire, Sheffield or Oldham—

Info: Hannah Land or Chris Brown/Judy Whiting

DIRECTIONS TO CHURCHES WITH MULTIPLE SINGINGS

Alabama

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—3596 Airport Road, Altoona—6 miles east of Oneonta—1 mile east of Oneonta Airport—From I59—Take Hwy. 231 north—Go beyond mile marker 248—Take first paved road on right at sign for Robin Hill Baptist Church—Go to dead end—Turn right—Church is on left.

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

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

Liberty Church—McCormick (Jefferson County), Alabama—2.5 miles southwest of Sumiton—Turn off Hwy 78 onto Hollis Goodwin Road—Go .7 mile (past New Horizon Funeral Home and cemetery) to McCormick Road—turn left—Church is on left.

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.

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—Church is on the left

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

How other singing books appear in the Minutes

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

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

ACH	American Christmas Harp
AH	The American Harmony
AV	American Vocalist
CB	Cooper Book
CH	Christian Harmony
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

SACRED HARP SINGINGS

2011 MINUTES

WOOTTEN FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama

December 31, 2010 - January 1, 2011

The 49th session of the Wootten Family New Year's Eve Singing was called to order by Terry Wootten leading 32t and 56t. The opening prayer was offered by Shane Wootten.

Leaders: Terry Wootten 129; Marlon Wootten 97; Dewayne Wootten 475; Mel Kersey 354t; Blake Sisemore 349; Loyd Ivey 389; Jared Wootten 182; Aaron Little 83t; Syble Adams 186; Jackie Tanner 73t (for Bud Oliver); Brad Bahler 29t; Rodney Ivey 225t (for Lonnie Rogers); Donna Wootten 81t; Matt Hinton 278t; Jamey Wootten 480; B.M. Smith 318; Robert Vaughn 124; Jackson Harcrow 224.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Jeffrey Wootten leading 354b. Leaders: Aaron Wootten and Sarah Vaughn 30b; Levon Wootten 438; Darrell Swarens 436 (in honor of Robert Vaughn's birthday); Jenny Mann 277; Rob Bahler 56b; Shane Wootten 432; Andrew Farris 268; Erica Hinton 108t; Karen Bahler 276; Charity Vaughn 270; Andrew Mashchak 26; Judy Caudle 85; Claudine Townson 540 (CB); Cindy Tanner 220; Chris Holley and Kathe Pilobosian 371; Carole Watts 319; David McGinty 323b; Ann Mashchak 569b; Jordan Ratliff and Jackson Harcrow 40; Boyd Scott 358; Eloise Wootten 454; Kennedy Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten 460.

REFRESHMENTS

Jeffrey Wootten brought the class back together by leading 274t. Leaders: David Townson 463 (CB); Linda Thomas and Jordan Ratliff 131b; Betty Shepherd 101t, 216; Reba Windom 546; Hobert Ivey and Linda Thomas 47t; Marty Wootten 559 (CB); Cheyenne Ivey 176b; Nate Green and Norma Green 162; Daniel Bearden 222; Jerry Creason and Ann Sibole 192; Eddie Mash 344 (for Bob Meek); David Hufstetler 68b; Robert Walker 96 (CB); Susan Cheronos 63; Margie Smith 405; Levon Wootten, Terry Wootten, and Dewayne Wootten "Pass Me Not" (for Myrtle Wootten), 478 (CB) (for Phillip Wootten).

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Rodney Ivey leading 567 (CB). Leaders: Shane Wootten 518 (CB); Syble Adams 505 (CB), 574 (CB); Rodney Ivey 465 (CB); Syble Adams 540 (WB); Reba Windom and Terry Wootten 542; Terry Wootten 573 (CB), 515 (CB).

The class was dismissed with prayer offered by David Townson.

Chairman—Terry Wootten; Secretary—Judy Caudle

CINCINNATI NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING

Cincinnati Friends Meeting House, Cincinnati, Ohio

Saturday, January 1, 2011

The 20th annual Cincinnati New Year's Day Singing was held at Cincinnati Friends Meeting House. Rich Overturf called the class to order leading 34t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rich Overturf; Secretary—John Bealle.

Leaders: Eloise Clark 34b, 171; Karen Arnett 546, 159; John Bealle 271t, 300; Ed Walton 301, 99; Linda Coppock 114, 324; Michael Domino 110 (MH), 161 (MH); Jim Coppock 535, 273; Rich Kern 242, 496; Rich Overturf 107, 312b.

RECESS

Eloise Clark called the class to order leading 47t. Leaders: Bob French 313b, 180; Randy Webber "Gentle Shepherd," 26 (MH); Bill Shetter 135 (MH), 138 (MH); Mike Hieber 36b, 148; Jo Schulz 486, 150.

Randy Webber and John Bealle then spoke in appreciation of Bob Meek and led 268. Ed Walton offered a prayer for Bob. Debbie Hall led 45 (MH). Eloise Clark dismissed the class for dinner with a prayer.

LUNCH

Rich Overturf called the class to order leading 147t. Leaders: Willard Black 49b, 49t; Steve Angell 178, 504; Eric Conrad 149 (MH), 151 (MH); Annaliza Cull 448t, 82t; Karen Willard 91 (CB), 552 (CB); Michael Darby 142, 73b; Anne Gilliland 102, 81t; Michele Cull 441, 269; Zack Davis 86, 38b; Laura Russell 318, 72b.

RECESS

Rich Overturf called the class to order leading 373. Leaders: Dennis Delaney 452; Carol Medicott 495, 207; Bob Cull 547, 505 (CB); Randy Webber "Cincinnati"; Claire Outten 334, 168; Kori Martodam 335; Eric Conrad 70b; Karen Willard 497. Rich Overturf led 347, and the class took the parting hand. Dennis Delaney dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Rich Overturf; Secretary—John Bealle

NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING

Holy Trinity Church, Mapperley, Derbyshire, United Kingdom Saturday, January 1, 2011

The annual New Year's Day Singing was called to order by Helen Brown leading 75. A warm welcome was extended to all, and Simon White offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Ted Brown 47t; Ruth Steggles 171; Margaret Gillanders 36b; Gillian White 49t; Michael Walker 162; Cath Tyler 405; Zachary Marcus 335; Chris Brown 31t; Rosalind Oldham 270; Phil Tyler 74b; Steve Fletcher 84; Hannah Land 228; Benny Ross 274t; Ian West 98 (CB); Judy Whiting 507b (CB).

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

RECESS

Helen Brown called the class back to order leading 101t. Leaders: Ruth Steggles 39t; Gillian White 34b; Margaret Gillanders 318; Ted Brown 111b; Cath Tyler 412; Zachary Marcus 455; Michael Walker 306; Chris Brown 295b (CB); Rosalind Oldham 575 (CB); Steve Fletcher 472; Phil Tyler 184b (CB); Hannah Land 186. Hannah Land asked the blessing for the mid-day meal.

LUNCH

Ian West re-convened the class by leading 571 (CB). Leaders: Benny Ross 77t; Helen Brown 30b; Judy Whiting 384; Ruth Steggles 148; Margaret Gillanders 542; Gillian White 276; Ted Brown 81t; Cath Tyler 192; Zachary Marcus 503; Michael Walker 475; Rosalind Oldham 572 (CB); Chris Brown 102; Steve Fletcher 38t (CB); Hannah Land 554 (CB); Phil Tyler 99.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Gillian White. The names of the following deceased were read: June, Mick Lovley, George Seiler, Muriel De Freyne, Iona Glover, Ivan Grant, Alan White, Betty Thompson, Faith Houbert, Theano Yianni, Glynne Williams, Leo McGuigan, Ernest Allott, Peter Sellers, Oliver Gill, Cliff Eriksen, and Valerie Munday.

The names of the following sick and housebound were read: Bob Meek, Maureen Gamlin, Linda Champ, Glennon Melton, Maggie Watson, Anne Milne, Maureen Jones, Moysis Yianni, Chris Yianni, Kathy Armstrong, Stephanie Cain, Lyn Rickard, Stephen Rickard, Malcolm Breckman, and Stan Reeve.

Ted Brown led 133 (CB). Michael Walker concluded the lessons by offering prayer. Leaders: Ian West 480; Benny Ross 474.

RECESS

Helen Brown called the class back together by leading 573 (CB). Leaders: Margaret Gillanders 140 (CB); Gillian White 128 (CB); Judy Whiting 150; Cath Tyler 362; Ruth Steggles 496; Michael Walker 495; Chris Brown 512; Steve Fletcher 481; Hannah Land 142; Phil Tyler 332; Benny Ross 330t; Ted Brown 569b; Judy Whiting 273.

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

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

SHADY GROVE ANNUAL SINGING

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama Sunday, January 2, 2011

The Shady Grove annual singing was held on the first Sunday in January. Kermit Adams called the class to order leading 36b. The morning prayer was offered by Earl Ballinger.

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

Leaders: Kermit Adams 31b; Travis Keeton 73t, 129; Yancy Jett 89, 108b; Ottis Sides 61, 75; Isabella Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Glenn Keeton 108t, 30t; Wanda Capps 144, 546; Stella Pratt 111b, 163b; Emily Jones 65, 82t; Ann Jett 136, 448b; Linda Sides 448t, 32t; Lisa Geist 50b, 120; Roma Rice 490, 31t.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading 475. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 224, 112; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 331, 378t; Glenn Keeton 378b (for Leona Hayes), 146 (for Richard Mauldin), 497; Josie Hyde 297, 361; Faye Donaldson 124, 138t; Margaret Keeton 192, 276.

LUNCH

Kermit Adams called the class back to order leading 46. Leaders: Betty Baccus 183, 145b, 282; Velton Chafin 68b (for his wife, Johnnie), 44; Lisa Geist 171; Yancy Jett 440; Sara Berry 290, 325 (for Dawson & Edith Adams); Ottis Sides 530, Linda Sides 277; Earl Ballinger 350; Ann Jett, Harrison Creel, and Wanda Capps 512; Steve Adams 101t; Faye Donaldson 430; Josie Hyde 150; Roma Rice 81t (for Nellie Alexander);

Travis Keeton 203.

The following is a list of all of the names mentioned today of people who are sick: Cecil Sanders, Johnnie Chafin, Leona Haynes, Rena Humber, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McCool, Larry Ballinger, Dawson Adams, Richard Mauldin, Nellie Alexander, and Kathryn Weaver.

Kermit Adams led 521 as the closing song. Harrison Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice

**LILLIAN CALVERT AND IRENE WOODLEY
MEMORIAL SINGING
Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama
Saturday night, January 8, 2011**

The 57th session of the Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley Memorial Singing held at Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Ken Tate leading 201. The opening prayer was offered by Danny Creel.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Wanda Capps.

Leaders: Ken Tate 107; Wanda Capps 146; Elsie Moon 94; Elene Stovall 204; Velton Chafin 113; Judy Caudle 463; Henry Guthery 511; Emily Burleson 494; Hannah Tate 436; Yancey Jett 144; Danny Creel 385t; Cindy Tanner 501; Beth Branscome 299; Amber Davis 187; Max Berueffy 189; Travis Keeton 75; Bea Carnathan 295; Jim Aaron 503; Eugene Forbes 155.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Ken Tate leading 47t. Leaders: Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gilmore 348b, 111b; Margaret Gowin 358; Betty Norris 391; Jetty Lawson, Doris Talley, Fay Naramore, Dorothy Evans 39b, 335; Nellie Alexander 81t; Harrison Creel 342; Max Berueffy 430; Judy Caudle 411; Cindy Tanner 546, 198; Elene Stovall 292; Bea Carnathan 145t; Yancey Jett 440; Henry Guthery 434; Beth Branscome 300; Eugene Forbes 77t; Emily Burleson 76b; Travis Keeton 56t; Danny Creel 498; Hannah Tate 542; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gilmore 475; Ken Tate 108t (in memory of Heath Jett).

Ken Tate led 209 as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

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

**JACK KERR AND HENRY KERR MEMORIAL
Camp Ground Methodist Church, Cleburne County, Alabama
Sunday, January 9, 2011**

The annual singing for Uncle 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 called the classed to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 59. Ed Thacker offered the morning prayer. Henry Johnson led 108t.

Leaders: Donna Bell 36b, 31t; Judy Chambless 31b, 34b; Stanley Edwards and Marilyn Bradley 282, 283; Winfred Kerr 45t, 89; John Plunkett 467, 271b; Charlene Wallace 155 (for Carlene Griffin, Nick Griffin, and Evelyn Harris), 101t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 101b, 126; Ed Thacker 421 (for Bud Oliver), 424; Robert Chambless 72b, 145b; Karen Rollins 354t, 354b (for her daddy, Lonnie Rogers); Jeff Sheppard 383, 439.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Ed Thacker; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless; Memorial Lesson—Kerr Family.

RECESS

Ed Thacker brought the class back to order leading 176t. Leaders: Reba Windom 313b, 195 (for Shelbie Sheppard); Lauren Bock 38t, 534; Cecil Roberts 229 (for Lois Bowman), 97; John Kelso 56t, 240; Oscar McGuire 276, 441; Evelyn Harris 32t, 47t; Marilyn Bradley and Oscar McGuire 47b; John Plunkett 82b; Judy Chambless 414; Stanley Edwards 380; Winfred Kerr 68b; Lauren Bock 411.

The Kerr family conducted the memorial lesson. Lois Snow (Jack Kerr's daughter) introduced herself and welcomed everyone, expressing gratitude and thanks to all who came to make this a special day. Other members of the Kerr family introduced themselves to the class, explaining their relationship to Uncle Jack Kerr and Uncle Henry Kerr. They spoke of fond memories they had growing up. Alma Stowe (a member of Jack Kerr's daughters, 101 years old) was in the hospital and unable to attend. The Kerr family asked for everyone to please remember her as they led 323b in memory of Uncle Jack Kerr and Uncle Henry Kerr. John Plunkett closed the memorial lesson and blessed the noon meal.

LUNCH

Singing resumed with Henry Johnson leading 141. Leaders: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 158; Charlene Wallace 139; John Kelso 345t; Reba Windom 300 (in memory of Jerry Enright); Ed Thacker 433; Karen Rollins 136; Robert Chambless 84; Jeff Sheppard 208; Sarah Roberts 143; Oscar McGuire 485; Cecil Roberts 389. Announcements were made. Henry Johnson led 45b as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Ed Thacker; Secretary—Donna Bell

CHICAGO ANNIVERSARY SINGING **Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, Illinois** **Sunday, January 9, 2011**

The 27th annual Chicago Anniversary Singing was called to order by Anita Shaperd leading 171. Herb Schroeder offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jeff Breting and Susan Matthews 111b; Laurel Ross and Jeff Breting 274t; Carol Mosley 196; Mark Dawson 236; Anne Missavage 441; Bob Sullivan 503; Peggy Mistak 312b; Jim Swanson 349; Darrell Swarens 198; Lori Graber 549; Cecelia Kramer 142; Nick Pasqual 38t; Marian Mitchell 532; Michael Mosley 475; David Stowe 178; Michael Appert 107.

RECESS

Jeff Breting and Anita Shaperd called the class back together leading 276.

A business meeting was held. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jeff Breting; Vice Chairperson—Susan Matthews; Secretary—Ann Sleeva; Arranging Committee—Doug Stapleton, Susan Matthews, and Susan Geil; Chaplain—Herb Schroeder; Finance Committee—Randy Neufeld, Daniel Braithwaite, and Megan Dunning; Memorial Committee—James Swanson and Lisa Grayson.

Leaders: Susan Geil 52t; Will Gilman 444; Johanna Fabke 472; Anne Heider "Melanie"; Megan Jennings 436; Rachel Adelstein 451; Leon Pulsinelle 506; Megan Dunning 86; Pattie Doss 303; John Seaton 47t; Anna Pfau 217; Jim Lawrie 200; Julie Vea 385t; Debbie Barford 384; Brad Oglesby 327; Karen Swenson 329.

The arranging committee announced the Founders lesson. Herb Schroeder spoke for the Founders and delighted the class with stories of the early years of the Chicago Sacred Harp Singers, noting that there was a sense early on that the group had found something magical, a treasure, and that it has become even more so over the years.

The Chicago Sacred Harp Singers Founders present were Judy Hauff, Marcia Johnson, Ted Mercer, Herb Schroeder, and Ted Johnson who led 485 (in honor of the oldest founder).

RECESS

Jeff Breting called the class back to order leading 409. Leaders: Ryan Wheeler 569b; Kelly Kennedy 335; Rochelle Lodder 313b; Carol Crawford 74b; Randy Neufeld 29t; Daniel Braithwaite 95; Melanie Huff 277; James Page 272; Dave Barford 502; Lisa Grayson 192; Aldo Ceresa 132 (for Richard DeLong).

Jim Swanson led the memorial lesson for the deceased. He reminded us that it takes time to appreciate the memorial lesson. He told us about a message by David Lee, who said that at any singing there are those physically present and those present only in our hearts. The memorial lesson is a time to sit and allow memories to come to mind so we are once more with those whom we carry in our hearts, although they are not physically present. It is a time when we are free to remember and give expression to memory. Everyone carries with them some sorrow, grief or loss. When we support each other we support ourselves. James Swanson read the following names of the deceased: George Seiler—New York; Richard Swanson and Victoria Bolles—Massachusetts; Dennis Murphy—Vermont; Betty Zinzer, Robert Barford, Peter Huyser, Rose Edwards, Edie McCormicle, Ned Russells, Bob Nebgen, Jerry Enright, Ray Pechous, Ken McCurrie, and Larry Devocelle—Illinois; Louise Capron—New Jersey; Clare Sullivan—Florida; Mary Lee Yatchak and Frances Ceresa—Michigan; Jennifer Burke and Phyllis Bruce—Connecticut; Margaret Larijani—Oklahoma/California. Lisa Grayson led 77t in their memory.

Lisa Grayson spoke in honor of the sick and shut-ins, and James Swanson led 330b in honor of the following: Bob Meek, Lonnie Rogers, Richard DeLong, Jim Helke, Martha Beverly, Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, Joyce Anderson, Mary Jean McGuire, Joanne Bowman, Barb Lund, Gloria Rosen Kaplan, Jane Arp, John Blattner, and Gary Gronau. Herb Schroeder offered prayer to close the memorial lesson. Leaders: Doug Stapleton 440; Ellis Seiberling 49b; Anita Shaperd 328. Herb Schroeder offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jeff Breting called the class back to order leading 146. Leaders: Herb Schroeder 56b; Grace Scrimgeour 216. The Chairperson called for the finance committee to present their lesson. After speaking compellingly on the importance of supporting sacred harp singing, Megan Dunning, Randy Neufeld, and Daniel Braithwaite led 102. Leaders: Steve Werner 268; Ted Mercer 352; Marcia Johnson 504; Jim Crawford and friend 351; Judy Hauff 250; Ted Johnson 501; Jan Ketelle 368; Petrina Patti 155; Carol Houtman 47b; Alda Balthrop-Lewis 457; Carol Crawford 458; Brad Oglesby 32t; Aldo Ceresa 522; Pattie Doss and friend 426b; Leon Pulsinelle 547; Mustapha Hussein and Grace Scrimgeour 209; Johanna Fabke 464; Karen Swenson 528. The Chairman thanked everyone, and called for the secretary and finance committee reports, which were given. Announcements were made.

The officers and Founders led 62 as the closing lesson, and singers took the parting hand as they were able. The closing prayer was offered by Herb Schroeder.

Chairman—Jeff Breting; Vice Chairperson—Susan Matthews; Secretary—Ann Sleva

AUBURN SACRED HARP SINGING **St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Auburn, Alabama** **Saturday, January 15, 2011**

The annual Auburn Sacred Harp singing was held at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Auburn, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Dennis George leading 82t. Father Wells Warren offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Fred Hoerr; Vice Chairman—Karen Clark; Arranging Committee/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Judy Chambless 410t; Gaylon Powell 442; Sam Sommers 492; Lisa Geist 273; Sonny Erwin 441; Larry Ballinger 472; Tammy Powell 542; Chris Ballinger 300; B.M. Smith 225t (for Lonnie Rogers); Sharon DuPriest 318; Oscar McGuire 344; Daphene Causey 222; Ray Reckenberg 480; Fred Hoerr 30b; Cassie Allen 432;

Reba Windom 269 (for Shelbie Sheppard); Robert Chambless 163b (in memory of Bob Meek); Kristie Powell 500; Eugene Forbes 212; John Kelso 29b.

RECESS

Dennis George brought the class back to order by leading 138b. Leaders: Bea Carnathan 568; Blake Sisemore 192; Rodney Ivey 564; Phillip Denney 385b; Jack Nelson 157; Lauren Harrison 178; Trent Peachy 317; Loyd Ivey 426b; Henry Johnson 89; Karen Clark 122 (in memory of Bob Meek); Ed Thacker 474; Mark Godfrey 277; Leigh Cooper 56t; Nate Green and Norma Green 393; Wendy Futral 283; Floy Wilder 227; Verona Andrews 270; Cheyenne Ivey 76b; Molly Ellis 328; Emily Jones 59; Scott Ivey 203; Tom George 343; Bridgett Kennedy 377; Angela Myers 68b; John Plunkett 397; Judy Caudle 187; Matt Hinton 556; Erica Hinton 391.

LUNCH

Fred Hoerr brought the class back to order by leading 146. Leaders: Wayne Morgan 335; Ann Webb 142; Cassie Allen and Oscar McGuire 485; Lisa Geist, Chris Ballinger, and Larry Ballinger 528; Gaylon Powell, Kristie Powell, and Tammy Powell 196; Loyd Ivey, Scott Ivey, Rodney Ivey, and Cheyenne Ivey 47t; Judy Caudle, Angela Myers, and Bridgett Kennedy 440; Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest 434; Verona Andrews and Floy Wilder 274t; Ed Thacker, Henry Johnson, and B.M. Smith 474; Reba Windom, Sam Sommers, and John Plunkett 411; Molly Ellis, John Kelso, Leigh Cooper, and Emily Jones 312b; Wendy Futral and Eugene Forbes 36b; Bea Carnathan and Lauren Harrison 145t; Dennis George and Tom George 208; Ray Reckenberg and Sonny Erwin 454; Jack Nelson, Mark Godfrey, and Trent Peachy 282; Nate Green and Norma Green 448b; Judy Chambless and Robert Chambless 84; Wayne Morgan and Ann Webb 201; Gaylon Powell, Kristie Powell, and Tammy Powell 216; Sonny Erwin and Karen Clark 350.

After announcements were made, Blake Sisemore led 381 as the closing song. Father Wells Warren offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Fred Hoerr; Vice Chairman—Karen Clark; Secretary—Judy Chambless

COUNTY LINE SINGING

County Line Primitive Baptist Church, Cut and Shoot, Texas Saturday, January 15, 2011

The annual County Line Sacred Harp singing was held at County Line Primitive Baptist Church, Cut and Shoot, Texas, on Saturday before the third Sunday in January. Evelyn Lamb called the class to order by leading 47t and 49t. The morning prayer was offered by Alan Byrd.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Evelyn Lamb; Vice Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Charity Vaughn.

Leaders: Crystal Meadows 34b, 45t; Charity Vaughn 56b, 448b; Robert Vaughn 72 (CB), 507b (CB); Carole Watts 559 (CB), 207 (CB); Evelyn Lamb 503, 501; Crystal Meadows 38t (CB), 558 (CB); Charity Vaughn 133 (CB), 166; Chris Nicholson 73b (CB), 162 (CB).

RECESS

Evelyn Lamb led 87 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 35 (CB), 355 (CB); Carole Watts 511b (CB), 511t (CB); Evelyn Lamb 171, 36b; Crystal Meadows 105, 99; Charity Vaughn 442t (CB), 535; Chris Nicholson 175 (CB), 283t (CB); Leon Ballinger 490, 424.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Evelyn Lamb leading 48t. Leaders: Alan Byrd and Evelyn Lamb 457; Barbara Smith 384, 40; Emma Smith 481; Robert Vaughn 67, 47b; Evelyn Lamb 36t; Crystal Meadows 400, 276; Charity Vaughn 270,

207; Chris Nicholson 282, 168; Leon Ballinger 268, 269; Barbara Smith 210, 472; Emma Smith 571 (CB).

RECESS

Evelyn Lamb called the class to order by leading 34t. Leaders: Crystal Meadows 565; Robert Vaughn 154; Chris Nicholson 63; Leon Ballinger 120; Barbara Smith 112; Emma Smith 300.

Alan Byrd and Evelyn Lamb led 85 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Alan Byrd, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Evelyn Lamb; Vice Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Charity Vaughn

ALL-CALIFORNIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Angels Gate Cultural Center, San Pedro, California

January 15-16, 2011

Saturday, January 15

The 23rd annual All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Angels Gate Cultural Center in San Pedro, California, on the third Sunday in January and Saturday before. The class was called to order by last year's chairman, Pat Keating, leading 128. Steve Lazicki offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Bruce Hayes; Co-Vice Chairpersons—Carolyn Deacy and Rebecca Edwards; Secretary—Jeff Begley. The following committees were appointed: Chaplains—Steve Lazicki and David Fetcho; Arranging Committee—Rick Russell, Jeri Segal, and Betty Herman; Finance Committee—Duncan MacLeod and Marilyn Murata; Resolutions Committee—Mike Hinton and Juanita Heyerman.

Leaders: Bruce Hayes 34b; Rebecca Edwards 34t; Carolyn Deacy 300; Jeff Begley 385t; Al Grindon 84; Polly Henninger 186; John Marr and Thom Phan 72b; Duncan MacLeod 112; Juanita Heyerman 495; Steve Lazicki 74t; Cassandra Auerbach 268; Carroll Lunsford 489; Jon Rand 523; Bob Brylawski 122; Rick Russell 536; Jeannette Ralston 475; Pat Keating 442; Ron Huss 351; Jennifer Obeidin 196; Mary Rose O'Leary 217; David Fetcho 188; Lauren Stewart and Amanda Jacques 448t.

RECESS

Steve Helwig called the class back to order leading 445. Leaders: Laura Boyd Russell 270; Kathryn Knecht 146; Marilyn Murata 105; Betty Marvin 220; Linda Booth 198; Catherine Rogan 454; Janet Herman 383; Paula Picton 411; Leland Kusmer 95; Hal Eisen 68t; Mary Ditson 532; Cornelia Stanton 99; Thom Fahrbach 283; Susan Fetcho 222; Karen Stingle 421; Scott DePoy 179; Rafer Dannenhauer 106; Steve Cackley 572; Vivian Rogan 163b; Erik Schwab 296.

LUNCH

Scott DePoy called the afternoon session to order leading 277. Leaders: Steve Helwig 204; Bill Waddington 218; Jerry Schreiber 538; Anne Heider 236; Scott Curran 472; Deidra Montgomery 456; Chloe Webb 142; Gary Rogan 47b; Carmen Doerge 76b; Ted Mercer 344; Michele Rogan 39t; Paul Lindholm 50t; Dan Thoma 350; Mike Hinton 434; Catie Van Duzer 280; Steve Warner 86; Tamara Harris 189; Vivian Rogan 282; Erik Mason 479; Corrie Van Duzer 515; Betsy Jeronen 546; Judy Van Duzer 151.

RECESS

Scott Curran called the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Laura Boyd Russell 297; Betty Herman 430; Linda Selph 121; Stephen Rogers and Nicoletta Rogers 436; Shelby Sampson 63; Nicoletta Rogers, Robert Willkomm, and Monica Willkomm 178; Jim Friedrich 361; Rebecca Edwards 558; Judy Getrich 124; Stephen O'Leary 340; Susanna Ball 148; Terry Barber 500; Carla Smith and Susan

Willis-Powers 123b; Julian Damashek 318; Jeri Segal and Lyndia Lowy 539; Lucy O'Leary 203; Karen Huss 535; Leah Dagan 183; Porter Lontz-Underhill 324; Maggie Dougher and Colleen Dougher 38b; Midge Harder 410b. Bruce Hayes led 276 as the final song for the day. Steve Lazicki closed the day with a prayer.

Sunday, January 16

The Sunday session of the All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention was brought to order by Bruce Hayes leading 107. David Fetcho offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Juanita Heyerman 510; Ron Huss 157; Lucy O'Leary 101t; Duncan MacLeod 61; Bruce Hayes 254; Maggie Dougher 66; Jon Rand 398; Karen Huss 91; Cassandra Auerbach 94; John Marr 319; Lauren Stewart 39b; Devin McCutchen 496; Mary Rose O'Leary 224; Jennifer Obeidin 215; Lauren Stoebel 410t; Rick Russell 228; Bruce Hayes 49b; Laura Boyd Russell 543.

RECESS

Tamara Harris called the class back to order leading 82t. Leaders: Julian Damashek 73t; Midge Harder 168; Steve Warner 475; Susan Fetcho 564; Jerry Schreiber 362; Anne Heider 528; Rafer Dannenhauer 117; Deidra Montgomery 102; Leland Kusmer 245; Linda Selph 372; Thom Fahrback 460; Catherine Rogan 441; Carroll Lunsford 420; Steve Cackley 45t; Jeannette Ralston 506; Bill Waddington 474; Carolyn Deacy 72b; Susanna Ball 551.

A memorial lesson was held at this time. Scott DePoy spoke and he and Lucy O'Leary led 550 in honor of sick and shut-ins Maria Mothersbaugh, Ben Cooper, Gene Coughran, Juli Lydum, Anitra Kaye, Violet Thomason, Fumie Murata, Shisue Sugimoto, Jan Lewis, John Shaffer, Jean Shaffer, David Olson, Michael McKernan, Pauline Stewart, Catherine Callahan, and Richard DeLong.

Mary Rose O'Leary spoke and led 329 in memory of the following deceased: H. Japeth Jackson—Alabama; Florence Berg, Edward M. Cansino III, Mary Chamberlain, Gail Dolgin, Rene Duke, Herbert Enderton, Matthew Fierce Foster, Elaine Friedrich, Mary Jannard, Paula Ogren, Sandee Gardebring Ogren, David Porter, Jose Rosas, Mary Tominaga, Bettine Wallin—California; Julia Aller, Sharon Hill—Connecticut; Robert Hansen—Florida; Mary Florence Smith—Georgia; Katherine L. Barnes, John Heider—Kansas; Bob Meek—Kentucky; George McGray—Massachusetts; Marguerite Bowen, George Seiler—New York; Koby Black—Ohio; Gerhard Forstner—Oregon; Kit Stearns—Virginia.

LUNCH

Erik Schwab called the afternoon session to order leading 47t. Leaders: Gary Rogan 384; Betsy Jeronen 440; Erik Mason 332; Carmen Doerge 38t; Dan Thoma 56b; Paul Lindholm 522; Leland Kusmer 504; Amber Smith 455; Scott Curran 192; Ted Mercer 202; Michele Rogan 480; Scott DePoy 448t; Cornelia Stanton 466; Chloe Webb 512; Paula Picton 216; Stephen Rogers 70t; Dorothy Robinson 180; Vivian Rogan 56t; Mike Hinton 456; Erik Schwab 208; Nicoletta Rogers 492; Tamara Harris 556; Steve Helwig 183.

RECESS

Deidra Montgomery called the class back to order leading 81t. Leaders: Leah Dagan 312b; Corrie Van Duzer 497; Pat Keating 181; Mary Ditson 274t; Karen Stingle 378b; Tom McTighe 383; Catie Van Duzer 354t; Jim Friedrich 481; Linda Booth 28b; Betty Marvin 540; David Fetcho 77t; Shelby Sampson 30b; Rebecca Edwards 230; Hal Eisen 242; Mimi Wright 159; Carla Smith 214; Terry Barber 182; Bob Brylawski 86; Jessica Catron 178; Tom Ostwald 268; Stephen O'Leary, Ted Mercer, Mary Rose O'Leary, and Lucy O'Leary 501; Jeff Begley 288; Joelle Barnett 442; Christine Tavares 217.

A business meeting was held for the purpose of hearing reports from each committee. The Finance Committee announced that expenses had been met, and thanked everyone for their generosity. The Secretary announced that during the weekend there were 171 singers, 179 songs sung, and 108 leaders. Locations represented were California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and the province of Ontario, Canada. The Resolutions Committee expressed thankfulness and appreciation for the administration of Angels Gate Cultural Center, for all the singers and the various officers and committees, for the loving hands that prepared the food, and for the tradition of Sacred Harp, and the long line of inspired lovers of this music who taught us to love these songs. It was also resolved to meet again at the All-California Convention in January 2012 in the Bay Area. The business meeting was closed. Following announcements, Bruce Hayes, Carolyn Deacy, and Rebecca Edwards led 347, while those who wished took the parting hand. David Fetcho offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Bruce Hayes; Co-Vice Chairpersons—Carolyn Deacy and Rebecca Edwards; Secretaries—Jeff Begley and Juanita Heyerman

**W.L. GREEN MEMORIAL AND BALDWIN COUNTY
SACRED HARP CONVENTION (COOPER REVISION)
Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, Bay Minette, Alabama
January 22-23, 2011**

Saturday, January 22

The W.L. "Bill" Green Memorial and Baldwin County Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, Bay Minette, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January. The class was brought to order by Bill Hogan leading 210. He welcomed the class, and led 36b. Danny Creel offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Hogan; First Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Senior Vice Chairman—J.A. Mosley; Secretary—Nancy Hogan; Arranging Committee—Nancy Hogan, Cassie Allen, and Alice Mosley.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 380t; J. A. Mosley 59; Nate Green and Norma Green 575; Alice Mosley 484; Nancy Hogan 543; Aubrey Barfield 220; Joe Nall 499; Robert Chambless 32t; Sharon DuPriest 229; Danny Creel 140; Nancy Van Den Akker 115; Scott Ivey 54t; Jewell Rowland 384; Rick Foreman 159; Jane Spencer 45b; Darlu Nall 277; Jim Goetz 225t.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey called the class back to order by leading 478. Leaders: Wanda Gregg 559; Kevin Dyess 142; Joan Aldridge 572; Georgeanna Presnell 31t; Archie Covington 268t; Cooper Smith 348t; Sonny Erwin 464; Ernest Cockcroft 422b; Christine Gandy 463; Nathan Rees 98; Henry McGuire 133; Mary Amelia Taylor 411; Paulette Chavers 447t; Bill Aplin 567; Judy Chambless 336b; Steve Helwig 38t; Billy Kelly 100; Henry Guthery 450; Daphene Causey 137; Sue Bunch 268b; Judy Caudle 216; Karen Rollins 222; Edd Bass 309; Cheryl Foreman 385t; Tommie Spurlock 433; Reba Windom 505. The Southwest Mobile County Vocal Singers, including Bro. Cleo Murphy, Sis. Hester Gray, Sis. Rosie Mary Petteway, Sis. Mary Murphy, Sis. Sandra Steward, Bro. Willie Steele, and Bro. Edward Mitchell, sang "It Won't Be Long" and "Shoutin' on the Hill". Stanley Smith led 519. Bill Hogan led the class in 369. John Plunkett blessed the food.

LUNCH

Aubrey Barfield called the class to order leading 96. Leaders: Margareth Hale and Lee Hale 155; Russ Scholz 513t; Susan Cheronos 63; Bea Carnathan 80b; B.M. Smith 571; Cassie Allen 242; Emily Burluson 86; Voncile Nall 288; Shannan Guinn 290; Sarah Beasley 329; Morgan Bunch 102; Shelbie Sheppard 217; Jeff Sheppard 497; Sandie Scott 511t; Tim Taylor 189; John Kelley 405; Lloyd Jones and Loretta Jones 45t; Adrian Nall 393t; Becky Briggs 176t; Elder Bobby Willis 165; Gary Smith 507b; Ken Sundberg 474; Hubert Nall 264b; John Plunkett 70b; Wanda Capps 39. Announcements were made. Rodney Ivey and Bill Hogan led 323t as the closing song. Bill Hogan offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, January 23

The Sunday session of the W.L. "Bill" Green Memorial and Baldwin County Sacred Harp Convention was brought to order by Bill Hogan leading 514. He welcomed the class, read Psalm 91, and led 68b. Aubrey Barfield offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 138t; J.A. Mosley 491; Nate Green and Norma Green 432; Alice Mosley 343; Nancy Hogan 84; Henry Johnson 89, 435; John Plunkett 533; Cheryl Foreman 524; Henry Guthery 522; Wanda Gregg 106; Scott Ivey 336t; Voncile Nall 48t; Shannan Guinn 417.

RECESS

J.A. Mosley called the class to order leading 559. Leaders: Bea Carnathan 453b; Reba Windom 478; Cooper Smith 388; Jeff Sheppard and Kevin Dyess 183; Shelbie Sheppard 195; Loretta Jones 367; Sonny Erwin 488t; Cassie Allen 443; Steve Helwig 240; Nancy Van Den Akker 508; Jane Spencer 78; B.M. Smith 515; Joe Nall 161; Sharon DuPriest 186; Judy Caudle 273; Morgan Bunch 55; Gary Smith 99.

RECESS

Bill Hogan called the class to order leading 163t. Tommie Spurlock and Stanley Smith conducted the memorial lesson. Tommie Spurlock spoke on behalf of the deceased, including Thurman Nall, Japheth Jackson, Billy Williams, Ford Bulger, Velma Byrd, Rhoda Norris—Alabama, Craig Allen, Ethel Ryals—Florida, Jerry Enright—Illinois, Bob Meek—Kentucky, George Seiler—New York. Tommie led 574.

Stanley Smith spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins, including Wilburn Ellison, Richard Delong, Sally Foreman, Margaret Spurlock, Thomas Robinson, Bud Oliver, Lonnie Rogers, S. T. Reed, Ben Patrick, Ethylene Patrick, Ernestine Pipkin, Mike Jones, Faye Jones, Milton Thrash, Willadean Thrash, Ginny Whitworth, Billy Hawthorne, Carmine Hawthorne, and Henry Shuman. Stanley led 283t. B.M. Smith offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Sarah Beasley 518; Judy Chambless 319; Rick Foreman 448. The class sang 369, and Hubert Nall offered thanks for the food.

LUNCH

Bill Hogan called the class to order leading 187. Leaders: Tim Jones 332; Nathan Rees 292b; Jim Goetz 218; Susan Cheronos 239; Hubert Nall 192; Sue Bunch 148; Tommie Spurlock 112; Lloyd Jones and Loretta Jones 465; Becky Briggs 442t; Robert Chambless 145b; Sandie Scott 408; Stanley Smith 346; Aubrey Barfield 552; Kevin Dyess 132; Seth Holloway 274t; Jim Goetz 159; Cheryl Foreman and Rick Foreman 203; Steve Helwig 196; Sonny Erwin and Rodney Ivey 113; Nancy Van Den Akker and Wanda Gregg 40; Henry Johnson 154t. The Convention Committee led 146 and shared the parting hand of fellowship. Henry Guthery offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Bill Hogan, Vice Chairmen—Rodney Ivey and J.A. Mosley, Secretary—Nancy Hogan

FEAST AND FASOLA
Home of Mark and Lori Graber, Delavan, Illinois
Saturday, January 29, 2011

Lori Graber called Feast and FaSoLa to order at 10:15 a.m. Ryan Wheeler led 59. Leaders: Peggy Brayfield 84; Terry Hogg 27 (MH); Janet Fraembs 28 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 51 (MH); Ryan Wheeler 29 (MH); Lori Graber 68 (MH); Deb Reid 45 (MH); Ryan Wheeler 162; Lori Graber 474; Don Bardsley 53; Lori Graber 40; Ryan Wheeler 127 (MH); Terry Hogg 180 (MH).

RECESS

Peggy Brayfield called the class back to order leading 335. She then spoke about Bob Meek and led “Nearer My God to Thee” and “Meek” in his memory. Leaders: Lori Graber 99; Ryan Wheeler 67; Martha Tyner 81; Lori Graber 32; Peggy Brayfield 551; Myles Alexander 328; Paul Hough 547; Deb Reid 284; Peggy Brayfield 455.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Lori Graber leading 276. Leaders: Myles Alexander 128; Peggy Brayfield 29; Janet Fraembs 91; Paul Hough 186; Mark Graber 178; Lori Graber 472; Myles Alexander 474; Don Bardsley 475; Ryan Wheeler 496; Peggy Brayfield 504; Don Bardsley 497; Lori Graber 430; Janet Fraembs 480; Myles Alexander 481; Mark Graber 312; Peggy Brayfield 268; Ryan Wheeler 149 (MH); Peggy Peryam 130 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 89 (MH).

RECESS

A brief business meeting was held. A collection was taken to pay for the minutes; Terry Hogg distributed a preliminary 2011 singing schedule. The group discussed the idea of hosting a singing school with Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site at Charleston. Janet will find out about possible dates and Ryan will investigate a possible singing teacher.

Leaders: Lori Graber 102; Ryan Wheeler 95; Peggy Peryam 94; Lori Graber 108; Ryan Wheeler 448; Peggy Peryam 114; Don Bardsley 168; Myles Alexander 196; Soozee Wheeler 159; Debra Reid 105; Paul Hough 106; Myles Alexander 107; Peggy Brayfield 181; Ryan Wheeler 34 (MH); Terry Hogg 138 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 162 (MH); Lori Graber 456; Peggy Brayfield 489; Don Bardsley 503; Soozee Wheeler 500.

The day was closed as all singers thanked the Grabers for their generosity in opening their house and their hearts to make Feast and FaSoLa possible. The class sung 347. The closing prayer was offered by Terry Hogg.

Chairpersons—Mark Graber and Lori Graber; Secretary—Peggy Brayfield

WILLIAM J. REYNOLDS SACRED HARP SINGING
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas
Saturday, January 29, 2011

The 27th annual Sacred Harp Singing was held in Cowden Hall at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, on the last Saturday of the month of January. This is the twentieth year that the 1991 Revision of the Sacred Harp has been used. Beverly Coates gave a brief history of Sacred Harp singing, and also led a “how-to” session.

Dr. Tim Studstill welcomed everyone and introduced Dr. John Simons, Associate Dean, Professor of Church Music in the School of Church Music at Southwestern. Dr. Simons welcomed everyone and expressed the school’s appreciation for their attendance. He then introduced members of his class, Congregational Song, whose members were in attendance for the event. Dr. Tim Studstill then introduced Judge Donald Ross who opened with a word of prayer at 9:40 a.m. Dr. Studstill announced

information regarding songbooks for sale, and then dismissed everyone for refreshments.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Dr. Tim Studstill; Registration Staff—Angel Curry, Rebecca Redus, and Christy Tull; Secretary—Rebecca Redus.

RECESS

Dr. Studstill called the morning session to order at 9:50 a.m. He gave a history of Bill Reynolds's involvement in Sacred Harp and expressed his regret that none of the members of the Reynolds family could be in attendance this year. Leaders: Dr. Tim Studstill 59; Leon Ballinger 313b; Gaylon Powell 107; Cheryl Foreman 229; Grant Howard 73b; Linda Booker 503; Jerry Ryan 274t; Esther Huckaby 335; Trevor Howard 528; Donald Ross 225t; Tammy Powell 542; Robert Vaughn 522; Dr. John Simons 218; Donn Howard 163b; Ryan Ross 280; Jeremy Elliott 203; Josh Rogan 430; Sonny Erwin 391; Beverly Coates 176b; Chelsea Miller 39t; Chloe Webb 148; Gary Rogan 155; Diane Ross 455; Kris Wiggins 163t; Crystal Meadows 328; Ryan Ross and Ainsley Ross 354b.

RECESS

Leaders: Evelyn Lamb 99; Jo Pendleton 479; Lindsey Wiggins 189; Gayle Avant 72t; Kristie Powell 383; Catherine Rogan 192; Jeff Miller 29t; Vivian Rogan 235; Donn Howard 178; Chelsea Miller 84; Sonny Erwin 454; Trevor Howard 147b; Cheryl Foreman 187; Linda Booker 490; Jerry Ryan 421; Esther Huckaby 106; Leon Ballinger 327. Dr. John Simons offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Dr. Studstill called everyone together at 1:15 p.m. and led 85. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 344; Beverly Coates 133; Dr. John Simons 159; Ryan Ross and Ainsley Ross 294; Susan Matthews 52t; Chloe Webb 282 (for Sadie Miller); LuAnn Thomas 277; Andrew Morris 278t; Donald Ross 546; Ryan Showalter 336; Jamie Short 530; Rosean Leafblat and AmyRose Castillo 312b; Harry Conner 49t; Bryan Matthewson 502; Jeremy Elliott 47b; Chris Nicholson 569b; Josh Rogan 460; H.P. O'Mary 335; Tammy Powell 436; Owen Ross 304.

RECESS

Leaders: Crystal Meadows 128 (in honor of Marilou Reynolds and in memory of W.J. Reynolds); Bruce Coates 566; Gary Rogan 209; Gaylon Powell 504; Kyle Hearn 192; Diane Ross and Shirley Williams 40; Jo Pendleton 145b; Lindsey Wiggins 442; Gayle Avant 45t; Kristie Powell 76b; Catherine Rogan 220; Cheryl Foreman 475; Vivian Rogan 146; Douglas Foster 78; Kris Wiggins 273; Dr. Tim Studstill 63 (in memory of Dr. Wes Forbes, who passed away two weeks ago).

Dr. Studstill thanked everyone for coming, and for bringing back precious memories. He reminded everyone present that www.fasola.org gives information for all of the upcoming singings in Texas. Dr. Tim Studstill then offered prayer, and the class was dismissed. The Bowld Music Library at Southwestern held a presentation and display of unique historic four and seven note tunebooks and shape-note artifacts.

Chairman—Dr. Tim Studstill; Secretary—Rebecca Redus

THE GEORGIAN HARMONY SINGING **Liberty Hill Church, Lamar County, Georgia** **Saturday, January 29, 2011**

The annual Georgian Harmony singing was held at Liberty Hill Church, Lamar County, Georgia, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in January. John Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 1, and welcomed everyone. Harry Eskew offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers nominated and duly confirmed: Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Mary Brownlee and Lauren Bock. Leaders: John Plunkett 77; Lauren Bock 2; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 9; Helen Bryson 50; Jane Spencer 116; Billy Hollingsworth 43; Ian Ludders 25; Judy Mincey 112; Katherine Eldridge 8; Michael Spencer 33; Mary Brownlee 54; Jonathon Kelso 105; Erica Hinton 48; Louis Hughes 42; Malinda Snow 59; B.M. Smith 82; James Eldridge 58; Harry Eskew 104.

RECESS

Lauren Bock led 26 to bring the class together. Leaders: Scott DePoy 16; Rosemund Watson 109; Matt Hinton 13; Virginia Eldridge 99; Eddie Mash 49; Jeannette DePoy 19; Darrell Swarens 34; Martha Harrell 107; Steve Helwig 10; Adrian Eldridge 30; Rebecca Eldridge 87; Raymond Hamrick 15; Oscar McGuire 111; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 18; Michael Spencer 29. John Plunkett offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by John Hollingsworth leading 95. Leaders: John Plunkett 94; Jonathon Kelso 12; Mary Brownlee and John Brownlee 6; Virginia Eldridge 62; Steve Helwig 80; Rebecca Eldridge 45; Eddie Mash 92; Adrian Eldridge 22; Rosemund Watson 118; Darrell Swarens 98; Cathy Willis 20; James Eldridge 11; Judy Mincey and Patrick 72; Matt Hinton 4; Katherine Eldridge 14; B.M. Smith 64.

RECESS

Lauren Bock and Mary Brownlee led 110 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy 66; Ian Ludders 63; Malinda Snow 24; Jane Spencer 90; Billy Hollingsworth 81; John Plunkett 65 (by request); Oscar McGuire 101.

Following announcements, John Plunkett led 52 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Eddie Mash, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Mary Brownlee

KEYSTONE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Midway Mennonite Reception Center, Lititz, Pennsylvania** **January 29-30, 2011** **Saturday, January 29**

The Keystone Convention was called to order by Tom Tucker leading 82t. Lamar Matthew offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Dan Hunter 460; Laura Densmore 313t; Steve Hoyt 105; Ruth Wampler 475; Ames Bielenberg 430; Chas Brua 106; Sam Kleinman 276; Linda Marker 49b; Kevin Griffin Moreno 371; Doug Krutze 481; Laura Keeler 448b; Joel Miller 36b; Sue Hanson 117; Doron Henkin 228; Barbara Hohenstein 133; Robbie Ketcham 159.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tom Tucker; Vice Chairman—Dan Hunter; Secretary—Laura Densmore; Treasurer—Steve Hoyt; Hospitality—Ruth Wampler; Memorial Committee—Kevin Griffin Moreno and Cindy Wasson.

RECESS

Ben Cocchiario called the class back to order by leading 112. Leaders: Lamar Matthew 335; Carol Medlicott 71; Ina Shea 336; Joy Ide 72b; Jubal Bayer 208; Gerry Hoffman 218; Abby Minor 207; John Stokes 107; Myles Dakan 478; Suzan

Greenberg 33t; Chris Wilhelm 350; Cindy Wasson 426t; Guy Banks 54; Chris Holley and John Engle 452.

RECESS

Doron Henkin led 37b to call the class back together. Leaders: Kevin Sims 57; Roger Crabtree 312b; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 33b; Bethany Towne 203; Terry Ryan 193; Beth Todd 32t; Dana Foster 358; Sonia Chin 318; Scott Robinson 278; Elizabeth Stokes 560; Lorah Hopkins 183; Tim Culbertson 522; Hal Kunkel 396; Leslie Booher 128; Leland Kusmer 372; Steve Hoyt 68b; Hans Bayer 455. The blessing was offered by Robbie Ketcham.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Bethany Towne leading 324. Leaders: Cheri Hardy 99; John Bayer 146; Anna Mays 548; Aldo Ceresa 506; Dean Jens 174; Deidre Montgomery 200; Ian Quinn 377; Emma Rose Brown 42; Jean Seiler 217; John Giles 524; Linda Shea 168; Rachel Speer 189; Michael Nord 87; Jennie Brown 456; Ben Cocchiario 327; Barbara Swetman 216; Liz Cantrell 171; Peter Golden 569t; Diane Mennella 30t; Anna Bowen 209; Mary Gowins 392; Claire Simon 270; Rachel Hall 271t; Roland Hutchinson 250.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Myles Dakan leading 76b. Leaders: Jim Strube 198; Charlotte Ehrman 365; Leon Pulsinelle and Mary Capron 176t; Sally Berry and Jim Strube 268; Emily Hancock 500; Pat Callahan 532; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 195; John delRe 399b; Jim Glazer 80t; Elizabeth Patton 86; Becky Wright 477; Jerusha Vanderbosch 111b; Gina Balestracci 260; Carol Huang 47b; Joe Todd 122; Jeff Gauthier 236; Loraine Bayer 225t; Kelly Macklin 96; Eric Conrad 85; Nancy Kruel 546; Mel Novner 77t; Dan Coppock 473; Chris Holley 503; Ted Stokes 69b; Nora Dunn 445. Lamar Matthew offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, January 30

The Sunday session of the Keystone Convention was called to order by Tom Tucker leading 48t. Lamar Matthew offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Scott Robinson 276; Guy Banks 77b; Lynne Hoyt 512; Lorah Hopkins 40; Ina Shea 115; Jim Glazer 322; Chris Wilhelm 501; Leon Pulsinelle 315; Leslie Booher 448t; Laura Densmore, Alma Reiff, and Lawrence Reiff 49b; Hans Bayer 196; Dean Jens 330b; Pat Callahan 492; Terry Ryan 280; Carol Medlicott 121; Carol Huang 542; Mel Novner 108b; Loraine Bayer 179; Chris Holley 229; Jessica Hostetler 350; Roger Crabtree 58.

RECESS

Kevin Griffin Moreno brought the class back together leading 30b. Leaders: Eric Conrad 163t; Beth Todd 373; Joe Todd 163b; Rachel Hall, Aimee Wilson, J.J. Tiziou, and Woody Zenfell 288; Ted Stokes 428; Gerry Hoffman 314; Emily Hancock 145b; John Bayer 300; Nora Dunn 212; Jean Seiler 299.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Kevin Griffin Moreno and Cindy Wasson. Kevin Griffin Moreno led 340 for the following deceased: Betty Williams, Frances Ceresa, Jerry Enright, David Bornick, Annie Huber, Geoff Liswell, Rene Frei, Daniel Sullivan, Billy Williams, Michael Homan, George Seiler, Walter Tucker, Bob Meek, Charles Navien, Phyllis Bruce, Jeannette McCready, Ruth Cresson, George Loft, Brian Smith, Mae Ann Senior, and Albert Wiedorn.

Cindy Wasson led 147t for the following sick and shut-ins: Dennis Cinelli, David Wampler, Catherine Wampler, Kimberly Collins, Murielee Kurtze, Yuri Kuzin, Brooke DiBona, Frank Evans, Joanne Bowman, Barbara Swain, Susanna Eberly, Stephen Murdock, and Gil Dupre. The memorial lesson was concluded with prayer by Lamar Matthew.

Leaders: Hal Kunkel 177; Jubal Bayer 383; Rachel Speer 505; Al McCready 84; Liz Cantrell 538; Roland Hutchinson 553; Peter Golden 480; Ruth Wampler 491; Dana Foster and Lucy Lee Foster 408; Leyland Hunter 95; Nancy Crewell and her parents 47b; Michael Nord 186; Barbara Swetman 35. Lamar Matthew offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Rachel Speer leading 81t. Leaders: Kelly Macklin 187; Joel Miller 387; John Merritt 268; Elizabeth Stokes 110; John delRe 444; Cheri Hardy 312b; Dan Hunter 312t; Carly Goss 101b; Mary Gowins 573; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 398; Becky Wright 375; Jeff Gauthier 384; Sonia Chin 290; Doron Henkin 442; Jennie Brown 527; Aldo Ceresa 411; Myles Dakan 472; Cindy Wasson 558; Linda Shea 306; Emma Rose Brown 432; Barbara Hohenstein 70b; Kevin Griffin Moreno 309; Sam Kleinman 528; Bethany Towne 144; Deidra Montgomery 349; Jim Strube 348t.

RECESS

Leon Pulsinelle brought the class to order by leading 417. Leaders: Steve Hoyt 282; Elizabeth Patton 547; Aldo Ceresa and Carol Huang 142; Lamar Matthew 344; Pat Callahan 277; Laura Keeler 210; Jean Seiler 192; Sue Hanson 269; Ames Bielenberg 323b; Charlotte Ehrman 157; Gina Balestracci 34b; Randy Gaul 209; Emma Rose Brown and Michael Nord 101t; Al McCready and Peter Golden 452; Mary Gowins and Mel Novner 228; Robbie Ketcham 148; Liz Cantrell, Jennie Brown, and Cheri Hardy 318; Carly Goss and Linda Shea 430; Dean Jens and Rachel Speer 564. Tom Tucker led 62 as the closing song. Lamar Matthew dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Tom Tucker; Vice Chairman—Dan Hunter; Secretary—Laura Densmore

IVEY MEMORIAL SINGING **Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama** **Sunday, January 30, 2011**

The annual Ivey Memorial Sacred Harp Singing held at Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama, on the first fifth Sunday was called to order by Richard Ivey leading 52t. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Johnson.

The following officers were previously elected to serve: Chairman—Richard Ivey; Vice Chairman—Shane Wootten; Secretary—Donna Wootten.

Leaders: Richard Ivey and Loyd Ivey 47t; Shane Wootten 89; Ed Thacker 436; Claudine Townson 39t; S.T. Reed 39b; Judy Chambless 549; Erica Hinton and Eli Hinton 534; Henry Johnson 179; John Kelso 214; Joan Aldridge 222; Eschol Hughes 480; Cheyenne Ivey 460; B.M. Smith 101t; Blake Sisemore 225b; Marlon Wootten 31t; Jackie Tanner 129; Karen Freund 278t (in memory of Jerry Enright); Jared Wootten 475.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Shane Wootten leading 56t. Leaders: Scott DePoy 114 (for Barbara DePoy); Nate Green and Norma Green 350; Susan Cheronos 268; Cecil Roberts 40; Virginia Eldridge 328; Dennis George 450; Stanley Edwards 455; Lomax Ballinger 168; Molly Ellis 383; Jeannette DePoy 430; Louis Hughes 405; Darrell Swarens 171; Angela Myers 456; Jeffery Wootten 270; Butch White 74b; Cindy Tanner 402; Linton Ballinger 421.

RECESS

Blake Sisemore brought the class back to order by leading 30t. Leaders: Marty Wootten 280; Adrian Eldridge 499; Karen Rollins 227; David Saler and Teresa Saler 196; Judy Mincey 538; Loyd Ivey, Marion Biddle, Ivey Biddle, Adam Biddle, and

Theresa Bethune 424; Rachel Rudi and Jane Spencer 548; Lauren Bock 144; Buell Cobb 330t; Eddie Mash 528; Kelsey Sunderland 389; Phil Summerlin 35; Leeah Cooper 472; James Eldridge 373; Donna Bell 441; Juliette Haynes 211; John Plunkett 391; Dewayne Wootten 317. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Louis Hughes.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Richard Ivey leading 76b. Leaders: Scott Ivey 138t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, Rodney Ivey, and Judy Caudle 500; Reba Windom and Blake Sisemore 216; David Ivey, Allison Whitener, and Coy Ivey 384; Laura Clawson 440; Terry Wootten and Levon Wootten 201; Matt Hinton 217; Nathan Rees and Cassie Allen 426b; Elene Stovall 215; Rebecca Eldridge and Katherine Eldridge 124; Paula Oliver 300; Susan Harcrow 200; Hayden Wootten and Jamey Wootten 546; Tom George 88t; Dylan Frezell 345b; Rex Wilks and Cassie Allen 378b; Ian Ludders 228; Gaston White 155; Brenda Carroll and Shane Wootten 442; Steve Helwig 302.

Susan Harcrow presented a resolution from the DeKalb County Commission recognizing Eloise Wootten, Loyd Ivey, Norma Green, Jack Ivey, Hobert Ivey, Rex Wilks, Coy Ivey, and Lois Baugh for their contributions to the Sacred Harp heritage and the community.

Leaders: Delone Cobbs 358; Zach Craig, Alex Craig, Rion Maxwell, Gavin Maxwell, Isaac Maxwell, Avalea Maxwell, and Anzlea Maxwell 27; Jerry Creason 56b; Scott Ivey, Hobert Ivey, Sylvia Ivey, Sandy Ivey, and Tony Ivey 410t; Aaron Little 147t; Teresa Westmoreland 192; Syble Adams 99; Eloise Wootten and Karen Ivey 454. Following announcements, Richard Ivey, Rodney Ivey, and Shane Wootten led 146 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Tony Ivey, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Richard Ivey; Vice Chairman—Shane Wootten; Secretary—Donna Wootten

PARKER, HOLLIS, AND PUTNAM MEMORIAL Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama Sunday, January 30, 2011

The annual Parker, Hollis, and Putnam Memorial Sacred Harp Singing held at Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama, on the first fifth Sunday was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Hugh Bill McGuire. Velton Chafin led 30t.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 35; Willodean Barton 82t; Don Keeton 76b, 317; Ottis Sides 144, 475; Hugh Bill McGuire 480, 222; Yancey Jett 440, 384; Elsie Moon 33b, 202; Travis Keeton 343, 64; Harrison Creel 167, 136; Linda Sides 220, 454; Earl Ballinger 349 (for Clarence McCool), 80b; Faye Donaldson 129, 225t; Velton Chafin and Elder Roger Miller 59.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Velton Chafin leading 113. Leaders: Alexis Chafin and Brenda Chafin Merritt 499, 542; Chase O'Dell 63, 503; Emily Burleson 455, 316; Ken Tate 86, 347; Ann Jett 403, 546; Henry Guthery 340, 58 (in memory of Sherry Guthery); Margaret Keeton 373, 361 (for Josie Hyde); Larry Ballinger 389, 306; Wanda Capps 492, 228; Harrison Creel 342. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Danny Creel.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 227. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 120, 112; Beth Branscome 501, 28b, 203; Danny Creel 385t, 385b, 448t; Hugh Bill McGuire and Chase O'Dell 110, 472; Don Keeton 490; Emily Burleson 362, 426b; Faye Donaldson 430; Yancey Jett 211, 300; Earl Ballinger 177; Wanda Capps 299; Travis Keeton 75; Ann Jett 74b, 77t (in memory of Edith Tate, Amanda Denson, and Mrs. Calvert, and for Richard Mauldin); Ken Tate 147t, 147b; Henry Guthery 507 (for Josie Hyde); Willodean Barton 498.

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Earl Ballinger, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

ROTUNDA SINGING

Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama Saturday, February 5, 2011

The 14th annual session of the Rotunda Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in February in the foyer of the Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama. Four song books were used: *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*; the *Christian Harmony, 2010*; *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*; and the *Colored Sacred Harp*.

The class was called to order by Bill Hogan leading 36b (CB). He welcomed the class and introduced Joey Brackner of the Alabama State Council on the Arts. The opening prayer was offered by Henry Guthery.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Hogan, Vice Chairman—Joey Brackner, Secretary—Nancy Hogan; Arranging Committee—Cassie Allen, Judy Chambless, and Nancy Hogan.

The first session of singing was from *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*.

Leaders: Bill Hogan 82; Nancy Hogan 148; Adrian Nall and Voncile Nall 146; Cassie Allen 355; Nathan Rees 286b; Ken Sundberg 340; Karen Clark 573; Alice Sundberg 474; Robert Walker 393t; Jonathan Smith 98.

The second session of singing was from the *Christian Harmony, 2010*. Leaders: Billy Thompson 91; Mike Spencer 166; Henry Guthery 1, David Daniel 180; Ann Jett 149; Luke Daniel 287; Kugar Crump 248; Jonathan Blakeley 187b; Steve Grauberger 117. Mr. Ed Bridges, Director of the Archives, offered welcome comments to the class.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Jim Carnes leading 436. The third session of singing was from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Hubert Nall 313t; Robert Chambless 225t; Jack Nelson 318; Bea Carnathan 568; Ann Webb 142; Fred Hoerr 285t; Audrey Blakeley and J.T. Blakeley 35; Doug Conn 460; Darlu Nall 178; Waylon Blakeley and Chita Blakeley 430; Jim Aaron 503; Graham Pritchett 276; Wayne Morgan 282; Judy Chambless 501; Ercyl Vidrine 68b.

The fourth session of singing was from the *Colored Sacred Harp*. Leaders: Bill Hogan 4, Kennon Smith 18; Karen Clark 12; Judy Chambless 62; Ken Sundberg 24; Steve Grauberger 63; Bill Hogan 87. Karen Clark, Bill Hogan, and Nancy Hogan led "Lord, Give Me Just A Little More Time". Hubert Nall offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Bill Hogan leading 497 (CB). Leaders and selections from the *B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*: Joey Brackner 361; Frank Strickland 100; Kennon Smith 239; Ermon Richmond 406; Tim Taylor 77t;

Michael Rogers 30b; Jim McIntyre and Geri McIntyre 484; Gavin Blakeley 67; Fred Hoerr 31t; Adrian Nall 358; Robert Walker 501.

The second afternoon session was held from the *Christian Harmony*, 2010. Leaders: Mike Spencer 120; Martha Thompson 70b; Robert Dupree 121t; Jonathan Smith 339; Ann Jett 170; David Daniel 184; Nathan Rees 64; Billy Thompson 178; Nancy Hogan 214; Haley Odom 213; Bill Hogan 133; Karen Clark 189; Cassie Allen 364.

RECESS
The class was called to order by Henry Guthery leading 269. The third afternoon session was held from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Cassie Allen 39b (for Christine Keeble and for Bud Oliver); Jack Nelson 480; Robert Walker 99; Bea Carnathan 472; Hubert Nall 176b; Fred Hoerr and Marty Hoerr 421; Ann Webb 384; Jim Carnes 47t; Jonathan Smith 189; Tim Taylor 290; Nathan Rees 56t (for Sandy Ivey and for Judy Caudle); Karen Clark 467 (in memory of Bob Meek). Following announcements, Bill Hogan and Joey Brackner led 146 as the closing song. Kennon Smith offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—Joey Brackner; Secretary—Nancy Hogan

J. D. STARNES MEMORIAL Mt. Hope Baptist Church, northeast of Sipsey, Alabama Sunday, February 6, 2011

The J. D. Starnes Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Mt. Hope Baptist Church on the first Sunday in February. Ken Tate called the class to order by leading 37b. The morning prayer was offered by Pastor Patrick Watson. Ken Tate led 102.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Yancey Jett; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Ann Jett.

Leaders: Ken Tate 114; Yancey Jett 144, 440; Don Keeton 454, 390; Faye Donaldson 410t, 176b; Travis Keeton 335, 418; Linda Sides 225t, 270; Margaret Keeton 172, 276; Ottis Sides 530, 145t; Wanda Capps 298, 36b; Henry Guthery 431, 112; Julianna Jett 142, 216; Elene Stovall 217, 436.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Ken Tate leading 276b. Leaders: Danny Creel 56b, 106; Bea Carnathan 175, 496; Harrison Creel 111b, 512; Hannah Tate 542, 124; Ann Jett 546, 327; Ken Tate 328 (for Dawson Adams and Johnnie Chafin), 213t; Margaret Keeton 212; Henry Guthery 463, 499; Heaven Watson “How Great Thou Art”. Pastor Patrick Watson spoke briefly on Colossians 3:14-17, and welcomed everyone. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Rick Ware.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Yancey Jett leading 497. Leaders: Velton Chafin 177, 176t; Wanda Capps 222, 182; Butch White 326, 74b; Bea Carnathan 295, 568; Don Keeton 317, 35; Linda Sides 277, 448t; Elene Stovall 548, 534; Travis Keeton 179, 203; Julianna Jett 399; Ottis Sides 322, 571 (CB); Danny Creel 283; Hannah Tate 294, 430; Harrison Creel 342; Butch White 30b; Yancey Jett 480, 300; Velton Chafin 98; Ann Jett, Julianna Jett, and Yancey Jett 108b, 269; Henry Guthery 558, 572 (CB); Henry Guthery and Elene Stovall 559 (CB).

Announcements were made. Ken Tate and Yancey Jett led 378b as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Eddie Frank, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Yancey Jett; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

BURNHAM AND BROWN MEMORIAL
Wesley Foundation Student Center, Jacksonville, Alabama
Sunday, February 6, 2011

The annual Sacred Harp singing in memory of Uncle Bob Burnham, Leman Brown, and Ruth Brown was held on the first Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Uncle Bob Burnham's granddaughter, Pearl Guier, leading 59. Cecil Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Pearl Guier 32t, Jeff Sheppard 128, 556; Pam Nunn 186, 192; Ed Thacker 202, 299; Judy Chambless 142, 146; Margie Smith 225t, 373; Henry Johnson 60, 81t; Cecil Roberts 76b, 277; Kenneith Calvert 143, 73t.

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

RECESS

Pearl Guier led 340 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Stanley Edwards 389, 436; Charlene Wallace 283, 548; Susan Cheronos 63, 268; Jan House and Myron House 155, 337; Robert Chambless 317, 452; Nate Green and Norma Green 570, 425; Loyd Ivey 34t, 111b; Joan Aldridge 38t, 228; Karen Rollins 358, 354t.

RECESS

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard and Mark Brandon 121, 45t; Buell Cobb 77b, 230; Angela Myers 89, 276; Richard Ivey 407, 343; Blake Sisemore 201, 208; Cheyenne Ivey 176b, 313t; John Kelso 411, 432; Eli Hinton 37b; Corina Dalzell and Justin Wallace 47b, 49t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 83t, 349. Ed Thacker offered the prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Pearl Guier brought the class back to order for the afternoon session leading 448b. Leaders: B. M. Smith 284, 318; Reba Windom 306, 392; Molly Ellis 455, 499; Nathan Rees 83b, 439; Shelbie Sheppard 272, 440; Scott DePoy 385t; Matt Hinton and Rodney Ivey 359, 300; John Plunkett 71, 399t; Lou Cotney 384; Roy Nelson 105; Michael Rich 388.

Announcements were made. Pearl Guier led 46 as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer.

Chairlady—Pearl Guier; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Pam Nunn

SANDERS MEMORIAL

Liberty Primitive Baptist Church, (McCormick), Sumiton, Alabama
Saturday, February 12, 2011

The annual Sanders Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Liberty Primitive Baptist Church, Sumiton, Alabama, on Saturday before the second Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 39t. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Guthery.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 75; Linda Sides 32t, 101t, 328; Brenda Chafin Merritt 124 (in memory of John Hyde and Hattie Chafin), 475 (in memory of Flarce Creel), 542; Ann Jett 47b, 37b, 146; Don Keeton 77t, 176b, 112; Margaret Keeton 144 (in memory of John and Agnes Hocutt), 192, 460 (for Cecil and Wynell Sanders); Eugene Forbes 145b (in memory of Betty Forbes), 405 (in memory of Ted White),

47t; Bea Carnathan 176, 295, 472 (in memory of Corene White); Travis Keeton 276, 285t, 290; Angela Myers 73t, 446, 89.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Velton Chafin leading 324 (in memory of Preston and Aver Crider). Leaders: Jim Aaron 503, 163b, 68b (for Johnnie Chafin); Ottis Sides 354b, 235; Yancey Jett 82t, 64, 42; Josie Hyde 507, 442; Harrison Creel 512; Henry Guthery 108t, 434, 435, 564; Willodean Barton 418 (in memory of Lee Stevenson). Henry Guthery offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Velton Chafin leading 130; Leaders: Steve Adams and Bea Carnathan 378t, 401; Linda Sides 225t; Ann Jett and Harrison Creel 136, 167; Margaret Keeton 448b; Brenda Chafin Merritt 216; Angela Myers 350; Ottis Sides 530, 480; Yancey Jett 81t, 122; Jim Aaron 66; Henry Guthery 217; Bea Carnathan 100; Don Keeton 490, 406; Travis Keeton 155, 454; Josie Hyde 150, 470; Eugene Forbes 337, 340 (in memory of his father); Brenda Chafin Merritt and Steve Adams 45t; Henry Guthery 380 (for Cecil Sanders).

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Henry Guthery, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

OLDHAM SACRED HARP SINGING DAY

Oldham Baptist Church, Oldham, Lancashire, United Kingdom

Saturday, February 12, 2011

The class was called to order by Hannah Land offering the opening prayer and leading 111b. The class agreed that the singing school would be held later to allow time for more new singers to arrive.

Leaders: Sarah West 370; Chris Brown 324; Ruth Steggles 171; Michael Walker 138b; Maria Wallace 183; Cath Tyler 460; Helen Brown 349; Richard Percival 313b; Ted Brown 49b; Ruth Steggles 198; Hannah Land 142; Cath Tyler 430; Michael Walker 210; Sarah West 498; Chris Brown 38b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Hannah Land; Secretaries—Chris Brown and Judy Whiting.

RECESS

Hannah Land called the class to order and introduced Michael Walker, who taught a singing school, during which the class received instruction on the history and culture of Sacred Harp singing, shape note system, major and minor scales, and modes of time. The following songs were led during the singing school; 101t, 162, 128, 155, 231t, 176t. Leaders: Carmel Wood 344; Judy Whiting 182. Hannah Land offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Carmel Wood called the class to order leading 344. Leaders: Helen Brown 392; Anna Baldini and Connie Baldini 146; Richard Percival 365; Judy Whiting 384; Cath Tyler 250; Chris Brown 102; Hannah Land 415; Maria Wallace 212; Ted Brown 290; Michael Walker 404; Sarah West 421; Ruth Steggles 569b; Hannah Land 535; Anna Baldini 40; Carmel Wood 323.

Ted Brown and Helen Brown conducted the memorial lesson in memory of the following deceased: Bob Meek, George Seiler, Joyce Over, Glyn Roberts, Valerie Munday, Linda Champ, Jessie, Gloria, Canon Gordon Geddis, John Victor Budd, and Kathleen Dunne.

The names of the following sick and housebound were read: Maggie Watson, Dr. John Sawyer, Dwight Diller, Gary N., Lonnie Rogers, David Daykin, May Stabler,

Lauren Stabler, John Culf, Debbie Culf, Kathy Armstrong, Max Werner, John Dunne, Derek Harrop, Maureen Gamlin, and Daphene Causey. Helen Brown led 426t, and closed the lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Cath Tyler 503; Judy Whiting 475

RECESS

Helen Brown called the class back to order leading 345t. Leaders: Richard Percival 43; Chris Brown 42; Maria Wallace 445; Ted Brown 81t; Michael Walker 319; Sarah West 88t; Ruth Steggles 84; Carmel Wood 31t; Helen Brown 432; Richard Percival 163b; Maria Wallace 209; Hannah Land 203; Cath Tyler 70b; Ted Brown 225t; Chris Brown 229; Sarah West 224; Judy Whiting 72b.

Announcements were made. Hannah Land led 62 as the closing song. John Hopkinson offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Hannah Land; Secretaries—Chris Brown and Judy Whiting

HOME COUNTIES MID-WINTER SACRED HARP SINGING Mayflower Hall, Billericay, Essex, United Kingdom Saturday, February 12, 2011

The 2011 Home Counties singing was held in Billericay, home of four of those who sailed in ‘The Mayflower’ in 1620. The class was called to order by Sofi Mogensen leading 34b. Ken Baddley offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Rachel Jordan 47t; Nick Hall 28b; Steve Fletcher 28t; Ken Baddley 47b; Steve Welch 70t; Tony Singleton 276; Stephen Biggs 178; Edwin Macadam 168; Jan Lawrence 171; Sheila Girling Macadam 457; Rob Mahoney 86; Sofi Mogensen 84; Nick Hall 217; Ken Baddley 73b; Rachel Jordan 474; Steve Welch 566; Steve Fletcher 448t; Stephen Biggs 228; Sheila Girling Macadam 216; Rob Mahoney 159; Edwin Macadam 272.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-chairpersons—Sofi Mogensen and John Taylor; Secretaries—Nick Hall and Edwin Macadam.

RECESS

Tony Singleton called the class to order leading 496. Leaders: Jan Lawrence 40; Rachel Jordan 99; Sofi Mogensen 503; Ken Baddley 350; Nick Hall 183; Steve Fletcher 146; Stephen Biggs 45t; Edwin Macadam 260; Steve Welch 186; Sheila Girling Macadam 500; Rob Mahoney 299; Tony Singleton 504; Sofi Mogensen 148; Nick Hall 200; Jill Thompson 454; Rachel Jordan 538. Rev. David Chantler offered thanks for the midday meal.

LUNCH

Sheila Girling Macadam brought the afternoon session to order leading 523. Leaders: Rob Mahoney 163b; Steve Fletcher 106; Ken Baddley 127; Tony Singleton 117; Stephen Biggs 497; Edwin Macadam 466; Steve Welch 38t; Jill Thompson 344; Nick Hall 528; Sofi Mogensen 278t; Rachel Jordan 452; Sheila Girling Macadam 330b.

The combined memorial and sick and housebound lessons were conducted by Ken Baddley, who spoke of the significance of these lessons to Sacred Harp singers, and read part of The Singer’s Prelude from ‘The Earthly Paradise’ by William Morris. He led 28t for the following deceased: Joe Hall—Eridge; Vicki Scarlet—Enfield; Joyce Over—Camberley; Glynne Williams—Cardiff; Theano Yianni—North London; Kobus Pienaar—Cape Town, South Africa; Stewart Chorley—Tatsfield; Linda Champ—Winchester; Alan Cooper—Seaford; George Seiler—Stillwater, New York; Marion Biggs—Ringmer; Deric Spruce—Lewes; and Lisbeth Poulsen—Denmark, and for the following sick and housebound: Adrian Hilton, Barbara Drayson, Rita Drayson, Linty Davis, Sara Ray, Maureen Jones, Marjorie Franks,

Moysis Yianni, Anne Milne, Nicola Macadam, Lucy Chadwick, Irene Chantler, and Ellie Eustace. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Steve Fletcher 65; Rob Mahoney 455.

RECESS

Steve Welch called the class to order leading 32t. Leaders: Ken Baddley 481; Tony Singleton 312b; Edwin Macadam 236; Stephen Biggs 288; Jill Thompson 473; Sofi Mogensen 209; Steve Fletcher 273; Nick Hall 287; Rachel Jordan 82t; Sheila Girling Macadam 142; Ken Baddley 334; Tony Singleton 277; Steve Welch 501; Rob Mahoney 49b; Stephen Biggs 515; Edwin Macadam 198; Sofi Mogensen 31t.

Thanks were extended and announcements made, where it was noted the 2012 Home Counties Mid-Winter Sacred Harp singing would be held at the Waltham Abbey Community Hall, Essex, on Saturday, February 18, 2012.

Sofi Mogensen and John Taylor led 347. Rev. David Chantler offered the closing prayer.

Co-chairmen—Sofi Mogensen and John Taylor; Secretaries—Nick Hall and Edwin Macadam

EMORY SACRED HARP SINGING **Cannon Chapel, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia** **Saturday, February 12, 2011**

The annual Emory Sacred Harp Singing was held in Cannon Chapel, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, on Saturday before the second Sunday in February. The class was called to order by John Plunkett leading 30t. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 31b; Debora Grosse 324, 114; Laura Akerman 176b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 57, 36b; Jeannette DePoy and Kim Jenne 274t, 99; Leslie Hunter 503, 157; Bob Goodman 452, 34b; Marc Godfrey 39t, 163b; Suzanne Walker 384, 276; Tony Hammock 97 (in memory of Mary Florence Smith), 87; John Kelso 123b, 240.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Debora Grosse leading 312b. Leaders: Lauren Bock 569t, 453; Leigh Cooper 77t, 155.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg; Secretary—Laura Akerman.

Singing resumed with John Hollingsworth leading 176t and 409. Leaders: Malinda Snow 472, 374; Charles Woods 77b (for Charlene Wallace), 40; Erica Hinton 105, 108t; George Burnette 101t, 417; Elizabeth Carroll 66, 294; Margie Dietz 48t, 46.

LUNCH

John Plunkett brought the class to order for the afternoon session by leading 90. Leaders: Kelly Morris 147t, 159; Molly Ellis 371 (for Jeremy and Erin Krantz), 399t; Martha Ann Stegar 354b (in memory of Emily Calhoun), 347; Sandra Wilkinson 405, 345t; Matt Hinton 460, 299; Andy Morse 313b, 209; Laura Akerman 543; Rose Yntema 183, 47b; Catherine Grisso 314, 300; Elise Eskew 551, 480.

RECESS

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg led 521 (JB) from a sample facsimile reprint of the 1911, James edition of the Sacred Harp. Leaders: Lauren Bock and Nora 457; John Kelso 201; Leigh Cooper and Mark Godfrey 455t (JB); Leslie Hunter 146; Suzanne Walker 426b; Bob Goodman 145b; Malinda Snow and Kim Jenne 198; Sandra Wilkinson 475; Martha Ann Stegar 63; George Burnette 222; Elizabeth Carroll and Anne Carroll 535; Margie Dietz 81t; Matt Hinton 396b (JB); Rose Yntema 142;

Andy Morse 320 (JB); Elise Eskew 532; Lauren Bock and Andrea Leonard 135; Laura Akerman 569b.

John Plunkett led 25 (JB) as the closing song. Andy Morse offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg; Secretary—Laura Akerman

ELDER ROY AVERY MEMORIAL SINGING
Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama
Sunday, February 13, 2011

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

The class elected the following officers: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Judy Chambless. The morning prayer was offered by Jack Nelson.

Leaders: Jack Nelson 282; Stanley Edwards 442, 439; Robert Chambless 494, 225t; Floy Wilder 120, 227; Buell Cobb 75, 72b; Nell Estes 172, 192; Fred Hoerr 178, 34b; Ted Price 35, 108b; Myrline Redmon 340, 341; Oscar McGuire 276, 155.

RECESS

Stanley Edwards brought the class back to order by leading 309. Jack Nelson conducted the memorial lesson leading 39b for the sick (Eugene Forbes, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, and Audress Gurley) and deceased (Mary Smith, Jerry Enright, Vernelle Amason). Leaders: Cecil Roberts 418, 229; William Futral 490, 36b; Marti Hoerr 421, 503. Elder Keeble offered a prayer, and Elder Staphelson preached.

LUNCH

Jack Nelson brought the class back together by leading 438. Leaders: Jean Payne and Nell Estes 560; Jean Payne 111t; Marion Patrick 143, 424; Karen Clark 77t, 31t; Virginia Futral 569b, 145b; Charlotte Bishop 268, 229 (CB); Diane Avery 312b, 486; Sharon Whitehead 112, 480; Isabell Green 100, 388; Carla Smith 358, 354b; Judy Chambless 565, 50.

After announcements, Jack Nelson and Stanley Edwards led 441. William Futral offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Judy Chambless

ALABAMA COLLEGIATE SINGING
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Saturday, February 19, 2011

The 13th annual session of the Alabama Collegiate Sacred Harp singing was held at the Wesley Foundation Methodist Student Center on the campus of the University of Alabama on Saturday before the third Sunday in February. Tim Cook welcomed everyone and called the class to order by leading 49t. The morning prayer was offered by Danny Creel.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tim Cook; Vice Chairman—Ed Thacker; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Bridgett Hill.

Leaders: Tim Cook 511; Ed Thacker 460, 213t; Bridgett Hill 411, 440; Danny Creel 112, 137; Judy Caudle 138t, 138b; Bea Carnathan 438, 568; Jim Aaron 503, 163b; Hubert Nall 47t, 136; Eugene Forbes 203, 400; Margaret Thacker 39b, 565.

RECESS

Tim Cook led 99 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Travis Keeton 475, 482; Lomax Ballinger 144, 145b; Edward Howton 318, 373; Velton Chafin 177, 439; Don Keeton 319, 335; Wendell Rinehart 457, 445; Leslie Brady and Sierra Brady 31b, 84; Nate Green and Norma Green 317, 176t.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Tim Cook leading 348b (in memory of George Cox). Leaders: Henry Guthery 362, 456; Emily Thompson 228, 392; Margaret Keeton 402, 422; Harrison Creel 530, 498; Arlon Gardner 111b, 277; Angela Myers 361, 448b; Brenda Chafin Merritt 33b, 491. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Arlon Gardner.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Tim Cook leading 147t. The memorial lesson was conducted by Elder Ricky Harcrow. He spoke and led 42 in memory of the deceased and in honor of the sick and shut-ins. The deceased remembered were Rhoda Norris, Myrtle Wootten, Billy Williams, Troy Ott, Polly Spears, and Vernelle Amason—Alabama; Bob Meek—Kentucky. The sick and shut-ins honored were Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Marlin Banks, Lonnie Rogers, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, and Clarence McCool.

Leaders: Ricky Harcrow 37b; Robert DuPree 569b, 40; Toney Smith 560; Larry Ballinger 349 (for Clarence McCool), 403; Carolyn Thompson 396, 507 (for Josie Hyde); Sarah Beasley 406, 61; Seth Holloway 340, 240; Ola Meadows 426t, 378t; David Ryme 159; Susan Harcrow 300, 405; Marlece Ray 186, 426b; Loyd Ivey 389, 270; Mako Cook 515; Elene Stovall 316 (for Toney Smith), 200; Emily Thompson, Tyler Thacker, Timothy Gibbons, Bridgett Hill, and Tim Cook 82t; Tim Cook 358 (by request).

Tim Cook led 323t as the closing song. Henry Guthery offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tim Cook; Vice Chairman—Ed Thacker; Secretary—Judy Caudle

BID SPRING COME ALL-DAY SINGING

Stewart Art Center, Grinnell, Iowa

Saturday, February 19, 2011

Martha Pinder called the morning session to order leading 49t. Milton Severe offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Eric Saylor 74b; Sharla Hulsey 72b; Angela Winburn 159; Bruce Voyles 178; Jeff Nayadley 324; Royce Wolf 59; Jennifer Hamilton 133; Caroline Byrd 39t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Martha Pinder; Secretary—Annie Grieshop.

RECESS

Annie Grieshop called the class back together leading 107. Leaders: James Page 272; Jennifer Nguyen 32t; Margo Pedrick 267; Tony Peterman 32b; Elizabeth Dobbs 347.

LUNCH

Martha Pinder called the afternoon session to order by leading 155. Leaders: Milton Severe 439; BethAnn Edwards 84; Theo Bartemes 56b; Jenna Woodard 277; Dora Miller 496; Cat Morris 566; Rhonda Lanser 68b; Robert Koepke 66; Anna Gebhardt 168.

RECESS

Sharla Hulsey led 33b to call the class back to order. Leaders: Caroline Byrd 105; James Page 193; Jennifer Nguyen 448b; Theo Bartemes 86; Jenna Woodard 117; Anna Gebhardt 457; Eric Saylor 441; Martha Pinder 268.

Following announcements, Annie Grieshop led 62 as the closing song.

Milton Severe offered a prayer of thanks for the day, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Martha Pinder; Secretary—Annie Grieshop

PLYMOUTH ALL-DAY SINGING
East Sandwich Friends Meetinghouse, Sandwich, Massachusetts
Saturday, February 19, 2011

The Plymouth All-Day Singing was called to order by Tom Malone leading 56t. The morning prayer was offered by Chuck Micciche.

Tom Malone conducted a singing school on accent. He led 76t, 269, 200, 222, 299, 300, and 301 as part of the lesson.

RECESS

The first session was called to order by Justin Levi, who led 32t and 439. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Justin Levi; Secretary—Joanna Lampert; Arranging Committee—Lynne deBenedette.

Leaders: Joanna Lampert 48t, 291; Lynne deBenedette 39t, 300; Laura Borrelli 47b, 33b; Emma Rose Brown 30b, 153; Bill Holt 68b, 352; Yael Tarshish 384, 86; Pat Callahan 373, 477; Kelsey Sunderland 129, 208; Corrone Bryant 28b, 77b; Anne Kazlauskas 27, 228; Cristin McMurray 268, 155.

RECESS

Lynne deBenedette called the class to order by leading 74b. Leaders: Alvaro Duarte 296, 430; Natalie Jablonski 399b, 328; Richard Ivey 389, 343; Linda Shea 280, 168; Chris Holley 277, 348b; Jennie Brown 192, 217; Tom Malone 316, 349; Deidra Montgomery 312t, 536; Elizabeth Stoddard 124, 546; Peter Golden 39b, 283; Mary Gowins 36b, 454; Jeremy Galvagni 101t, 107; Liz Cantrell 569t, 171; Terry Ryan 183, 385b; Bobbie Goodell 473, 472.

LUNCH

Joanna Lampert called the class to order by leading 142. Leaders: Nancy Reid 191, 189; Emma Rose Brown and Alvaro Duarte 344; Richard Ivey 345t; Deidra Montgomery and Kelsey Sunderland 422; Peter Golden 111b; Tom Malone 530; Jennie Brown 527; Elizabeth Stoddard, Michelle Goldhaber, and Alexandra Liteplo 276; Chris Holley 480; Linda Shea 371; Mary Gowins 224; Jeremy Galvagni 148; Pat Callahan and Clara Fagan 99; Terry Ryan 193; Bill Holt 274t; Bobbie Goodell 540; Corrone Bryant 287; Natalie Jablonski and Yael Tarshish 440.

Justin Levi led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Chuck Micciche.

Chairman—Justin Levi; Secretary—Joanna Lampert

PACIFIC NORTHWEST
SACRED HARP CONVENTION (WASHINGTON)
Mercer Island VFW Hall, Mercer Island, Washington
February 19-20, 2011
Saturday, February 19

The 20th annual session of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Bob Schinske, who welcomed everyone. Erika Wilson and Bob Schinske brought the class to order by leading 28t. Joanne Hoover offered the opening prayer.

The class held a business session, and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Bob Schinske; Vice Chairperson—Darlene Simpson-Brown; Treasurer—Marcia Stedman; Secretary—Erika Wilson. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Darlene Simpson-Brown 47t; Erika Wilson 66; Marcia

Stedman 34b; Erik Schwab 440; Reed Schilbach 501; Jim Van Horn 504; Jinx McGuire 171; Bill Walters 228; Dave Hough 53; Joanne Hoover 91; Peter Schinske 198; Shannon McGuire 569t.

RECESS

Anne Huckins called the class back to order by leading 448b. Leaders: David Wright 486; Linda Jweinat 378b; Caleb Hardy 157; Karen Willard 349; Jim Jansen 370; Lea Kouba 270; Rich Lee and Katie Mahoney 441; Alberta Hardy 499; Jack Lofton 456; Breezy Medina 354b; Solomon Ossa 272; Susan Waters 455; Kevin Barrans 411; Rachel Hardy 375; John Carson 163t; Anna Stoerch 43.

RECESS

Katharine Hough brought the class back to order by leading 45t. Leaders: Marla Elliott 417; Raoul Titus 547; Kari Lundgren 31t; Nicholas Taylor 46; Jane Grant 480; Jim Friedrich 300; Jessica Hahl 58; Hal Eisen 391; Karen Stingle 318; Karl Oswald 350; Jo Dell Albi 328; Gregory Mulkern 29t; Cornelia Stanton 176b; Steve Helwig 528. Joanne Hoover offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Kathy Vlach leading 32t. Leaders: Mryka Hall-Beyer 68b; Jessica Beer 269; Tom McTighe 56b; Katharine Hough 236; Thom Fahrback 573; Caroline Helmeczi 153; Hal Eisen 304; Jo Dell Albi 195; Shelby Sampson 193; Sylvia Friske 49t; Martha Sherwood 117; Mary Ditson 532; Melissa Thorne 72b; Jean Squires 268; Kari Lundgren 344; Erik Schwab 383; Jean Murphy 189; Kathy Vlach 40; Erika Wilson 542; Steve Cackley 154; Bruce Rowland 170; Darlene Simpson-Brown 434.

RECESS

Kevin Barrans called the class back to order by leading 339. Leaders: Jamie Helleman 294; Marcia Stedman 159; Betsy Jeronen 426b; Clarissa Fetrow 178; Vanessa Ryder 208; Suzanne Denker 503; Nicholas Corbin Lester 38b; Kat Kohorst 312b; Chase Arevalo 405; Hillary Stevens 59; Gaea Singer 74b; Jeshua Franklin 85; Melisa Doss 49b; Jonathan Levy-Wolins 472; Breezy Medina 267; Jordan Singer 86; Marla Elliott 77t; Kari Lundgren and Sylvia Friske 186; Dennis Campnell 125; Lea Kouba 76b; Rachel Hardy, Alberta Hardy, and Caleb Hardy 99; Karl Oswald 168. Bob Schinske and Darlene Simpson-Brown led 147 (CB) as the closing song. Joanne Hoover offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, February 20

The Sunday session of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Convention, Washington, was called to order by Bob Schinske and Darlene Simpson-Brown leading 33b. Linda Jweinat offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jordan Singer 32t; Dave Hough 271t; Jim Friedrich 142; Joanne Hoover 218; John Carson 335; Ken Hallock 65; Peter Schinske 59; Katharine Hough 376; Karen Willard 550; Darlene Simpson-Brown 392; Kramer Klein 107; John Schlichting 147b; Kathy Vlach 549 (on the occasion of Hugh McGraw's birthday).

RECESS

Karen Willard called the class back to order by leading 30t. Leaders: Shannon McGuire 49b; Jean Murphy 279; Melissa Stephenson 361; Kevin Barrans 379; Erika Wilson 502; Shelby Sampson 193; Chase Arevalo 492; Jo Dell Albi 313b; Hal Eisen 240; Bob Schinske 393; Solomon Ossa 448t; Gregory Mulkern 212; Heather Ikeler 77b.

RECESS

Cornelia Stanton called the class back to order by leading 52t. Leaders: Reed Schilbach 297; Jinx McGuire 110; Steve Cackley 531; Mary Ditson 454; Bruce Rowland 426b; Charles Scudder 147t; Martha Sherwood 67; Anna Stoerch 120. Bill Walters conducted the memorial lesson, leading 330b in honor of the

following sick and shut-ins: Jill Accetta, Ernie Buckler, Mary Colfelt, Bill Conlen, Donald Glor, Tom Hawthorn, Susan Helf, Jack Hoadley, Joann Hoadley, Robert Hoover, Susan Kerr, Lynn Knight, Joseph Levy, Marilyn Murata, Dixie Nicholson, Lucinda Saue, Naomi Virginia Stuck, Barbara Willard, Nadine Willard, and Rodney Willard.

He led 340 in memory of the following deceased: Joshua Heller—Arizona; Elaine Friedrich—California; Barbara Shores—Indiana; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Charlotte Kamiya—Louisiana; Laura Hearne—Missouri; George Seiler—New York; Hugh Eggan—North Carolina; Connor Ausland, Arthur Denker, Gerhard Forstner, Jack Harnsongkram, Cathy Oswald, David Willard—Oregon; Alexander Lucas Lofton—South Carolina; George Jones, Marvin McDonald—Texas; Dora Benson, Edward Boettiger—Vermont; Peter Bennett, Howard Hallock, Steve Lewis, Kim Loofburrow, Michael Nutt, June Phelps—Washington. Linda Jweinat closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Anne Huckins 318; Suzanne Denker 56b; Marcia Stedman 180. Linda Jweinat offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Erik Schwab called the class back to order by leading 445. Leaders: Karen Stingle 475; Jonathan Levy-Wolins 117; Caroline Helmeczi 106; Jessica Hahl 333; Steve Helwig 137; Jessica Beer 564; David Wright 428; Hal Eisen 280; Thom Fahrbach 505; Erik Schwab 215; Jo Dell Albi 214; Mryka Hall-Beyer 277; Marcia Stedman 344; Jack Lofton 442; Betsy Jeronen 112; Ben Fisher 300; Tom McTighe 209; Audrey Karabinus 267; Anne Huckins 324; Linda Jweinat 53; Gregory Stockert 122; Bill Walters 362; Mother Felicitas 47b; Kevin Scudder 39t; Cornelia Stanton 276; Bob Schinske 128.

RECESS

Jack Lofton called the class back to order by leading 274t. Leaders: Joanne Hoover 496; Marla Elliott 84; Kat Kohorst 178; Dusty Collings 63; Clarissa Fetrow 503; Jinx McGuire and Shannon McGuire 148; Melissa Stephenson 144; Anna Stoerch 426t; Thom Fahrbach 399t; Mryka Hall-Beyer 352; Jessica Beer 313t; Jordan Singer 229; Caroline Helmeczi 457; Holly Baker 159; Audrey Karabinus 74t; Charles Scudder 288; Steve Helwig and Mary Ditson 146; Dave Hough and Katharine Hough 183; Mother Felicitas 81t.

The class held a business session. The Treasurer reported that all expenses were met. The Arranging Committee reported that singers had led 88 lessons on Saturday and 86 on Sunday. Registered attendees numbered 162, from seven states and two Canadian provinces. The Resolutions Committee thanked all who had helped to make the convention possible. Announcements were made of future singings. Jessica Hahl led 48t. Bob Schinske and Darlene Simpson-Brown led 36b as the closing song, and all who wished took the parting hand. Linda Jweinat offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Bob Schinske; Vice Chairperson—Darlene Simpson-Brown; Secretary—Erika Wilson

UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA **Food Services Building (Z-6), Carrollton, Georgia** **Sunday, February 20, 2011**

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, then led 59. Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Myron House 60; Jan House 148 (for Lonnie Rogers), 151; Donna Bell 163b (in memory of Mary Florence Smith), 542; Earlis McGraw 225t (for Nick and Carlene Griffin); Earlis McGraw and Mike Borders 45t; Henry Johnson 425, 435.

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

Chairman—Myron House; Vice Chairman—Jan House; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless; Memorial Committee—Oscar McGuire and Earlis McGraw; Chaplain—Henry Johnson.

Leaders: Mike Spencer 308, 205; Judy Mincey 180, 475; Karen Rollins 373 (for Lonnie Rogers), 350; Tommy McGuire 91, 138t; Tony Hammock 499 (in memory of Mary Florence Smith), 303; Jenna Frey 358, 401.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Myron House leading 191. Leaders: Stanley Edwards 442, 439; Shannon Primm 448b (for Carlene and Nick Griffin); 500 (in honor of Hugh McGraw's 80th birthday); Laura Frey 46, 178; Robert Chambless 354b, 84; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 422, 511; Hayden Arp 328, 340; Louise Holland 217, 441; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 100, 101t; Richard DeLong 266, 326; Blake Sisemore 52t, 411; Charlene Wallace 220; John Plunkett 353, 420; Malinda Snow 448t; Mary Brownlee 182, 183. Henry Johnson blessed the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Myron House leading 479. Leaders: Lauren Bock 196; Lauren Bock, Giorgia Ragni, and Stefano Vagnini 197; B.M. Smith 28b, 318; Cecil Roberts 32t, 31t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Oscar McGuire. He led 285t in memory of Mary Florence Smith and Myrtle Wooten. He led 317 for the following sick and shut-ins: Lonnie Rogers, Carlene Griffin, Nick Griffin, Teenie Moody, Lois Bowman, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Susan Soucy, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, and Josephine Denney. Blake Sisemore closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Phillip Denney and David Schoerner 159, 120; Mark Godfrey 65, 421; Jackson Harcrow 347, 274t; Leigh Cooper 108t, 335; Donna Duke and Gene Duke 212, 68b; Margie Smith 405, 313t; Sheri Taylor 168, 203; Carol Chapman 384 (for Teenie Moody), 110; Oscar McGuire 485; Dick Plunkett and Giorgia Ragni 389, 268; Stefano Vagnini 45t; Judy Chambless 527 (in honor of Hugh McGraw's birthday), 549; Christian Webb 294, 25; Myron House 250.

Announcements were made. Myron House and Jan House led 62 as the closing song. Henry Johnson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Myron House; Vice Chairman—Jan House; Secretary—Donna Bell

SOUTH YORKSHIRE SINGING

Wesleyan Reform Chapel, Oughtibridge, Sheffield, United Kingdom Saturday, February 26, 2011

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 Sarah West leading 30t. Michael Walker offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Sarah West 432; Margaret Gillanders 171; Michael Walker 76b; Helen Brown 145t; Ian West 29t; Sally Greaves-Lord 200; Aldo Ceresa 56t; Maria Wallace 274t; Ted Brown 303 (for Jeff Sheppard); Sharon Langridge 503; Chris Brown 324; Jenny Reid 178; Richard Percival 28t; Hannah Land 187; Judy Whiting 72b; Sarah West 512; Ian West 445; Margaret Gillanders 203; Sally Greaves-Lord 192; Michael Walker 172; Helen Brown 475; Aldo Ceresa 498.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sarah West; Secretary—Maria Wallace.

RECESS

Sharon Langridge brought the class back to order leading 501. Leaders: Chris Brown 500; Maria Wallace 122; Richard Percival 547; Hannah Land 270; Ted Brown 35; Judy Whiting 441; Ian West 59; Jenny Reid 84; Margaret Gillanders 33b; Sarah West 89; Chris Brown 31t.

Ian West conducted the memorial and sick and housebound lessons, leading 225t in memory of Jerry Enright, Ben Dickens, Peter Ogden, Bob Meek, George Seiler, Phyllis Bruce, Frances Ceresa, Jessie, Linda Champ, Valerie Munday, Cherry Shaw, Bill Boyd and Kathleen Dunne, and for the following sick and housebound: Jeff Sheppard, Daphene Causey, Lonnie Rogers, Bill Gillanders, Stan Reeve, Philip Ralls, Rose Wallace, Ethne Buckley, Derek Harrop, and Joan Swift. Helen Brown offered a prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Michael Walker 77t; Sally Greaves-Lord 39t; Carmel Wood 442; Helen Brown 436; Aldo Ceresa 411; Sharon Langridge 36b; Maria Wallace 313b; Richard Percival 496; Sarah West 370; Hannah Land 228. Hannah Land said grace for the midday meal.

LUNCH

Judy Whiting began the afternoon session by leading 47t. Leaders: Ted Brown 97; Jenny Reid 99; Sarah West 430; Michael Walker 422; Margaret Gillanders 350; Maria Wallace and Nadine Wills 457; Ian West 182; Aldo Ceresa 91; Sally Greaves-Lord 338; Sharon Langridge 146; Richard Percival 474; Hannah Land 133; Chris Brown 102; Michael Walker 134; Maria Wallace 339; Judy Whiting 354t; Jenny Reid 504; Ted Brown 290; Sarah West 163t; Aldo Ceresa 407; Margaret Gillanders 542; Ian West 105; Sally Greaves-Lord 216; Helen Brown 546.

RECESS

Sharon Langridge called the class to order leading 106. Leaders: Chris Brown 29b; Hannah Land 43; Richard Percival 474; Michael Walker 566; Maria Wallace 142; Aldo Ceresa 522; Judy Whiting 384; Ted Brown 119; Margaret Gillanders 569b; Ian West 282; Sharon Langridge 148; Helen Brown 227; Sally Greaves-Lord 82t; Hannah Land 383; Chris Brown 45t.

Sarah West led 347 as the closing song. Ted Brown dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Sarah West; Secretary—Maria Wallace

J.L. WHITE AND ECLECTIC HARMONY SINGING Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia Saturday, February 26, 2011

The 12th annual J.L. White and Eclectic Harmony singing was held at Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February. John Plunkett welcomed everyone, and noted that a fourth book, the Georgian Harmony, would be included in the singing. He called the class to order leading 30t (WB). Andy Morse offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Laura Akerman; Secretary—Malinda Snow.

For the first hour, songs were selected from the J.L. White book. Leaders: John Plunkett 34t; Malinda Snow 268; Judy Mincey 490b (in honor of Raymond Hamrick); Peter Golden 544t; Tom Ivey 471; Andy Morse 513; Margie Dietz 100; Janet Wuichet 489; Herman Wilkinson 101t; Henry Johnson 52b; John Hollingsworth 154b; Billy Hollingsworth 34b; Bob Goodman 491b; Sharon Strong 518; Sandra Wilkinson 484t; Julie Seuss 447 (in honor of Curvaceous Bass); Leslie Hunter 159; Laura Akerman 526; Linda Thompson 155.

RECESS

For the second hour, leaders chose songs from the Eclectic Harmony books. Leaders: Laura Akerman 33 (EH1); John Plunkett 66 (EH2); Malinda Snow 58 (EH1); Judy Mincey 10 (EH1) (in memory of Lee Rogers); Tom Ivey 80 (EH1); Andy Morse 79 (EH1); Margie Dietz 70 (EH1); Herman Wilkinson 64 (EH1); Billy Hollingsworth 38t (EH2); Henry Johnson 17 (EH2); Bob Goodman 56 (EH1); John Hollingsworth 16 (EH2). Herman Wilkinson offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

During the afternoon, leaders chose songs from any of the three books previously used or from the Georgian Harmony. John Plunkett brought the class together leading 13 (GH). Leaders: Sharon Strong 34 (EH1); Sandra Wilkinson 57 (EH1); Julie Seuss 65 (EH1); Leslie Hunter 109 (GH); Cathy Tucker 110 (EH1); Laura Akerman 4 (EH1); Russ Hanson 71 (EH1); Carol Hanson 69 (EH1); Linda Thompson 335 (WB); John Plunkett 279 (WB); Malinda Snow 480 (WB); Judy Mincey 92 (EH1); Peter Golden 27 (EH1); Tom Ivey 2 (EH1); Andy Morse 7 (EH2); Margie Dietz 118 (GH); Henry Johnson 435 (WB); Billy Hollingsworth 87 (GH); Sharon Strong 82 (EH1); Sandra Wilkinson 496b (WB); Leslie Hunter 157 (WB); Cathy Tucker 47t (WB); Laura Akerman 47 (GH); Linda Thompson 143 (WB).

After announcements, John Plunkett led 60 (WB) as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Laura Akerman; Secretary—Malinda Snow

TEXAS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

College Station, Texas

February 26-27, 2011

Saturday, February 26

The Texas State Convention was called to order by Sonny Erwin leading 31b. The opening prayer was offered by Sonny Huckaby.

Leaders: Sonny Erwin 441; Sarah Huckaby 475; Cheryl Foreman 171; Rick Foreman 107; Reed Coates 448b; Kevin Powell 86; Amanda Deardorff 148; Don Barker 354b; Michelle Rogan 455; Sonny Huckaby 74b; Amanda Bowles 99; Baron Powers 85; Jo Pendleton 59; Mike Hinton 456; Vivian Rogan 178; Scott Curran 500; Bruce Coates 503; Greg Bowles 332; Diane Ross 52t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sonny Erwin; Vice Chairperson—Sarah Huckaby; Secretary/Treasurer—Cheryl Foreman.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Sonny Erwin and Sarah Huckaby leading 568. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 460; Riley Owen and Jackson Owen 278b; Silas Huckaby 388; Lindsey Wiggins 542; Tammy Powell 454; Gary Rogan 299; Liz Owen 208; Owen Ross 228; Beverly Coates 95; Kris Wiggins 286; Janie Short 384; Bill Giesenschlag 569b; Priscilla Wiggins 344; Billy Huckaby 198; Tollie Lee 551; Donald Ross 368; Chloe Webb 128; Gaylon Powell 377; Jeb Owen 294; Robert Vaughn 98; Cheryl Foreman and A&M students 63. Owen Ross offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Sonny Erwin leading 391. Leaders: Ron Ryan 498; Olivia Powell 336; Tom Owen 426t; Michelle Rogan 564; Sonny Huckaby 168; Jo Pendleton 49b; Silas Huckaby 401; Mike Hinton 434; Riley Owen 274t; Sarah Huckaby 65; Kevin Powell 56b; Amanda Bowles 47b; Baron Powers 159;

Amanda Deardorff 36b; Reed Coates 350; Chloe Webb 81t; Owen Ross 193; Vivian Rogan 163b; Tollie Lee 164.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Sarah Huckaby leading 565. Leaders: Bill Giesenschlag 40; Carol Watts and Charity Vaughn 319; Scott Curran 472; Lindsey Wiggins 183; Greg Bowles 39b; Kris Wiggins 522; Liz Owen 546; Billy Huckaby 39t; Priscilla Wiggins 365; Jeb Owen 278t; Robert Vaughn 360; Janie Short 480; Leon Ballinger and Kim Vaughn 490; Beverly Coates 353; Gaylon Powell 328; Diane Ross 430; Sonny Erwin 347.

The closing prayer was offered by Owen Ross, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, February 27

The Sunday session of the Texas State Convention was called to order by Sonny Erwin leading 34b. The morning prayer was offered by Gaylon Powell.

Leaders: Sonny Erwin 501; Sarah Huckaby 76b; Cheryl Foreman 354t; Tom Owen 569t; Gary Rogan 318; Tammy Powell 189; Donald Ross 125; Catherine Rogan 460; Kevin Powell 300; Crystal Meadows 542; Bruce Coates 566; Olivia Powell 532; Mike Hinton 527; Beverly Coates 492; Leon Ballinger 195; Baron Powers 117; Amanda Deardorff 146; Charlie Soape 127; Diane Ross 209; Tollie Lee 285t (dedicated to Leland Owen); Riley Owen 353; Silas Huckaby 421.

RECESS

Sarah Huckaby brought the class together leading 432. Leaders: Amanda Bowles 155; Reed Coates 129; Vivian Rogan 36t; Lindsey Wiggins 383; Josh Martin 86; Janie Short 507; Greg Bowles 67; Priscilla Wiggins 34t; Billy Huckaby 220; Michelle Rogan 196; Kris Wiggins 163t; Gaylon Powell 240.

A memorial lesson was held. Mike Hinton led 46 for the following sick and shut-ins: Jeff Sheppard, Lonnie Rogers, Dale Redmon, David Rousseau, Sue Harju, Leland Owen, Aaron Shirazi, Doug Webb, Susan Kerr, Linda Booker, and Thomas Robinson.

Beverly Coates led 48t for the following deceased: George Jones, Thomas Smith, Ada Fisher, and Edwin Reed—Texas; George Seiler—New York; Bob Meek—Kentucky. Prayer was offered by Tom Owen.

Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 351; Jeb Owen 440; Scott Curran 176b; Tammy Powell 142; Catherine Rogan 434; Donald Ross 567; Crystal Meadows 183; Josh Martin 171; Diane Ross 551; Leon Ballinger 313b. Gary Rogan offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Sonny Erwin opened the afternoon session by leading 204. Leaders: Tom Owen 316; Olivia Powell 198; Gayle Avant 72b; Gary Rogan 276; Bruce Coates 49b; Liz Owen 273; Don Barker 452; Kevin Powell 344; Vickie Cook 178; Baron Powers 447; Riley Owen 401; Silas Huckaby 388; Reed Coates 37b; Vivian Rogan 215; Amanda Bowles 186; Tollie Lee 348b; Michelle Rogan 203; Greg Bowles 38b; Janie Short 200; Charlie Soape 45t; Beverly Coates 448t; Billy Huckaby 400; Priscilla Wiggins 162; Sarah Huckaby 481; Kris Wiggins 82t; Gaylon Powell 442; Lindsay Wiggins 216; Mike Hinton 373; Jeb Owen 30b.

The officers led 62 as the closing song. Gaylon Powell offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

During the afternoon session a business meeting was held. Sarah Huckaby was promoted to Chairman, Janie Short was elected Vice Chairman, and Cheryl Foreman was elected as Secretary/Treasurer. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Chairman—Sonny Erwin; Vice Chairperson—Sarah Huckaby;
Secretary/Treasurer—Cheryl Foreman

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
State Botanical Garden, Athens, Georgia
Sunday, February 27, 2011

The 38th meeting of the University of Georgia singing was held in the Conservatory Great Room of the State Botanical Garden of Georgia on the fourth Sunday in February. The class was called to order by John Hollingsworth leading 119 (ScH). The opening prayer was offered by John Plunkett, followed by welcoming remarks by the Chairman.

A business session was held where the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Michael Spencer; Secretaries—Jane Spencer and Shannon Primm; Arranging Committee—Judy Mincey and Tom Ivey.

The Social Harp, compiled by Hart County native John Gordon McCurry, was used for all lessons of the first two hours. Leaders: Michael Spencer 37 (ScH); Jane Spencer 159 (ScH); Shannon Primm 77 (ScH); Judy Mincey 51 (ScH); Tom Ivey 194 (ScH); Bruce King 173 (ScH); Chris Wilhelm 87 (ScH); Charles Woods 50 (ScH); Sharon Strong 200 (ScH); John Plunkett 213 (ScH); Lauren Bock 135 (ScH); Peter Golden 23b (ScH); Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 212 (ScH); Margie Dietz 26 (ScH); Bill Hollingsworth 182 (ScH); Jackie Elsner 155 (ScH); B.M. Smith 165 (ScH); Jeannette DePoy 120t (ScH); Oscar McGuire 89 (ScH); Scott DePoy 115 (ScH); Greg Walton 111 (ScH); Susan Posey 79b (ScH); John Garst 86 (ScH); Karen Redwine 137 (ScH).

RECESS

The class reconvened with John Hollingsworth leading 250 (ScH). Leaders: Michael Spencer 253 (ScH); Shannon Primm 183 (ScH); Judy Mincey 82 (ScH); Tom Ivey 195 (ScH); Bruce King 237 (ScH); Chris Wilhelm 134 (ScH); Charles Woods 188 (ScH); Sharon Strong 141 (ScH); John Plunkett 218 t (ScH); Holly Mixon 191 (ScH); Lauren Bock 150 (ScH); Peter Golden 49 (ScH); Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 60 (ScH); Margie Dietz 158 (ScH); Jackie Elsner 214 (ScH); Bill Hollingsworth 31 (ScH); B.M. Smith 32 (ScH); Jeannette DePoy 24t (ScH); Oscar McGuire 34 (ScH) (in honor of Hugh McGraw); Susan Posey 24b (ScH); Scott DePoy 228 (ScH). Shannon Primm asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The Sacred Harp (1991 Edition) was used for the remainder of the singing. John Hollingsworth called the class back to order leading 176t. Leaders: Cat Tucker 192; Michael Spencer 386; Jane Spencer 499; Judy Mincey 468; Bill Hollingsworth 236; Winston Stephens 503; Anne Brightwell 335; Tom Ivey 254; Kevin Kelly 111t; Ken George 56b; Holly Mixon 99; Shannon Primm 312t (in memory of H. Brown Jarboe, Sr.); Molly Ellis 142; Bruce King 128; Chris Wilhelm 564; Sharon Strong 240; John Plunkett 464; Lauren Bock 556; Peter Golden 218; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 417.

RECESS

Leaders: Jane Spencer 500; Margie Dietz 501; B.M. Smith 350; Oscar McGuire 344; Susan Posey 39t; Peter Golden 107; Cat Tucker 454; Winston Stephens 47b; Ken George 569b; Molly Ellis 157; Ralph Huie 159; Lauren Bock and Winston Stephens 178 (by request).

After announcements were made, John Hollingsworth led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Ken George.

Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Michael Spencer; Secretaries—Jane Spencer and Shannon Primm

HENRY BIZZELL MEMORIAL SINGING
Pulliam Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina
Saturday, March 5, 2011

The North Carolina Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in March at the Pulliam Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina. The class was called to order by John Feddersen leading 49t. Sally Owens offered the opening prayer. John Feddersen led 48t.

After brief instruction by John Feddersen, a business meeting was called. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Deborah Brogden; Vice Chairman—Lynda Hambourger; Treasurer—Don Ward; Secretary—Kathy Kaiser; Chaplain—Sally Owens. On motion of Lynda Hambourger, the 2011 North Carolina Sacred Harp Singing was renamed the Henry Bizzell Memorial Singing, in honor of the recent loss of a long-time, enthusiastic North Carolina singer. Leaders: Nancy Newell 276; Rick Motylinski 155; Les Updike 373; Derek Lane 410t; Matt Ference 146; Don Ward 300; Mary Wright 290; Erin Newton 477; Lynda Hambourger 89; Pat Temple 39t; Jamie Latimer 163b; Suzanne Newton 350; Lisa Brown 178.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order. Leaders: John Feddersen 82t, 455; Rich Hammer 452; Dave Gardner 63; Pat Ward 224; Gail Doss and Julie Lowery 148; Brad Hunnicutt 77t; Tom Dillon 569b; David Carlton 228; Gene Anderson 441; Kathy Kaiser and Mitzi Quint 163t; Harry Baya and Rick Motylinski 347; Matt Ference 368; Pat Temple 33t; Mary Wright and Wanda Hayes 328.

RECESS

Lynda Hambourger led 46 to bring the class together. Leaders: Derek Lane 86; Pierce Phillips 99; Rick Motylinski and Mitzi Quint 40; Shelly Campbell and Matt Ference 294; Lisa Brown 504; Jamie Latimer 45t; Don Ward 448t; Dave Gardner 37b. The blessing before lunch was offered by Sally Owens.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order. Leaders: Lynda Hambourger 53; Pat Ward 117; Gail Doss 532; Suzanne Newton 472; Nancy Newell 497; Erin Newton 169, 538; Tom Dillon 446.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Sally Owens. Lynda Hambourger spoke in memory of local singer Reverend Henry Bizzell, whose love of singing led him to request to be buried with his Methodist hymnal and Sacred Harp book. Sally Owens read the list of deceased singers, with statements following from members of the class. Pat Ward led 159 in memory of the following deceased: Reverend Henry Bizzell, Doris Newell, Doug Newell, and Frances Wright—North Carolina; Bob Loddenguard and Elizabeth Lindau—Virginia; Pearl Young—British Columbia; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Jerry Enright—Illinois.

Sally Owens read the list of sick and shut-ins as follows: Jeff Sheppard and Caroline Carpenter. Pat Ward led 340 in their honor.

RECESS

Leaders: Rich Hammer 34b; Gene Anderson 192; David Carlton 496; Michele Dohse 268; Deborah Brogden and Erin Newton 125; Kathy Kaiser 430; Lynda Hambourger and Kyle Johnston 38b; Mary Wright 546; Matt Ference and Patti Kuny 87; Derek Lane 313b; Pat Temple 168; Gail Doss 547; Gene Anderson 480; Tom Dillon 175; Jamie Latimer 277; Suzanne Newton 198; Lisa Brown 270; David Carlton 272; Rich Hammer 52b; Don Ward 31t; Dave Gardner 47b; Michele Dohse 128; Pat Ward 408; Deborah Brogden and Lynda Hambourger 409; Kathy Kaiser 29t; John Feddersen 49b.

The Secretary reported 74 songs led by 28 leaders. Following announcements, Debra Brogden led 62 as the closing song. Sally Owens led the benediction. Chairman—Deborah Brogden; Vice Chairman—Lynda Hambourger; Secretary—Kathy Kaiser

OHIO STATE CONVENTION
Little Red Schoolhouse, Cincinnati, Ohio
March 5-6, 2011

Saturday, March 5

The Ohio State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Claire Outten leading 34b, and then she offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Bealle 84; Michael Domino 392; Eloise Clark 171; Karen Carelli 300; Rich Overturf 100; Karen Arnett 384; Linda Coppock 114; Susan Zurcher 452; Rich Kern 242; David Casenhiser 99; Ray Rechenberg 480; Lois Hurt 189; Kay Huener 269; Katie Duff 117; Tom Kochan 503; Hans Bayer 481; Sheila Patterson 146.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Claire Outten; Vice Chairpersons—Laura Russell and Michael Darby; Secretary—Michael Domino; Memorial Committee—Michele Cull and Darrell Swarens.

RECESS

Rich Overturf called the class back to order leading 39t. Leaders: Laura Russell 72b; Shirley Carlberg 236; Gerry Hoffman 270; Roger Crabtree 183; Nicoletta Rogers 540; Wayne Dell 159; Bradley Oglesby 327; Greg Creech 74b; Shawn Fenton 203; Lori Graber 172; Jim Herr 475; Michael Mosely 527; Darrell Swarens 474; Gillian Inksetter 151; Joe Todd 457; Carol Munro Mosely 464; John Bayer 440; Melanie Hauff 216; Beth Todd 200; William Shetter 547; Judy Hauff 142; Jubal Bayer 299; Steve Rogers 68b; Ted Mercer 345b; Rachel Stevens 385b. Jim Herr offered a prayer prior to lunch.

LUNCH

Claire Outten called the class to order by leading 65. Leaders: Eric Conrad 332; Michele Cull 168; Cecelia Kramer 497; Howard Carlberg and Shirley Carlberg 73b; Jo Schultz 489; Anne Missavage 512; Sean Doherty 107; Annaliza Cull 448t; Marian Mitchell 48b; Michael Darby 102; Mary Brinkman 313b; Robert Cull 569b; Elizabeth Rechenberg 106; Nancy Huerta 288; Virginia Cameron 268; Joel Deckard 64; Sue Duff 36b; Michael Hieber 445; Ruth Dolby 350; Timothy Morton 558; Joel-Henry Mansfield 515; Loraine Bayer 29t.

RECESS

Laura Russell and Michael Darby called the class to order by leading 155. Leaders: Grace Patterson 47b; Tom Morton 49b; Dave Witter and Lois Hurt 551; Clara Herr 564; Wilbur Sink and Roger Crabtree 282; Nathan Coppock 178; Mia Alvarado 147t; Deborah Hall 362; Martha Aden 120; Jim Coppock 542; Sean Doherty 80b; Judy Schuetz 344; Gillian Inksetter, Jo Schultz, Steve Rogers, and Nicoletta Rogers 436; Rachel Stevens 148; Eloise Clark 479; Joe Todd and Ruth Dolby 179; Sylvia Thomas 143; Lia Mansfield 218; Annaliza Cull and Chloe Wenker 82t; Will Black 391.

Claire Outten made announcements and led 347 as the closing song. Steve Duff offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, March 6

The Sunday session of the Ohio State Convention was called to order by Claire Outten leading 47t. Claire Outten also offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jim Coppock 324; Rich Kern 496; Carol Medicott 207; Karen Arnett 66; Will Black 327; Ray Rechenberg 40; Linda Coppock 377; Lois Hurt 45t; Deborah

Hall 192; Eloise Clark 532; Laura Russell 163t; Michael Domino 173; Sylvia Thomas 472; Mia Alvarado 312b; Kay Huener 569b; Judy Schuetz 299; Bobette Olson 76b; Martha Aden 121; Tom Kochan 426t.

RECESS

Claire Outten called the class back to order by leading 150. Leaders: Michael Darby 31t; Loraine Bayer 569t; Robert Cull 277; Nicoletta Rogers 538; James Eldridge 440; Cecelia Kramer 168; Michael Mosley 214; Katherine Eldridge 124; Jubal Bayer 272; Marian Mitchell 454; Joe Todd 375; Daniel Braithwaite 95; Ted Mercer 217; Greg Howard 547; Hans Bayer 196; Jo Schultz 313t; Melanie Hauff 421; Carol Munro Mosley 455; Annaliza Cull 155; Beth Todd 501; Rebecca Eldridge 396; Bradley Oglesby 171; Shawn Fenton 70b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Michele Cull and Darrell Swarens. Michele Cull led 122 in honor of the following sick or shut-ins: Barb Lund, Sheryl Pockrose, Gerry Hooten, Hal Lockhart, Becky Browne, Janet Conrad, Joanne Bowman, Lela Patterson, Jeff Sheppard, Joan Aldridge, Martha Anderson, David Rust, and Marlen Rust.

Darrell Swarens led 128 in memory of the following deceased: Robert Meek, Joyce Freeman, and Tommy Bishop—Kentucky; Christine Cox and Frank Boettcher—Ohio; Mary Domino—Michigan; William Borden, Jr.—Florida; George Seiler—New York; Georghina Ingold and John Peters—Pennsylvania; Edith Swindle—Alabama; Eugene D. Swarens—California; Jerry Enright—Illinois. The memorial service was closed by a prayer offered by Darrell Swarens.

LUNCH

Claire Outten called the class back to order by leading 149. Leaders: Roger Crabtree 229; Lori Graber 318; Ruth Dolby 163b; Anne Missavage 157; Virginia Eldridge 180; Steve Rogers 70t; Darrell Swarens 424; Chloe Wenker and Annaliza Cull 274t; Rachel Stevens 131t; Gillian Inksetter 352; Gerry Hoffman 492; Wayne Dell 445; Greg Creech 86; Dave Witter 504; Judy Hauff 250; Nate Zweig 38t; David Casenhiser 384; Laura Russell and Michael Darby 81t; Michele Cull 224; Elizabeth Rechenberg 457; William Shetter 28b; Timothy Morton 269; Adrian Eldridge and Rebecca Eldridge 203; Susan Zurcher 489; Matt Delaney and Dennis Delaney 117; Ray Rechenberg 29t; Michael Hieber 37b; Rich Overturf 373; John Bealle 240; Jo Schultz 481; Rachel Stevens 388; Nicoletta Rogers and Steve Rogers 33b, 350; Marian Mitchell 335; Michael Darby and Laura Russell 300; Daniel Braithwaite, Judy Hauff, Melanie Hauff, Ted Mercer, Carol Munro Mosley, and Michael Mosley 276.

Our closing hymn was 62. Rich Overturf offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Claire Outten; Vice Chairpersons—Laura Russell and Michael Darby; Secretary—Michael Domino

TUCSON SINGING **Sonora Cohousing, Tucson, Arizona** **March 5-6, 2010** **Saturday, March 5**

The 7th annual Tucson Singing was called to order by Michael McKernon leading 49b. J.P. Thom-Gronachan offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Michael McKernon; Arranging Committee—J.P. Thom-Gronachan; Treasurer—Paige Winslett; Secretary—Erika Roush.

Leaders: Erika Roush 162; Pete Mathewson 565; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 324; Melissa Stephenson 448b; Jerry Schreiber 203; Kathy Garrett 503; Susie Mathewson 145b; Paige Winslett 148; Anita Landess 168; Carla Smith 50t; Susan Cheronas 63; Eric

Metzler 481; Erika Roush 111b (for Jason Nickerson); Anthony Park 299; Erika Roush 28b; Carol Selleck 285t; Pete Mathewson 28t; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 306.

RECESS

Michael McKernon reconvened the class by leading 277. Leaders: Janet Morgan 32t; Melissa Stephenson 361; Donna Sewell 171; Jerry Schreiber 542; Kathy Garrett 300; Susie Mathewson 569b; Lori Rodgers 472; Paige Winslett 288; Anita Landess 29t; Carla Smith 31t; Anthony Park 66; Susan Cheronos 268; Eric Metzler 433; Jason Nickerson 34t; Erika Roush 455; Carol Selleck 198; Pete Mathewson 501; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 479. J.P. Thom-Gronachan offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Michael McKernon brought the class back to order leading 276. Leaders: Janet Morgan 270; Maggie Leonard 38t; Melissa Stephenson 144; Donna Sewell 68b; Jerry Schreiber 528; Kathy Garrett 178; Susie Mathewson 99; Lori Rodgers 379; Paige Winslett 105; Anita Landess 297; Carla Smith 47t; Anthony Park 373; Eric Metzler 106; Jason Nickerson 457; Erika Roush 454; Carol Selleck 235; Pete Mathewson 480; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 535; Janet Morgan 76b.

RECESS

Michael McKernon brought the class back to order leading 228. Leaders: Maggie Leonard 47b; Melissa Stephenson 362; Donna Sewell 146; Jerry Schreiber 236; Kathy Garrett 81t; Susie Mathewson 282; Lori Rodgers 503; Paige Winslett 334; Anita Landess 314; Carla Smith 40; Anthony Park 163b; Eric Metzler 33b; Jason Nickerson 383; Erika Roush 344.

Announcements were made. J.P. Thom-Gronachan offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 7

The Sunday session of the Tucson Singing was called to order by Michael McKernon leading 34b. The morning prayer was offered by J.P. Thom-Gronachan. Leaders: Janet Morgan 59; Melissa Stephenson 189; Pete Mathewson 141; Lori Rodgers 155; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 56b; Paige Winslett 384; Erika Roush 273; Carol Selleck 75; Anita Landess 287; Susan Cheronos 101t; Susie Mathewson 39t; Janet Morgan 77t; Melissa Stephenson 318; Pete Mathewson 354b; Lori Rodgers 551; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 323t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Michael McKernon leading 82t. A memorial lesson was conducted by Carol Hand Selleck and Pete Mathewson.

The names of the following sick and housebound were read: Craig Averill, Jeanne Schaffer, John Schaffer, and Jeff Sheppard. Carol Selleck offered prayer in honor of all those named.

The following deceased were remembered: the six killed in Tucson in January. Pete Mathewson offered a prayer in memory of all those named. Lori Rodgers and Erika Roush led "God Be with You Till We Meet Again".

The class approved a resolution that in the future this convention would be called the Annual Tucson Sacred Harp Convention and Elder Gerald Hand Memorial Singing.

Leaders: Paige Winslett 276; Erika Roush 272; Anita Landess 102; Susan Cheronos 277; Susie Mathewson 312b; Jason Nickerson 111b; Melissa Stephenson 134; Pete Mathewson 369; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 181; Paige Winslett 162; Erika Roush 183; Anita Landess 133; Susan Cheronos 124; Susie Mathewson 39b; Jason Nickerson 32b; Melissa Stephenson 122; Pete Mathewson 566. J.P. Thom-Gronachan offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Michael McKernon brought the afternoon session to order by leading 63.

Leaders: J.P. Thom-Gronachan 147t; Susan Cheronas 146; Erika Roush 192; Melissa Stephenson 408; Jason Nickerson 390; Rena Sunshine 196; Paige Winslett 547; Maggie Leonard 315; Anita Landess 333; Michael McKernon 193; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 474; Susan Cheronas 224; Erika Roush 280; Melissa Stephenson 410t; Jason Nickerson 163t; Rena Sunshine 107; Paige Winslett 362.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Maggie Leonard leading 77b. Leaders: Anita Landess 540; Michael McKernon 232; J.P. Thom-Gronachan 142; Susan Cheronas 168; Erika Roush 267; Erika Roush 532 (for Michael McKernon); Melissa Stephenson 81t; Rena Sunshine 47t.

Michael McKernon led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed.

Chairman—Michael McKernon; Secretary—Erika Roush

IRELAND SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

University College Cork, Cork, Ireland

March 5-6, 2011

Saturday, March 5

The first annual Ireland Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the campus of University College Cork in Cork, Ireland, on the first Sunday and Saturday before in March. The class was called to order by Juniper Hill leading 312b. Michael Walker offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Juniper Hill; Vice Chairman—Robert Wedgbury; Secretary—Lydia Campbell-Maher; Treasurer—Eimear O'Donovan; Food and Accommodations Chairman—Sadhbh O'Flynn; Arranging Committee—Robert Wedgbury, Judy Whiting, Chris Brown, and Vicky Langan; Resolutions Committee—Vicky Langan.

Leaders: Robert Wedgbury 37b; Michael Walker 30b; Judy Whiting 354t; Vicky Langan 430; Chris Brown 35; Sadhbh O'Flynn 383; Blazej Matusiak 198; Eimear O'Donovan 282; Alice Maggio 107; Aldo Ceresa 550; Malgorzata Perycz 442; Rodrigo Francisco 84; Aaron Kahn 47b; Nancy Kulik 74b; Jill Thompson 99; Declan Sinnott 168; Alex Lough 300; Bess Fitzgerald and Will Fitzgerald 39t; Phil Tyler 157; Thom Fahrbach 432; Magdalena Gryszko and Mark Cosgrove 542; Niamh Costello 269; Ruth Steggles 496; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 192; Cath Saunt 38b; Alma Moledys 504; Cath Tyler 47t; Diane Mennella 475; Eamonn O'Neill 547; Karen Ivey 472.

RECESS

Rachel Jordan called the class back to order leading 501. Leaders: Hannah Land 33b; Sinead Hanrahan 86; Michael Organ 448t; Sheila Girling Macadam 142; Dave Condon 163b; Leah Hearne 347; Edwin Macadam 528; Eimear O'Donovan 452; James Power 421; Niamh Collins 117; John Seaton 63; Kamila Dembinska 326; Brenden McGeary 410t; Rebecca Over 532; Morgan Cavanagh 146; Katie Fitzpatrick 32t; Will Fitzgerald 42; Ben Kelleher 277; Robert McDonnell 417; Robert Wedgbury and Emer Hewson 148; Patricia Callahan 474; Richard Percival 49b; Lydia Campbell-Maher 503; Benny Ross 274t.

Juniper Hill and Nancy Kulik led 348t as the closing song. Nancy Kulik offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 6

The Sunday session of the Ireland Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Juniper Hill leading 49t. Nancy Kulik offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Robert Wedgbury 95; Eimear Cradock and Dara Desmond 178; Steve Helwig 351; Pauline Hyde 547; Ross Horbison 31t; Jakub Lipski 33b; David Ivey 500; Steve Welch 73b; Steve Biggs 288; Brian Whyte 146; Nick Hall 497; Al

McCready and Aine Ui Cheallaigh 179; Steve Fletcher 228; Neely Bruce 484; Zachary Marcus 414; Patricia Callahan 382; Richard Percival 565; Aldo Ceresa 52b; Kamila Dembinska 183; John Seaton 47t.

RECESS

Cath Tyler called the class back to order leading 59. Leaders: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 439 ; Michael Morrisroe and Declan Sinnott 313t; Leah Hearne 448t; Diane Mennella 564; Eimear O'Donovan 68b; Benny Ross 441; Karen Ivey 171; Eamonn O'Neill and Rodrigo Francisco 236; Will Fitzgerald 313b. Neely Bruce and Steve Fletcher conducted the memorial lesson. Neely Bruce spoke for the deceased and led 348b and 189 in memory of the following: Moira Burke; Michael Thornhill; Tom Caulfield; Miriam Reidy—Limerick, Ireland; Michael Hyde—Upper Glanmire; Lore Jungst—Kriftel, Germany; Hilary Tomlin—New Zealand; Alan Cooper—Seaford, UK; Jessie—Bury, UK; Linda Champ—Winchester, UK; Valerie Munday—Southampton, UK; Betty Thompson—London, UK; Laurie Crawford—Kent, UK; Marion Biggs—Ringmer, Sussex, UK; Joyce Over—Camberley, UK; Jim Saunt—Norwich, UK; Joe Hall—Sussex, UK; Brian Alderson—UK; Gordon Jones—Wollaston, UK; Bill Boyd—Oldham, UK; Billy Williams—Alabama, USA; Jeanette McCready and Phyllis Bruce—Connecticut, USA; James Flynn—Florida, USA; Bob Meek—Kentucky, USA; Frances Ceresa—Michigan, USA; George Seiler—New York, USA.

Steve Fletcher spoke for the sick and housebound and led 411 in their honor. Vicky Langan read the names of the following: Lucy Chadwick, Nicola Macadam, Ita Ryder, Eithae Clenaghan, Lena Costelloe, David Daykin, Maggie Watson, Jeff Sheppard, Philip Ralls, Lionel Wollenberg, Mark Hall Amitin, Job Driggers, Maureen Jones, Stephanie Sheehan, Richard DeLong, Sofi Mogensen, John Taylor, Maire Caulfield, Dwight Diller, and Lonnie Rogers. Michael Walker closed the memorial lesson with a prayer and led 89. Blazej Matusiak offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Alex Lough called the class back to order leading 224. Leaders: Alice Maggio 335; Aaron Kahn 209; Sadbh O'Flynn 254; Lydia Campbell-Maher and Caitlyn Campbell-Maher 106; Rachel Jordan 269; Ben Kelleher 163t; Hannah Land 283; Sally Sumner and Michael Walker 272; Rebecca Over 216; Sheila Girling Macadam 377; Michael Organ 80b; Dave Condon 38b; Edwin Macadam 217; James Power 417; Sinead Hanrahan 481; Juniper Hill and Mary Rider 29b; Niamh Collins 268; Declan Sinnott 318; Jill Thompson and Anna 299; Nancy Kulik 275; Rodrigo Francisco and Nev Kennedy 344; Malgorzata Perycz 445; Eimear O'Donovan and Daire O' Sullivan 68t; Chris Brown 271t; Judy Whiting 384; Alma Moledys 85; Cath Saunt 47b; Blazej Matusiak 28t; Thom Fahrbach 77t.

RECESS

Vicky Langan called the class back to order leading 159; Magdalena Gryszko and Malgorzata Perycz 162; Joseph McGilloway and Will Fitzgerald 229; Ruth Steggles 294; Steve Helwig 270; Al McCready and Aine Ui Cheallaigh 347; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 83t; Zachary Marcus 398; Jakub Lipski 274t; Steve Fletcher 128; Neely Bruce 553; Nick Hall 455; Steve Biggs 276; Steve Welch 186; Pauline Hyde 86; Ross Horbison 107; Brian Whyte 421; Alex Lough 378b; Eimear Cradock 410t; guests from Poland 82t; Aldo Ceresa and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 203.

A business meeting was held for the purpose of hearing committee reports. The Treasurer reported that expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that 57 songs were led on Saturday and 87 on Sunday, and that a total of 133 singers were present representing the following countries: France, Ireland, Poland, United Kingdom, and United States of America, (representing the following states

Connecticut, Michigan, Indiana, Alabama, New York, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, and Oregon). The Resolutions Committee thanked everyone who participated in the singing and made it possible. Announcements were made. Juniper Hill led 62 as the closing song. Michael Walker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Juniper Hill; Vice Chairman—Robert Wedgbury; Secretary—Lydia Campbell-Maher

MR. AND MRS. FRANK ROGERS MEMORIAL SINGING **Ephesus School, Roopville, Georgia** **Sunday, March 6, 2011**

The annual memorial Sacred Harp singing for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers was held at Ephesus School on the first Sunday in March. Singing commenced at 9:30 a.m. with Denney Rogers leading 101t. Henry Johnson gave the invocation. Stanley Edwards led 83b and Karen Rollins led 168.

A business session was held. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Denney Rogers; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Karen Rollins; Arranging Committee—Margie Smith and Judy Chambless; Memorial Committee—Karleen Williams.

Mayor Denney Rogers welcomed everyone to Ephesus. Leaders: Sherry Lovvorn 454; Karleen Williams 143; Reba Windom 171; Tommy Spurlock 475; Harrison Creel 342; Rodney Ivey 283; Jeff Sheppard 325; Lela Crowder 383; Terry Wootten 138t; Jeannette DePoy 142; Nate Green and Norma Green 339; Tony Hammock 97; Bea Carnathan 204; Robert Chambless 145b (for Bud Oliver); Angela Myers 220; Helen Bryson 328; Linda Thomas 52t; Loyd Ivey 560; Karen Willard 502.

RECESS

Stanley Edwards brought the class back to order by leading 340. Leaders: Blake Sisemore 546; Danny Creel 532; Judy Caudle and Bridgett Hill Kennedy 192 (in memory of LaRue Allen); Lisa Geist 377; Holly Mixon and Lauren Bock 196; Dennis George 197; Larry Ballinger, Linton Ballinger, Gravis Ballinger, and Earl Ballinger 224; Richard Ivey 456; Pam Nunn and Jeff Sheppard 556; Stanley Smith and Nicholas Markwell 411; Henry Guthery 431; Elene Stovall 436 (in memory of her mother and others); Henry Johnson 418; Carolyn Thompson 507; B.M. Smith 389; Ed Thacker 421 (for Bud Oliver); Malinda Snow 374; Jackie Tanner 336; Marlon Wootten and Shane Wootten 376.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Denney Rogers leading 46. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 298, 45t; Louis Hughes 448b; Nathan, Noah, and Oliver 47b; Cindy Tanner 269; Phillip Langley 430; Judy Mincey and Gail Davies 474; Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest 288 (by request of Lonnie Rogers); John Kelso 564; Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten 441; Scott DePoy 201.

LUNCH

Ed Thacker called the class back to order by leading 37t. Leaders: Lauren Bock 215; Cheyenne Ivey and Paige Gilbert 77t; Donna Bell 318; Molly Ellis 297; Sandra Wilkinson 300; Paige Harrod and Seth Denney 112; Erica Hinton 270.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Karleen Williams. She made a few remarks, and then read the names of the following deceased: Mildred Holcombe, Verna Smith, Bernice Rogers, Reba Sims, Holland Adair, Marcia Prince, Mary Florence Smith, Deputy Willie Cammon, Virginia Maxwell, Dorsey Denney, and Sammy Harlan—Georgia; Reba Norton, Myrtle Wootten, Thurmond Lovvorn—Alabama; Howard Hallock—Washington; David Willard—Oregon. John Plunkett led 499, and the children of Lonnie Rogers led 35 in their memory.

Oscar McGuire led 57 for the following sick and shut-ins: Parrie Reimer, Jeff Sheppard, Virginia Cowart, Teenie Moody, Shelbie Sheppard, Bud Oliver, Josephine Denney, Nick Griffin, Carlene Griffin, and Raymond Hamrick. The lesson was closed with prayer.

Leaders: Lou Cotney 218; Glenda Collins and Burt Collins 354b; George Garner 222; Margie Smith 313t; Scott Ivey 440; Phillip Denney and Christian Webb 216; Anna Hinton 40; Chris Ballinger 410t; Buell Cobb 433; Cecil Roberts 399b; Donna Duke and Gene Duke 274t; Phil Summerlin 350; Charlene Wallace 155; Matt Hinton 422; Evelyn Harris and Ruth Daniel 378t; John Plunkett 136; Sheri Taylor 209; Oscar McGuire 485; Diane Avery 312b; Jenna Frye 358; Judy Chambless 494. Announcements were made. Denney Rogers, Stanley Edwards, and Karen Rollins led 62 as the closing song. Prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Denney Rogers; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Karen Rollins

**SMITH MEMORIAL SACRED HARP SINGING
(COOPER BOOK/THE SACRED HARP, 1991 REVISION)
New Harmony Community Center, New Harmony, Texas
Saturday, March 12, 2011**

The 32nd session of the Smith Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Kris Wiggins leading 171. David Jones offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kris Wiggins; Secretary—Tammy Powell. Committee appointments were made as follows: Nominations Committee—Lindsey Wiggins; Memorial Committee—Gaylon Powell and Cheryl Foreman.

Leaders: Kris Wiggins 49t; Tammy Powell 179, 142; Gaylon Powell 174 (CB), 559 (CB); Cheryl Foreman 492, 48t; Sue Utz 335 (CB), 406 (CB); Lindsey Wiggins 442t (CB), 567 (CB); Nancy Hunter 573 (CB), 478 (CB); Charlie Soape 402, 403; Sonny Erwin 501, 391; Charity Vaughn 212 (CB), 213 (CB); Karen Rollins 297, 389.
RECESS

Gaylon Powell called the class back to order by leading 438 (for Ralph Walston). Leaders: Cassie Allen 42, 203; Tina Walston 571 (CB), 572 (CB); Robert Vaughn 358, 373.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Gaylon Powell and Cheryl Foreman. Gaylon Powell led 546 (CB) for the following deceased: Janey Musick Smith, Ada Smith Fisher, Thomas Smith, Jane Smith, George Jones, Edwin Reed, and Lenette Dalton. Cheryl Foreman led 264b (CB) for the following sick and shut-ins: Lonnie Rogers, Marian Grant, Toby Utz, Doug Webb, Sallie Foreman, Thomas Robinson, Dale Redmon, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Leland Owen, Doris Hanks, and David Rousseau (upcoming surgery). David Jones closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Leaders: Carole Watts 384 (CB), 388 (CB); Kristie Powell 379, 106. The noon prayer was offered by David Jones.

LUNCH

Kris Wiggins led 326 to bring the afternoon session to order. Leaders: Ron Ryan 517 (CB), 465 (CB); Tollie Lee 138t (CB), 180 (CB); Myrl Jones 491 (CB), 183 (CB); Margaret Rounsaval 192 (CB), 137 (CB); Marcelene Hardy 112 (CB), 172 (CB); Chris Nicholson 558 (CB), 484 (CB); Tammy Powell 217 (CB); David Rousseau 447t (CB), 341 (CB); Sue Utz 282 (CB); Gaylon Powell 463 (CB); Cheryl Foreman 448 (CB); Lindsey Wiggins 472; Charlie Soape 45t; Sonny Erwin 454.

A business meeting was conducted. The Treasurer reported that all expenses were met. The Nomination Committee gave their report as follows: Chairman—Priscilla Wiggins; Vice Chairman—Tollie Lee; Secretary—Tammy Powell; Treasurer—Barbara Smith; Assistant Treasurer—Sue Utz; Chaplin—David Jones.

Announcements were made of upcoming singings.

Leaders: Karen Rollins 293t (CB); Cassie Allen 436b (CB); Robert Vaughn 176b (CB); Kristie Powell 273 (CB); Ron Ryan 476 (CB); Tollie Lee 544 (CB); Myrl Jones 522 (CB); Margaret Rounsaval 450 (CB); Marcelene Hardy 189 (CB); Chris Nicholson 63 (CB); David Rousseau 179 (CB); Kim Vaughn 490; Natalie Fletcher and Cheryl Foreman 400, 401.

Kris Wiggins, Tammy Powell, Cheryl Foreman, and Lindsey Wiggins led 95t (CB) as the closing song. David Jones offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Kris Wiggins; Secretary—Tammy Powell

ZION SINGING

Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Gordo, Alabama

Saturday, March 12, 2011

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Gordo, Alabama, on Saturday before the second Sunday in March was called to order by Ricky Harcrow leading 32t. He welcomed the class, and introduced Lorraine Deason, who also extended a warm welcome to the class. Ricky Harcrow led 43 and 82t. Shane Wootten offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ricky Harcrow; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 112, 203; Kenneth Fannin 318, 340; Hubert Nall 47t, 39b; Wayne Baines 59, 155; Lisa Geist 269, 327; Cheyenne Ivey 56t, 128; Susan Harcrow 151, 142.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ricky Harcrow leading 39t. Leaders: Jim Aaron 503, 163b; Loyd Ivey 420, 225t; Margaret Keeton 456; Reba Windom 168, 196; Larry Ballinger 300, 528; Bea Carnathan 438, 496; Linda Sides 328, 454; Angela Myers 135, 480; Elene Stovall 430, 500; Rodney Ivey 448t, 564; Judy Caudle 176t, 177; Shane Wootten 176b, 138t; Butch White 74b, 30b.

RECESS

Ricky Harcrow led 31b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Bridgett Hill Kennedy 133, 110; Henry Guthery 304, 140; McCool Family Children 282; Don Keeton 145t, 76b; Tom George and Jesse McClindon 345t, 345b; Carolyn Thompson 201, 507 (for Josie Hyde); Ricky Harcrow 358 (by request). Tim McCool offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Ricky Harcrow leading 45t and 65. Leaders: Delone Cobbs 73t; Daphene Causey 91, 291; Linda Thomas 217; John Plunkett 311; Ottis Sides 475, 530; Dennis George 455; Steve Adams, Beth Ballinger, and Lisa Geist 378t, 309; Sharon DuPriest 313t; Christopher Mann 312t; Beth Ballinger 546, 222; Coy Ivey 384; Rodney Ivey 349 (for Clarence McCool); Shane Wootten 358 (for Lorraine Deason); Beth Ballinger 442.

Ricky Harcrow led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Tim McCool, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ricky Harcrow; Secretary—Judy Caudle

GOODSHAW SACRED HARP DAY
Goodshaw Baptist Church
Crawshawbooth, Lancashire, United Kingdom
Saturday, March 12, 2011

The second Goodshaw Sacred Harp Day was held at Goodshaw Baptist Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in March. Judy Whiting began the day by leading 77b. Harry Sidebottom welcomed singers to the church, and offered an opening prayer.

David Ivey conducted a singing school for the new singers present and encouraged them to lead.

RECESS

Judy Whiting led 72b to call the class back to order. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 56t; Carmel Wood 32t; Karen Ivey 36b; Ian West 102; Helen Brown 411; Sally Greaves-Lord 171; David Ivey 33b; Hannah Land 145t; Ted Brown 74b; Maria Wallace 474; Michael Walker 73t; Anna Baldini 86; Fynn Titford-Mock 299; Sarah West 498; Nadine Wills 339; Chris Brown and John Hopkinson 350; Aldo Ceresa 280; Judy Whiting 318; Karen Ivey 108t; Carmel Wood 472; Ian West 384; Helen Brown 208; David Ivey 309; Sally Greaves-Lord 200; Ted Brown 303; Maria Wallace 183; Michael Walker 434; Chris Brown 127. John Hopkinson gave thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Sarah West called the class back to order leading 324. Leaders: Fynn Titford-Mock 504; Hannah Land 302; Cath Tyler 47t; Judy Whiting 182; David Ivey 349; Sally Greaves-Lord 39t; Aldo Ceresa 431; Carmel Wood 168; Ian West 287; Ted Brown 176b.

Michael Walker conducted the memorial lesson and read the following names of the deceased: Linda Champ of Winchester; Valerie Munday; Kathleen Dunne; Ben Dickens; Cherry Shaw; John Giles of Derbyshire; Bill Boyd of Oldham; Bob Meek—Kentucky, USA; Billy Williams—Alabama, USA; Phyllis Bruce—Connecticut, USA; Jerry Enright—Illinois, USA; George Seiler—New York, USA; Frances Ceresa—Michigan, USA; Cliff Eriksen—New Hampshire, USA.

He also spoke for the following sick and housebound: Jeff Shepherd, Philip Ralls, John Seaton, Hazel Walker, Charlotte Bailey, Jean Sidebottom, John Egglestone, Ethne Buckley, Debbie Culf, Kathy Armstrong, Stan Reeve, Coy Ivey, Marie Ivey, Teresa Parker, Maureen Gamlin, Gary Nightingale, and Dwight Diller. He led 285t, and offered prayer.

Leaders: Helen Brown 68b; Maria Wallace 159; Karen Ivey 201; Chris Brown 211; Nadine Wills 133; Sarah West 80t; Hannah Land 417; Fynn Titford-Mock 49b; Judy Whiting 503.

RECESS

Michael Walker called the class to order leading 153. Leaders: Cath Tyler 367; Sally Greaves-Lord 282; Carmel Wood 212; Ian West 480; Helen Brown 475; Aldo Ceresa 396; Maria Wallace 142; David Ivey 131b; Nadine Wills 45t; Karen Ivey 313t; Fynn Titford-Mock 163b; Sarah West 432; Hannah Land 430; Chris Brown 31t; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 217.

Judy Whiting and Chris Brown led 323t. Ted Brown offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

After the close a group of singers visited the Goodshaw Baptist Old Chapel and sang, sitting in the square singers' pew. Leaders: Chris Brown 28b; David Ivey 163t; Aldo Ceresa "Goodshaw"; Michael Walker 30b; Michael McGuigan 515; Nadine Wills 48t; Jane Waltho 49t; Carmel Wood "Candler Park"; Aldo Ceresa "Jerusalem Ode";

Chris Brown 28t; Helen Brown 225t; Karen Ivey 178; Aldo Ceresa “Fawcett”; Fynn Titford-Mock 566; Michael Walker and Helen Brown 227.
Chairman—Judy Whiting; Secretaries—Maria Wallace, Cath Ingham, and Jane Waltho

SUSSEX SHAPE NOTE SINGING
Staplefield Village Hall, Staplefield, Crawley, Sussex
Saturday, March 12, 2011

The 13th Sussex Shape Note singing was held in Staplefield Village Hall, using the Sacred Harp (1991 edition) and ‘Alternative Harmony’, a booklet of other shape note tunes. The class was called to order by Tony Singleton leading 34b.

Leaders: Jill Thompson 49b; Nick Hall 31t; Rebecca Over 421; Rob Mahoney 86; Sheila Girling Macadam 200; Edwin Macadam 466; Steve Welch 503; Rachel Jordan 171; Ken Baddley 300; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 70t; Linda Reed 210; Stephen Biggs 45t; Tony Singleton 117; Jill Thompson 299; Rob Mahoney 276; Steve Welch 501; Edwin Macadam 172; Nick Hall 217; Rebecca Over 534; Sheila Girling Macadam 272.

RECESS

Rachel Jordan called the class to order leading 40. Leaders: Ken Baddley 192; Linda Reed 444; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 82t; Stephen Biggs 163b; Tony Singleton 128; Jill Thompson 504; Rob Mahoney 455; Nick Hall 454; Edwin Macadam 236; Rebecca Over 102; Sheila Girling Macadam 546; Stephen Biggs 73b; Ken Baddley 350; Rachel Jordan 84; Linda Reed 99; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 134; Stephen Biggs 288; Tony Singleton 198; Jill Thompson 497. Ken Baddley gave thanks for the mid-day meal.

LUNCH

Tony Singleton brought the afternoon session to order leading 312t. Leaders: Jill Thompson ‘Ten Thousand Charms’ (Alt H); Rebecca Over 532; Sheila Girling Macadam ‘Idumean Road’ (Alt H); Rachel Jordan ‘Walpole’ (Alt H); Ken Baddley ‘New England’ (Alt H).

The memorial and sick and housebound lessons were combined into a remembrance lesson conducted by Ken Baddley. Jill Thompson led 178 for the following: Joyce Over, Joe Hall, Betty Thompson, Hilary Tomlin, Laurie Crawford, Marion Biggs, Alan Cooper, Carl Lawrence, Edgar Bateson, Mona Oldman, Jane Davies, Sofi Mogensen, John Taylor, Lucy Chadwick, Nicola Macadam, and Lionel Wollenberg. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Linda Reed ‘Firm Hope’ (Alt H); Jacqui Selby-Macleod 122; Stephen Biggs ‘Life’s Purpose’ (Alt H); Steve Welch ‘Bethlehem’ (Alt H); Nick Hall ‘New Invention’ (Alt H); Edwin Macadam ‘Nativity’ (Alt H); Rob Mahoney 56b.

RECESS

Tony Singleton called the class to order leading 146. Leaders: Robert Bunting 254; Sheila Girling Macadam 142; Ken Baddley 481; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 131b; Rob Mahoney ‘Evening Hymn’ (Alt H); Edwin Macadam ‘Warren’ (Alt H); Rebecca Over 460; Nick Hall 183; Stephen Biggs ‘Millbrook’ (Alt H); Jill Thompson 344; Linda Reed 515; Rachel Jordan 347.

The Secretary reported that 26 people had registered and 68 songs had been sung. Thanks were extended and announcements were made. It was noted that the 2012 Sussex Shape Note singing would be held on Saturday, March 10, 2012. Ken Baddley offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairmen—Jill Thompson and Tony Singleton; Secretary—Jan Green

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION
St. John's United Church of Christ, Pinckney, Missouri
March 12-13, 2011

Saturday, March 12

The 26th annual Missouri State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at St. John's United Church of Christ, Pinckney, Missouri. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Paul Figura leading 32t. Jim Hearne offered the opening prayer. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Paul Figura; Secretary—Dave Ressler; Arranging Committee—Rebecca Browne; Finance Committee—Gary Gronau; Memorial Committee—Aubrey Hemminger and Rebecca Browne.

Song selections were called from the 1991 edition of *The Sacred Harp* and *The Missouri Harmony* 2005.

Leaders: Rebecca Browne 36b; Gary Gronau 38t; David Long 56b; Pattie Doss 175 (MH); Roberta Strauss 542; David Kaeser, Cherry Hinderberger, and Meg Stauffer 142; Karen Isbell 436; Les Sontag 178; Barbara Uhlemann 528; Charlie Derleth 348b; Anne Drexler 335; Lou Kujawinski 56 (MH); Bill Rintz 288.

RECESS

Dave Ressler called the class to order leading 29t. Leaders: Penny Kujawinski 128; Ann Leckie 122 (MH); Carla Bermudez 372; Rhonda Machlan 475; Ray Rechenberg 300; Gayle Von Engeln 107; Mark Graber and Lori Graber 474; Berkley Moore 24 (MH); Jubal Schultz 59; Anita Buswell 61; Matt Shomaker 117; Ben Copenhagen 143; Wendy Hofmann 109 (MH).

RECESS

Mark Bruns led 504 to call the class together. Leaders: Jo Dell Albi 392; Michael Domino 110 (MH); John Uhlemann "Blackwell Tune"; Gail Doss 290; Charlotte Baldwin 42; Tim Von Engeln 89 (MH); Noelle Copeland 133; Daniel Bearden 222; Terry Hogg 180 (MH); Melanie Hauff 411; Bill Beverly 547; Nate Green and Norma Green 314; Wayne Dell 6 (MH). Jim Hearne offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Paul Figura called the next session together leading 129. Leaders: Janet Fraembs 217; John Seaton 47t; Karen Swenson 70 (MH); B.M. Smith 318; Darrell Swarens 312b; Joan Aldridge 268; Rodney Willard 40; Nathan Berry 480; Stuart Ivey 564; William Gilman 26; Karen Willard 562; Kim Bahmer 38b; Judy Mincey 75 (MH); Judy Hauff 102 (MH); Dan Brittain 160 (MH); Martha Beverly 546.

RECESS

David Kaeser led 39t to begin this session. Leaders: Patti Sontag 457; Paul Wyatt 456; Peggy Brayfield 51 (MH); James Page 45 (MH); Elizabeth Schultz 162; Ted Mercer 131t; Ethan Schultz 496; Julie Vea 362; Bill Caldwell 138 (MH); Jan Ketelle 168; Sylwinn Tudor 66; Tommy Schultz 376; Mark Bruns 127 (MH); Presley Barker and Jane Wallace 8 (MH); Dave Ressler 77 (MH); Henry Schuman 532; Paul Figura 46.

Announcements were made. Jim Hearne closed the day with a prayer.

After the conclusion of Saturday's Convention singing, a number of the attendees gathered in the convention church's cemetery at the site of the internment of Laura Hearne, wife of St. Louis singer Jim Hearne, for a brief memorial. The group sang 163b, 147t, 72b, and 503 followed by sharing of remembrances of Laura by Jim. The class sang 180 (MH), followed by prayer for Laura and Jim, offered by Bill Caldwell.

Sunday, March 13

The Sunday session of the Missouri State Convention was called to order by Paul Figura leading 171 at 9:30 a.m. Roberta Strauss offered the morning prayer, and led 99.

Leaders: Pattie Doss 411; Gary Gronau 272; Presley Barker 313b; Dave Ressler 215; Julie Vea 216; John Uhlemann 212; Karen Isbell 68 (MH); John Seaton 62 (MH); Penny Kujawinski 138 (MH); Mark Graber and Lori Graber 155; Shirley Figura 361; Darrell Swarens 341; Janet Fraembs 151 (MH); Tommy Schultz 270; Anne Drexler 335; Barbara Uhlemann 299; Dan Brittain 304; Jo Dell Albi 293; Lamar Schlabach 48t; Jedidiah Schultz and Jairus Schultz 180 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 13 (MH); Judy Mincey 124 (MH); Jennifer Hedrich and Noelle Copeland 163b; Ted Mercer 434; Bill Caldwell 472; Ethan Schultz 135 (MH); Anita Buswell 473; Jubal Schultz 388; David Lloyd 320.

RECESS

Pattie Doss led 426b to call the class back together. Leaders: Wendy Hofmann 159 (MH); David Kaeser 47b.

Aubrey Hemminger conducted the memorial lesson. He read the list of names of the sick and shut-ins as follows: Coy Ivey, Marie Ivey, Pam Nunn, Bud Oliver, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Genny Whitworth, Maryann Sprskna, John Grant, Lonnie Rodgers, John Kaeser, Romelle Kaeser, Ed Hinderberger, Paula Saab, Steve Morris, Steve Hope, Lucinda Sae, Bob Anderson, Joyce Anderson, Bob Scorgie, and Barbara Berry. Aubrey spoke of compassion as living with the story of another person, and led 66.

Aubrey read the following list of names of those deceased since the last convention: Japeth Jackson, Rhoda Keeton Norris, Edith Swindle, Billy Williams, Myrtle Wooten—Alabama; Mary Florence Smith—Georgia; Larry Devocelle, Jerry Enright, Helen Hogg—Illinois; Bob Meek—Kentucky; John Blattner—Maryland; Joanne Bowman—Massachusetts; Laura Hearne, Janet Boyer, John Boyer, Dianna Wright, and Joe Wright—Missouri; George Seiler—New York; Henry Bissell—North Carolina; Christina Cox, Jeanette Rechenberg—Ohio; David Willard—Oregon; George Jones—Texas; Dennis Murphy—Vermont; Howard Hallock—Washington; Roxanne Crawford—Wisconsin. Becky Browne offered her thoughts about community and tradition, led 283, and closed the lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Peggy Brayfield 385; Melanie Hauff 113 (MH); Kristen Luther 121.

Roberta Strauss offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Stuart Ivey led 507 to open the afternoon session. Leaders: Jan Ketelle 430; William Gilman 444; Martha Beverly 383; Karen Swenson 455; Gail Doss 35; Paul Wyatt 182; Karen Willard 550; Kim Bahmer 340; Joan Aldridge 540; Nathan Berry and Alexa Copeland 19 (MH); B.M. Smith 350; Nate Green and Norma Green 330b; Elizabeth Schultz 268; James Page 170 (MH); Bill Beverly 297; Ariel Cooper and Wayne Dell 282.

RECESS

The final session was called to order by Paul Figura leading 128. Leaders: Bill Rintz 276; Daniel Bearden 355; Ben Copenhauer 220; Tommy Schultz and Donna Schultz 178 (MH); Steve Copeland 569b; Henry Schuman 193; Judy Hauff 148 (MH); Toni Kazic 45t; Jim Hearne 162 (MH); Charlie Derleth 28b; Aubrey Hemminger and Ted Mercer 145 (MH); Gary Gronau, Rebecca Browne, and Stuart Ivey 384; the Minnesotans 183.

The arranging committee reported that seventy-seven songs were led on Saturday and seventy-one on Sunday; and that twelve states and Canada were represented by

singers at this convention. Announcements were made. Roberta Strauss closed the convention with a prayer, and the class sang 146.

Chairman—Paul Figura; Secretary—Dave Ressler

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Center for the Arts, Northampton, Massachusetts

March 12-13, 2011

Saturday, March 12

The 13th annual Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Linda Shea leading 101t. Tim Eriksen offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Christine Andrews 131b; Caitlin Caulfield 312b; Kelsey Wessels 47t; Cheri Hardy 159; Allison Steele 30b; Matthew Small 198; Gwen Gethner 113; Mary Andrews 300; Larry Bingham 47b; Emily Hale-Sills 148; Jer Galvagni 168; Aubrey Hawke 146; Mary Skidmore 448t; Michael Kaye 501; Martha Rogers 270; Pat Callahan 413; George Pomfret 183; Sheila Kelley 216; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 344; Carol Hwang 457; Ian Smiley 129.

RECESS

Emma Rose Brown called the class back to order leading 56t. Leaders: Sally Langendorf 106; Charles Cofone 35; Al McCready 178; Joanne Fuller 179; Laura Keeler 481; Ian Quinn 542; Gabriel Kastle 573; Bill Holt 172; Charlotte Ehrman 365; Bethany Towne 433; Amy Finlay 440; Bill Schultz 66; Becky Wright, Mel Novner, and Sam Kleinman 500; Ines Lüttgen 419; Riley Skinner, Leah Dagan, and Lauren Hamilton 86; Myles Dakan 271t; Deidra Montgomery and Alvaro Duarte 276; Christoph Wesolowski 143; Elizabeth Stoddard and Robert Stoddard 522; Susan Loucks 497; John Redman 236.

The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Linda Shea; Vice Chairman—Christine Andrews; Secretary—Caitlin Caulfield; Finance Committee—John Holbrook; Resolutions Committee—Emma Rose Brown and Alvaro Duarte; Memorial Committee—Jean Seiler and Kara Morin.

RECESS

Magdalena Zapadowska Eriksen called the class back together leading 72b. Leaders: Peter Golden 436; Margaret Bornick 486; Emily Hancock 556; Kathy Collett 84; Nora Dunn and Carly Goss 207; Sarah Galper 454; Daniel Hunter 104; Sheldon Finlay 112; Gillie Campbell 99; Guy Bankes 193; Jon Giles 512; Betsy Maislen 268; John Holbrook and the Finance Committee 475; Ames Bielenberg 452; Will Rowan 504; Leland Kusmer 56b; Natalie Jablonski 411; Sonia Chin 187; James Ulriek 551; Jeff Gauthier 536; Suzan Greenberg 442; Leonard Spencer 254. Anna Maria Irvine and Peter Irvine led 335 for the Children's Lesson. Tim Eriksen offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jan Erik Steele brought the class to order for the afternoon session leading 274t. Leaders: Jennie Brown 426b; Scott Ivey 215; Cathy Tucker 192; Richard Ivey and Kelsey Sunderland 298; Laura Clawson 224; Jonathon Smith 189; Kevin Griffin Moreno and Harry Scott 228; Claire Singleton 273; Tom Malone 550; Henry Johnson 96; Jean Seiler 472; Rachel Speer and Dean Jens 174; Blake Sisemore 528; Anne Heider 384; Paul Setford 40; Chase Arevalo 492; Barbara Swetman 217; Gaston White 155; Kate Richardson and Paula Picton 383; Chris Holley 160b; Justin Levi 558; Lucy O'Leary 329; James Baumgartner 29t; Leon Pulsinelle 182; Laura Borrelli 67; Ryan Young 372.

RECESS

Laura Timmerman led 111t to call the class back together. Leaders: Joanna Lampert 353; Kelly House and Dana Borrelli 503; Eli Hetko 82t; Jerusha Wheeler 107; Tim

Eriksen and Eliza Cavanaugh 328; Liz Cantrell and Yael Tarshish 203; Corey Walters 31t; Anne Kazlauskas 453; Terry Ryan 142; Cristin McMurray 299; Ron Bornick 313b; Kshama Ananthapura and Kelly Taylor 76b; Brian Collett 474; Maggie Shar and Molly Merrett 95; Corrone Bryant 73b; Dan Adams 73t; Paul Butler and Dan Hertzler 480; Andy Jonathan Johnston 294; Ben Vincent 456; Mary Gowins and Michael Nord 205.

Matt Wojcik, Rosie Wojcik, and Caroline Wojcik led 532 as the closing song. Tim Eriksen offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 13

The Sunday session of the Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Linda Shea leading 448b. The morning prayer was offered by Blake Sisemore.

Leaders: Christine Andrews and Caitlin Caulfield 108b; Maggie Shar 276; Don Herrold 49t; Jennie Brown 36b; Cassia Hawke 440; Kshama Ananthapura 421; Dan Adams 89; Michael Nord 111b; Anne Krikorian and Nicole Singer 53; Paul Butler 28t; Emma Rose Brown 300; Mary Andrews 457; Lucy O'Leary and Rachel O'Leary 39t; Gwen Gethner and Emily Hale-Sills 84; Sylvia Martin 480; Ian Quinn 149; Mary Gowins 228; Kelly Taylor 142; Paula Picton 148.

RECESS

Matthew Small called the class back to order leading 81t. Leaders: Kate Richardson 361; Bill Dunn 339; Leland Kusmer and Ames Bielenberg 245; Cristin McMurray 284; Laura Borrelli 67; Rachel Speer 466; Eli Hetko 186; Kitty Kagay 180; Chase Arevalo 493; Cathy Tucker 350; Jim Bean 178; Mary Jo Shafer 335; John Holbrook and the Finance Committee 38t; Cheri Hardy 472; Kevin Griffin Moreno 218; Liz Cantrell 318; Alvaro Duarte 296; Stephanie Fida 179; Sam Kleinman 230; Jerusha Wheeler 269; Kelsey Sunderland 569t; Leonard Spencer 260.

RECESS

Sheila Kelley brought the class back together leading 49b. Leaders: Anne Heider 455; Leon Pulsinelle 506; Liz Meitzler 55; Molly Merrett 410t; Andy Jonathan Johnston 285t; Jer Galvagni 547; Gillie Campbell 66; Charlotte Ehrman 157. Jean Seiler spoke about how the hollow square gives us the community in which we can keep our loved ones alive through song and memory. She led 499 in honor of the following deceased: Myrtle Wootten—Alabama; Joseph Albert Tennes, Sandra Ogren, Paul Ogren—California; Jeanette McCready, Phyllis Bruce—Connecticut; Jerry Enright—Illinois; Iswar Ananthapura—India; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Barbara Swain—Maryland; Joanne Bowman, Peter Gomes, Jill Mercer, George McGray, Avery Anderson, Robert Seydel, Linda Fuller Bedard, Paul Emmanuell, Bob Saline, Anthony Brescia-Conley, Betty Williams, Elizabeth Sandra Parriot, Victoria Bolles—Massachusetts; Clifford Eriksen—New Hampshire; Margoleath Berman—New Jersey; Judith Socolon, David Bornick, Robert Bielenberg, George Seiler, Ted Smith, Maier Lloyd, Hazard Gillespie—New York; Jeff Wokoun—Ohio; Margaret Fatula, Caroline Cosline, Wilma Kilian—Pennsylvania; Leon Slatko—Texas; Margaret Wheeler—United Kingdom; Travis Richmond, Jeff Galper—Vermont. Kara Morin led 418 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Bud Oliver, John Grant, Sheila Fosdick, Lonnie Rogers, Terri Morris, Tom Babbin, Wallen Bean, Julie Holbrook, Bernie LaForrest, Marina Winquist, Gina Balestracci, Pearl Klappert, Shirley Basch, Jessy, Corbin, Greg Twain, Cecile Cyr, Joanne DeVoe, Nancy Davis, and Dan Hertzler. Blake Sisemore closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Allison Steele and Jan Erik Steele 347; Elizabeth Stoddard 283; Margaret Bornick and Ron Bornick 454; Lynne deBenedette and Kelsey Wessels 77t; Henry Johnson 326. Blake Sisemore offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Deidra Montgomery led 145t to call the class back to order for the afternoon session. Leaders: Dana Borrelli 87; Sonia Chin 220; Robert Stoddard 422; Rachel Stevens 385t; Becky Wright 397; Willis McCumber 444; Susan Setford and Matthew Wojcik 384; Dan Hunter and Bethany Towne 188; Terry Ryan 240; Nora Dunn 564; Eliza Cavanaugh 277; Tim Eriksen 236; Richard Ivey, Scott Ivey, and Blake Sisemore 411; Peter Golden 310; Anne Kazlauskas 447; Carol Hwang 272; Yael Tarshish and Suzan Greenberg 505; Ines Lüttgen 286; Paul Gauthier 428; Emily Hancock and Chris Holley 99; Laura Timmerman 323t; Peter Irvine and Anna Maria Irvine 460; Kelly House 68b; Corrone Bryant 479.

RECESS

Allison Steele and Sally Langendorf brought the class back to order leading 274t. Leaders: Carly Goss 57; Susan Williams 282; Claire Singleton 63; Jenny Wright 191; Lydia Vernon-Jones and Barbara Swetman 125; Eitan Prouser 268; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 71; Cindy Bean and Nate Bean 163b; Mason Gohl 500; Mel Novner and Rhys McGovern 163t; Al McCready 452; Myles Dakan and Guy Bankes 147b; Ian Smiley 33b; Jeff Gauthier 124; John Redman 532; Paul Setford 105; Dean Jens 225t; Lynne deBenedette and Laura Clawson 426b.

A business meeting was held to hear reports from the various committees. John Holbrook submitted the Finance Committee report, declaring that all expenses had been met. Caitlin Caulfield submitted the Secretary's Report, announcing that 220 songs had been led and that 390 singers had registered from sixteen states and two foreign countries. Emma Rose Brown and Alvaro Duarte submitted the Resolutions Committee Report, thanking God for the weekend of singing and fellowship, the Northampton Center for the Arts, WMSHC, the officers, committees, and everyone who made the convention possible. The committee resolved to reconvene for the 14th annual session in March, 2012. The business meeting was concluded.

Linda Shea, Christine Andrews, and Caitlin Caulfield led 62 as the closing song. Blake Sisemore offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Linda Shea; Vice Chairman—Christine Andrews; Secretary—Caitlin Caulfield

OXFORD SINGING

University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi Sunday, March 13, 2011

The 31st annual Oxford Sacred Harp Singing was held in the choral room of the Music Building at the University of Mississippi campus, Oxford, Mississippi, on the second Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Warren Steel leading 48t. He welcomed everyone, and led 138b. The opening prayer was offered by Mark Davis.

Mark Davis led 123t and 101t. The class entered into a business session, and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Carolyn Thompson.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 49t, 182; Travis Keeton 179, 112; Darlene Reynolds 490, 569b; Chuck Howell 373, 49b; Hannah Tate 436, 542; Daly Evans and Caroline Walker 87, 424; Julie Heeren 278t, 430; Hugh Bill McGuire 215; Dana Williams and Jacie Williams 354b; Jan Murray 457, 275t; Bea Carnathan 205, 472; Tom George 476, 435.

RECESS

Warren Steel led 411 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Linda Thomas 345b, 131b; Jesse McClendon 358, 39t; Lela Crowder 306, 39b; Vickie Neyman 30t;

Angela Myers 128, 350; Gravis Ballinger 77t; John Wall 142, 38b; Dennis George 229, 543; Cheyenne Ivey 31t, 176b; Elene Stovall 216, 534; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 391; Mark Tew 183. Mary Amelia Taylor offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Henry Guthery leading 189. Leaders: Sister Susan Dickey 117, 59; Danny Creel 383, 222; John Van Horn 163t, 300; Larry Ballinger 428, 540; Bobby Neyman 479, 178; Steve Adams and Carolyn Thompson 309, 378t; Ken Tate 201, 220 (for Josie Hyde); John Plunkett 50t, 308; Mary Amelia Taylor 73t, 497; Andrew Farris 66, 120; Adonis Neyman 45t, 68b; Dameron Neyman 72b; Brenda Chafin Merritt 336, 192; Chris Ballinger 44, 122; Jeff Corbett 546, 565; Chiquita Walls 388, 167; Janet Jenkins 268, 269; Henry McGuire 280, 532; Xaris Martinez 121, 283; Charlie Gates 85; Ross Brand, Edward Malloy, and Amanda Malloy 203, 376; Carolyn Thompson 440, 442.

Following announcements, Warren Steel, Mark Davis, and Judy Caudle led 235 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by John Plunkett, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Judy Caudle

STEPHENSON, WALL, AND HOCUTT MEMORIAL Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama Saturday night, March 19, 2011

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. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 32t. Bro. Ronald Gilmore offered prayer. Velton Chafin led 30t and 187.

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

Leaders: Brenda Chafin Merritt 74b, 270; Yancey Jett 89, 144; Judy Caudle 90, 108t; Jim Aaron 503, 163b; Willodean Barton 498; Glenn Keeton, Elizabeth Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Isabella Keeton 30t, 497; Eugene Forbes 147b, 147t; Kermit Adams 329, 99; Julianna Jett 39t, 142; Bailey Jett 59, 31b; Angela Myers 40, 66; Bea Carnathan 204, 205; Travis Keeton 75, 129; Harrison Creel 342, 530.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Velton Chafin leading 34t. Leaders: Henry Guthery 434, 511; Beth Branscome 222, 73b; Ann Jett 546, 327; Don Keeton 112, 317; Emily Burleson 33t, 183t; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 406, 475; Danny Creel 472, 328.

Following announcements, Glenn Keeton 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, Collinsville, Alabama Sunday, March 20, 2011

The annual Lookout Mountain Memorial singing was held at Pine Grove Church, near Collinsville, Alabama, on the third Sunday in March. Rodney Ivey called the class to order by leading 32t. Wayne Reed offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—Bud Oliver; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Blake Sisemore.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 138t; Blake Sisemore 487t, 512; Judy Caudle 546t, 485b; Boyd Scott 319, 358; S.T. Reed 394, 495; Ed Thacker 70b, 265b; Cindy Tanner 526, 511; Paula Oliver 517, 300.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey and Bud Oliver led 145t and 421 (for Lonnie Rogers) to bring the class back together. Leaders: Dennis George 320, 361; Sandra Wilkinson 58, 508t; Darrell Swarens 341, 328 (in memory of Bob Meek); B.M. Smith 547t, 264b; Carol Hanson 222, 548b; Andrew Farris 522, 540; Cheyenne Ivey 101t, 129; Jamey Wootten 91t, 123t; Jackie Tanner 90, 73t; Russ Hanson 72b, 316; Norma Green 515, 373; Elene Stovall 492, 163; Henry Johnson 89, 488b. Blake Sisemore offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Rodney Ivey, Jared Wootten, and Jamey Wootten led 47t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Shane Wootten 175, 132; Adrian Eldridge 118b, 176b; Susan Harcrow 154b, 499t; Nathan Rees 35, 150; Rebecca Eldridge 50b, 177; Marty Wootten 494, 60; Linda Thomas 266, 223; James Eldridge 523, 395b; John Plunkett 372, 292t; Alana Blanks and Scot Oliver 478t, 155; Loyd Ivey 519; Katherine Eldridge 340, 77; Robert Walker 544t, 544b; S.T. Reed 505; Jared Wootten 486t; David Hufstetler 545t, 513; Susan Cheronos 63; David Ivey 509; Wayne Reed 144. Rodney Ivey, Bud Oliver, S.T. Reed, and Wayne Reed led 323t as the closing song. Wayne Reed offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—Bud Oliver; Secretary—Judy Caudle

HOBOKEN SCHOOL SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

Hoboken, Georgia

Saturday, March 19, 2011

The Hoboken School Singing was called to order by David Lee and Clarke Lee leading 108b and 68b. Jason Deal offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Clarke Lee 310; Kathy Lee and Julie Lee 101t, 558; Amy Lee 544; Buck Lea 200; Clark Parry and Lucinda Durkee 348t; Frank Debolt 500; Tori Lynn Ayres 45t; John Gentry 133; Marvin Reeves and Annie Reeves 497; James Williamson 505; Dinah East 40; Mary Crawford 516; Tor Bejnar and Alice Bejnar 112; Micah Roberts 36b; Jeffrey Forbes 63; Tim Jones 553.

RECESS

Clarke Lee brought the class back together leading 128. Leaders: B.M. Smith 559; Kylee Wheeler 488b; Tollie Lee 138t; Steven Taylor 383; Cathy Lutz 276; Steve Helwig 98; Carol Crawford 38t; Barbara Hohenstein; Steven Levine 55; Chris Holley 548; John Kelso 240; Bill Aplin and Victoria Aplin 567; Sue Bunch 381t.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class back together leading 76b. David Lee conducted the memorial lesson. He spoke, led 463, and closed with prayer.

Leaders: John Gardenour 518; Jim Brock 146; Nathan Berry and Jennifer Hedrich 50t; Reba Windom 572; Noelle Copeland 563; Karen Willard 471; Jesse Roberts 78; Ben Crawford 239; Anna Pfau 511t; Laura Densmore 482; William Gillman and Alexa Copeland 543; Tommie Spurlock 140.

LUNCH

Clarke Lee brought the class back together. Leaders: Brooks Strickland 336t; Frank Strickland 486; Eleanor Haase 575; Andy Crawford and Robyn Crawford 162; Gordon Olsen 47b; Tatum Strickland 392; Shane O'Neal and Mary Elizabeth

O'Neal 49b, 29b; Anne Hudson 571; David Lee, Kathy Lee, and family 378t; Stanley Smith and Cooper Smith 388; Kathryn Keller 508; Sharon DuPriest and Daphene Causey 434; Midge Olsen 478; Judith Parker 331b; Carol Buche 488t; Renee Boesch, Gracie Boesch, and Ann Mathis 107t; Denise Kania 137; Louis Hughes 528b.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class back together leading 274t. Leaders: Jim Pfau 99; Syble Adams 203; Sharon Kermiet 429; Donna Smith 38b; Fred Hoerr and Marty Hoerr 330t; Ellyn Gwynn and Chika Okoro 335; Lee Bradley 127; Morgan Bunch 375; Kendra Strickland 393t; Karen Clark 442b; Trevor East 155; Phillip Reeves 31t; Stephanie Carter 573; Jessica Altman 53; Riley Lee 171.

David Lee led 207 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jesse Roberts.

Chairmen—David Lee and Clarke Lee; Secretary—Mary Elizabeth O'Neal

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE SINGING
IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM WALKER
Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina
Saturday, March 19, 2011**

The 17th 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 Saturday before the third Sunday in March. The books used during the singing were *The Sacred Harp* (1991 Edition), *The Christian Harmony* (2010 Revision), and *The Southern Harmony* (1854 Edition). Dr. Doyle Boggs of Wofford College welcomed the participants. Nathan Rees taught an introductory lesson covering four shapes and seven shapes.

The first session was from *The Sacred Harp*. Jonathon Smith brought the class to order leading 59. John Hollingsworth offered prayer. Leaders: Jane Spencer 33b; John Plunkett 128 (in memory of Henry Zitterouer); Harry Eskew 40; Michael Spencer 354t; Bill Burns 551; Brent Holcomb 460; Dorothy Lane 312b; John Hollingsworth 164; Ken George 569b; Shannon Primm 129 (in memory of those who recently lost their lives in the Japanese disaster); Nathan Rees 48t; Steve Walker 107; Mary Baumeister 569t; Diane Eskenasy 155; Phillip Perrin 35; Roger Keane 178; Jonathon Smith 57; Jane Spencer 500 (for Hugh McGraw and Charlene Wallace).

RECESS

Jonathon Smith brought the class back together by leading 131 (CH). A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Jonathon Smith; Vice Chairman—Nathan Rees; Secretary—Jane Spencer; Arranging Committee—John Plunkett.

The following session was from *The Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Jane Spencer 318 (CH); John Plunkett 386 (CH); Becky Walker 291 (CH); Harry Eskew 82 (CH); Michael Spencer 465t (CH); Bill Burns 157 (CH); Brent Holcomb (CH); Dorothy Lane 109 (CH) (in memory of William Paschal Mabry); John Hollingsworth 486t (CH); Ken George and Jeanne Marsh 316 (CH); Shannon Primm 327 (CH).

LUNCH

Jonathon Smith brought the afternoon session to order by leading 70b (CH). Leaders: Steve Walker 167t (CH); Mary Baumeister 546b (CH); Diane Eskenasy 51 (CH); Phillip Perrin 129 (CH); Roger Keane 142 (CH); Leon Carnell 143 (CH); Frances Carnell 214 (CH).

The following session of song selections was leader's choice. Leaders: Jonathon Smith 145 (SoH); Jane Spencer 64 (CH); John Plunkett 311b (SoH); Harry Eskew

252 (SoH); Michael Spencer 41 (SoH); Phillip Perrin 358; Brent Holcomb 441; Dorothy Lane 235 (CH); John Hollingsworth 204t (CH) (in memory of Benny Rigdon); Shannon Primm 205 (CH); Nathan Rees 140 (SoH); Mary Baumeister 6 (SoH); Robert Kelley 47 (SoH); Phillip Perrin 8 (SoH); Roger Keane 67b (CH); Frances Carnell 485; Leon Carnell 163b; Roger Keane 236; Robert Kelley 168b (SoH).

Jonathon Smith led 62 as the closing song. Nathan Rees offered prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jonathon Smith; Vice Chairman—Nathan Rees; Secretary—Jane Spencer

GODSEY SISTERS MEMORIAL SINGING

**Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama
Sunday, March 20, 2011**

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 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Ottis Sides.

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

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

Leaders: Kermit Adams 43; Travis Keeton 290, 235; Don Keeton 390, 454; Roma Rice 36b, 452; Betty Baccus and Julie Cook 59, 388; Willodean Barton 63, 101t; Ottis Sides 61, 530; Gary Pinkard and Don Keeton 335, 270; Linda Sides 277, 448t.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading 400. Leaders: Stella Pratt 480, 317; Josie Hyde 200, 234; Ken Tate 147t, 147b; Parnell Berry 177, 283; Gravis Ballinger 78, 120; Lisa Geist 394, 391 (in memory of Helen Langston); Larry Ballinger 121, 472; Nellie Alexander 176t, 176b.

The memorial lesson was conducted in memory of Helen Langston, Kathy Adams, Jane Velasquex, Billy Williams, Arlie Harper, and Earl Harper. Larry Ballinger led 377 for Arlie Harper and Earl Harper. Roma Rice led 426b in memory of Jane Velasquex.

LUNCH

Kermit Adams led 402 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Gary Pinkard and Don Keeton 274t; Hannah Tate 436, 76b; Velton Chafin 274b, 68b (for his wife Jonnie, and for Dawson and Edith Adams); Loretta Whitman 81t, 82t, 124; Lela Viconte 64; Larry Ballinger 163b (for the Wakefield family); Willodean Barton 460; Parnell Berry 285t; Travis Keeton 343; Gravis Ballinger 77t; Betty Baccus and Charlotte Gober 383 (in memory of Wilma Keeton); Betty Baccus 282 (in memory of Cecil Wakefield); Don Keeton 384; Ken Tate 182; Velton Chafin 482; Margaret Keeton 490, 398, 159; Kermit Adams and Travis Keeton 273.

Kermit Adams and Travis Keeton led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Velton Chafin.

Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice

PITTSBURGH REGIONAL ALL-DAY SACRED HARP SINGING Franklin Park Baptist Church, Sewickley, Pennsylvania Saturday, March 26, 2011

The 2nd annual Pittsburgh Regional All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at Franklin Park Baptist Church, 2470 Nicholson Rd, Sewickley, Pennsylvania. Katie

White called class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 84. Clark Brocht offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Gerry Hoffman 42; Brian How 114; Linda Marker 59; Laura Densmore 313t; Dave Witter 38b; Pleasance Crawford 192; Joe Todd 106; Barbara Hohenstein 37b; Jerusha Wheeler 276; Chuck Crawford 101t; Beth Todd 225t; Nate Zweig 34b; Penny Anderson 65; Lois Hurt 145b; Brad Oglesby 87; Katie White 171; Gerry Hoffman 277; Barbara Hohenstein 38t; Joe Todd 373.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Katie White; Vice Chairman—Gerry Hoffman; Secretary—Linda Marker.

RECESS

Beth Todd called the class back together by leading 32t. Leaders: Linda Marker 312b; Dave Witter 454; Pleasance Crawford 188; Hal Kunkel 186; Dave Clum and Laura Densmore 49t; Jerusha Wheeler 384; Chuck Crawford 39t; Nate Zweig 155; Beth Todd 335; Gerry Hoffman 68b; Lois Hurt 551; Penny Anderson 127; Brad Oglesby 503; Leah Wilde 268; Katie White 48b; Gerry Hoffman 501; Stephanie Phillips and Laura Densmore 49b; Barbara Hohenstein 441; Joe Todd 457; Linda Marker 146; Dave Witter 504; Pleasance Crawford 492; Hal Kunkel 502; Jerusha Wheeler 147t. Clark Brocht asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called together again by Katie White and Gerry Hoffman leading 229.

Leaders: Chuck Crawford 480; Nate Zweig 47t; Beth Todd 313b; Lois Hurt 28b; Penny Anderson 128; Brad Oglesby 31t; Leah Wilde 178; Dave Witter 122; Brian How 117; Barbara Hohenstein 455; Hal Kunkel 344; Laura Densmore and Judy Clum 315; Joe Todd 125; Katie White and Alicia Greethouse 40; Gerry Hoffman 168; Linda Marker 107; Chuck Todd 147b; Jerusha Wheeler 189; Pleasance Crawford 112.

RECESS

Barbara Hohenstein led 72b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Nathan Zweig 47b; Pam Wilson and Gerry Hoffman 159; Beth Todd 52t; Brad Oglesby 365; Hal Kunkel 129; Lois Hurt 515 (in memory of Chris Cox); Dave Witter 191; Leah Wilde 30b; Laura Densmore 228; Barb Hohenstein 203.

In a business meeting, Gerry Hoffman announced that all expenses had been met. Announcements of other singings were made. Linda Marker determined that 24 leaders had led 77 songs.

Clark Brocht offered the closing prayer. Katie White led 347 as the closing lesson, and class was dismissed.

Chairman—Katie White; Vice Chairman—Gerry Hoffman; Secretary—Linda Marker

PIKES PEAK SACRED HARP SINGING **Chapel of Our Saviour, Colorado Springs, Colorado** **Saturday, March 26, 2011**

The 6th annual Pikes Peak Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Pete Mathewson leading 31b. The opening prayer was offered by Lance Lloyd. The singing was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Pete Mathewson; Secretary/Treasurer—Susie Mathewson. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and the 2006 *Cooper Book* (CB). A business meeting was held to elect officers for the seventh annual singing to be held on the Saturday before the 4th Sunday in March 2012. Nominated and elected as co-chairpersons were Lance Lloyd and Elyssa Lloyd.

Leaders: Sharon Kermiet 507b (CB); Mary Lou VanLaanen 49b; Mary Campbell 451 (CB); Mallie Kermiet 189; Bonnie Dolan 31t; Karl Dise 55 (CB); Kathryn

Eastburn 449 (CB); Les Doggrell 410t; Erik Mason 327; Paul Lindholm 555 (CB); Mo Morrow 312b; Mia Alvarado 163b; Pete Mathewson 141; Sharon Kermiet 380b (CB); Mary Lou VanLaanen 575 (CB); Mallie Kermiet 54t (CB); Bonnie Dolan 432; Karl Dise 353; Kathryn Eastburn 348t (CB); Erik Mason 571 (CB); Paul Lindholm 377; Mo Morrow 159; Mia Alvarado 162.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Susie Mathewson leading 282. Pete Mathewson spoke briefly on the history of Sacred Harp in Colorado Springs, and read the names of the sick and shut-ins and those of the deceased. Lance Lloyd offered a prayer. Pete Mathewson led 344 (CB) as a memorial.

Leaders: Keeley Sandoval 32t; Arlene Strickland 47t; Katherine Griffis 284; Wynonia Horn 384; Sharon Kermiet 529 (CB); Mary Lou VanLaanen 465 (CB); Bonnie Dolan 454; Karl Dise 168; Kathryn Eastburn 358; Les Doggrell 63; Erik Mason 96 (CB); Paul Lindholm 278t; Susie Mathewson 99; Keeley Sandoval 147t; Arlene Strickland 47b; Katherine Griffis 335; Wynonia Horn 455; Corrie VanDuzer 497; Pete Mathewson 488t (CB). The class sang the dinner grace "Be Present At Our Table Lord".

LUNCH

Pete Mathewson led 33b to bring the afternoon session to order. Leaders: Sharon Kermiet lined out 588 (OSH Rev12); Gideon Lloyd 34b; Issac Lloyd 86; Elyssa Lloyd 400; Mary Lou VanLaanen 178; Bonnie Dolan 391; Karl Dise 380; Kathryn Eastburn 496; Les Doggrell 135; Erik Mason 300; Paul Lindholm 419; Susie Mathewson 276; Keeley Sandoval 117; Arlene Strickland 45t (CB); Wynonia Horn 112; Corrie VanDuzer 436; Catie VanDuzer 365.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Pete Mathewson leading 565. Leaders: Sharon Kermiet 542 (CB); Elyssa Lloyd 203; Mary Lou VanLaanen 511t (CB); Issac Lloyd 503; Bonnie Dolan 447; Karl Dise 448b; Kathryn Eastburn 155; Erik Mason 312b; Paul Lindholm 348b; Susie Mathewson 393t (CB); Arlene Strickland 505 (CB); Wynonia Horn 84.

Lance Lloyd offered the closing prayer. Pete Mathewson led 95b (CB) as the closing song.

Chairman—Pete Mathewson; Secretary—Susie Mathewson

HOLMFIRTH SACRED HARP SINGING DAY

Wooldale Community Centre

Holmfirth, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom

Saturday, March 26, 2011

The Holmfirth Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March. Chris Brown called the class to order leading 34b. John Hopkinson offered the opening prayer.

Hannah Land conducted a singing school for the new singers, during which she led 33b and 56b. Leaders: Chris Brown 276.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Chris Brown; Vice Chairman—Cath Ingham; Secretary—Maria Wallace.

RECESS

Maria Wallace called the class back to order leading 107. Leaders: Margaret Gillanders 350; Judy Whiting 77b; Carmel Wood 270; Sharon Langridge 148; Nadine Wills 339; Jenny Reid 178; Hannah Land 452; Chris Brown 457; Margaret Gillanders 68b; Maria Wallace 384; Carmel Wood 112; Anna Baldini 146; Judy Whiting 150; Nadine Wills 86; Sharon Langridge 503; Jenny Reid 159; Judy

Whiting 460; Chris Brown 31t; Hannah Land 81t; Carmel Wood 370; Anna Baldini 299. Margaret Gillanders offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Maria Wallace called the class back to order leading 209. Leaders: Margaret Gillanders 354t; Jenny Reid 63; Nadine Wills 141; Judy Whiting 546; Sharon Langridge 39t; Chris Brown 288; Hannah Land 198; Carmel Wood 383; Anna Baldini 217.

Judy Whiting conducted the memorial lesson. The deceased remembered were Bob Meek—Kentucky, USA; Linda Champ—Winchester; Valerie Munday—Southampton; George Seiler—New York, USA; Jan Cuttle—Sowerby; Kathleen Dunne—Manchester; Jerry Enright—Illinois, USA; and Bill Boyd—Oldham.

She also spoke for the following sick and housebound: Jeff Sheppard, Philip Ralls, John Seaton, Cath Tyler, Phil Tyler, Sarah West, Derek Harrop, Maureen Gamlin, Kathy Armstrong, and Kath Pendleton. She led 549. Carmel Wood offered prayer. Leaders: Sharon Langridge 47t; Maria Wallace 335; Nadine Wills 282; Margaret Gillanders 500; Jenny Reid 441; Chris Brown and Colin Higgins 47b; Hannah Land 501; Carmel Wood 504; Judy Whiting 415; Anna Baldini 40; Maria Wallace 38b; Sharon Langridge 49b.

RECESS

Nadine Wills called the class back to order leading 45t. Leaders: Margaret Gillanders 142; Anna Baldini 106; Maria Wallace 268; Carmel Wood 269; Sharon Langridge 481; Jenny Reid 84; Judy Whiting 475; Hannah Land 228; Chris Brown 347. John Hopkinson offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Chris Brown; Vice Chairman—Cath Ingham; Secretary—Maria Wallace

HIGHER GROUND SINGING

Centenary United Methodist Church, Terre Haute, Indiana Saturday, March 26, 2011

The 16th annual Higher Ground Singing was called to order by Darrell Swarens leading 36b. Don Bardsley offered the opening prayer. Peggy Brayfield led 49t. Adrian Eldridge led 481.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Darrell Swarens; Finance Person—Wayne Dell; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Rebecca Eldridge.

Leaders: William Shetter 59; Janet Fraembs 475; Wayne Dell 118 (CB); John Hoerr 270; David Rust 46; Virginia Eldridge 421; Lori Graber 510; Carol Munro Mosley 392; Samuel Summers 145t; Don Bardsley 203; Joan Aldridge 276; James Eldridge 396; Joe Estrous 146; Brenda Waters 515; Katherine Eldridge 85.

RECESS

Darrell Swarens and Patty Walke called the class back to order leading 312b.

Leaders: Peggy Brayfield 168; William Shetter 546; Virginia Eldridge 224; Samuel Summers 112; Lori Graber 296; John Hoerr 547; Joan Aldridge 166; David Rust 66; Rebecca Eldridge 120; Janet Fraembs 65; Brenda Waters 49b; James Eldridge 317.

RECESS

Adrian Eldridge brought the class together leading 319. Leaders: Wayne Dell 569b; Carol Munro Mosley 300; Don Bardsley 99; Joe Estrous 354b; Andrew Miller 479; Annaliza Cull 448t; Terry Hogg 523; Katherine Eldridge 33b; Darrell Swarens and Rebecca Eldridge 501; Lori Graber 426t; Peggy Brayfield 149. James Eldridge blessed the noon meal.

LUNCH

Darrell Swarens called the afternoon session to order by leading 215. Leaders: William Shetter 297; Virginia Eldridge 388; Samuel Summers 524; John Hoerr 332;

Joan Aldridge 217; Andrew Miller 503; Janet Fraembs 455; Don Bardsley 441; Terry Hogg 550; David Rust 318; Wayne Dell 378b; James Eldridge 342; Carol Munro Mosley 540; Joe Estrous 335; Adrian Eldridge 506; Annaliza Cull 155.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Darrell Swarens, Patty Walke, and Andrew Miller leading 47b. Leaders: Janet Fraembs 532; Terry Hogg 535.

Don Bardsley spoke for the following sick and shut-ins: Mary Jean McGuire, Marlen Rust, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, and Lonnie Rodgers. He led 129.

Virginia Eldridge conducted the memorial lesson. She spoke and led 499 in memory of Bob Meek—Kentucky; Helen Hogg and Jerry Enright—Illinois; Joanne Bowman—Massachusetts.

Leaders: Darrell Swarens and Michele Cull 236; William Shetter 269; Katherine Eldridge and Annaliza Cull 378t; Carol Munro Mosley 196; Rebecca Eldridge 361; Peggy Brayfield 71; Samuel Summers 323t; Wayne Dell 277; Rebecca Eldridge 504. After announcements were made, Darrell Swarens led 62 as the closing song. Roger Don Bardsley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Darrell Swarens; Secretary—Rebecca Eldridge

VERMONT ALL-DAY SACRED HARP SINGING **Montpelier Grange Hall, Berlin, Vermont** **Saturday, March 26, 2011**

Lynette Combs called the 31st annual Vermont All-Day Singing to order by leading 276. Lynette Combs offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Fred Emigh 107; Larry Gordon 272; Sinead O'Mahoney 216; Paul Gauthier 34b; Tom Malone 150; Debby Moody 504; Robert Stoddard 315; Pete Sutherland 163b; Pat Callahan 91; Dan Hertzler 426b; Elizabeth Stoddard 173; Mary Skidmore 29t; Elka Schumann 319; Ines Lüttgen 100; Somen Goodman 569b; Joanne Fuller 290; Chelsea Sargent 36b; Ian Smiley 39t; Laura Krueger 538.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Lynette Combs; Vice Chairman—Fred Emigh; Treasurer—Ian Smiley; Secretary—Chelsea Rose Sargent.

RECESS

Pete Sutherland brought the class back to order leading 457. Leaders; Nicandra Galper 142; Paul Setford 40; Rebecca Mattis 178; Jenny Wright 377; Leonard Spencer 50b; Masti-Denise Mayrand 270; Susie Perkins 455; Larry Gordon 106; George Dymont 186; Judy Carpenter 38t; Lynnette Combs 31t; Fred Emigh 159; Bruce Kokerno 236; Tom Malone 188; Sinead O'Mahoney 228; Dan Hertzler 189; Debby Moody 229; Elizabeth Stoddard 546; Ian Smiley 475; Ines Lüttgen 425.

Elka Schumann and Leonard Spencer conducted the memorial lesson. Elka led 452 for the following sick and shut-ins: Peter Amidon, Eric Reed, Poppy Gregory, Bernard Urie, Elaine Urie, Jesse Dwelle-Jensen, Corbin Connor, Catherine Baltes, Elaine Dearborn, Will Dubuc, Dario Chaparro, Olivia Bealeu, Jeff Sheppard, and Shelbie Sheppard.

The deceased remembered were Linda Fuller Bedard, Omar Shapli, Joanne Bowman, Avery Anderson—Massachusetts; Milly Cohen, Phyllis Bruce—Connecticut; Jerry Enright—Illinois; Bob Meek—Kentucky; George Seiler, Virginia Luscombe, Sally Sherman, Frances L. Garrow IV, Richard Martin—New York; Ethan Johnson—Minnesota; Leota Emigh—Colorado; Catherine Ferre, Bob Nichols, Jane James, William Clayton Bradley, Elise Barash, Pat Voss, John Vautier—Vermont. Leonard Spencer led 267 in their memory. Lynnette Combs offered a prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Tom Malone leading 61. Leaders: Robert Stoddard 324; Mary Skidmore 277; Paul Gauthier 362; Mia Bertelli 86; Pat Callahan 174; Somen Goodman 162; Joanne Fuller 384; Chelsea Sargent 299; Laura Krueger 168; Nicandra Galper 410t; Paul Setford 273; Rebecca Mattis 235; Masti-Denise Mayrand 82t; Matthew Wojcik 95; Elizabeth Stoddard 191; Jenny Wright 547; Dan Hertzler 505; Mary Jo Shafer 225t; George Dymont 300; Fred Emigh 47b; Tom Malone 507.

RECESS

Dan Hertzler brought the class back to order leading 129. Leaders: Pat Callahan 335; Sasha Hsuczyc 472; Ines Lüttgen 522; Paul Setford 501; Lauren Hamilton 183; Mark Williams 155; Mary Jo Shafer 400; Mary Skidmore 146; Leonard Spencer 260; Elka Schumann 143; Laura Krueger 347; Stevie Feliciano 282; Joanne Fuller 39b; Matt Wojcik 442; Masti-Denise Maynard 515; Robert Stoddard 101b; Federica 340; George Dymont 209; Paul Gauthier 182; Tom Malone 318; Lynette Combs 528; Dan Hertzler 448t; Nicandra Galper 344; Somen Goodman 523; Jenny Wright 474. A business session was held. The Secretary reported that 100 singers from four states and three countries registered, and that 36 leaders led 90 songs.

Matt Wojcik moved that the 2012 Vermont All-Day Singing be hosted by the Burlington, Vermont, Shape Note Singers. Lynette Combs seconded the motion, and all agreed. According to the formula for Vermont All-Day Sacred Harp Singing (on Saturday before the last Sunday in March except when on Easter Sunday), the 2012 Vermont All-Day Sacred Harp Singing will be held on Saturday, March 24th. Matt Wojcik made a motion that the 2011 Vermont All-Day Sacred Harp Singing endorses the formation of a not-for-profit organization promoting shape-note singing in Vermont. Lynette Combs seconded the motion, and all agreed. Lynette Combs led 62 as a closing song. Lynette Combs offered a prayer in closing.

Chairman—Lynette Combs; Vice Chairman—Fred Emigh; Secretary—Chelsea Rose Sargent

GEORGIA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia** **March 26-27, 2011** **Saturday, March 26**

The 50th session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention was held the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia. Michael Thompson called the class to order leading 32t. Blake Sisemore offered the morning prayer. Michael Thompson welcomed the singers and led 61t.

Leaders: Richard DeLong 39b; Charlene Wallace 129; Helen Bryson 179; Jeannette DePoy 300; John Plunkett 176t; B.M. Smith 141; Stanley Smith 442; John Kelso 499; Karen Rollins 327; Donna Bell 208; Jonathon Smith 48t; Wendy Futral 35; Buck Lea 351; Daryl Chesney 485; Mary Elizabeth O'Neal and Shane O'Neal 348b, 178; Tom Ivey 189; Ellen Lea 371.

RECESS

Michael Thompson brought the class back to order leading 30t. Leaders: Syd Caldwell 560; Lloyd Ivey 283; Deidra Montgomery 548; Charles Woods 197; Ted Mercer 275t; Mary Brownlee 556; Jonathan Wood 99; Steve Kick 475; Louis Hughes 408; Jim Aaron 503.

A business session was held with the following officers and committee members elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg; Vice Chairman—John Kelso; Secretary/Treasurer—Charlene Wallace; Assistant

Secretary—Lela Crowder; Chaplain—Blake Sisemore; Arranging Committee—Lauren Bock, Richard DeLong, Anna Hinton; Memorial Committee—Helen Brown, Michael Thompson, Kathy Williams; Resolutions Committee—John Plunkett, Kelsey Sunderland, Michael Walker; Locating Committee—Jeannette DePoy, Buck Lea, Hugh McGraw, Karen Rollins; Finance Committee—Shannon Primm, Mike Spencer, B.M. Smith.

Leaders: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 203; Cindy Tanner 436; Macy Crawford, Robyn Crawford, and Dinah East 162, 335; Helen Brown 542; Andrew Whaley 112; Andy Morris 176b; Sharon Strong 240.

An award was given to Charlene Wallace recognizing her for serving the longest tenure as secretary as well as her dedicated and distinguished service to the Georgia State Convention.

RECESS

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg brought the class back together leading 89. Leaders: Ted Brown 77t; Lauren Bock and Anna Hinton 313t; Anna Hinton 40; Hayden Arp 380; Judy Chambless 501; Oscar McGuire 229; Leigh Cooper 432; Phillip Langley 440; Mandy Brady 276.

LUNCH

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg called the class together leading 101t. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 426b; Wade Kotter 218; Reba Windom 411; Ian Quinn 377; Sharon DuPriest 546; Aldo Ceresa 532; Michael Walker 522; Kelsey Sunderland 328; Ricky Harcrow 564; Judy Caudle 496; Eddie Mash 263; Daphene Causey 236; Blake Sisemore 454; Kathy Williams 455; Rachel Rudi 306; Nathan Rees and Wade Kotter 434; Nate Green and Norma Green 418; Eugene Forbes 280; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 383; David Ivey, Karen Ivey, and Richard Ivey 492; Susan Harcrow 500; Morgan Bunch 354t.

RECESS

John Kelso led 47t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Jack Nelson 480; Sue Bunch 547; Billy Hollingsworth 250; Rosemarie Yntema 228; John Hollingsworth 82t; Michael Spencer 382; Shannon Primm 163t; Molly Ellis 56b; Joyce Heath 143; George Burnette 81t; Mark Godfrey 312b; Cheyenne Ivey 76b; Philip Denney 84; Christopher Webb 124; Matt Hinton and Erica Hinton 460. Announcements were made. Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, John Kelso, and Lauren Bock led 209 as the closing song. Blake Sisemore closed with prayer.

Sunday, March 27

The Sunday session of the Georgia State Convention was brought together by Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg leading 31t. Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Kelso 83t; Kelsey Sunderland and Lauren Bock 47t; Mike Spencer 308; Shannon Primm 370; Faye Hollis 299; John Plunkett 466; Judy Chambless 28t; Kelsey Campbell 448t; Michael Thompson 448b; Jeannette DePoy 426t; Buck Lea 200; Angela Myers 512; Tony Hammock 83b; Elene Stovall 483; Sharon Strong 417; Robert Chambless 303; Catherine Grisso 77t; Hayden Arp 384.

RECESS

John Kelso, Mary Elizabeth O'Neal, Shane O'Neal, Robyn Crawford, and Macy Crawford brought the class back to order by leading 145t. Leaders: Molly Ellis 332; Donna Bell and Paige Gilbert 87; Oscar McGuire 344; Ellen Lea 372; Shane O'Neal 49b; Susan Cheronas 63; Cecil Roberts 163b; Lindsey Popper 107; Cheri Taylor 178; Matt Hinton 278t; Judy Mincey 468; Karen Rollins 45t.

RECESS

Lauren Bock brought the class back together leading 60. Leaders: Linda Thomas 123t; Kathy Williams 437; Erica Hinton 111b; Kendra Strickland and Dinah East 282; Malinda Snow 86; Daphene Causey 304.

Helen Brown, Michael Thompson, and Kathy Williams conducted the memorial lesson. Helen Brown reminded us all to remember those who could not be with us. Kathy Williams spoke about the importance of remembering sick and shut-in singers. She then led 472 and 340 for Violet Thomason, Cath Oss Tyler, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Jimmie Gilmore, John Grant, Maureen Gamlin, Lee Johnson, Corine Lacy, Charles Pietri, John Naegle, Lois Bowman, Charlie Poor, Lonnie Rogers, Teenie Moody, George Garner, Lucy Garner, Lula Bradford, Teresa Parker, Carlene Griffin, Nick Griffin, and William Thompson.

Michael Thompson led 275b for the deceased singers, including George Seiler, Frances Ceresa, Jerry Enright, Phyllis Bruce, Billy Williams, Joanne Bowman, Reba Norton, Mary Florence Smith, Bob Meek, Sammy Harlan, Jeannette McCready, and Myrtle Wootten. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 34t; Judy Caudle 518; Rodney Ivey 389; Tom Ivey 195; Mary Elizabeth O'Neal 142.

LUNCH

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, Andy Ditzler, and David Brodeur brought the afternoon session to order by leading 270. Leaders: Wade Kotter 235; Steve Kick 373; Philip Denney and family 159; Richard DeLong, Doug Wick, and Lucy Fisher 39t; Ian Quinn 528; Morgan Bunch 324; Blake Sisemore 507; Ted Mercer 215; David Ivey, Karen Ivey, and Syd Caldwell 481; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 422; Michael Walker 302; Reba Windom 216; Helen Brown 192; Richard Ivey 272; Ted Brown 496; Deidra Montgomery 187; Kelsey Sunderland 349; Jeff Sheppard 186; Cheyenne Ivey and Rachel Rudi 182; Sharon DuPriest 269; Aldo Ceresa 456; Lisa Webb 454; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 506; Riley Lee 551; Richard DeLong 74t.

RECESS

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg called the class back to order leading 274t. Leaders: Nate Green and Norma Green 354t; Rachel Rudi 201; Henry Johnson 102; Rene Greene 137; Sue Bunch 497; Elene Stovall, Angela Myers, and Deidra Montgomery 558; Faye Hollis 318; Lela Crowder 67.

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 submitted their report that thanked everyone involved in making this a successful convention. The Locating Committee reported that next year's Georgia State Convention will be held at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church in Carrollton, Georgia. All reports were approved and the business session was closed.

Announcements were made. Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, John Kelso, and Charlene Wallace led 62 as the parting song. Blake Sisemore offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg; Vice Chairman—John Kelso; Secretary/Treasurer—Charlene Wallace; Assistant Secretary—Lela Crowder

JONES MEMORIAL SINGING (COOPER BOOK) Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Opp, Alabama Saturday, April 2, 2011

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 70t. Wayne Jones offered the opening prayer, followed by Mike Jones leading 377t. The introductory lesson was led by Ernest Cockcroft leading 31b, 32t, and 101t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Mike Jones; Vice Chairman—Wayne Jones; Secretary—Barbara Jones.

Leaders: Barbara Jones 276, 558; Ken Kelley 112, 383; Billy Kelley 100; Janet King 148, 82; Larry Shaw 478, 486; Frank Strickland 508; Janice Gardner 380t, 447t;

Wayne Jones 73t; Rhonda Harrison and Donna Bowden 515, 440t; Waylon Cravey 293b, 505.

RECESS

Mike Jones called the class back to order leading 330t. Leaders: Bill Farris 559; Learvene Bass 108t; Bill Hogan 210; Alice Sundberg 336t; Tommie Spurlock 183; Tammy Blue and Courtney Blue 571; Bill Aplin 466; Loretta Jones 138t; Nancy Hogan 84; Chip Westbrook 500; James Gardner 162; Cynthia Sasser 122; Edd Bass 507b; Myrtle Richburg 300.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Wayne Jones leading 464. Leaders: Kennon Smith 189; Russ Scholz 28b; Linda Westbrook 229; LaShon Tillman and Avery 573; Adrian Nall 235; Vickie Aplin 377b. The class sang 369. Prayer was offered by Elder James Donaldson to bless the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Mike Jones leading 96. Leaders: Brian Jones and Brayden 59; Voncile Nall 146; Ken Sundberg 109t; Shannon Quinn 220; Aubrey Barfield 230; Agnes Farris 465; Mary Whitehurst 76b; Stanley Smith 104; Lloyd Jones 463; Cathy Parker 29b; Joe Nall 142; Michael Jones 270; Debbie Daughtry 72; Eva Padgett 98; Tim Jones 514; Jill Jones 543; Leland Phillips 30t; Lera Ellison 395b.

RECESS

Tim Jones called the class to order leading 63 and 341. Leaders: Bill Hogan 408; Stanley Smith 331t; Wayne Jones 513t; Joe Nall 553; Adrian Nall 393t. Announcements were made. Mike Jones led 343 as the closing song. James Gardner dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Mike Jones; Vice Chairman—Wayne Jones; Secretary—Barbara Jones

HARPETH VALLEY-PRIESTLEY MILLER MEMORIAL SINGING Radnor Primitive Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee Saturday, April 2, 2011

The 50th annual Harpeth Valley Priestley Miller Memorial Sacred Harp singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Sandie Scott leading 282. The opening prayer was offered by Laurens Blankers.

Leaders: Sandie Scott 176t; Randy Box 405,106; Marilyn Burchett 176b,128; Laurens Blankers 127,155; Ron Harper 472, 191; Michelle Cull 76b, 36b; Darrell Swarens 341 (in memory of Bob Meek),198; Bob Simmons 101t, 95; Angela Myers 30t, 39t; Randy Webber 126, 473; Zola Pickett 384, 350.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class back together leading 229 (for Bob Meek), 573, and 572.

A business session was held with the following officers retained to serve: Chairman—Sandie Scott; Vice Chairman—Randy Box; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett; Chaplain—Laurens Blankers.

Leaders: Henry Schuman 145t, 318; Judy Caudle and Paul Lillard 108t, 540; Ricky Harcrow and Paul Lillard 448b, 32t; Rebecca Eldridge 410t, 110; Eddie Mash 111b, 500; Clayton Ezell 66, 119; Gail Doss 120, 344; Tim Morton 365, 112; Rick Fretterer 107, 159; Michaela Box 84, 455; James Eldridge 64, 411; Nathan Rees 285b, 65. Randy Box offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds brought the class back together for the afternoon session by leading 148. Leaders: Adrian Eldridge 406, 507; Katherine Eldridge

512, 274b; Lauren Stewart 117, 300; Annaliza Jane Cull 448t, 388; Virginia Eldridge 113, 440; Bob Cull 547, 277; Henry Schuman 549; Darrell Swarens and Michelle Cull 236; Tim Morton 98; Rebecca Eldridge 522; James Eldridge 168; Lauren Stewart 171, 192; Clayton Ezell 358; Annaliza Cull 268; Katherine Eldridge 400; Judy Caudle 439; Eddie Mash 428; Angela Myers 430; Nathan Rees 435; Michaela Box 457; Marilyn Burchett 225t (in honor of William Reynolds's birthday). After announcements, Sandie Scott led 347 as the closing song. Laurens Blankers offered prayer, and the class was dismissed. Everyone was invited back next year for another singing school and annual singing. This year's Friday night singing school was well attended, and our thanks go to Eddie Mash for his hard work. Chairman—Sandie Scott; Vice Chairman—Randy Box; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett

BRAZOS RIVER SINGING (COOPER BOOK)
Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Carmine, Texas
Saturday, April 2, 2011

The 20th 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 558. Jeff Adcock offered the 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 172; Crystal Meadows 171, 99; Tammy Powell 217, 189; Bruce Coates 442t, 511t; Gary Rogan 168, 138t; Tollie Lee 408, 515; Cheryl Foreman 66, 53; Evelyn Lamb 67, 140; Vivian Rogan 463, 392; Jeff Adcock 397, 449; Kristie Powell 411, 268b.

RECESS

Crystal Meadows called the class back to order leading 36b. Leaders: Beverly Coates 68b, 559; Rick Foreman 485, 543b; Janie Short 569, 464; Sonny Erwin 488t, 198; Vickie Cook 282, 571; Ron Ryan 377t, 517; Leon Ballinger 507b, 137; Robert Vaughn 335, 533; Lindsey Wiggins 450, 142; Mike Hinton 78, 544; Charity Vaughn 54t, 76b. Gary Rogan offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Gaylon Powell called the class back to order by leading 100. Leaders: Tammy Powell 38t; Tamara Harris 378b, 378t; Bruce Coates 32t, 120; Crystal Meadows 389t, 384; Gary Rogan 336b, 122; Tollie Lee 225t, 500; Cheryl Foreman 380b, 210; Evelyn Lamb 381t, 95t; Vivian Rogan 395b, 508; Jeff Adcock 108t, 207b; Kristie Powell 273, 203.

RECESS

Gaylon Powell led 310 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Beverly Coates 224, 106; Rick Foreman 126, 75; Carter Cook 505, 45t; Jane Goforth and Janie Short 268, 511b; Sonny Erwin 336t, 113; Vickie Cook 63, 159; Ron Ryan 199, 501; Leon Ballinger 264b, 195; Robert Vaughn 171, 379.

Announcements were made. Gaylon Powell, Crystal Meadows, and Tammy Powell led 518 as the closing song. Bruce Coates offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Gaylon Powell; Vice Chairman—Crystal Meadows; Secretary—Tammy Powell

POTOMAC RIVER SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
The Grange, Great Falls, Virginia
April 2-3, 2011
Saturday, April 2

The 22nd session of the Potomac River Convention was held at The Grange, Great Falls, Virginia, on the first Sunday in April and Saturday before. Jim Strube opened the convention at 10:00 a.m. by leading 354t. Miriam Kilmer offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Carly Goss; Vice Chairpersons—Maura Burns and Amber Smith; Treasurer—Mimi Stevens; Secretary—Mary Ann Daly; Arranging Committee—Gillie Campbell, Kelly Macklin, and Cat Tucker. Carly Goss welcomed the class and made announcements. Gillie Campbell gave instructions for the convention's "zero waste" disposal program.

Leaders: Carly Goss 59; Amber Smith 31t; Maura Burns 142; Mary Ann Daly 401; Mimi Stevens 84; Gillie Campbell 99; Kelly Macklin 272; Tim Slattery 81t; Myles Dakan 76b; Cat Tucker 144; Pat Temple 39t; Leyland delRe 96; Erin Kelly 313t; Susan Green 182; Matt Ference 268; Rebecca Green 49b; Jim Glaser 297; Mary DeNys 163t; Kevin Griffin Moreno 411; Mairi Quodomine 339; Jodi Seidenstein 528; John Alexander 317; Sonia Chin 536; John delRe 80t; Lee Schumacher 117; Clare Chapin 515; Adrian Mariano 500.

RECESS

John delRe brought the class back together leading 114. Leaders: Doron Henkin 376; Elizabeth Stoddard 171; Michael Walker 227; Thom Fahrbach 402; Daniel Hunter 138b; Rachel Speer 421; Mel Novner 189; Kelsey Sunderland 422; Peter Golden 324; Deidra Montgomery 440; Richard Ivey 556; Becky Wright 367; Robert Stoddard 250; Aldo Ceresa 419; Erik Mason 480; Anne Krikorian 481; Al McCready 67; Ina Shea 60; Lamar Matthew 40; Richard Green 198. Mimi Stevens offered a blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Peter Pate called the class together leading 37b. Leaders: Kelly Macklin 404; Ray Milesky 87; Brady family 294; Joshua Barnett 178; Greg Carroll 276; Elissa Kreig 503; Hal Kunkel 304; Barbara Barry 168; Myles Dakan 195; Michael Walker 436; Thom Fahrbach 472; John delRe 466; Aldo Ceresa 218; Elizabeth Stoddard 534; Matt Ference 186; Kevin Griffin Moreno 326; Becky Wright 397; Robert Stoddard 70b; Bev Yaeger 180; Peter Pate 365; Kathy Manning 456; Richard Ivey 215; Leyland delRe 208; Peter Golden 129; Kelsey Sunderland 373; Doron Henkin 333; Deidra Montgomery 160b; Mel Novner 475.

RECESS

Cat Tucker called the class back to order leading 34b. Leaders: Mimi Stevens 128; Bev Yaeger 146; Michael Walker 110; Elizabeth Stoddard 47b; Daniel Hunter 116; Rachel Speer 123b; John Alexander 29b; Maura Burns 271t; Jim Glaser 348b; Al McCready 452; Hal Kunkel 228; Erik Mason 32t; Lamar Matthew 35; Pat Temple 33t; Ina Shea 121.

After announcements, Carly Goss led 406 as the closing song. Miriam Kilmer offered the prayer of dismissal.

Sunday, April 3

The Sunday session of the Potomac River Convention was called to order by Carly Goss leading 33b. Miriam Kilmer offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Gillie Campbell 480; Maura Burns 260; Mimi Stevens 546; Mary Ann Daly 77t; Amber Smith 504; Kelly Macklin 505; John Hewes 110; Cat Tucker 350; Mary

DeNys 229; Peter Pate 354b; Bev Yaeger 192; Joshua Barnett 77b; J.R. Hardman 222; Jim Glaser 66; Clare Chapin 45t; Rebecca Green 89; Tim Slattery 344; Joni Seidenstein 506; Marty DeNys 228; Sonia Chin 319; Joel Miller 472; Kathy Manning 564; Adrian Mariano 203; Lois Badey 335; Erik Mason 148; Nora Dunn 379; Peter Golden 274t.

RECESS

Kathy Manning brought the class together leading 114. Leaders: Phyllis Gonigam 556; Myles Dakan 198; Ina Shea 109; Steven Sabol 53; Kevin Griffin Moreno 234; Daniel Hunter 263; Ted Stokes 302; Robert Stoddard 492; Rachel Hall 383; Thom Fahrbach 573; Rachel Speer 172; Al McCready 34b; Michael Walker 447; Aldo Ceresa 68t; Kelsey Sunderland 214; Mel Novner 430; Richard Ivey 73t; Deidra Montgomery 511.

Elizabeth Stoddard and Robert Stoddard conducted the memorial lesson. Elizabeth spoke on the value of singing for the sick and led 52t in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Betsy Smith, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Lonnie Rogers, Skip Trout, John Merritt, Marie Curtis, John Hillis, Tom Mahr, Sherry Bankston, Lucy Kramp, Pete Soloway, and George Tutwiler.

Comparing the hollow square to a river, which remains present while flowing on, Robert Stoddard spoke, and led 499 in memory of the following deceased: Barbara Swain—Maryland; George Seiler, David Bornick—New York; Cecilia Valdin, Frances Ceresa—Michigan; Goldie Gonigam McKelvey, Jerry Enright—Illinois; Phyllis Bruce, Jeanette McCready—Connecticut; Joanne Bowman—Massachusetts; Billy Williams—Alabama; James DeMarce, James Graham, Leila Goodman, David Willingham—Virginia; Laverne Schweitzer, William Krieg—Florida; Ian Krieg—Washington; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Henry Bizzell—North Carolina; Joan Alderfer—Ohio. Mimi Stevens closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Pat Temple 232; Hal Kunkel 289; Leyland delRe 71; Elizabeth Stoddard 58; John delRe 59; Bev Yaeger 351; Carly Goss 460. Mimi Stevens offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Carly Goss called the class back to order leading 400. Leaders: Steven Sabol 133; Ina Shea 489; Kent Beck 361; Carol Werba 163b; Kevin Griffin Moreno 283; Hal Kunkel 540; Mary Langley 328; Michael Walker 145t; Daniel Hunter 82b; Kelsey Sunderland 377; Ted Stokes 298; Robert Stoddard 296; Rachel Hall 275b; Mel Novner 372; Jim Brady and Grace Brady 319; Deidra Montgomery 196; Thom Fahrbach 399t; Myles Dakan 378b; Elizabeth Stoddard 101b; Richard Ivey 426b; Leyland delRe 101t; Aldo Ceresa 280; Al McCready 179; Rachel Speer 134; John delRe 83t.

RECESS

Nora Dunn and Joshua Barnett reconvened the class leading 72b. Leaders: Nicholas Schliapin 490; Erik Mason 569b; Nora Dunn 521; Peter Golden 425; Lois Badey 122; Joel Miller 290; Mimi Stevens 47t; Marty DeNys 327; Joshua Barnett 49t; Mary Langley 269; Pat Temple 566; Jodi Seidenstein and Adrian Mariano 300; Jim Glaser and Tim Slattery 322; Sonia Chin 100; Maura Burns and Mary Ann Daly 288; Gillie Campbell, Kelly Macklin, and Cat Tucker 323t.

After reports, announcements, and resolutions, the officers led 62 as the closing song. Miriam Kilmer dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Carly Goss; Vice Chairpersons—Maura Burns and Amber Smith; Secretary—Mary Ann Daly

EDWARDSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama
Sunday, April 3, 2011

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Edwardsville Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in April. Stanley Edwards welcomed everyone and called the class to order by leading 317 and 129. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Ed Thacker 48t, 213t; Pearl Guier 32t, 59.

The class was organized and retained the same officers: Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Ed Thacker; Secretary—Pearl Guier; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Jan House 68b, 361; Robert Chambless 72b, 143; Henry Johnson 111t, 111b; Myron House 109, 113; Cecil Roberts 86, 229; Marilyn Bradley and Stanley Edwards 58, 34t; Karen Rollins 225t (for Lonnie Rogers), 227.

RECESS

Stanley Edwards led 56t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: B.M. Smith 136, 101t; Charlene Wallace 79, 155 (for Carlene Griffin); Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 354b, 45t (for Glenda's mother and aunts); Evelyn Harris 47t, 87; John Plunkett 175, 181; Jackson Harcrow 31t, 159; Virginia Futral 569b, 145b; Blake Sisemore 30b, 434; Wendy Futral 35, 100; Lou Cotney 358, 300; William Futral and Wendy Futral 61, 490; Ruth Daniel 378t, 335; Judy Chambless 494, 501. Rev. Bobby Garner, pastor of the church, gave a brief message of welcome, and offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Stanley Edwards leading 283. A memorial lesson was conducted by Jan House. Myron House led 206 for the following sick and shut-ins: Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Nickie Smallwood, George Garner, Lucy Garner, Lonnie Rogers, Buddy Ballinger, Ted Yoder, John Naegle, Carlene Griffin, Nick Griffin, Teenie Moody, and Mary Martha Fox.

John Plunkett led 330b for the following deceased: Earl Turner, Bert Ciles, Jean Parker, Tia Cruise, Mary Florence Smith, Joanne Bowman, and Myrtle Wootten.

The memorial service was closed with prayer offered by Cecil Roberts.

Leaders: Karen Rollins 350; Cecil Roberts 37b; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 340; Lou Cotney 222; Jackson Harcrow 385t; Evelyn Harris, Ruth Daniel, and Nellie Mae White 303 (for Jeff Sheppard); Blake Sisemore 168; Wendy Futral and William Futral 341, 339; B.M. Smith 318; Charlene Wallace 276 (for Oscar McGuire); Henry Johnson 535; Robert Chambless 34b; Jan House and Myron House 284; Marilyn Bradley and Stanley Edwards 47b; Ed Thacker 472; John Plunkett 45b. Announcements were made. Stanley Edwards led 435 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Ed Thacker; Secretary—Pearl Guier

BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Bruce, Mississippi
Sunday, April 3, 2011

The 62nd annual Sacred Harp singing at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Hugh Bill McGuire leading 36b. T.J. Funderburk offered the morning prayer. Hugh Bill McGuire then led 67.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Hugh Bill McGuire; Secretary—Warren Steel.

Leaders: John Van Horn 196, 268, 269; Mark Tew 335, 108t, 139; Anne Steel 224, 348b, 31b; Arlon Gardner 163t, 201, 455; Mark Davis 361, 362, 220; Warren Steel 36t, 204, 327; Henry McGuire 320, 447, 28b.

RECESS

John Van Horn called the class together leading 40. Leaders: George Easley 34b, 313t, 299; Chuck Howell 354b, 452, 147t; Natalie Davis 79, 345t, 344; Virginia Carter 46, 49b, 147b.

LUNCH

Hugh Bill McGuire called the afternoon session together leading 540 and 472.

Leaders: Natalie Davis 288, 441, 542; Brenda Chafin 203; Linda Funderburk 103, 318, 358; T.J. Funderburk 47b, 282, 569b; Grover Edington 45t; Robert Earl Alexander 124, 63; Brenda Chafin 274t, 187; Arlon Gardner 448b, 376, 313b; John Van Horn 236, 168; Anne Steel 209, 31t.

RECESS

Hugh Bill McGuire brought the class together leading 546. Leaders: Mark Davis 530, 352, 228; Warren Steel 400, 61, 379; Henry McGuire 504, 536, 492 (WB); Linda Funderburk 146, 143; George Easley 538; Natalie Davis 155, 137, 142.

Although there was no formal memorial lesson at this singing, many leaders sang in memory of Bernice Embry, longtime secretary of the Calhoun County Musical Association, and for sick and shut-ins including Elder Charles Porter, W.M. Allen, and John Merritt.

Following announcements, Hugh Bill McGuire led 349 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Robert Earl Alexander.

Chairman—Hugh Bill McGuire; Secretary—Warren Steel

ANTIOCH-SHILOH MEMORIAL SINGING

South of Tallapoosa, Georgia

Friday night, April 8, 2011

The 19th annual session of the Antioch-Shiloh Memorial Singing was held at Antioch Baptist Church on Old Highway 100, south of Tallapoosa, Georgia, on Friday night before the second Sunday in April. Cecil Roberts called the class to order by leading 28b. Rev. Tommy McGuire offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 56t (in memory of Elder Homer Benefield); B.M. Smith 111b, 155; Margie Smith 101t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Johnny Wright; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee—Margie Smith.

Leaders: Johnny Wright 335, 300; Martha Beverly 163b, 318; Stanley Edwards 442, 500; Laura Densmore 313t, 370; Bill Beverly 31t, 297; Claudine Townson, Virginia Glass, and Larry Wootten 39t, 68b; Joyce Lambert 312b; Peter Golden 34b, 73t.

Cecil Roberts offered the blessing before the evening meal.

RECESS

Johnny Wright called the class together by leading 358 (in memory of Vivian Smith) and 294. Leaders: Richard DeLong 301, 375; Cindy Gray 64, 76b; Gillian Inksetter 228, 311; Chris Holley and Kathe Pilibosian 30b, 102; Curtis Hamrick 329, 77t; Annaliza Cull 448t; Marilyn Bradley and Stanley Edwards 77b, 47b; Pat Callahan 53, 24b.

Johnny Wright led 146 as the closing song. Diane Clayton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Johnny Wright; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Charlene Wallace

STATE LINE CHURCH
Near Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama
Saturday, April 9, 2011

The annual Sacred Harp singing at State Line Church, off Hwy. 78 at the Alabama/Georgia 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 108t and 155. The morning prayer was offered by Clarke Lee. 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: B.M. Smith 448b; Judy Caudle 276; Judy Chambless 142; Henry Johnson 278b; Karen Rollins 136; Gillian Inksetter 217; Cassie Allen 292; Clarke Lee 149; Claudine Townson, Virginia Glass, and Larry Wootten 36b, 452; Peter Golden 82t; Jim Aaron 503; Rene Greene 528; John Plunkett 446; Mark Godfrey and Leigh Cooper 472; Sandra Wilkinson 120; Ed Thacker 441; Daniel Bass 318; Laura Densmore 302; Shelbie Sheppard 269.

RECESS

B.M. Smith led 112 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Cecil Roberts 448t; Pam Nunn, Chad Nunn, and Ruby Cates Nunn 200; Helen Bryson 313b; Virginia Dyer 340; Matt Hinton 327; Chris Holley 229; Martha Beverly 415; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 325; Daphene Causey 222; Scott Ivey 39b; Bea Carnathan 80b; Angela Myers 274b; Reba Windom 192 (for Marvin McElroy, Mildred McElroy, and Louis Hughes); Gary Smith 99; Pat Callahan 498; Jonathon Smith 326; Susan Chernes 74b; Bill Beverly 440; Elene Stovall 411 (for Willodean Barton); Lauren Bock 475; Molly Ellis 328.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Helen Bryson. She spoke regarding Psalms 100; 1 and 2. David Ivey led 329 in memory of the following deceased: Emily Calhoun, Mary Florence Smith, and Janet Sammons—Georgia; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Joanne Bowman—Massachusetts; George Jones—Texas; George Seiler—New York; Jerry Enright—Illinois; Billy Williams and Myrtle Wootten—Alabama. Helen Bryson led 176f for the following sick and shut-ins: Lonnie Rogers, Skip Trout, John Merritt, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Virginia Cowart, Teresa Parker, Bubby Ballinger, Louis Hughes, and Willodean Barton. The memorial service was closed with prayer offered by Clarke Lee.

Leaders: Nathan Rees and Lauren Bock 387; Judy Hauff 377; Phillip Denney 84; Shane O'Neal 319; Mary Elizabeth O'Neal 344. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Matt Hinton.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Rodney Ivey leading 73t (for Bud Oliver). Leaders: Cheyenne Ivey 101t; Andy Morse 176b; Melanie Hauff 216; Robert Chambless 317; Henry Schuman 349; Jeff Sheppard 540; Curtis Hamrick 100; Riley Lee 347; Laura Clawson 186; David Ivey 156; Michele Cull 39t; Ann Simpson 445; Annaliza Cull 448t; Erica Hinton 391; Evelyn Harris 47t; Anna Hinton 300; Shane O'Neal, Mary Elizabeth O'Neal, Clarke Lee, and Julie Lee 178; David Ivey, Cheyenne Ivey, Rodney Ivey, and Scott Ivey 182; Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Pam Nunn, and Rene Greene 542, 556; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, Lauren Bock, Mark Godfrey, Molly Ellis, Daniel Bass, and Leigh Cooper 208; Chris Holley, Kathe Pilibosian, Peter Golden, and Pat Callahan 480.

Rodney Ivey and B.M. Smith led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by John Plunkett, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Judy Caudle

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING
Mennonite Meetinghouse, Rochester, New York
Saturday, April 9, 2011

The class was called to order at the Mennonite Meetinghouse, Rochester, New York, by Thom Metzger leading 34b. Eileen Metzger offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Tom Metzger 70b; Sue Hengelsberg 198, 38t; Anne Weaver 155, 159; Stephen Rogers 312b, 50b; Ron Bornick 178, 454; Barbara Swetman 210, 300; Nicoletta Rogers 49t, 171; Dennis Leipold 40, 189; Margaret Bornick 68b, 486; Scott Luscombe 77t, 196; Melody Johnson 315, 496.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairmen—Eileen Metzger and Thom Metzger; Arranging Committee—Eileen Metzger and Barbara Swetman; Registrar—Wayne Westcott; Secretary—Sue Hengelsberg.

RECESS

Thom Metzger called the class back to order leading 101t. Leaders: Lucy Roberts 89, 278b; Eileen Metzger 68t, 65; Thom Metzger 475, 236; Sue Hengelsberg 127, 354b; Anne Weaver 49b, 59; Stephen Rogers 229, 328; Ron Bornick 87, 334; Nicoletta Rogers 415, 66; Dennis Leipold 47t, 47b; Barbara Swetman 481, 168; Margaret Bornick 497, 566; Scott Luscombe 180, 181. Anne Weaver offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Thom Metzger led 39t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Melody Johnson 335, 384; Lucy Roberts 448b, 250; Eileen Metzger 102, 282; Sue Hengelsberg 306, 504; Thom Metzger 118, 217; Stephen Rogers 479, 70t; Ron Bornick 63, 148; Nicoletta Rogers 547, 540; Dennis Leipold 183, 480; Barbara Swetman 313b, 146; Margaret Bornick 147t, 117.

RECESS

Sue Hengelsberg called the class back to order by leading 46. Leaders: Scott Luscombe 353, 506; Melody Johnson 192, 396; Lucy Roberts 64, 299; Thom Metzger 106. Announcements were made.

Leaders: Eileen Metzger 472; Stephen Rogers 344; Ron Bornick 350; Nicoletta Rogers 510; Margaret Bornick 352; Scott Luscombe 452; Barbara Swetman 107; Dennis Leipold 270; Melody Johnson 48t; Lucy Roberts 82t; Sue Hengelsberg 294. The class sang 347, and farewells were expressed. Eileen Metzger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Eileen Metzger and Thom Metzger; Secretary—Sue Hengelsberg

IOWA ALL-DAY SINGING
Berwick Congregational Church, Berwick, Iowa
Saturday, April 9, 2011

The Iowa Sacred Harp Singing was held at Berwick Congregational Church, Berwick, Iowa, on Saturday before the second Sunday in April. Callie Garnett called the morning session to order leading 30b. Stephen Conte offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Callie Garnett; Secretary—Annie Grieshop.

Leaders: Bonnie Davis 34b; Michael Moore 40; Martha Pinder 48t; Eric Saylor 112; Sharla Hulsey 35; Alex Nothern 163b; Tom Hurlbut 547; Stephen Conte 458; Annie Grieshop 146.

RECESS

Callie Garnett called the class back to order by leading 63. Leaders: Carolyn Byrd 107; James Page “County K”; Rochelle Lodder 171; Penny Kujawinski 142; Jeff Bell 154; Virginia Landgraf 214; Lou Kujawinski 272.

RECESS

Bonnie Davis called the class together by leading 130t. Michael Moore conducted the memorial lesson, and Eric Saylor led 34t in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Bryan Davis, GeorgeAnn Evans, Carolyn Brown, Tom Sletto, Dorothy, Ryan Wheeler, Ray Hulsey, Debra, Charlie Derleth, Ed Hinderberger, R.J. Landgraf, Ann White, Alex, Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, and Joyce Anderson.

He led 267 in memory of the following deceased: Rev. Glenn Muncy—Florida; Paul Streeter, Harvey Walden, Lillian Walden—Illinois; Leroy E. Moore, Peter Bass, Elizabeth Bass, Thomas J. Graham, Irene Bass, John Coleman, Electa Coleman—Iowa; Bob Meek—Kentucky; George Seiler—New York; Dennis Murphy—Vermont; Vernon Stepp—Wisconsin. Michael Moore closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Eric Ferring 159; Beth Ann Edwards 84; A.J. Herman 117; Charlotte Baldwin and Scott Kalberer 155; Marianne Ritchey 86; Zack Row-Heyveld 47b. Stephen Conte offered a blessing before dinner.

LUNCH

Jim Engle and Sarah Engle called the afternoon session to order by leading 68b (for Charlie Derleth). Leaders: Hannah Peterson 277; Seth Wenger 331; Lindsey Row-Heyveld 178; Bruce Voyles 236; Jenna Woodard 274t; Ronda Lanser 59; Brad Sparks 535; Katrina Cummings 145b.

RECESS

Alex Nothern called the class back together by leading 276. Leaders: Jeff Nayadley 270; Sheila Brassel 282; J.J. Alberhasky 58; Clare Cullen 192; Patrick Carroll 209; Annie Grieshop 168; Eric Ferring 532; Penny Kujawinski 440; Eric Saylor 551; Callie Garnett 65.

RECESS

Jenna Woodard led 183 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Michael Moore 487; Caroline Byrd 441; Virginia Landgraf 447; James Page 193; Sharla Hulsey 198; Stephen Conte 410t; Martha Pinder 61.

Following announcements, Bonnie Davis led 430. Annie Grieshop led 496 (for Nancy Miller). Callie Garnett led 347 as the closing song. Stephen Conte dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Callie Garnett; Secretary—Annie Grieshop

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH **Ider, DeKalb County, Alabama** **Sunday, April 10, 2011**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama, was held on the second Sunday in April. The class was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Shane Wootten and Aaron Wootten leading 82t. The opening prayer was offered by Jeffrey Wootten.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairmen—Shane Wootten and Aaron Wootten; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Shane Wootten and Aaron Wootten 36b, 171; David Ivey 29b; Rodney Ivey 157; Jackson Harcrow 224; Riley Lee 165; Blake Sisemore 456; Brenda Carroll 384; Eddie Mash 174; Jeffrey Wootten and Dewayne Wootten 460, 274t; Johnny Lee 503; Marty Wootten 546; Terry Hullett 122; Clarke Lee 56b; Laura Densmore 101b; Linda Thomas and Reba Windom 472 (for Louis Hughes); S.T. Reed 146; Cheyenne Ivey 76b; Jewell Wootten 48t; Susan Cheronos 74b; Billy Thompson 49b;

David Killingsworth and Seth Killingsworth 448t; Michele Cull 33b; Bill Beverly 436 (in honor of Martha's birthday); Aaron Little 354t.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Shane Wootten and Aaron Wootten leading 101t. Leaders: Mark Carroll 47b; Claudine Townson and family 540 (CB), 505 (CB); Judy Mincey 538; Saylor's family 196, 142; Charles Meitinger 163t; Carolyn Bullock, Marlon Wootten, and Brenda Carroll 376; Kennedy Wootten and Sarah Vaughn 29t, 388; Phillip Wootten and family 106, 203; Levon Wootten 46; Britt Mann, Jenny Mann, Karolina Mann, and Kaylee Mann 45t, 559 (CB).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Shane Wootten. He spoke and led 163b in memory of the following deceased: Bob Meek—Kentucky; Jerry Enright—Illinois; George Jones—Texas; George Seiler—New York; Mary Florence Smith—Georgia; Billy Williams and Myrtle Wootten—Alabama.

Aaron Wootten led 426t in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: John Merritt, Teresa Parker, Corine Lacy, Louis Hughes, Virginia Cowart, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Bill Greeson, and Linda Little. Phillip Wootten offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: David Hufstetler 378t; Laura Clawson 28b; Steve Killingsworth 59; Judy Chambless 549; Peter Golden 58. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Johnny Lee.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Shane Wootten and Aaron Wootten leading 129. Leaders: Jared Wootten 441; Annaliza Cull 268; Jamey Wootten 182; Gene Wootten, Larry Wootten, Virginia Glass, Beulah Ann York, and Jerry Creason 465 (CB); Johnny Lee and Clarke Lee 96 (CB); Judy Caudle 500; Julietta Haynes 192; Larry Ballinger, Linton Ballinger, and Lisa Geist 269 (for Leon Ballinger); Terry Wootten 209; Robin Smith, Syble Adams, and Olivia Allen 572 (CB); Kathe Pilibosian 365; Pat Callahan 266; Henry Johnson 231; Shane O'Neal, Mary Elizabeth O'Neal, and Julie Lee 511t (CB); Gillian Inksetter 34t; Martha Beverly 383; Melanie Hauff and Judy Hauff 271t; Mel Kersey 175; Phil Summerlin 348b; Robert Chambless 225t; Angela Myers 448b; Judy Hauff 83t; Jerry Creason 276; Chris Holley and Kathe Pilibosian 201; Reba Windom 542; Loyd Ivey, Hobert Ivey, Eloise Wootten, Lorrie Wootten, and Marion Biddle 454; Holly Watson and Blake Sisemore 69t; Darlene Dalton 277; Joel Jenkins and Shane Wootten 496 (for Louis Hughes); Jenny Mann "Sweet Beulah Land"; Terry Wootten, Levon Wootten, and Dewayne Wootten "Pass Me Not".

Announcements were made. Shane Wootten and Aaron Wootten led 97 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Phil Summerlin, and the class was dismissed.

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

COUNTY LINE CHURCH

Corner, Alabama

Sunday, April 10, 2011

The annual Sacred Harp Singing held at County Line Church on the second Sunday in April was called to order by Harrison Creel leading 111b. Danny Creel offered the morning prayer.

Permanent officers: Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairperson—Cassie Allen; Arranging Committee—Jackie Tanner and Cindy Tanner; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn.

Leaders: Cassie Allen 56t; Lucy Heidorn 40; Travis Keeton 203; Eugene Forbes 155; Fay Donaldson 129; Virginia Watson 274t; Scott Kennedy 551; Margaret Thacker

480; Lomax Ballinger 389; Hannah Tate 436; Bea Carnathan 438; Richard Mauldin 36b; Linda Sides 225t; Gary Smith 66; Elsie Moon 394.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Cassie Allen leading 100. Leaders: Warren Steel 211; Yancey Jett 440; Margie Smith 494; Ed Thacker 298; Bridgett Kennedy 31t; Gravis Ballinger 120; Emily Burleson 278t; Carolyn Thompson 53; Jackie Tanner 123t; Don Keeton 76b; Brenda Chafin 426b; B.M. Smith 318; Chris Ballinger 84; Elene Stovall 492; Henry Guthery 196.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 405. Leaders: Cindy Tanner 220; Kenneth Tate 280; Wanda Capps 546; Ann Jett 319; Kermit Adams 426t; Ainslie Allen, Emma Calvert, and Amelia Jett 146, 217; Charles Creel 216, 343.

Lucy Heidorn gave a brief history of the Creel and Reid ancestors. Charlie Creel and Annie Reid married and raised seven children. Charles and Harrison, the remaining children, and the other descendants gather in this place to sing in memory of those who are gone. Lucy led 33b as a memorial.

Leaders: Henry Schuman 456; John Merritt 358, 166b. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Richard Mauldin.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Harrison Creel leading 342. Leaders: Lena Keeton 475; Bailey Jett 31b; Joshua Keeton 408; Carolyn Thompson and Steve Adams 378t; Velton Chafin 419; Glenn Keeton 163b; Beth Branscome 47t; David Heidorn, Shelley Calvert, Emily Burleson, Cassie Allen, Michael Jett, and Kenneth Tate 73t, 145t; Susan Harcrow 500; Scott Kennedy and Bridgett Kennedy 276; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 303; B.M. Smith and Margie Smith 448b; Lomax Ballinger, Gravis Ballinger, and Chris Ballinger 270; Henry Guthery, Bea Carnathan, and Carolyn Thompson 472; Don Keeton and Travis Keeton 112; Richard Mauldin and John Merritt 143; Warren Steel 400; Velton Chafin and Brenda Chafin 542; Henry Schuman 532; Linda Sides and Fay Donaldson 384; Danny Creel and Emily Burleson 383; Elene Stovall and Lucy Heidorn 192; Gary Smith 565; Wanda Capps, Shelley Calvert, and Emma Calvert 124; Glenn Keeton, Joshua Keeton, and Lena Keeton 497; Ann Jett and Bailey Jett 108b; Kenneth Tate and Hannah Tate 102; Susan Harcrow 540; Beth Branscome 200; Jackie Tanner, Cindy Tanner, and Cassie Allen 208; Charles Creel and Harrison Creel 378b; Cassie Allen 304 (by request). After announcements, Cassie Allen and Harrison Creel led 35 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Danny Creel.

Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairperson—Cassie Allen; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn

SHARON JORDAN LEACH MEMORIAL SINGING Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama Saturday, April 16, 2011

The annual Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Singing was held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. David Light called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 274t. The opening prayer was offered by J.C. Rutledge.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman—David Light; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: David Light 101t; Judy Caudle 30t, 32t; Delone Cobbs 33b, 44; Jim Aaron 68b, 503; J.C. Rutledge 63, 490; Tim Wheeler 148, 178; Robert Walker 99, 145b.

RECESS

David Light led 176b and 100 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Delone Cobbs 120, 290; Judy Caudle 28b (by request), 144; Jim Aaron 47b, 569b; J.C. Rutledge 565, 480; Tim Wheeler 107, 300. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Robert Walker.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by David Light leading 111b and 340 (in memory of Sharon Jordan Leach). Leaders: Robert Walker 34b, 84; Ramona Light 392; Tim Wheeler 39t, 313b; Delone Cobbs 312b, 312t; Jim Aaron 445, 45t; Robert Walker 143, 452; Ramona Light and David Light 176b, 354b; Tim Wheeler 30b, 209; Judy Caudle 323b (in memory of Sharon Jordan Leach), 347 (by request). Announcements were made. David Light led 46 as the closing song. Delone Cobbs offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman—David Light; Secretary—Judy Caudle

MIDDLE GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING **Vineville United Methodist Church, Macon, Georgia** **Saturday, April 16, 2011**

The 8th annual Middle Georgia Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in April at the Vineville United Methodist Church in Macon, Georgia. John Plunkett taught a singing school one hour prior to the singing. Harry Eskew called the class to order leading 146. John Plunkett offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Harry Eskew; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Helen Bryson; Chaplain—John Hollingsworth.

Leaders: John Plunkett 491; Helen Bryson 49b; Oscar McGuire 171; Faye Hollis 168; Mary Brownlee 78; Martha Almon 358; Billy Hollingsworth 33t; Rosemund Watson 503; David Grant 409; Frank DeBolt 569b; Martha Harrell 47b; Judith Parker 29t; John Hollingsworth 97; Charles Woods 283.

RECESS

Harry Eskew brought the class back to order leading 159. Leaders: John Plunkett 26 (GH), 54 (GH) (per request of Raymond Hamrick); Agnes Roberts 155; Charlene Wallace 276; Wesley Haley 34b; Jason Hollis and Maggie Hollis 344; Lela Crowder 475; Mike Spencer 278t; Helen Bryson 287; Oscar McGuire 163b; Faye Hollis 371.

LUNCH

Harry Eskew called the class to order leading 128. Leaders: Mary Brownlee 556; Billy Hollingsworth 236; Rosemund Watson 94; David Grant 176t; Frank DeBolt 323b; Martha Harrell 99; Judith Parker 178; Charles Woods 544; Agnes Roberts 143; Charlene Wallace 77t; Wesley Haley 45t; Jason Hollis and Maggie Hollis 318; Lela Crowder 31t; Mike Spencer 205; John Plunkett 156. The following deceased were remembered: Emily Calhoun, Mary Florence Smith, Henry Zittrouer, Marvin McElroy, and William Greenhaw—Georgia.

Announcements were made. Harry Eskew and John Plunkett led 62 as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Harry Eskew; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Helen Bryson

FUTRAL, NELSON, AND HENRY MEMORIAL SINGING
Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama
Saturday, April 16, 2011

The 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. The singing was renamed in memory of Thomas and Opal Futral, Hazel Nelson, and Nelda Henry. Henceforth, it will be called Futral, Nelson, and Henry Memorial Singing.

The class was called together by Jack Nelson leading 480. Elder J.D. Morris offered the opening prayer. The class voted to keep the same officers as follows: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral.

Leaders: Jack Nelson 45t; Brandon Acton 53, 40; Ed Thacker 475, 35; Jacob Acton 101b, 282; Robert Chambless 84, 145b; Eugene Forbes 186, 189; Edna Ruth Phillips 168, 490; William Futral 340, 341.

RECESS

Jack Nelson brought the class back together by leading 513. Leaders: Karen Clark 415, 49b; Judy Chambless 31t, 31b; Nell Estes 172, 120; Tom Ingram 323b, 127; Mona Nelson and Jack Nelson 159, 378t; Wendy Futral 59, 369.

At this time a memorial lesson was conducted. The following deceased were remembered: Vernell Amason, Maudie Frederick, and Jean Lindsey. The following sick and shut-ins were honored: Audress Gurley, Shelbie Sheppard, John Merritt, Dona Dean Phillips, Grace Harry, Mona Nelson, and Bobbie Jean Pocken. Jack Nelson led 467. Jennie Acton led 236. Jack Nelson offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jack Nelson brought the class back together by leading 358. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 313t, 280; Floy Wilder 187, 432; Denice Bursleson 269, 196; Myra Goss 170, 318; Roy Nelson 75, 39b; Ledora Morris 235, 89; Jack Nelson 203 (by request), 147t (by request); Jenny Acton 229 (CB) (by request).

Jack Nelson led 30b as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder J.D. Morris, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral

PINE GROVE SINGING
Lookout Mountain, near Collinsville, Alabama
Sunday, April 17, 2011

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Pine Grove Church, near Collinsville, Alabama, was held on the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Bud Oliver leading 32t. Wayne Reed offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—S.T. Reed; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Rodney Ivey and Cindy Tanner.

Leaders: S.T. Reed 36b; Rodney Ivey 432; Paula Oliver 142; Boyd Scott 58; Janice Paulk 446; Christopher Mann and Cindy Mann 128; Molly Ellis 236; Larry Ballinger 527; Eloise Wootten 222; Ed Thacker 441; Susan Cheronos 74b; Judy Mincey 475.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey led 101t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Terry Wootten 422; Joan Aldridge 486; Scott Ivey 332; Ainslie Allen and Emma Calvert 217; Richard Ivey 296; Michael Thompson 392 (in memory of Marvin McElroy and in honor of Mildred McElroy, Joyce Walton, and Marshall Smith); Sharon DuPriest 137;

Dewayne Wootten 143; Judy Caudle 540; Jeffrey Wootten 460; Scot Oliver, Alanna Blanks, Bryant Beard, and Eric Blanks 496, 405; Cassie Allen 419; John Kelso 447; Reba Windom 300 (in memory of Jerry Enright).

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Bud Oliver leading 421. Leaders: David Hufstetler 445; Elene Stovall 182; Jamey Wootten 472; Linda Thomas 391; David Ivey 156; Jim Brown 159; Rachel Carlisle 145t; Julietta Haynes 269; Danny Creel 383; Carolyn Thompson 481; Dennis George 263; Hayden Wootten 138t; Wanda Capps 440; Blake Sisemore 272. Wayne Reed offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Bud Oliver leading 42. Leaders: Delone Cobbs 161; Harrison Creel 342; Shane Wootten 543; Cheyenne Ivey 47t; Wayne Reed 108b; Henry Johnson 176b; Jackie Tanner 477; Levon Wootten 354b; Marty Wootten 369; Nate Green and Norma Green 415; Loyd Ivey 426t (for Bud Oliver); Christie Finley 63; S.T. Reed and sisters 388; John Kelso 344; Molly Ellis 376; Cassie Allen 326; Judy Mincey 492; Michael Thompson 341 (by request); Larry Ballinger 270; Cheyenne Ivey, Rodney Ivey, and Jeffrey Wootten 384 (for Coy Ivey); Paula Oliver 442; Julietta Haynes 309; Jim Brown and Doug Collett 268; Cindy Tanner 76b; Shane Wootten 59 (by request); Delone Cobbs and Christopher Mann 480; Coy Ivey 465 (CB).

Bud Oliver, S.T. Reed, and Wayne Reed led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Wayne Reed, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—S.T. Reed; Secretary—Judy Caudle

OLD HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Abernathy, Cleburne County, Alabama

Sunday, April 17, 2011

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, near Abernathy, Cleburne County, Alabama, was held on the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Stanley Edwards leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Neal Prichard, pastor of the church.

Leaders: Stanley Edwards 61; Cecil Roberts 378t (for Nick and Carlene Griffin), 97; Donna Bell 145b (for her daddy, George Garner), 35 (for Lonnie Rogers); Karen Rollins 34b (in memory of her aunt, Barbara Denney), 32t; Robert Chambless 77t, 303; Margie Smith 101t, 225t; Oscar McGuire 479, 475; Neal Prichard 566, 204; Lou Cotney 300, 172.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Stanley Edwards leading 340. A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 106 (for Carlene Griffin), 146; Ruth Daniel 335, 45t; B.M. Smith 64, 72b; Evelyn Harris 87, 47t; Nellie Mae White 127, 75; Ruth Daniel, Evelyn Harris, Nellie Mae White, and Aline Harris 100; Judy Chambless 82t, 565; Stanley Edwards 317, 500; Neal Prichard 139, 341; Robert Chambless 55, 523; Karen Rollins 294, 350; Margie Smith 464; Ann Simpson 354b, 445.

Stanley Edwards conducted the memorial lesson leading 330t in remembrance of the following deceased singers and friends: Howard McGuire, Grady Hayes, Jerry Enright, Barbara Denney, Marvin McElroy, and Mary Florence Smith. He led 340 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Lonnie Rogers, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Pam Nunn, Rene Greene, George Garner, Lucy Garner, Teenie Moody,

Nick Griffin, and Carlene Griffin. Elder Neal Prichard closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Calvin Warren offered the blessing for the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing began with Cecil Roberts leading 477, 30b, and 229. Leaders: Donna Bell 155 (in memory of Marvin McElroy), 284 (for Hester Edwards); Charlene Wallace and Tina Lett 159, 49t; Oscar McGuire 129, 54; B.M. Smith 503, 441; Ruth Daniel 46, 47b; Lou Cotney and Fay Cotney 358; Ann Simpson 388, 452; Judy Chambless 415, 142, and 143.

Following announcements, Stanley Edwards and Cecil Roberts led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Neal Prichard, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell

OAK GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Alpharetta, Georgia

Saturday, April 23, 2011

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church met on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. John Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 59. Bobby Cagle offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Bobby Cagle; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson. Leaders: John Hollingsworth 354t; Bobby Cagle 46, 49b; Helen Bryson 70, 175; Andy Morse 73b, 203; John Kelso 141, 30t; Mark Godfrey 31t, 163b; Billy Hollingsworth 331, 365; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 541, 275b; Mike Spencer 499, 278t; George Burnette 222, 101t; Molly Ellis 68t, 102.

RECESS

John Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 138t. Leaders: Shannon Primm 163t, 500; Leigh Cooper 107, 34t; Sandra Wilkinson 313t, 82t; Tony Hammock 494, 321; Judy Mincey 481, 320 (for all the deceased); John Plunkett 275t, 572; Faye Holbrook 67, 455; Susan Posey 566, 454.

LUNCH

Richard DeLong called the class to order leading 136, 74b (in memory of Lloyd Garrison), and 285t (in memory of Ray Richards). Bobby Cagle offered prayer. Leaders: Junie Wooten 323b, 503; Bobby Cagle 96; Helen Bryson 196; John Kelso 447; Mark Godfrey 448t; Billy Hollingsworth 236; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 43; Mike Spencer 451; George Burnette 76b; Tony Hammock 439; Molly Ellis 415; Shannon Primm 44; Leigh Cooper 318; Sandra Wilkinson 300; Andy Morse 428; Judy Mincey 475; John Plunkett 292; Faye Holbrook 380; Susan Posey 361; Richard DeLong 407 (in memory of Ray Richards); Junie Wooten 565.

Announcements were made. John Hollingsworth led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Charles Cagle.

Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Bobby Cagle; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson

GOLDEN GATE SINGING

Finnish Brotherhood Hall, Berkeley, California

Saturday, April 23, 2011

The 7th annual Golden Gate Singing was held at the Finnish Brotherhood Hall, Berkeley, California, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. The class was

called to order by Rebecca Edwards leading 99. Dan Harper offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Carl Bear 63; Linda Selph 456; Terry Moore 172; Natalia Cecire 370. A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Hal Eisen; Vice Chairman—Julian Damashek; Secretary—Betty Marvin. The following appointments were made: Arranging Committee—Mark Miller; Chaplain—Dan Harper; Treasurer—Terry Barber; Resolutions Committee—Lucas Gonze and Jennie Brown.

Leaders: Hal Eisen 171; Julian Damashek 39b; Betty Marvin 174; David Fetcho 138t; Gretchen Muller 77b; Bob Brylawski 122; Jerry Schreiber 536; Jennie Brown 36b; Phillip Garrison 210; Midge Harder 532; Chris Thorman 515; Kendahl Goldwater-Feldman 31t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Greg Freemon leading 445. Leaders: Gordon Rees 180; Caroline Bonnet 569b; Paul Landskroener 365; Susan Fetcho 466; Tom Ayres 260; Carla Smith 35; Erika Wilson 528; Jill Accetta 52t; James Welsch 436; Kelsey Sunderland 187; Jackson Fleder 250; Karen Stingle 475; Matthew Lawson 282; Mary Gowins 313t.

RECESS

Dan Harper led 49t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Steve Helwig 442; Erika Wilson 216 (for her father's 80th birthday); Jeff Begley 209; Carolyn Deacy 430; Ruth McGurk 271t; Betsy Jeronen 440; Mark Miller 371; Tammy Heinsohn 345b; Joanne Orenge 454; Inder Khalsa 165; Nomi Harris 347; Hugh McGuire 278b; Janet Herman 500; Ruth Gorrin 191; Dan Harper 479; Rebecca Edwards 480 (in memory of George Seiler); Hal Eisen 334. Dan Harper offered the prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was brought back to order by Kendahl Goldwater-Feldman leading 42. Leaders: Inder Khalsa 328; Greg Freemon 567; Jennie Brown 505; David Fetcho 327; Betsy Jeronen 426b; Steve Helwig 299; Linda Domholt 47b; Jeff Begley 348t; Mary Gowins 548; Natalia Cecire 189; Paul Landskroener 29t; Terry Barber 377; James Welsch 408; Kelsey Sunderland 392; Gordon Rees 447; Zoe Blank 82t; Karen Stingle 236; Jerry Schreiber 304; Carolyn Deacy 547; Julian Damashek 97; Janet Herman 270; Hugh McGuire 68t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Carl Bear leading 146. Leaders: Peter Ross 344; Erika Wilson 131t; Midge Harder 457; Lucas Gonze 49b; Inder Khalsa 312b; Linda Selph 372; David McFarlane 373; Chris Thorman 145b; Rachel Eley 335; Mark Miller 383; Hannah Blair 39t; Tammy Heinsohn 155; Hal Eisen 176b; Betty Marvin 571; Terry Moore 451; Susan Fetcho 275t; Greg Freemon 285t; Gretchen Muller 565; Matthew Lawson 56b; Terry Barber 415.

A business meeting was held. The Secretary and Arranging Committee reported that 102 people from 6 states attended, and 99 songs were sung by 54 leaders. The Resolutions Committee thanked all who made the singing possible. Announcements of coming singings were made.

Hal Eisen, Julian Damashek, and Betty Marvin led 62 as the closing song. Dan Harper offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Hal Eisen; Vice Chairman—Julian Damashek; Secretary—Betty Marvin

EAST MIDLANDS SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Kegworth Village Hall, Kegworth, United Kingdom
April 23-24, 2011

Saturday, April 23

Ian West called the class to order leading 52t. The opening prayer was offered by Rob Mahoney.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ian West; Vice Chairman—Helen Brown; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders and Rosalind Oldham; Arranging Committee—Dave Richardson and Sarah West.

Leaders: Helen Brown 59; Dave Richardson 60; Margaret Gillanders 77b; Ted Brown 35; Sadhbh Ni Fhloinn 507; Sarah West 224; Michael Walker 33t; Rachel Jordan 33b; Alex Lough 417; Ruth Steggles 384; Rosalind Oldham 313t; Steve Welch 70t; Hannah Land 48b; Nick Hall 573; Sheila Girling Macadam 500; Rob Mahoney 107; Sharon Langridge 99; Edwin Macadam 534; Shelby Sampson 163t; Phil Tyler 477; Steve Fletcher 376.

RECESS

Ian West reconvened the class by leading 297. Leaders: Helen Brown 365; Margaret Gillanders 336t (CB); Sarah Hill 134; Ted Brown 378t; Sadhbh Ni Fhloinn 378b; Sarah West 290; Michael Walker 67; Rachel Jordan 171; Alex Lough 410t; Ruth Steggles 424; Rosalind Oldham 140 (CB); Steve Welch 473; Hannah Land 98 (CB); Nick Hall 455; Sheila Girling Macadam 556; Rob Mahoney 454; Sharon Langridge 270; Edwin Macadam 550; Shelby Sampson 312b; Phil Tyler 38t (CB); Steve Fletcher 133 (CB); Ian West 138t (CB); Helen Brown 132; Margaret Gillanders 507b (CB); Sarah Hill 272; Dave Richardson 153; Ted Brown 445. Martin Williams asked the blessing on the mid-day meal.

LUNCH

Sarah West led 288 to call the afternoon session to order. Leaders: Michael Walker 426b; Sadhbh Ni Fhloinn 547; Rachel Jordan 189; Alex Lough 284; Ruth Steggles 375; Rosalind Oldham 452; Steve Welch 40; Hannah Land 563 (CB); Nick Hall 571 (CB); Sheila Girling Macadam 430; Rob Mahoney 273; Sharon Langridge 503; Edwin Macadam 538; Shelby Sampson 300; Phil Tyler 69b; Steve Fletcher 380; Ian West 575 (CB); Margaret Gillanders 492; Dave Richardson 475; Helen Brown 518; Sarah Hill 324; Ted Brown 546; Sarah West 113; Michael Walker 69 (CB); Sadhbh Ni Fhloinn 528.

RECESS

Dave Richardson led 488t (CB) to bring the class back together. Leaders: Rachel Jordan 474; Alex Lough 183; Rosalind Oldham 127; Steve Welch 479; Hannah Land 168; Nick Hall 73t; Sheila Girling Macadam 192; Rob Mahoney 299; Sharon Langridge 36b; Edwin Macadam 464; Shelby Sampson 210; Phil Tyler 104 (CB); Steve Fletcher 132 (CB); Margaret Gillanders 354t; Sarah Hill 114; Ted Brown 111b.

Ian West and Helen Brown led 323t as the closing song. Michael Walker offered the closing prayer and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, April 24

The Sunday session of the East Midlands Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Ian West leading 415. Rosalind Oldham offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Helen Brown 163b; Margaret Gillanders 203; Ted Brown 225t; Ruth Steggles 135; Chris Brown 48b; Sadhbh Ni Fhloinn 313t; Judy Whiting 273; Alex Lough 38b; Shelby Sampson 117; Rosalind Oldham 143; Hannah Land 283; Rob Mahoney 159; Sharon Langridge 457; Sarah West 278b; Ian West 54t (CB); Helen

Brown and Ted Brown 228 (in celebration of their 29th wedding anniversary); Ruth Steggles 547; Margaret Gillanders 350; Fynn Titford-Mock 385t.

RECESS

Judy Whiting called the class back together leading 507b (CB). Leaders: Alex Lough 383; Rosalind Oldham and Daniel Oldham 573 (CB); Ted Brown 511t (CB); Hannah Land 500 (CB); Chris Brown 133 (CB); Sadhbh Ni Fhloinn and Alex Lough 236; Rob Mahoney 268; Sarah West 80t; Sharon Langridge 34b; Shelby Sampson 284; Ruth Steggles 198; Ian West 68b.

Hannah Land conducted the memorial lesson remembering the following deceased: Bill Boyd, Alan Cooper, Hazel Dickens, Joe Hall, Judith Bowness, Peter Nock, Mike Keily, Marion Biggs, Glynne Williams, Danjoe O'Sullivan, Glenn Leinart, Elizebeth Leinart, Steven Otyehl, Ivy Moore, Bob Meek, Linda Champ, Valerie Munday, George Seiler, Jan Cuttle, Mrs. Cuttle Snr., and Mary Lambert Smith. Hannah led 554 (CB) in their honor.

Ted Brown spoke for the following sick and housebound and led 47t: Stan Reeve, Peter Schoongans, Mandy Townsend, Lionel Wollenberg, Joan Swift, Cath Tyler, Dwight Diller, Maureen Gamlin, David Daykin, Dixie Nicholson, Ann Polito, Marjorie Franks, Maureen Jones, Kathy Armstrong, Charlie Derleth, John Merritt, Connie Karduck, John Seaton, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Rene Greene, Pam Nunn, Philip Ralls, Eileen Wilson, and Elsie Batty. Helen Brown closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Margaret Gillanders 503; Fynn Titford-Mock 71; Judy Whiting 182; Alex Lough 504; Rosalind Oldham 199 (CB); Chris Brown 102; Helen Brown 318.

Margaret Gillanders offered the blessing for the mid-day meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Sarah West leading 335. Leaders: Ted Brown and Helen Brown 77t; Hannah Land 556; Gillian White 49t; Rob Mahoney 178; Sharon Langridge 45t; Fynn Titford-Mock 425; Judy Whiting 384; Ian West 501; Margaret Gillanders 534; Chris Brown 549; Rosalind Oldham 155; Sarah West 498; Helen Brown 30b; Hannah Land 472; Ruth Steggles 480; Gillian White 107; Ted Brown 496.

RECESS

Ian West called the final session to order by leading 139. Leaders: Sharon Langridge 212; Rob Mahoney and Jean Mahoney 497; Helen Brown 349; Chris Brown 401; Margaret Gillanders 515 (CB); Fynn Titford-Mock 49b; Judy Whiting 466; Rosalind Oldham 505 (CB); Sarah West 432; Hannah Land 142; Gillian White 38t (CB); Ruth Steggles 36b.

Following notices and thanks, Ian West and Helen Brown led 95b (CB) as the closing song. Rob Mahoney offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ian West; Vice Chairman—Helen Brown; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders and Rosalind Oldham

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Haleyville, Alabama

Sunday, April 24, 2011

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 was 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 37t; Don Keeton 48t, 544; Ken Tate 565, 220; Daniel Bearden 149, 236; Linda Sides 277, 480; Danny Creel 498, 271t (for John Merritt); Stella Pratt 68b, 37b; Ottis Sides 475, 530; Hugh Bill McGuire 148, 399t; Margaret Keeton 298 (for Mae Conwill), 137 (in memory of Tom and Lola Robinson); Travis Keeton 454 (for Willodean Barton), 146; Henry Guthery 572, 558.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Parnell Berry leading 283. Leaders: Scott Kennedy 87, 162; Paul Godsey 75, 235; Bridgett Kennedy 448b, 192; David Godsey 455 (in memory of Ted Godsey), 83t; Zenna Tucker 566, 36b; Teddy Godsey 189, 196; Larry Ballinger 206, 496; Roma Rice 79, 62.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 127. Leaders: Kermit Adams 187, 99; Hannah Tate 542, 436; Gravis Ballinger 203, 215; Lisa Geist 546 (in memory of Tom and Lola Robinson), 380; Harrison Creel 342, 512; Hannah Tate and Julie Tate 310 (in memory of L.E. Hannah), 76b; Christie Allen 61, 270; Henry Guthery 451, 507 (for Josie Hyde); Larry Ballinger 472; Daniel Bearden 38b; Scott Kennedy 163t; Ottis Sides 97; Hugh Bill McGuire 528; Linda Sides 448t; Bridgett Kennedy 348b; Danny Creel 549; Don Keeton 384; Lisa Geist 273 (in memory of L.E. Hannah); Gravis Ballinger 224; Harrison Creel 167; Henry Guthery 431.

Following announcements, Parnell Berry led 111b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Ken Tate.

Chairman—Parnell Berry; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

ALEWINE-LAMINACK MEMORIAL SINGING **St. Michael Lutheran Church, Cleburne County, Alabama** **Sunday, April 24, 2011**

The annual Alewine-Laminack Memorial Singing was held on the fourth Sunday in April at St. Michael Lutheran Church, north of Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama. Cecil Roberts called the class to order leading 59, and then welcomed everyone to the Easter Sunday singing. The morning prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 32t; Stanley Edwards 61, 129; Donna Bell 339 (in memory of Corene Laminack), 314.

In a business session, the class voted to retain the same officers as follows:

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Margie Smith.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 73t, 503; Judy Chambless 467, 501; John Plunkett 156, 275t; Reba Windom 408 (for Louis Hughes), 409; Henry Johnson 385t, 375; Virginia Dyer 63, 155; Jeff Sheppard 297, 273.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Stanley Edwards leading 110. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 117 (for Carlene Griffin), 133; Ed Thacker 436, 373; Robert Chambless 176b, 163b; Tony Hammock 111b (in memory of Corene Laminack), 111t; Ken McElroy 294 (dedicated to his granddaddy, Harold McElroy), 87; Oscar McGuire 336, 171; Margie Smith 569b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Cecil Roberts leading 480. He thanked the class for \$371.50 and asked that the amount be noted in the minutes. The money will be used for the upkeep of the church and cemetery. Lutheran services have not been held at

this location for approximately 70 to 80 years. Cecil Roberts and singers thanked the McElroy family for their faithfulness in maintaining the church and cemetery. Leaders: Judy Chambless 66, 82t; Donna Bell 430 (for Teenie Moody), 441 (in memory of Mary Florence Smith); John Plunkett 335; Reba Windom 236; Henry Johnson 338. Cecil Roberts blessed the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing began with Cecil Roberts leading 229. Leaders: Richard DeLong 214, 513; Ed Thacker 220; Oscar McGuire 485; Charlene Wallace 347; Robert Chambless 84; Tony Hammock 267 (in memory of Mary Florence Smith); Ken McElroy 358 (for Lucille McElroy); Jeff Sheppard 340; Stanley Edwards 504; B.M. Smith 540, 448b (for Margie Smith); Richard DeLong 399b. Following announcements, Cecil Roberts and Stanley Edwards led 56t as the closing song. Ed Thacker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Donna Bell

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS SHILOH SINGERS SPRING SESSION

St. John's Episcopal Church, Harrison, Arkansas
Saturday, April 30, 2011

The Northwest Arkansas Singing, Spring Session, was called to order by Dan Brittain leading 34b and 36b. Syd Caldwell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Syd Caldwell 45t, 88b; Andrew Albers 89, 179; Katy Black 384, 217.

A business session was held with the following officers appointed to serve:

Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Andrew Albers; Secretary—Katy Black; Memorial Committee—Syd Caldwell and Dan Brittain. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Shannon Seyler 222, 56b; Lori Graber 128, 77t; Matt Bell 98 (MH), 81 (MH); Matt Shomaker 168, 209; Waymon Minor 461, 55 (MH); Anita Buswell 135 (MH), 51 (MH).

RECESS

Syd Caldwell led 316 and 302 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Dan Brittain 11 (MH), 113 (MH); Andrew Albers 415, 280; Matt Shomaker 117, 106; Lori Graber 68t, 180; Matt Bell 112 (MH), 31 (MH); Anita Buswell 61, 323b; Waymon Minor 460, 440; Shannon Seyler 191, 224. We sang 164 (MH) as our blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Andrew Albers leading 124 (MH) and 159 (MH).

Syd Caldwell conducted the memorial service by reading the names of the following deceased: tornado victims; Virginia Cowart—Arkansas; Marvin McElroy, Mary Florence Smith—Georgia; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Joanne Bowman—Massachusetts; George Seiler—New York and Jackson Taylor—Tennessee. Syd led 348b in their memory.

Syd Caldwell read the following names of sick and shut-ins: tornado victims; Jimmie Gilmore, Rene Greene, Coy Ivey, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Gail Cowart, John Grant, Josephine Denney, Lonnie Rogers, Andy Worthington, Janet Fraembs, Charlie Derleth. Syd Caldwell led 328. Andrew Albers offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Katy Black 159, 551; Waymon Minor 195, 30 (MH); Anita Buswell 515, 177 (MH); Lori Graber 208, 430; Matt Bell 165, 12 (MH); Shannon Seyler 110, 277; Matt Shomaker 39t, 63.

We held the drawing for the Star Sampler Quilt, which was raffled as a fund raiser. It was won by a singer from Coal Hill, Arkansas.

RECESS

Andrew Albers brought the class back to order leading 161 and 108t. Leaders: Syd Caldwell 142 (MH), 300 (for his relatives in Georgia); Dan Brittain 172 (MH), 34 (MH); Andrew Albers, Melanie Albers, Hannah Albers, Rhoda Albers, and Mark Albers 145b; Michelle Raine 178; Lori Graber 200.

Announcements were made. Dan Brittain led 521, and the class was dismissed with prayer offered by Andrew Albers.

Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Andrew Albers; Secretary—Katy Black

PORTLAND SACRED HARP **The Village Ballroom, Portland, Oregon** **Saturday, April 30, 2011**

The 5th annual session of Portland Sacred Harp All-Day Singing was called to order by Betsy Jeronen who led 448b and welcomed the class. Lyle Lindsey offered a statement of inclusion, and the opening prayer.

A meeting for business was held for the acceptance of officers appointed as follows: Chairperson—Betsy Jeronen; Treasurer—Dan Thoma; Secretary—Heather Ikeler.

Leaders: Lyle Lindsey 34b; Chris Cotter 56t; Tom McTighe 546; Heather Ikeler 492; Steve Cackley 57; Dan Thoma 228; Karl Oswald 236; Jessica Beer 171; Rosie Lindsey 460; Carmen Doerge 76b; Thom Fahrbach 507; Tamara Harris 540; Steve Helwig 86; Solomon Ossa 31t; Cornelia Stanton 473; Nell Whitman 39t.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Julie Thoma leading 148. Leaders: Erik Schwab 189; Anna Stoerch 68t; Dorothy Robinson 377; Jean Murphy 84; Bruce Rowland 294; Kathy Vlach 40; Eric Holt 101t; Jamie Hellerman 282; Jim Friedrich 497; Clarissa Fetrow 117; Gregory Mulkern 197; Philip Haines 276; David Wright 182; Alberta Hardy 111b; Emily Winokur 549; Karen Stingle 203; Holly Baker 146; Caleb Hardy 63.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Cornelia Stanton leading 82t. Leaders: Jessica Hahl 335; Kramer Klein 378b; Steve Tarr 372; Martha Sherwood 77t; Kevin Barrans 72b; Julie Thoma 129; Bob Schinske 470; Ethan Hardy 254; Melissa Stephenson 144; Betsy Jeronen 442; Gregory Stockert 68b; Tamara Harris 573; Erik Schwab 481; Solomon Ossa and Gregory Mulkern 318. Lyle Lindsey asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jessica Hahl and Solomon Ossa leading 81t. Leaders: Marie Brandis 142; Abraham Hardy 347; Dan Thoma 330t; Rosie Lindsey 390; Chris Cotter 543; Tamara Harris 181; Thom Fahrbach 328; Jessica Hahl 112; Erik Schwab 430; Alberta Hardy 566; David Wright 455; Anna Stoerch 485; Kevin Barrans 448t; Cornelia Stanton 547; Caleb Hardy 66; Meg Larson 452; Tom McTighe 348t; Kate Fine 178; Bruce Rowland 426b.

RECESS

Steve Helwig brought the class back together leading 312b. Leaders: Dan Thoma 150; Jim Friedrich 56b; Kramer Klein 300; Bob Schinske 564; Jamie Hellerman 159; Solomon Ossa and Gregory Mulkern 271t; Holly Baker 49t; Gregory Mulkern 424; Karen Stingle 496; Martha Sherwood 53; Liz Bryant 542; Jean Murphy 266; Heather

Ikeler 49b; Katy Kanfer and Jessica Beer 324; Steve Tarr 218; Nell Whitman 122; Kathy Vlach 415; Lyle Lindsey 384.

A business meeting was held for the purpose of hearing committee reports. The Treasurer, Dan Thoma, reported all expenses were met. The Resolutions Committee, Solomon Ossa and Jessica Hahl, resolved that there had been some fine singing and eating that day and thanked all who had contributed to both.

Announcements were made.

Lyle Lindsey offered the closing prayer. Betsy Jeronen led 36b, and class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Betsy Jeronen; Secretary—Heather Ikeler

YORK ALL-DAY SINGING **York Friends Meetinghouse, York, Pennsylvania** **Saturday, April 30, 2011**

The York All-Day Singing was called to order by Oliver Kindig-Stokes leading 303. Ted Stokes offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Oliver Kindig-Stokes; Vice Chairman—Lamar Matthew; Treasurer—Steve Hoyt; Secretary—Lorah Hopkins.

Leaders: Oliver Kindig-Stokes 61; Lamar Matthew 178, 384; Rachel Hall 39t, 171; Bethany Towne 410b, 560; Lorah Hopkins 274t, 313b; Guy Bankes 440, 441; Dave James and Hannah James 312t; Dave James 29t; Elizabeth Stokes 176b, 480; Jessica Hostetler 40, 350; Doron Henkin 267, 102; Sue Hanson 351, 203; Liz Richner 236, 452.

RECESS

Oliver Kindig-Stokes called the class back to order leading 207. Leaders: Barbara Hohenstein 515, 415; John Stokes 168, 28t; Ina Shea 263; Carol Stevens 484; Steve Hoyt 68b, 105; Laura Densmore 542, 50t; Erin Kelly 131b, 500; Ben Cocchiaro 334, 327; Ted Stokes 76b, 77t; Kelly Macklin 175, 174. Robbie Ketcham offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Deidra Montgomery leading 138b. Leaders: Carol Huang 455, 148; John delRe 230, 32t; Nora Dunn 442, 539; Aldo Ceresa 564, 565; Nancy Mandel 181, 129; Jon Giles 298, 213b; Deidra Montgomery 325, 218; Kevin Griffin Moreno 43, 101t; Joel Miller 162; Mavra Burns 284, 180; Terry Ryan 358, 477; Becky Wright 296, 378b; Leon Pulsinelle 123t, 456.

RECESS

Elizabeth Stokes called the class back to order leading 59. Leaders: Lynne Hoyt 314, 393; Robbie Ketcham 268, 503; Aimee Wilson and Bethany Towne 110, 332; Sonia Chin 131t, 344; Mel Novner 197, 271t; Nancy Kruel 47b, 282; Dan Hunter 566, 187; David Graff and Abraham Graff 163t, 163b; John delRe and Nora Dunn 201; Terry Ryan and Nancy Mandel 114; Kelly Macklin, Erin Kelly, and Mavra Burns 157; Joel Miller and Kevin Griffin Moreno 501; Aldo Ceresa and Deidra Montgomery 153; Jon Giles and Carol Huang 430.

After announcements, Oliver Kindig-Stokes led 62, as the class took the parting hand. Lamar Matthew offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Oliver Kindig-Stokes; Vice Chairman—Lamar Matthew; Secretary—Lorah Hopkins

HARRODS CREEK/BOB MEEK MEMORIAL SINGING
Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Kentucky
April 30-May 1, 2011

Saturday, April 30

The 16th annual singing convention at Harrods Creek Baptist Church was held the last Saturday in April and Sunday following. Michele Cull and Rebecca Eldridge called the class to order leading 59t, followed by welcoming remarks and announcements. Rebecca Eldridge led 65. The opening prayer was offered by Adrian Eldridge.

Leaders: Darrell Swarens 36b; Bill Beverly 440; Steve Duff 163b; Scot Oliver 100; Wayne Dell 82 (CB); Liz Meitzler 111b; Tim Reynolds 84t (SoH), 4b (SoH); Tom Morton 159; Paula Oliver 182; Martha Beverly 504; Clara Herr 547; Joel Deckard 61; Heather McAllister 448t; Nathan Rees 145 (SoH).

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairpersons—Michele Cull and Rebecca Eldridge; Finance Committee—Liz Meitzler; Arranging Committee—Brenda Waters, Chandler Bainter, Rebecca Eldridge, and Michele Cull; Secretary—Pat Meek. Michele Cull thanked Buford Parrish and Harrods Creek for allowing us to hold the convention there. The Harrods Creek Shape Note Convention was renamed the Harrods Creek/Bob Meek Memorial Singing.

RECESS

Leaders: Ray Rechenberg 138t (CB); Loraine Bayer 225t; Nikos Pappas 250; Will Fitzgerald 41 (SoH); Esther Crookshank, Eddie Hatfield, and Betsey Hatfield 63; Jim Herr 549; Elizabeth Rechenberg 551; John Bayer 143 (SoH); Samuel Sommers 254 (SoH); Jonathan Smith 289 (SoH); Levi Bainter 392 (CB); Annaliza Jane Cull 155; Berk Meitzler 122; William Shetter 121 (SoH); Rebecca Eldridge 120; Hans Bayer 168; Bob Cull 505 (CB); Sue Duff 472; Zachary Davis 50 (SoH); Jubal Bayer 142; Roger Crabtree 128; Ruth Dolby 40; Doug Trent 480; Eddie Mash 464 (CB); Tim Morton 306. Jim Herr offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back together by Michele Cull leading 388. Leaders: Laural Cornell 569b; Joan Frankel and Ray Rechenberg 38 (SoH); Bill Hayes 277; James Eldridge 177; Joan Aldridge 270; Laura Morton 178; Virginia Eldridge 383; Adrian Eldridge 38t (CB); Darrell Swarens 341; Katherine Eldridge 129; Bill Beverly 511t (CB); Steve Duff 313t; Paula Oliver 300; Wayne Dell 571 (CB); Liz Meitzler 81t; Tim Reynolds 278t; Tom Morton 49b; Martha Beverly 196; Clara Herr 348t; Joel Deckard 64; Heather McAllister 294; Ray Rechenberg 276; Loraine Bayer 274t.

RECESS

Leaders: Nikos Pappas 220; Will Fitzgerald 42; Jim Herr 109; Elizabeth Rechenberg 457; John Bayer 89t (SoH); Samuel Sommers 55; Jonathan Smith 76 (SoH); Berk Meitzler 426t; Bill Shetter 28b; Rebecca Eldridge 133 (SoH); Hans Bayer 240; Bob Cull 146.

Following announcements, Rebecca Eldridge led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jimmy Vest.

Sunday, May 1

The Sunday session of the Harrods Creek/Bob Meek Memorial Singing was called to order by Rebecca Eldridge leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Jim Herr.

Leaders: Bill Hayes 131b; Wayne Dell 66; Joel Deckard 535; Ray Rechenberg 410t; Jim Herr 310 (SoH); Bill Shetter 488b (CB); Paula Oliver 385; Annaliza Cull and Stephanie Rae 268; Elizabeth Rechenberg 408 (CB); Berk Meitzler 369; Ruth Dolby 350; Eddie Mash 494 (CB).

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Rebecca Eldridge leading 133. Leaders: Michele Cull and Kelly Toon 282; John Bealle 392 (CB); Scot Oliver 176b; Sue Duff 331 (SoH); Martha Beverly 217; Laurel Cornell 143; Hans Bayer 269; Adrian Eldridge 97 (SoH).

RECESS

James Eldridge led 137 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Steve Duff 63 (SoH); Joan Aldridge 475.

A memorial lesson was held at this time. John Bealle led 278t for victims of recent tornados. Virginia Eldridge led 33b in honor of the sick and shut-ins. Tim Reynolds led 128 in memory of the deceased, and Tim Morton led 574 (CB) in memory of Bob Meek.

Leaders: Eloise Clark 39 (SoH); Bill Beverly 523; Darrell Swarens, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 96 (CB); Clara Herr 200; Liz Meitzler 55; Esther Crookshank 68b.

Jimmy Vest offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Michele Cull and Darrell Swarens leading 236.

Leaders: Katherine Eldridge and Catherine Naiser 162; Jubal Bayer 182; Joan Frankel and John Bayer 25b (SoH); John Bayer 56 (SoH); Randy Weber 126 (CB); Regina Frick 39 (CB); Loraine Bayer 454; Johann Kim 232; Tim Reynolds 132 (CB); Doug Trent 276; Ben Dockery and Annaliza Cull 448t; Bob Cull 505 (CB); Liz Meitzler and Regina Frick 47b; Tim Morton, Darrell Swarens, and Johan Kim 424; Christine Clifford and Virginia Eldridge 441; Scot Oliver and Paula Oliver 108b; Eddie Mash 365.

Announcements were made. Michele Cull and Rebecca Eldridge led 347. The closing prayer was offered by Steve Duff, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Michele Cull and Rebecca Eldridge; Secretary—Pat Meek

MT. ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Ashland, Alabama

Sunday, May 1, 2011

The annual Homecoming Sacred Harp singing at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Eugene Forbes leading 112. The opening prayer was offered by Jack Nelson.

The following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—Eugene Forbes;

Secretary—Edna Phillips; Arranging Committee—Myrlene Redmon.

Leaders: Marilyn Bradley 47b, 47t; Stanley Edwards 442, 171; Jack Nelson 165, 141; Judy Chambless 339, 146 (for Anne Chalker); Robert Chambless 503, 84; Wendy Futral 369, 35; William Futral 490, 45t (in memory of Howard McGuire).

RECESS

Eugene Forbes led 101t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 100, 66, 358; Pam Anderson 480, 334; Nell Estes 371, 40.

Richard Mauldin conducted the memorial lesson. He spoke and led 143. He read the following list of sick and shut-ins: Willodean Barton, Teenie Moody, Clarence McCool, Leona Haynes, Stella Pratt, Lonnie Rogers, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, the Sheppard family, Nick Griffin, Carlene Griffin, Evelyn Harris, and Buddy Ballinger.

Richard read the following list of deceased: Jerry Enright, Henry Japeth Jackson, Billy Williams, George Seiler, Vernell Forbes Amason, Mary Florence Smith, Rhoda Mae Norris, Willie Mae Moon, Howard McGuire, and Maudie Fredrick. Also remembered were the victims of the tornadoes. The memorial service was closed with prayer offered by Eugene Forbes.

Leader: Virginia Futral 569b, 145b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Eugene Forbes leading 186. Leaders: Aadress Gurley 571 (CB), 282; Floy Wilder 293, 297; Lori Hinesley 189, 164; Edna Phillips 166, 452; Myrline Redmon 200, 36b, 208; Eugene Forbes 400; Robert Chambless 72b; Richard Mauldin 378t; Judy Chambless 494; Jack Nelson 73t; Stanley Edwards 83t; Marilyn Bradley 34b; William Futral and Wendy Futral 323b; Lori Hinesley 496; Floy Wilder 299; Nell Estes 313t; Stanley Edwards 220.

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

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Edna Phillips

MEMPHIS WEEKEND SINGING

Trinity United Methodist Church, Memphis, Tennessee

May 6-7, 2011

Friday, May 6

The first annual Memphis Weekend Singing was held on Friday night and Saturday before the second Sunday in May. Matt Bell opened the Friday night session by leading 49t, and then offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Davis Beauchamp 77t; Andrew Beauchamp 157; Jeff Corbett 106; Megan Carolan 437; Bobby Neyman 66; Jeremy Warner 217; Dwayne Thompson 330t; Glynn Garrett 274t; Myra Finch 45t; Susanna Jones 142; Helen Beauchamp 358; Logan Green 360.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Matt Bell; Secretary and Arranging Committee—Abby Green.

RECESS

Andrew Beauchamp called the class together by leading “Going Home.” Leaders: Becca Yarbrough 159; Carol Yarbrough 282; Mary Yarbrough 47b; Logan Green “Evergreen”; Matt Bell “Golgotha”; Michael Jones “Wingdale”; Seth Guess 379; Jeff Corbett 147t; Seth Guess 455; Michael Jones 75; Dwayne Thompson 457; Glynn Garrett 349; Susanna Jones 171; Joe Thompson 94.

Matt Bell led 267 as the closing song. Andrew Beauchamp offered the closing prayer.

Saturday, May 7

The Saturday session of the Memphis Weekend Singing was called to order by Matt Bell leading 59. Andrew Beauchamp offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Andrew Beauchamp 163b; Jeff Corbett 99; Ray Rechenberg 480; Anita Buswell 45t; Tim Reynolds 107; Presley Barker 474; Xaris Martinez 527; Becky Browne 411 (in memory of Jeanette Lowry); Gary Gronau 272; Warren Steel 144; Bridgett Kennedy 440; Judy Caudle 472; Mary Amelia Taylor 276; Gordon Bigelow 38b; Logan Green 86; Kathryn Green 157.

RECESS

Matt Bell called the class together by leading 36b. Leaders: Joe Thompson 352; Jim Greer 282; Seth Guess 39t; Michael Jones 84; Harris Beauchamp 504; Helen Beauchamp 143; Bobby Watkins 348b; April Watkins and Taylor Watkins 146; Susanna Jones 40; Melissa Beauchamp 376; Andrew Beauchamp 328; Jeff Corbett 506; Ray Rechenberg 410t; Anita Buswell 473; Tim Reynolds 278t; Presley Barker 313b; Xaris Martinez 326; Becky Browne 300 (in memory of Jerry Enright); Gary Gronau 163t; Warren Steel 442; Matt Bell 542. Seth Guess asked the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Andrew Beauchamp opened the afternoon session by leading 170. Leaders: Bridgett Kennedy 31t; Robert Green 324; Ross Brand 500.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Elder Zack Guess of Grace Chapel Primitive Baptist Church. The names of the following deceased were read: Jackson Taylor—Tennessee; Virginia Cowart—Arkansas; Jeanette Rechenberg—Ohio; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Bernice Embry—Mississippi; Jerry Enright—Illinois. The names of the following sick and shut-ins were read: John Walker, Dick Brand, the victims of recent floods and tornadoes. Elder Guess spoke of the glory of Heaven, and its prominence in the songs of the Sacred Harp, and then offered prayer. Xaris Martinez led 547.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 507; Mary Amelia Taylor 491; Susanna Jones 178; Gordon Bigelow 454; Logan Green 383; Helen Beauchamp 401 (for her pastor, Elder Zack Guess); Joe Thompson 66; Michael Jones 36t; Kathryn Green 64; Bobby Watkins 460; Melissa Beauchamp 496.

RECESS

Matt Bell called the class together by leading 436. Leaders: Jeff Corbett and Jamie Corbett 410b; Ray Rechenberg 29t; Anita Buswell 523; Tim Reynolds 148; Presley Barker 481; Xaris Martinez 499; Becky Browne 344; Gary Gronau 362; Warren Steel 285t; Judy Caudle 176t; Ross Brand 73t; Robert Green 222; Mary Amelia Taylor 497; Susanna Jones 171; Becca Yarbrough and Melissa Beauchamp 159; Carol Yarbrough and Warren Steel 72t.

Matt Bell thanked all of the visitors and local singers whose travel and hard work made the first Memphis singing a great success, and invited everyone back next year. Jeff Corbett extended welcome and appreciation on behalf of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Matt Bell led 94 as the closing song. Jeff Corbett offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Matt Bell; Secretary—Abby Green

BOSTON ALL-DAY SINGING **Old South Church, Boston, Massachusetts** **Saturday, May 7, 2011**

The 2nd annual Boston All-Day Singing was held at Old South Church in Boston, Massachusetts, on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Kelsey Sunderland leading 47t. The opening prayer was offered by Justin Levi.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Elizabeth Stoddard; Vice Chairman—Joanna Lampert;

Treasurer—Robert Stoddard; Chaplain—Justin Levi; Secretary—Pat Callahan.

Leaders: Elizabeth Stoddard 32t; Joanna Lampert 283; Pat Callahan 131b; D.J. Hatfield 411; Robert Dove 287; Matt Cartmill 201; Sally Langendorf 108t; Justin Levi 57; Philippa Stoddard 171; George Pomfret 300; Alvaro Duarte 99; Natalie Jablonski 214; Tom Padwa 71; Mary Jo Shafer 452; Ben Vincent 460; Bob Parr 215; Liz Cantrell 187; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 298; Charles Biada 42; Mary Gowins 371; Al McCready 448b.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Jennie Brown leading 145b. Leaders: Lauren Bock 87; Michael Nord 511; Ron Trial 84; Yael Tarshish 440; Ines Lüttgen 73t; George Dymant 168; Bill Holt 475; Robert Stoddard 56b; Emma Rose Brown 383; Lynne deBenedette 157; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 145t; Paula Picton 189; Deidra Montgomery 431; Jonathan Smith 224; Kelly House 384; Bobbie Goodell 270; Richard Ivey 436; Joanne Fuller 121; Masti-Denise Mayrand 82t; Peter Golden 112;

Lucy O'Leary 217; Anne Kazlauskas 280; Somen Goodman 569b; Nancy Mandel 474; Chris Holley 40; Ina Shea 80t; Jen Agans 282; Richard Schmeidler 120; Eric Hildebrant 23b. Justin Levi offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Chris Holley called the class back together leading 105. Leaders: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Lauren Bock 153; Joanna Lampert and Kelsey Sunderland 564; Aldo Ceresa 220; Liz Cantrell and Natalie Jablonski 500; Jonathan Smith 312t; Ines Lüttgen 197; Richard Ivey 454; Emma Rose Brown and Michael Nord 192; Lynne deBenedette 77t; Bill Holt and Robert Dove 155; Philippa Stoddard and Alvaro Duarte 528; Ina Shea 263; Deidra Montgomery and Lucy O'Leary 269; John Ostwald 70b; Kelly House 196; Bobbie Goodell and Peter Golden 448t; Richard Schmeidler 254; Kristina Penikis 178; Jennie Brown and Mary Gowins 550; Paula Pichon 392; Bob Parr 362; Justin Levi and Joanne Fuller 444; Libby Brownell 377; Somen Goodman 47b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Elizabeth Stoddard and Robert Stoddard leading 67. Leaders: Al McCready 323b; Pat Callahan and Yael Tarshish 472; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 347; D.J. Hatfield 250; Charles Biada and Nancy Mandel 271t; Mary Jo Shafer 101t; Tom Padwa 91; Ron Trial and Anne Kazlauskas 327; George Dymont 209; Jen Agans 38b; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 291.

Announcements were made. The Treasurer reported that all expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that 95 singers from 13 states and one province attended, and 56 leaders led 89 songs.

Elizabeth Stoddard, Joanna Lampert, Robert Stoddard, and Pat Callahan led 62 as the closing song. Justin Levi offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Elizabeth Stoddard; Vice Chairman—Joanna Lampert; Secretary—Pat Callahan

FURMAN UNIVERSITY SACRED HARP AND CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING

Nan Herring Pavilion, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina Saturday, May 7, 2011

The 14th annual singing at Furman University was held Saturday before the second Sunday in May. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *The Christian Harmony, 2010 Edition*.

Frances Carnell led 47t, and welcomed the singers. John Plunkett offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Frances Carnell 492; Dan Huger 312t; John Plunkett 96; Leon Carnell 163b; Eddie Mash 43; John Hollingsworth 230; Gib Rogers 397; Bill Burns 312b; Michael Spencer 166; Ken George 178; Billy Hollingsworth 36t; Dave Farmer 324; Nathan Rees 93; Steve Walker 107; Robert Kelley 41.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were re-elected: Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dan Huger; Secretaries—Mary Baumeister and Chris Wilhelm; Chaplain—John Plunkett.

Leaders: Dan Huger 341 (CH); Frances Carnell 171 (CH); John Plunkett 284 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 543 (CH); Leon Carnell 165 (CH); Eddie Mash 247 (CH); John Hollingsworth 82t (CH); Gib Rogers 129 (CH); Bill Burns 214 (CH); Michael Spencer 401b (CH); Ken George 274 (CH); Billy Hollingsworth 425 (CH); Dave Farmer 179 (CH); Nathan Rees 193 (CH); Steve Walker 167t (CH); Robert Kelley 263 (CH).

LUNCH

Leaders: Frances Carnell 66; Chris Wilhelm 73t; John Plunkett 50t; Leon Carnell 268; Eddie Mash 269; Dan Huger 36t (CH); John Hollingsworth 454 (CH); Gib Rogers 30t; Billy Hollingsworth 25t (CH); Bill Burns 117 (CH); Michael Spencer 166 (CH); Ken George 24t (CH); Dave Farmer 288; Nathan Rees 92; Steve Walker 87 (CH); Frances Carnell 143; Chris Wilhelm 192 (CH); John Plunkett 547 (CH) (for John Merritt); Leon Carnell 503; Eddie Mash 304 (CH); Gib Rogers 228 (CH); Billy Hollingsworth 546t (CH); Bill Burns 541 (CH); Michael Spencer 191; Ken George 253 (CH); Dave Farmer 86; Steve Walker 486t (CH); David Libbey 432b (CH); John Plunkett 546b (CH) (by request).

Mrs. Jean Osteen, a founder and organizer of the Furman University singing, shared some of its history and personal memories. Frances Carnell led 347 as the final lesson, and John Plunkett closed with prayer.

Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dan Huger; Secretary—Chris Wilhelm

AUGUSTA SACRED HARP SINGING

Augusta Old Line Primitive Baptist Church, Martinez, Georgia

Saturday, May 7, 2011

The 2nd annual Augusta Sacred Harp Singing was held at Augusta Old Line Primitive Baptist Church, 3646 Old Petersburg Road, Martinez, Georgia, on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. Agnes Roberts began the meeting at 9:30 a.m. A singing school and history was conducted by Gene Pinion, who explained the shaped notes used and four part harmony sung by Sacred Harp singers.

Agnes Roberts welcomed the class and led 59. Elder Dwayne Hooven, pastor of Augusta Old Line Primitive Baptist Church, gave the welcome from the church, and offered the opening prayer. Agnes Roberts selected John Gentry for the Arranging Committee.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Agnes Roberts. Leaders: Suzanne Walker 33t; Nancy Wheless 146; John Jenkins 52b; Gene Pinion 569b; Frank de Bolt 515; Agnes Roberts 143; Leslie Booher 155; Sharon Strong 484; Suzanne Walker 228; Nancy Wheless 457; John Gentry 383; Gene Pinion 207; Frank de Bolt 452; Agnes Roberts 358.

RECESS

Agnes Roberts and Leslie Booher called the class back to order by leading 81t. Leaders: Sharon Strong 410t; Suzanne Walker 276; Nancy Wheless 63; John Gentry 442; Gene Pinion 154; Frank de Bolt 503; Agnes Roberts 186; Mary Cicotello 72b; Leslie Booher 47b; Sharon Strong 162; Suzanne Walker 39t; Nancy Wheless 142; John Gentry 134; Gene Pinion 47t; Frank de Bolt 361; Agnes Roberts 46; Mary Cicotello 45t; Leslie Booher 448t.

LUNCH

Agnes Roberts and Sharon Strong called the class back to order leading 479. Leaders: Suzanne Walker 76t; Nancy Wheless 128; John Gentry 368; Frank de Bolt 99; Gene Pinion 137; Agnes Roberts 120; Leslie Booher 77b; Joyce Heath 40; Sharon Strong 384; Suzanne Walker 209; Nancy Wheless 312b; John Gentry 354t; Frank de Bolt 323b; Gene Pinion 217; Agnes Roberts 100; Leslie Booher 73b; Joyce Heath 159; Sharon Strong 438; Suzanne Walker 77t; Nancy Wheless 178.

RECESS

Agnes Roberts and John Gentry called the class back to order leading 117. Frank de Bolt led 334. The class entered into a short business session at this point. The following officers were elected to serve in 2012: Chairman—Joyce Heath; Vice Chairman—Rabon Holton; Secretary—Diane Goldman. The group elected to hold

the singing annually on the Saturday before the first Sunday in May. Contributions were collected. It was noted that \$40 was being held from the previous year to be applied to the printing of the minutes for this year's singing.

Leaders: Gene Pinion 45b; Agnes Roberts 30t; Suzanne Walker 145t; Joyce Heath 335; Leslie Booher 163b; Sharon Strong 504; John Gentry 38b; Frank de Bolt 36b; Nancy Wheless 208; Gene Pinion 147t; Agnes Roberts 32t; Suzanne Walker 337; Joyce Heath 354b; Leslie Booher 268; Sharon Strong 278t.

Agnes Roberts thanked all who attended and helped with this year's singing. Class members used *The Sacred Harp* (1991 Revision) song book which was published by Sacred Harp Publishing Company, Inc.

Joyce Heath led 62 as the closing song. Suzanne Walker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Announcements were made after class was dismissed.

Chairman—Agnes Roberts; Vice Chairman—Rabon Holton; Secretary—Diane Goldman

GARDEN STATE SINGING CONVENTION
Montclair Friends Meetinghouse, Upper Montclair, New Jersey
May 13-14, 2011
Friday night, May 13

The 19th annual Garden State Convention was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Gina Balestracci leading 38t. She offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Susan Bingham 30t; Claire Simon 31t; Laura Densmore 313t; Roland Hutchinson 47t; Carol Werba 163b; Terry Ryan 66; Margaret Bornick 46; Dennis Leipold 47b; Jean Seiler 72b; John Redman 143; Sarah Leitao 142; Ron Bornick 178; Diane Mennella 373; Clare Chapin 523; Pat Callahan 106; Rachel Speer 26; Barbara Swetman 27; Dean Jens 71; Richard Guest 192; Brian Sears 282.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Gina Balestracci; Vice Chairman—Susan Bingham; Treasurer—Roland Hutchinson; Arranging Committee—Laura Densmore; Secretary—Claire Simon.

RECESS

Gina Balestracci called the class back to order by leading 84 and 28b. Leaders: Michael Kaye 68b; Jean Seiler 217; John Redman 358; Sarah Leitao 69t; Dean Jens 326; Barbara Swetman 32t; Pat Callahan 228; Terry Ryan 270; Gina Balestracci 280; Laura Densmore 370; Dennis Leipold 318; Rachel Speer 172; Brian Spears 63; Susan Bingham 455; Diane Mennella 564; Ron Bornick 503; Carol Werba 86; Roland Hutchinson 250; Claire Simon 344; Margaret Bornick 209; Richard Guest 152; Clare Chapin 497; Michael Kaye 112; Pat Callahan 35; Brian Sears 49b; Barbara Swetman 312t.

Gina Balestracci made announcements, led 49t as the closing song, and offered the closing prayer.

Saturday, May 14

The Saturday session of the Garden State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Gina Balestracci leading 150. She offered the opening prayer, and then led 77b.

Leaders: Susan Bingham 34b; Claire Simon 287; Roland Hutchinson 473; Laura Densmore 102; Harry Scott 107; Barbara Hohenstein 566; Leon Pulsinelle 175; Pat Callahan 126; Al McCready 155; Clare Chapin 40; Guy Bankes 344; Margaret Bornick 352; Lamar Matthew 522; Jean Seiler 448t; Barton Creeth 162; Lynne Hoyt 106; Ian Quinn 278t; Paula Picton 385t; Eric Xu 444; Carol Huang 272; Dennis Leipold 273; Roland Hutchinson 51; Barbara Swetman 353; Jon Giles 351; Nancy Britton 350; Steve Hoyt 569b; Deidra Montgomery 375.

RECESS

Terry Ryan called the class back together leading 105. Leaders: John Redman 164; Nancy Mandel 278b; Brian Sears 47b; Ron Bornick 454; Diane Mennella 318; Terry Ryan 569t; Charlotte Ehrman 383; Charles Hunter 479; Brenda Peña 225t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Gina Balestracci, who read the following names of sick and shut-ins: Dennis Cinelli, Raymond Frates, Chelsea Balestracci, Robert Glick, John Merritt, and Frank Evans. She led 472 in honor of those named. Gina spoke and then read the following list of deceased: George Seiler, David Bornick, Shirley Basch, and Larry Basch—New York; Tom Maher—Pennsylvania; Joanna Bowman—Massachusetts; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Phyllis Bruce and Jeanette McCready—Connecticut; Philip Musgrove—Maryland; Jerry Enright—Illinois; Frances Ceresa—Michigan. She led 159 in their memory. Lamar Matthew closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 480; Sarah Leitao 61; Leon Pulsinelle 34t; Lynne Hoyt 426t; Jeff Gauthier 340; Clare Chapin 196; Eric Xu 240; Claire Simon 547; Gina Balestracci 59. Lamar Matthew offered a blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Redman led 38b to call the class back to order. Leaders: Charlotte Ehrman 157; Dean Jens 377; Laura Densmore 542 (for John Merritt); Sonia Chin 436; Rachel Speer 456; Maya Opendak 288; Paula Picton 300; Ron Bornick 84; Jean Seiler 299; Brian Sears 282; Barbara Swetman 224; Jon Giles 507; Margaret Bornick 486; Aldo Ceresa 411; Barbara Hohenstein 506; Steve Hoyt 323b; Pat Callahan 530; Ian Quinn 283.

Announcements were made. Treasurer Roland Hutchinson reported that expenses had been met.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jon Giles leading 37b. Leaders: Brenda Peña 99; Diane Mennella 187; Dennis Leipold 189; Nancy Mandel 564; Guy Bankes 297; Sarah Leitao 33t; Deidra Montgomery 500; Harry Scott 49b; Carol Huang 182; Al McCready 388; Barton Creeth 457; Paula Picton 234; Nancy Britton 497; Lamar Matthew 35; John Redman 532; Jeff Gauthier 236; Susan Bingham 446; Roland Hutchinson 145t.

Secretary Claire Simon reported that in two days, 138 songs were led by 46 leaders. Gina Balestracci offered the resolutions, thanking all who contributed to the convention's success, and invited the officers to join her in leading 62. Following the closing prayer, offered by Lamar Matthew, the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Gina Balestracci; Vice Chairman—Susan Bingham; Secretary—Claire Simon

PROVIDENCE SINGING

Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, Cullman, Alabama Saturday, May 14, 2011

The annual Providence Sacred Harp Singing was held at Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, Cullman, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Delone Cobbs leading 569b. The morning prayer was offered by Jim Aaron.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Delone Cobbs; Vice Chairman—Kenneth Fannin; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Delone Cobbs 31b; Kenneth Fannin 348b, 176b; Judy Caudle 36b, 100; Jim Aaron 503, 68b (for Johnnie Chafin); Christopher Mann 31t, 38b; Don Keeton 134, 317; Anna Grace Sipe 77t, 45t; Carol Fannin 72b, 225t; Margaret Keeton 499, 129.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Kenneth Fannin leading 340. Travis Keeton led 235 and 454 (for Willodean Barton).

Judy Caudle conducted the memorial lesson. She led 521 in honor of Kermit Adams, Josie Hyde, Johnnie Chafin, Willodean Barton, Charlotte Keeton Gober, Ibbie Bennett, and Leon Livingston, and in memory of Mae Conwill, Ruth Aaron, Everett Aaron, and Billy Williams.

Leaders: Garrett Sipe 63, 274t; Geraldine Sharpton 229, 542; Velton Chafin 295, 113; Cindy Mann and Nicholas Mann 159, 312b; Adam Hale 47b, 39b; Sonya Sipe 32t, 489; Christie Holcombe and Laura Hale 78, 30t. Roland Edwards offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Don Keeton leading 270. Leaders: Mary Holcombe 81t, 523; Beth Anne Clay 178, 39t; Steve Adams 378t, 331; Butch White 37b, 30b; Jennifer Clay 106, 566; Christopher Mann 127; Garrett Sipe 354b; Adam Hale 480; Anna Grace Sipe 40; Christie Holcombe and Laura Hale 565; Beth Anne Clay 171; Butch White 74b; Jim Aaron 66; Steve Adams 309; Travis Keeton 44; Christopher Mann 67; Adam Hale 111b.

Kenneth Fannin led 405 as the closing song. Don Keeton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Delone Cobbs; Vice Chairman—Kenneth Fannin; Secretary—Judy Caudle

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL SINGING **Angels Gate Cultural Center, San Pedro, California** **Saturday, May 14, 2011**

The 19th annual Los Angeles Regional Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mary Rose O'Leary leading 340. Al Grindon offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held and the following officers elected: Chairman—Jon Rand; Vice Chairman—Robyn Hansen; Treasurer—Duncan MacLeod; Secretary—Larry Arnstein.

Leaders: Jon Rand 24b; Larry Arnstein 350; Duncan MacCleod 385t; Robyn Hansen 178; Carri Grindon 497; Laura Boyd Russell 60; Ron Huss 351; Pat Keating 299; Betty Herman 300; Maggie Dougher 82t; Jeri Segal 335; Al Grindon 146; Jeff Begly 567; Marilyn Murata 274t; Bruce Hayes 280.

RECESS

Ron Huss called the class back to order by leading 31t. Leaders: John Marr 72b; Rachel O'Leary 290; Mimi Wright 39t; Juanita Heyerman 114; Midge Harder 358; Mary Rose O'Leary 411; Rick Russell 37b; Carroll Lunsford 303; Judy Getrich 270; Jerry Schreiber 377; Susanna Ball 430; Scott Kennedy 163b; Stephen O'Leary 32t; Carla Smith 408; Colleen Dougher and Maggie Dougher 84; Jon Rand 367.

RECESS

Robyn Hansen called the class back to order by leading 503. Leaders: Duncan MacCleod 61; Pat Keating 56t.

Mary Rose O'Leary conducted the memorial lesson. Mimi Wright led 410t for the following sick and shut-ins: Howard Kayton, Loulou Dranger, Dan Fitzgerald, Fumie Murata, Shisue Sugimoto, Connie Karduck, Ted Butcher, Joan Schurr, Jean Schaffer, John Schaffer, Sara McKeever, Carol Dellet, and all those suffering from the floods on the Mississippi and the tornadoes in many states.

Mary Rose O'Leary led 318 in memory of the following deceased: Paula Ogren, Sandee Gardebring Ogren, John F. Leicester, Marcia Tucker, Matthew Foster, Mary Tominaga, Herbert Enderton, Mary Chamberlain, and Kathy Schultz—California;

Tim Yohn and George Seiler—New York; Ed Burgess—Wisconsin; Mary Florence Smith—Georgia; Jerry Enright—Illinois.

Laura Boyd Russell led 540. Al Grindon said grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Scott Kennedy called the class back to order by leading 228. Leaders: Larry Arnstein 566; Duncan MacLeod 112; Carroll Lunsford 489; Mimi Wright 106; Midge Harder 65; Judy Getrich 473; Jerry Schreiber 254; Susanna Ball 148; Bruce Hayes 260; Carla Smith 320; Scott Kennedy 162; Carri Grindon 58; Betty Herman 500.

RECESS

Jeff Begly called the class back to order by leading 229. Leaders: Marilyn Murata 195; Karen Huss 236; Pat Keating 504; Al Grindon 120; Maggie Dougher 117; Robyn Hansen 454; Juanita Heyerman 486; Jeri Segal 277; Rick Russell 99; Jon Rand 339; Duncan MacLeod 217; John Marr 319; Rachel O'Leary 73t; Colleen Dougher 128; Stephen O'Leary 475; Mary Rose O'Leary 569b; Larry Arnstein 198. Final reports were presented. There were 70 songs led by 30 singers. In addition, 8 singers signed cards, but did not lead. Expenses were not quite met due to a big increase in rent charged for the space, but sufficient reserves were available to make up the difference. Resolutions were read.

Jon Rand led 276 as the closing song. Al Grindon offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jon Rand; Vice Chairman—Robyn Hansen; Secretary—Larry Arnstein

KENTUCKY STATE SACRED HARP SINGING **Mt. Zion Methodist Church, Harrodsburg, Kentucky** **Saturday, May 14, 2011**

The 30th annual Kentucky State Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Ron Pen. The singing was held in a different location (this year only). Ron thanked Jim Thobaben, minister at Mt. Zion Church and one of our regular singers, for hosting us. He then gave a brief history of the Appalachian Association of Sacred Harp Singers, and outlined the schedule for the day. *The Sacred Harp* 1991 Edition and *Southern Harmony* tunebooks were used throughout the day. Jim Thobaben gave the morning invocation.

Leaders: Ron Pen 73b; Marcy Thobaben 312b; Mary Brinkman 313b; Jillian Lykens 209; Zack Davis 322 (SoH); Sara Birnbaum 228; Randy Webber 164 (SoH); Rob Coulston 178; Ron Pen 128 (for Jim Thobaben); Charles Coulston 551; Darrell Swarens 341 (in memory of Bob Meek); Bob French 39; Bob Sears 354t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson and Treasurer—Charles H. Coulston; Organizing Committee—Ron Pen, Raphael Finkel, and Keith MacAdam; Secretary—Mary Brinkman.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Misti Reagan leading 45t. Leaders: Sharon Hill 504; Nikos Pappas 215; Mary Brinkman 147b; Jillian Lykens 455; Zack Davis 148; Sara Birnbaum 86; Randy Webber 66; Rob Coulston 288; Jessica Miskelly 457; Darrell Swarens 38 (SoH); Charles Coulston 276; Bob French 496; Bob Sears 59; Donna Kwon 47b; Laurel Cornell 223.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Ron Pen. Randy Webber, Darrell Swarens, and Nikos Pappas spoke about Bob Meek, who died in Louisville this past January. Darrell led 268 and Nikos led “Meek.” Bob French spoke about and led 312b for his Aunt Lucille Snedaker and her son, Eddy, both from Ohio, who died in 2010. Ron Pen memorialized George Pickow, husband of Jean Ritchie, who died in 2010 in New York, and Alvina Worsham, who died in 2011 in Kentucky. Ron led 146 for

George and 31t for Alvina. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Jim Thobaben.

LUNCH

Rafi Finkel convened the afternoon session by leading 535. Leaders: Nikos Pappas 149; Ron Pen 524; Mary Brinkman 479; Zack Davis 98; Randy Webber 107; Rob Coulston 183; Darrell Swarens 112; Charles Coulston 299; Marcy Thobaben 16 (SoH); Nikos Pappas 245 (for Bob French); Jim Thobaben 19 (SoH); Laurel Cornell 49t; Michele Cull 147t; Annaliza Cull 448t; Charles Coulston 497; Rafi Finkel "Lansdowne"; Nikos Pappas 254; Marcy Thobaben 481; Ron Pen 236; Mary Brinkman and Darrell Swarens 189; Zack Davis 275 (SoH); Randy Webber 218; Rob Coulston 133; Darrell Swarens and Michele Cull 507; Charles Coulston 350; Bob French 48b; Nikos Pappas 74t (for Jim Thobaben); Laurel Cornell 489; Annaliza Cull 163b.

Rafi Finkel led 267. Those who wished took the parting hand, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Charles H. Coulston; Secretary—Mary Brinkman

NEWTON COUNTY SINGING

Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church, near Covington, Georgia Saturday, May 14, 2011

The 11th session of the Newton County Singing was held at Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church near Newborn, Georgia, on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. Charles Woods called the class together by leading 77b. Elder Hermon Wilkinson welcomed everyone to historic Shoal Creek Church, and offered the morning prayer. Charles Woods led 49t and 168.

The following officers were re-elected: Co-Chairmen—Hermon Wilkinson and Charles Woods; Vice Chairman—Mike Spencer; Secretary—Arlene Woods.

Leaders: Hermon Wilkinson 354b, 87, 45t; Arlene Woods 147t, 81t, 178; Helen Bryson 112, 227, 299, 287; Gabrielle Fulmer 47t, 106; Billy Hollingsworth 535, 350; Mike Spencer 278t, 308; Matt Bell 313b, 315, 179, 263; John Hollingsworth 354t, 138t; George Burdette 76b, 129; Charlene Wallace 99, 141; Molly Melvin 176b, 370; Art Hargrove and Myra Hargrove 47b, 138b; John Plunkett 80t, 88t.

LUNCH

Charles Woods convened the afternoon session by leading 283. Leaders: Billy Hollingsworth 89, 39b, 569t; Mike Spencer 289, 382, 539; George Burdette 222, 128, 159; Charlene Wallace 503, 225t, 409; Molly Melvin 33t, 499, 415; John Plunkett 83t, 133, 154, 156; Matt Bell 65, 425; Helen Bryson 176t; Arlene Woods 479.

Matt Bell, from Memphis, Tennessee, was recognized for travelling the longest distance to the singing. After announcements, Charles Woods led 82t 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 15, 2011

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Douglas, Alabama, was held on the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Jackson Harcrow leading 32t and 36b. Elder Stoney Dorning welcomed the class 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: Susan Harcrow 63, 186; Jackie Tanner 40, 89; Cheyenne Ivey 276 (in memory of Ernestine Pipkin), 77t; Robert Walker 84, 143; Sharon Brown and Gail Jenkins 49b; Jason Simmons 68b; David Light 200, 318; Angela Myers 178, 350; Ed Thacker 546, 91; Blake Sisemore 144, 411; Donna Wootten 155, 74b; Marlin Beasley 460, 336; Bridgett Kennedy 31t, 37b (in memory of Mattie Townsel); Chris Ballinger 472, 477.

RECESS

Susan Harcrow led 85 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Aaron Wootten and Sarah Vaughn 56t, 101t; Henry Johnson 52b, 88t; Judy Caudle 277, 564; Jamey Wootten 47t; Linda Thomas 106; Nate Green 206, 378b; Loyd Ivey 275b; Loyd Ivey and Susan Harcrow 426t (for Bud Oliver), 426b; Cindy Tanner 368, 269; Dennis George 278b, 545; Jared Wootten 217; Stephanie Dorning, Amelia Dorning, Lucas Dorning, and Jacob Dorning 354b, 282; Larry Ballinger 286, 358 (for John Merritt); Mark Brown 378t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jackson Harcrow and Blake Sisemore leading 76b. Leaders: Shane Wootten 65, 278t; Elene Stovall 298, 470 (for tornado victims); David Ivey 114, 360; Henry Guthery 436, 434; Butch White 86, 29b; Rodney Ivey and Stoney Dorning 75, 45t; Susan Allred 183, 480; Susan Harcrow 267 (in memory of Junior Whitten and Jean Patterson); Chris Ballinger and Donna Wootten 512; Bridgett Kennedy 391; Henry Johnson 96; Judy Caudle 389 (for Lonnie Rogers); David Light 208; Angela Myers and Judy Caudle 500; Dennis George 383.

Jackson Harcrow, Susan Harcrow, and Jackie Tanner led 146 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Stoney Dorning, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jackson Harcrow; Secretary—Susan Harcrow

CANE CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Cleburne County, near Heflin, Alabama** **Sunday, May 15, 2011**

The Cane Creek Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing was held on the third Sunday in May. B.M. Smith called the class to order leading 59. Elder Neal Prichard offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 101t; Glenda Collins 100; Donna Bell 490, 222 (for Lonnie Rogers); Margie Smith 225t.

The following officers were re-elected: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Glenda Collins; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Margie Smith. Leaders: Lou Cotney 300; 358 (for Faye Cotney); George Garner 229; 503; Sylvia Norton Holland 348b, 45t; Stanley Edwards 83b, 340; Evelyn Harris 155, 47t; Eschol Hughes 282, 68b.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by B.M. Smith leading 35. Leaders: Marilyn Bradley and Stanley Edwards 343, 164; Neal Prichard 56b, 139; Jeff Sheppard 293, 297; Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 294, 454 (in memory of Reba Norton); Lewis Norton 30b, 569b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Stanley Edwards. He read the names of the following deceased: Mary Florence Smith, Howard McGuire, Ollie Austin Walker, Cecil Abney; Clara Aldridge Edwards, Baker Hollis, Marvin McElroy, and the recent tornado victims in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and across the southeast. Stanley Edwards

led 192 (in memory of Howard McGuire, who was a faithful supporter of this singing). Jeff Sheppard led 45t (at the request of Mrs. McGuire in memory of her husband).

The sick and shut-ins honored were Lonnie Rogers, Teenie Moody, Nick Griffin, Carlene Griffin, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Louis Hughes, Lois Bowman, Sara Lynn Noland, Eunice Webb, and those injured in the tornadoes. Stanley Edwards led 283 for the deceased and sick and shut-ins. Charles Norton offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Charles Norton gave a brief report on the cemetery. Eschol Hughes blessed the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing convened with B.M. Smith leading 105. Leaders: Shelby Sheppard 81t, 80t; Pam Nunn 186; Ruth Daniel 335, 378t; Paula Brooks and Evelyn Harris 318; Ann Simpson 445, 111b; Lois Owen 75, 480.

Following announcements, B.M. Smith and Glenda Collins led 127. They led 46 as the closing song. Eschol Hughes dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Glenda Collins; Secretary—Donna Bell

MOUNT PISGAH SINGING SOCIETY (COOPER BOOK)

Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church

Stroud, Chambers County, Alabama

Saturday, May 21, 2011

The annual all-day session of the Mount Pisgah Singing Society (organized in 1903) met at Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church, and was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Karen Clark leading 70t. Phillip Reeves offered the morning prayer. Karen Clark led 573.

The officers of the singing are as follows: President—Karen Clark; First Vice President—Rodney Ivey; Second Vice President—David Lee; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Don Clark and Laura Densmore.

Leaders: David Lee 176t; Donna Bell 505; Jack Nelson 501; B.M. Smith 563; Ken Kelley 464; Faye Hollis 98; Frank Strickland 145b; Karen Rollins 136; Ann Webb 142; Bill Hogan 210; Nell Estes 192; Henry Johnson 553; Nancy Hogan 84; Erica Hinton and Eli Hinton 511t; Oscar McGuire 276; Nate Green and Norma Green 380t.

RECESS

David Lee led 76b to begin the second session. Leaders: John Plunkett 320; Sandra Wilkinson 571; Lloyd Jones and Loretta Jones 45t; Claudine Townson 572; J.T. Blakeley and Audrie Blakeley 60; Stanley Edwards 58; Judy Whiting 507b; Shannon Primm 268b; Matt Hinton 38t; Laura Densmore 30t; Stanley Smith 225t (in memory of Christine Gandy and Earnestine Pipkin); Jonathon Kelso 96; Helen Bryson 559; John Merritt and Laura Densmore 392.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class back to order leading 274t. Leaders: Jonathon Blakeley 146; Judy Caudle 567; Chris Brown 95b; Judy Chambless 358 (by request), 138t; Carol Buche 488b; Lela Crowder 380b; Anna Hinton 40; Buell Cobb 45b; Sharon DuPriest and Pam Nunn 189; Lacey Blakeley, J.T. Blakeley, and Audrie Blakeley 112; Judy Mincey 273 (in memory of Lee Rogers); Alison Zunklei 270; Karen Clark 369 (in memory of John Etheridge). Elder Jonathan Blakeley blessed the noon meal at the tables.

LUNCH

Order was restored for the afternoon session by Karen Clark leading 155 and 444 (for all the Jackson Family). Leaders: Robert Chambless 508 (for all the singers unable to attend); Bridgett Kennedy 450; Stanley Edwards and friends Susan, Amy, Eric, Shawn, Corwin, and Ian 47b; Tommy Spurlock 277 (in memory of his sister-in-law, Earnestine Pipkin, recently killed in an auto accident); Daphne Causey 137; Phillip Reeves 49b; David Lee 447t; Ron Crocker 108t; Dave Richardson 344; Ed Thacker 575; Syble Adams 576; Chris Brown 28b; Nate Green and Norma Green 418 (for Bud and Sammie Oliver); Jeff Sheppard 497; John Merritt and Laura Densmore 522 (in memory of John's cousin, Leonard Price, and his uncle, John Kelley); Judy Whiting 212.

RECESS

Karen Clark led 478 as the final session of singing began. Leaders: Ann Webb 82; Wayne Morgan 513; Fred Hoerr, Marty Hoerr, and August Hoerr 30b; Claudine Townson, Syble Adams, Virginia Glass, and Larry Wootten 29t; Carol Buche 488t; Phillip Reeves 63; Dave Richardson 395b; Ben Keeble 108t; Don Clark and Syble Adams 171.

Announcements were made, and all who wished took the parting hand as the officers led the closing song. Fred Hoerr offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

President—Karen Clark; First Vice President—Rodney Ivey; Second Vice President—David Lee; Secretary—Donna Bell

LEWES SACRED HARP SINGING DAY **South Malling Parish Church, Lewes, Sussex, United Kingdom** **Saturday, May 21, 2011**

The annual Lewes Sacred Harp Singing Day was called to order by Rachel Jordan leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Rob Mahoney.

Leaders: Nick Hall 535; Steve Fletcher 47t; Michael Walker 32b; Sofi Mogensen 52t; Rob Mahoney 107; Helen Brown 171; Rebecca Over 421; Edwin Macadam 59; Ted Brown 225t; Stephen Biggs 178; Tony Singleton 117; Sheila Girling Macadam 192; Rachel Jordan 36b; Nick Hall 155; Steve Fletcher 324; Michael Walker 426t; Sofi Mogensen 28t; Rob Mahoney 49b; Helen Brown 39b; Rebecca Over 562; Edwin Macadam 534; Ted Brown 312b; Stephen Biggs 45t; Tony Singleton 496; Sheila Girling Macadam 500; Rachel Jordan 280.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rachel Jordan; Secretaries—Nick Hall, Sofi Mogensen, and Rebecca Over; Memorial Committee—Rob Mahoney, Steve Fletcher, and Lesley White.

RECESS

Nick Hall called the class back to order leading 145b. Leaders: Michael Walker 460; Steve Fletcher 106; Sofi Mogensen 135; Rob Mahoney 86; Helen Brown 349; Adrian Bolge 370; Rebecca Over 532; Edwin Macadam 538; Jill Thompson 299; Ted Brown 72b; Stephen Biggs 276; Tony Singleton 163b; Sheila Girling Macadam 564; Rachel Jordan 384; Nick Hall 455; Paul Setford 415; Michael Walker 456; Steve Fletcher 472; Rob Mahoney 159; Sofi Mogensen 65; Rebecca Over 208; Edwin Macadam 528; Helen Brown 200; Ted Brown 338; Stephen Biggs 288. Milly Murphy offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Sheila Girling Macadam leading 523. Leaders: Paul Setford 501; Jill Thompson 504; Adrian Bolge 73b; Michael Walker 336; Nick Hall 464; Rachel Jordan 168; Helen Brown 157; Sofi Mogensen 31t; Edwin Macadam 181.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Rob Mahoney in honor of the following deceased: Mollie Wiggs, Joyce Over, Joe Hall, John Champkin, George Malcher, Ernestine Pipkin, Judith Bowness, Peter Nock, Glynne Williams, Marion Biggs, Edgar Bateson, Rose Chudley, Jenny Reeves, Suzanne Parker, Lisbeth Poulsen, Alan Cooper and Betty Thompson. Rob led 47b in their memory.

Steve Fletcher spoke for the sick and housebound and Lesley White read their names as follows: Peter Schoongans, George Holland, Charlie Derleth, Derek Winstanley, John Merritt, Constance Lightbody, Maureen Jones, Marjorie Franks, Maureen Gamlin, Mei Leung, David Stewart, Jacky Kennedy, and Lionel Wollenberg. Martin Williams offered a prayer and Steve Fletcher led 196.

Leaders: Sheila Girling Macadam 475; Ted Brown 176b; Steve Fletcher 146; Rebecca Over 381.

RECESS

The class was recalled by Jill Thompson leading 99. Leaders: Rob Mahoney 209; Stephen Biggs 497; Adrian Bolge 480; Paul Setford 40; Rachel Jordan 474; Nick Hall 502; Steve Fletcher 481; Michael Walker 521; Sofi Mogensen and John Taylor 228; Rebecca Over 371; Stephen Biggs 515; Adrian Bolge 68b; Jill Thompson 454; Paul Setford 273; Helen Brown 182; Rob Mahoney 70t; Edwin Macadam 236; Ted Brown 97; Sheila Girling Macadam 198.

Announcements were made. Rachel Jordan thanked all who had helped in any way to make this singing possible, and then led 347 as the closing song. Edwin Macadam offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rachel Jordan; Secretaries—Nick Hall, Sofi Mogensen, and Rebecca Over

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Eva, Morgan County, Alabama

Sunday, May 22, 2011

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in May was called to order by J.L. Hopper leading 52t and 74t. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Guthery.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Brandon Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Blake Sisemore.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 82t; Blake Sisemore 200; Steve Cobbs 460; Don Keeton 290; Nancy Thompson 65; Christopher Mann 77t; Geraldine Sharpton 299; Cheyenne Ivey 203; Margie Smith 569b; Chris Brown 102; Travis Keeton 48t; Scott Ivey 379; Delone Cobbs 101t; Andrew Farris 66; Bridgett Kennedy 186; Judy Chambless 347; B.M. Smith 441; Susan Cheronos 74b; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 47b; Rebekah Gilmore 442; Ed Thacker 110; Judy Whiting 503; Henry Guthery 549; Sonya Sipe 36b.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Judy Caudle leading 32t. Leaders: Henry Johnson 398; Phillip Gilmore 49b; Susan Allred 378b; Robert Chambless 225t; Ken Tate 147b; Anna Grace Sipe 68b; Larry Ballinger 291; Essie Hollingsworth 274t; Dennis George 446; Harrison Creel 342; Rodney Ivey 528; Joan Aldridge 475; Chris Ballinger 344; Brandon Thompson 335; Tom George 224; Joyce Walton 439; Loyd Ivey 452.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Caudle. She read a devotional from the writings of Charles H. Spurgeon. The following sick and shut-ins were remembered: Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, John Merritt, John Seaton, Charlotte Gober, Jackie Beard, Lonnie Rogers, Willodean Barton, and Connie

Karduck. The following deceased were remembered: Noble Caudle, Rhoda Norris, Ernestine Pipkin, Billy Williams, Myrtle Wootten, and Mildred Newton—Alabama; Jerry Enright—Illinois; Bob Meek—Kentucky; John Champkin—United Kingdom. She led 462. Judy led 459 in memory of Aunt Bera Bradford. Danny Creel offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Eddie Mash 176b; Garrett Sipe 63; Darrell Swarens 341. Ed Thacker offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by J.L. Hopper leading 374. Leaders: Danny Creel 177; Richard Ivey 298; Michael Thompson 399b; David Ivey 432; Jennifer Lee 142; J.C. Rutledge 294; Dan Hopper 450; Richard DeLong 395; Blake Sisemore 430; Chris Brown 512; Darrell Swarens, Chris Brown, and Judy Whiting 168; Judy Whiting 318; Don Keeton 438; Eddie Mash and Scott Ivey 196; Larry Ballinger and Chris Ballinger 151; Ken Tate 147; Joan Aldridge 228; Christopher Mann 178; Joyce Walton 269; Anna Grace Sipe and Sonya Sipe 268; Dennis George and Tom George 197; Rodney Ivey 492; Richard Ivey 422; Bridgett Kennedy and Richard DeLong 411; Phillip Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore 405; J.L. Hopper 245 (by request), 380 (by request), 71.

J.L. Hopper led 62 as the closing song. Elder Phillip Gilmore offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Brandon Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle

THE BIG SINGING Old Marshall County Courthouse, Benton, Kentucky Sunday, May 22, 2011

In the absence of the Chairman, Frank Nichols, the morning session of the 128th annual Big Singing using *The Southern Harmony*, compiled by William Walker, was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by William Paris. The invocation was given by Randy Webber.

Leaders: Don Waggener 103; Tom Waggener 24b; Kerry Lovett 144; Joel Deckard 22t; Marcy Thobaben 16; Randy Webber 38; David Killingsworth 46; Tim Reynolds and Deborah Loftis 322; Don Waggener 20; Deborah Loftis 166; Kelly Grooms 77; James Eldridge 123; Rebecca Eldridge 89t; Katherine Eldridge 254; Adrian Eldridge and Virginia Eldridge 97; Matt Meacham 11; William Paris 3t; Marcy Thobaben 133. The following requests were led: William Paris 1; Joel Deckard 25b; Don Waggener 252; Matt Meacham 22t; William Paris 64.

LUNCH

William Paris called the afternoon session to order at 1:00 p.m. The welcome was given by Sheriff Kevin Byars. Tom Waggener led 103. William Paris gave a short instructional lesson.

Leaders: Don Waggener 256, 83; Tim Reynolds 40t, 125.

The memorial lesson for Bob Meek was led by Randy Webber and other singers from Louisville leading 213.

Leaders: Randy Webber 187; Kerry Lovett 89b, 159b; Gary Clark 51, 31t; Matt Meacham 296, 11; James Eldridge 123 (in honor of Frank Nichols); Tom Waggener 17b, 189; David Killingsworth 302; William Paris 68; James Thobaben and Marcy Thobaben 19t; Joel Deckard 82; Paul Fourshee 165t; Bob Cull 50; Annaliza Cull 276b; Michele Cull 275; Rebecca Eldridge 256; Deborah Loftis 277; Virginia Eldridge and Katherine Eldridge 51. Requests: David Killingsworth 332; Tom Waggener 116; William Paris 133, 8t.

William Paris led 334 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer.
Chairman—Frank Nichols; Secretary—Tim Reynolds

PICCOLO SPOLETO SINGING
Gage Hall, Charleston, South Carolina
Saturday, May 28, 2011

Prior to the singing, Robert Kelley provided an introduction to Sacred Harp singing and its traditions. After a brief recess, Tom Ivey called the class to order leading 48t. Buck Lea offered prayer. Michael Walker welcomed everyone and led 134.

Leaders: Buck Lea 349; Ellen Lea 351; Frank DeBolt 503; Sharon Strong 567; Lynn Halsey and Tom Ivey 146; Terri Jowers and Tom Ivey 457; John Gentry 383; Joyce Heath 212; Aldo Ceresa 52b; Agnes Roberts 143; Judith Parker 168; Nathan Rees 104; Rexanna Lester 142; Ian Quinn 163t; Jane Spencer 171; Nancy Wheelers 81t; John Plunkett 354b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Michael Walker; Vice Chairman—Tom Ivey; Chaplain—Buck Lea; Secretary—Jane Spencer.
RECESS

Tom Ivey called the class back to order leading 101t. Leaders: Cleve Callison 276; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 153; Charles Woods 283; Shannon Primm 213t; David Carlton 183; Jonathon Smith 186; Chris Wilhelm 481; Al McCready 452; Leslie Booher 448t; Dorothy Lane 312b; Molly Ellis 282; Judy Mincey 414; Robert Kelley 48b; Aldo Ceresa 522; Buck Lea 549; Tom Ivey 192; Ian Quinn 434; Michael Walker 170; Jane Spencer 564; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 53; John Plunkett 359 (for Dana Borelli); Nathan Rees 285b; Shannon Primm 101b; Robert Kelley 432.

LUNCH

Robert Kelley presented an introduction to Sacred Harp singing and its traditions. Michael Walker brought the class back to order leading 145t. Leaders: Michael Walker, Charlotte Walker, Don Walker, Tina Carnell, and Colin Carnell 45t; Drew York 63; Cleve Callison 198; Molly Ellis 328; Al McCready 155; Jane Spencer 176b; Jonathon Smith 129; Aldo Ceresa 218; Holly Corbitt, Anjelica Burns, and Selitah Burns 178; Judy Mincey and Lilles McPherson Shilling 492; David Carlton 528; Tom Ivey 254; Robert Kelley 37t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 316; John Plunkett 112; Nathan Rees 440; Ian Quinn 232; Marti Briggs and Judy Mincey 268; Shannon Primm 65; Sharon Strong 240; Leslie Booher 47b; Ellen Lea 371; Michael Walker 456; Kathy Thom 236; Frank DeBolt 569b.

RECESS

Tom Ivey led 32t to call the class back together. Leaders: Dorothy Lane and Jane Spencer 455; John Gentry 77t; Chris Wilhelm 548; Agnes Roberts 358; Judith Parker 344; Terri Jowers 235; Roxanna Lester 46; Joyce Heath 480; Marti Briggs 117; Molly Ellis 42; Al McCready 323b; Leslie Booher 535; David Carlton 287; Judy Mincey 475; Cleve Callison 299; Kathy Thom 128; Buck Lea 362; Sharon Strong 417; Robert Kelley 106; Aldo Ceresa 430.

Michael Walker and Tom Ivey led 62 as the closing song. Buck Lea closed the session with prayer.

Chairman—Michael Walker; Vice Chairman—Tom Ivey; Secretary—Jane Spencer

MIDWEST CONVENTION
Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
May 28-29, 2011
Saturday, May 28

The 26th annual Midwest Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Richard DeLong leading 57. Rachel Adelstein offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Carol Munro Mosley and Michael Mosley 171; Mark Dawson 236; Leah Wilde 146; Ann Miczulski 361; Peggy Mistak 496; Bob Sullivan 503; Will Fitzgerald and Bess Fitzgerald 447; Michael Appert 65; Rochelle Lodder 39t; Sarah Trumbore 410t.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected: Co-Chairmen—Carol Munro Mosley and Michael Mosley; Vice Chairmen—Randy Neufeld and Susan Geil; Secretary—Cathryn Bearov; Chaplains—Rachel Adelstein and Steve Warner; Memorial Committee—Darrell Swarens and Lisa Grayson; Finance Committee—Jim Helke, Mary Rose O’Leary, and Kelly Kennedy; Arranging Committee—Jeff Breting, Marcia Johnson, Ted Mercer, and Ryan Wheeler.

RECESS

The class was brought back in session by Michael Mosley leading 82t. Leaders: Evelyn Lamb 505; Cecelia Kramer 216; Will Gilman 377; Gerry Hoffman 376; Ben Copenhaver 528; Laura Noble 162; Michael Darby 113; Nell Whitman 107; Gillian Inksetter 446; Peter Trumbore 48b; Nicoletta Rogers 328; Steve Rogers 312b; Marian Mitchell 383; Erik Schwab 550; Dave Barford 56b; Melissa Kelley 451.

RECESS

The class was brought back in session by Carol Munro Mosley leading 66. Leaders: Johanna Fabke 475; Bill Waddington and Stanley Yuk 362; Beth Todd 501; Melanie Hauff 421; Brad Oglesby 151; Lori Graber 458; Christine Stevens 270; Daniel Bearden 149; JoDell Albi 229; Sarah Burghardt 454 (in honor of young Katy whose fish all died); Eleanor Haase 352; Jo Schultz 150; Steve Schmidgall 369; Beverly Rose Enright 441. Rachel Adelstein offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was brought back in session by Randy Neufeld and Susan Geil leading 105. Leaders: Jim Pfau 228; Joe Todd 103; Carolyn Deacy 411; Reba Windom 192; Gary Gronau 384; Ted Johnson “Boulder”; Dave Ressler 189; James Page 188; Darrell Swarens 341; Rebecca Browne 299; Julie Vea 218; Megan Jennings 203; Kiri Miller 442; Lisa Grayson 436; Karen Isbell 214; Jeff Breting 448t.

The chairmen recognized the finance committee. Becky Browne offered a powerful appeal to the class, reminding them that going to dinner and a movie was probably less meaningful than two days of singing and that the high cost of Ida Noyes Hall was becoming increasingly prohibitive. This collection was going to decide whether this singing space could continue to be a viable location for the convention. As the collection was taken, Jim Helke led 319.

RECESS

The class was brought back in session by Cathryn Bearov leading 114. Leaders: Mary Rose O’Leary 385b; Richard Popp 198; Stephen O’Leary 497; Anne Heider 268; John Seaton 47t; Steve Littinen 345b; Kim Bahmer 133; Myles Alexander 128.

The chairmen called for a business meeting. The finance committee reported we had met the costs for the room rental. Tomorrow’s collection was to cover everything else.

Leaders: Brian How 143; Rachel O’Leary 290; Liisa Eckersberg 30; Lucy O’Leary 269; Shawn Fenton 70b; Arthur Olson 267; Wendy Popp 148; Bill Beverly 547.

Carol Munro Mosley and Michael Mosley led 347. Rachel Adelstein offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, May 29

The Sunday session of the Midwest Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Carol Munro Mosley and Michael Mosley leading 34b. Steve Warner offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Randy Neufeld 99; Ryan Wheeler 81t; Debbie Barford 207; Jim Helke 291; Steve Warner 171; Anna Pfau 191; Jim Swanson 564; Doug Stapleton 440; Jan Ketelle 448b; Susan Geil 344; Laura Russell 504; Jason Martin 178; Paul Wyatt 460; Ginny Landgraf 372; Wendy Wahn 270; Martha Beverly 536; Kathy Kaiser 368.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Darrell Swares leading 36b. Leaders: James Baumgartner 183; Jennifer Hedrich and Noelle Copeland 535; Daniel Myers 49b; Sasha Maslanka and Judy Hauff 107; Sam Sommers 560; Karen Swenson 442; Rachel Adelstein 300; Ted Mercer 202; Jim Pfau 474; Ann Sleeva 45t; Jo Schultz 120; Christine Stevens 542; Kelly Kennedy and her parents 532; Beth Todd 430; Leah Wilde 479; Brian How 114.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Lisa Grayson leading 278b. Leaders: Callie Lang 335; Erik Schwab 179; Steven Schmidgall 333; Joe Todd 102.

The memorial lesson was conducted. Darrell Swares began the lesson speaking of his sense of home, which is in the hollow square. We are all part of a family which is comprised of those who are present, those who are no longer with us, and those who cannot be present. For those who are unable to join us, any contact from singers is deeply appreciated. In 176t, the words have a special meaning for Darrell because he feels he is part of this band, this family. He belongs here. He noted that in the second verse of this song the 'sweet angels' are, of course, the altos. He read the following names on the homebound list: Willodean Barton, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Lonnie Rogers, John Grant, Miriam Tarsa, Carol Mingo-Revill, Louise Holland, George Holland, Geneva Prichard, Martha Cooper, Connie Karduck, Paul Park, Yvette Pina, Sarah Davie, Patrick Stevens, John Merritt, Doris Littrell, Bob Anderson, and Bob Scorgie. Darrell led 176t.

Lisa Grayson spoke of the process she had begun to prepare for the lesson—namely reading through previous memorial lessons and taking notes from them. This morning she completely scrapped those words feeling that they did not fill her sense of this lesson. Memorial lessons are concrete offerings, not simply mental or spiritual communion with those who are now dead. The lessons offered over the days bring many former singers to mind and heart. The lessons cause us to miss specific faces and voices. Earlier, when we were singing 383 she had looked to the tenors eager to hear Dean Slayton's voice in the fugue. But he was not there. When the class sang 'Florida' she looked for Jeanette Lowry, but did not see her. For a moment Lisa was confused, because she knew that Jeanette loved the Midwest Convention, so only something serious would cause her to disengage from the singing. Well, Jeanette is seriously disengaged from us. She is deceased. For a very practical reason we only list the names of the deceased for one year-length. A year is not enough time to assuage the pain and grief for those no longer singing with us. But for that time, we publicly hold people in our square. After that, the grief is more private. She read the following names on the deceased list: Corine Lacey, Ernestine Pipkin, Billy Williams—Alabama; Virginia Cowart—Arkansas; George Griffith, Robbie Nichols, Paula Ogren, Sandee Gardebring Ogren—California; Phyllis Bruce—Connecticut; Claire Sullivan—Florida; Mary Florence Smith—Georgia; Robert Barford, Carolyn Douma, Rose Edwards, Jerry Enright, Linda Lehman, Helen Hogg, Joseph Sleeva,

Paul Streeter, Betty Zinzer—Illinois; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Mary Lee Yatchak—Massachusetts; Warren Loud—Minnesota; Genia Albrect, George Seiler—New York; Henry Bizzel—North Carolina; Robert John Landgraf—Ohio; Melinda Bell—Pennsylvania; George Jones—Texas; Dennis Murphy—Vermont; Ian Krieg—Washington; Joyce Anderson—Wisconsin; Henri Martinot—France. Just under a year ago, Jerry Enright passed away. Lisa expressed sorrow that his widow, Karen Freund, was not present. The lesson Lisa selected in memory of the deceased was a favorite of Jerry's. She led 77t in remembrance of those who are deceased. Darrell Swarens concluded the memorial lesson by offering a prayer.

Singing resumed with Johanna Fabke leading 84. She spoke of the deep gratitude for the care and attention singers paid to her as she experienced an extended recovery from illness. If anyone has doubts about whether being mentioned in memorial lessons or being contacted as a result of those lessons matters, they need only contact her to learn the deep meaning those attentions hold. Steve Warner offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was brought back to order by Kim Bahmer leading 34b. Leaders: Paul Wyatt 456; Daniel Bearden 222; Judy Hauff 250; Grace Scrimgeour 216; Marcia Johnson 485; Shawn Fenton 480; Rachel O'Leary and Lucy O'Leary 215; Reba Windom 196; Ben Copenhaver 415; Richard DeLong 411; Kiri Miller 344; Gillian Inksetter 548; Mary Rose O'Leary 142; Carolyn Deacy and Sasha Maslanka 87; Becky Browne, Gary Gronau, Karen Isbell, and Dave Ressler 272; Steve Rogers 28b; Alexa Copeland and Will Gilman 444; Stephen O'Leary 52b; Nell Whitman 209; Gerry Hoffman 546; Mary Rose O'Leary, Kelly Kennedy, and Jim Helke 277; Kathy Kaiser 29t; James Baumgartner 112; Petrina Patti 217; Nicoletta Rogers 538; Melissa Kelley 146; Michael Darby and Laura Russell 40; Peter Trumbore and Sarah Trumbore 170; Wendy Wahn 163b; Megan Jennings 481; Anna Pfau 455; Bill Waddington and Steve Luttinen 294; Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 192; Cecelia Kramer and Marian Mitchell 174; Eleanor Haase 32t; James Page 351; Julie Vea 288. The secretary reported the convention was attended by 131 people from 15 states with 159 lessons led over the two days by 115 leaders. The finance committee reported that we were still about \$300 short of expenses and encouraged more donations. The resolutions committee offered thanks to God for milder temperatures and a gracious rain. Also thanks to the officers and organizers of the convention, especially Susan Geil, who coordinated housing for out-of-town guests, Kris Richardson, who hosted a beautiful social the previous evening, Bill Windom, for filming the convention, and Shawn Fenton, for recording the singing. Announcements were made. The convention closed with the singing of 62, and attendees taking the parting hand as they felt moved and were able to do so. Steve Warner offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Carol Munro Mosley and Michael Mosley; Vice Chairmen—Randy Neufeld and Susan Geil; Secretary—Cathryn Bearov

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK) McMahan, Texas May 28-29, 2011 Saturday, May 28

The 111th annual session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Convention held at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan, Texas, was called to order by Tom

Owen leading 331t. He welcomed all who had come to sing and listen and led 68b and 453b. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Sonny Huckaby. Leaders: Gary Rogan 567; Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates 82; Billy Huckaby 383; Kristie Powell 104; Alice Johnson 128; Chris Brown 95b; Judy Whiting 268b; Riley Owen 32t; Kris Wiggins 30b; Silas Huckaby 401; Shirley Figura 176t; Carter Cook 505; Donn Howard 484b; Jane Goforth 393t; Steve Helwig 376; Lynette Howard 511t; Earl Ballinger 155; Syble Adams 207; Trevor Howard 563; Rick Foreman 187; Johnny Lee 46.

RECESS

Gary Rogan brought the class together leading 384. Tom Owen opened the business session stating that Vice-Chairman Gary Rogan would move up to the chairmanship after lunch. The floor was opened for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Bill Bailey was nominated and elected by acclamation. Nominations were requested for secretary. Bruce and Beverly Coates were re-elected. Scott Curran moved that this year's singing be dedicated to the memory of George Jones, longtime singer and member of Bethel Church and that this year's singing be designated the George A. Jones Memorial Convention. His obituary will be read as part of the memorial lesson. The motion was seconded and carried.

Leaders: Marilyn Murata 571; Wade Price 40; Cornelia Stanton 96; Blake Sisemore 98; Jonathan Pendleton 145b; Robert Vaughn 176b; Richard Ivey 222; Jessie Simon 45t; Donald Ross 419; Laura Densmore 482; Ryan Ross 99; Janie Short 192; Eli Hinton 40; Scott Ivey 210; Lindsey Wiggins and Jessica Foraker 543; Tollie Lee 101t; Paul Figura 377b; Diane Ross 434; Claudia Egelhoff 507b; Mike Moseley 134; Lauren Bock 140; Matt Hinton 38t; Abigail Webb 47t; David Wright 230; Kelsey Sunderland 276; David McPherson 72; Scott McCown 122; Jessica Garris 159. The prayer of thanks for our food was offered by Gaylon Powell.

LUNCH

Gary Rogan opened the afternoon session leading 511b. He appointed Amanda Bowles, Elder Sonny Huckaby, and Bill Bailey to the Memorial Committee. Leaders: Erica Hinton 270; Cassie Allen 242; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 52t; Josh Rogan 450; Judy Caudle 344; Jeff Adcock 108t; Jo Pendleton 397; Rodney Ivey 464; Sonny Erwin 430; Claudine Townson 68t; Mike Hinton 78; Amy Lee 268t; Lori Rodgers 216; Crystal Meadows 168; David Strayhorn 39; Rich Lee 69; Priscilla Wiggins 485; Morris Nelms 38b; Vickie Cook 63; Tamara Harris 220; Curtis Owen 442t; Leon Ballinger 120; Cheryl Foreman 66.

RECESS

Bill Bailey opened this session by leading 335. Leaders: Kyle Hearn 49t; Katie Mahoney 193; Gaylon Powell 552; Linda Booker 199; Tammy Powell 189; Micah Rodgers 142; Zach Rogan 181; Katie Moseley 293b; John Baker 544; Catherine Rogan 217; Greg Bowles 277; Sonny Huckaby 35; Michele Rogan 522; Jeb Owen and Liz Owen 138t; Sarah Huckaby 356; Scott Curran 553; Amanda Bowles 331b; Vivian Rogan 282.

Announcements were made. Gary Rogan led 558b as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Mike Moseley.

Sunday, May 29

The Sunday session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Gary Rogan leading 36b and 48t. He welcomed everyone, and prayer was offered by Johnny Lee.

Leaders: Gary Rogan 54; Bill Bailey 115; Bruce Coates, Beverly Coates, and Martha Aiken 171; Kevin Powell 39; Carter Cook 217; Reed Coates 400; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 133; Eli Hinton 277; Silas Huckaby 421; Olivia Powell 128; Chris Nicholson 484b; Paul Figura 401; Anna Hinton 40; Claudine Townson 500;

David Wright 486; Riley Owen and Ainsley Ross 572; Claudia Egelhoff 50t; Jeff Adcock 563; Kelsey Sunderland 60; Matt Hinton 365; Judy Whiting 212; Blake Sisemore and Tom Owen 416t.

RECESS

Bill Bailey opened the session leading 73t. Leaders: Erica Hinton 191; Johnnie Lee 273; Marilyn Murata 229; Steve Helwig 165; Shirley Figura 300; Chris Brown 30t; Cornelia Stanton 507b; Curtis Owen and Edith Owen 515; Laura Densmore 183; Scott Ivey 398b; Lauren Bock 470.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Amanda Bowles read the following list of the sick and homebound: John Merritt, John Seaton, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Lonnie Rogers, Leland Owen, George Holland, Craig Averill, Sallie Foreman, Pete Mathewson, S.T. Reed, Susan Kerr, Carolyn Anderson, Dan Fitzgerald, Fumie Murata, and Shisue Sugimoto. Amanda led 367.

Bill Bailey read the following names of the deceased: John Champkin—United Kingdom; Myrtle Wootten, Christine Gandy, Ernestine Pipkin, Corine Lacy, and Japheth Jackson—Alabama; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Jerry Enright—Illinois; George Seiler—New York; Tom Mahar—Pennsylvania; George Jones, Edwin Reed, Ada Smith Fisher, Thomas Smith, Earline Adams Vogt—Texas; Ethan Rogers—Minnesota; Mary Tominaga—California, the tornado victims in Alabama and Missouri, and the men and women who died in service to our country's armed forces. Bill led 558b in their memory. Tom Owen read the obituary of Bro. George Jones, and Elder Sonny Huckaby commented about Bro. Jones, those who died in the recent tornadoes, and led 450 in their memory. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Curtis Owen.

Leaders: David McPherson 449; Cheyenne Ivey 465b; Amy Lee 31t; Rodney Ivey 380t; Judy Caudle 478; Earl Ballinger 356; Richard Ivey 202; Rick Foreman 75; Cassie Allen 355. A prayer of thanks for the meal was offered by Donald Ross.

LUNCH

Bill Bailey opened the afternoon session leading 406. Leaders: Donald Ross 422b; Josh Martin 210; Jessie Simon 45t; Syble Adams, Curtis Owen, and Tom Owen 47b; Ron Bernucho and Suzan Bernucho 463; Crystal Meadows 95t; Tollie Lee 319; B.P. Herrington 204; Cheryl Foreman and Tamara Harris 378b; Kris Wiggins 235; Diane Ross 293b; Russell Riepe 383; Sonny Erwin 336t; Jo Pendleton 283t; Ryan Ross 137; Jane Goforth 505; Leon Ballinger 297; Vickie Cook 99; Lindsey Wiggins 222; Rich Lee and Katie Mahoney 464; Janie Short 200; Priscilla Wiggins 70t; Mike Hinton and Matt Hinton 146; Morris Nelms 27; Kristie Powell and Gaylon Powell 337; Linda Booker 447t; Tammy Powell 216; Vivian Rogan, Michele Rogan, Catherine Rogan, and Zach Rogan 215; Sarah Huckaby, Billy Huckaby, Jeb Owen, and Liz Owen 559; Greg Bowles, Amanda Bowles, Scott Curran, and Michele Rogan 203.

The Chairman asked for announcements and thanked all who had attended and helped with the singing. He and the other officers closed the singing by leading "Blissful Hope". Elder Sonny Huckaby offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Gary Rogan; Vice Chairman—Bill Bailey; Secretaries—Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates

HOLT COLLIER/MISSISSIPPI BEAR HUNT CONVENTION
Old Court House Museum, Vicksburg, Mississippi
May 28-29, 2011

Saturday, May 28

The 5th annual Holt Collier/Mississippi Bear Hunt Singing Convention was called to order by acting chairman Mark Davis leading 37b. Mark Davis offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 39t, 155. Henry Schuman explained that the class could select songs from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*, or the Alabama *Christian Harmony*. He led 45t and 63. Darlene Reynolds led 484 (CB) and 490.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry McGuire; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Henry Schuman.

Leaders: Henry McGuire 19 (CH), 255 (CH); Drew McGuire 258 (CH), 268.

RECESS

Henry McGuire brought the class to order by leading 142 and 81t. Leaders: Brady Lewis 38b, 40; Nanette Olivier 268t (CB), 449 (CB); Charity Vaughn 489 (CB), 392 (CB); Carole Watts 319 (CB), 567; Warren Steel 131b, 542; Kurt Braun 492 (CB), 488b (CB); Robert DuPree 569b, 84; Arlon Gardner 83t, 67.

LUNCH

Henry McGuire brought the class to order leading 300. Leaders: Mark Davis 436, 106; Darlene Reynolds 189 (CH); Gabe Monroe 47b, 282; Pattie Monroe 77t; Drew McGuire 145t; Brady Lewis 186; Hannah Monroe 358; Emily Massey 287 (CH); Henry McGuire 518 (CB); Arlon Gardner 522 (CB); Nanette Olivier 463 (CB); Charity Vaughn 224 (CB); Carole Watts 559 (CB); Warren Steel 235 (CH), 203 (CH); Robert DuPree 121t (CH); Henry McGuire and Mark Davis 547 (CH) (for John Merritt); Henry McGuire 175 (CH).

Announcements were made. Henry McGuire and Mark Davis led 549b (CH) as the closing song. Arlon Gardner dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, May 29

The Sunday session of the Holt Collier/Mississippi Bear Hunt Singing Convention was called to order by Henry McGuire leading 32t. Drew McGuire offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Henry McGuire 36b, 100; Mark Davis 123t, 29b; Henry Schuman 131 (CH), 172 (CH); Darlene Reynolds 355 (CH), 188 (CH); Drew McGuire 569b, 418; Henry McGuire 199 (CB), 410 (CB).

RECESS

Mark Davis led 56b to bring the class back to order.

Darlene Reynolds and Arlon Gardner conducted the memorial lesson. Darlene spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins and led 457 in honor of the following: W.M. Allen, Dean Caldwell, Nellie Caldwell, Nellie Davis, Marion Grant, Brenda Chafin, John Merritt, John Van Horn, and Ruth Wyers.

Arlon Gardner spoke and led 313t in memory of the following deceased: Ernestine Pipkin and Pat Rigdon—Alabama; Bernice Embry and Jim Patton, Jr.—Mississippi. Leaders: Carole Watts 87, 119; Nanette Olivier 393t (CB), 159 (CB); Kurt Braun 68b (CB), 571 (CB); Charity Vaughn 76b (CB), 400 (CB); Arlon Gardner 316 (CH), 372 (CH).

LUNCH

Drew McGuire called the afternoon session to order leading 209. Leaders: Robert DuPree 264 (CH); Mark Davis 277 (CH), 387; Henry Schuman and Linda Hellerich

96 (CB); Darlene Reynolds 111t (CH); Drew McGuire 373; Henry McGuire 68b; Carole Watts 40 (CB); Charity Vaughn and Henry McGuire 468 (CB); Robert DuPree 61 (CB).

Announcements were made. Henry McGuire and Mark Davis led 62 as the closing song. Mark Davis dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Henry McGuire; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Henry Schuman

MOUNT PISGAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sylvester, Georgia

Sunday, May 29, 2011

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church, Sylvester, Georgia, was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President of the South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention, Oscar McGuire, leading 31b and 75. The opening prayer was offered by Jon Robinson.

Tim Meeks served as Chairman and Secretary/Arranging Committee for the day.

Leaders: Sandra Wilkinson 473, 82t; James Welsch 59, 276; Lauren Petersen 282, 47b; Trent Peachey 317, 288; Lee Bradley 503, 358; Lauren Harrison 236, 178; John Robinson 68b, 45t; Kay Robinson 154, 294; Marjorie Robinson 318, 373, 34t, 72b; Bonnie Rewis 542, 515; Darren Southworth 38b, 63.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by President Oscar McGuire leading 163b and 229. Leaders: Sandra Wilkinson 300, 274t; David Grant 549, 546; James Welsch 455, 162; Lee Bradley 52t, 354t; Trent Peachey 231, 81t; Jon Robinson 452, 569b; Kay Robinson 341, 145b; Lauren Harrison 138b, 347; Myrtice Meeks 129, 491; Lamar Robinson 34b, 490; Bonnie Rewis 361, 566.

Tim Meeks led 383 and 62 as the closing songs. Trent Peachey offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman/Secretary—Tim Meeks

JACK SMITH MEMORIAL SINGING

Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia

Monday, May 30, 2011

The 11th session of the Jack Smith Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Oakhurst Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia. John Plunkett called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 32t. He spoke briefly about Jack Smith, a singer who was responsible for introducing many Atlanta area singers to the Sacred Harp tradition. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 145t; Joan Durdin 479; Malinda Snow 107; Andy Morse 99 (in memory of Roy Morse); Ellen Lea 311; Martha Ann Stegar 347 (in memory of Emily Calhoun); Eliza Marcus 224; James Welsch and Darren Southworth 112; Leigh Cooper 56t; Jesse Karlsberg 31t (in memory of George Seiler); Buck Lea 29t; J.R. Hardman 45t; Jonathan Wood 335; Debora Grosse 344; Eric Tweedy 385b; John Kelso 271b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Joan Durdin; Secretary—Malinda Snow.

RECESS

Joan Durdin brought the class together leading 148. Leaders: Billy Hollingsworth 492; Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 340; George Burnette 81t; Lauren Pedersen 68b (in memory of Kathleen Deptulski); Bob Goodman 145b; Mark Godfrey 39b; Tony Hammock 138b (in memory of Mary Florence Smith); John Hollingsworth

186 (for his wife, Elsie, on their fifty-first anniversary); Ellie Soler 159 (for Sally MacEwan); Jesse Karlsberg, Peggy Barlett, and Kathy Cline 267; Malinda Snow 198; Andy Morse 500; Ellen Lea 496; Martha Ann Stegar 47t; Eliza Marcus 388. Eric Tweedy asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 452. Leaders: James Welsch 105; Leigh Cooper 36b; Buck Lea 349; J.R. Hardman 183; David Brodeur 40; Jonathan Wood 64; Shannon Primm 201; Debora Grosse 460; Eric Tweedy 200; John Kelso and R.W. Sapp 324; Janet Wuichet 49b; Billy Hollingsworth 236; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 101t; George Burnette and Alexandra Cannon 417; Alexandra Cannon 316; Bob Goodman 63; Mark Godfrey 203; John Hollingsworth 408 (for Bernice Embry); Ellie Soler 277; Shannon Primm 276; James Welsch 436; Buck Lea 315; Ellen Lea 291; Jesse Karlsberg 428; John Kelso 115; Andy Morse 178; John Plunkett 31b (for Andy Anderson).

After announcements, John Plunkett led 323t, and Andy Morse offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Joan Durdin; Secretary—Malinda Snow

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE SACRED HARP SINGING DAY **St. Bartholomew's Church Hall** **Benton, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, United Kingdom** **Saturday, June 4, 2011**

The 7th annual Newcastle singing was called to order by Benny Ross, who welcomed the class, and led 31b. He then taught a short singing school, which concluded with the singing of 47t. Benny invited Sally Greaves-Lord to offer the opening prayer.

Leaders: Paul Gailiunas 344, 31t; Phil Tyler 40, 29b; Fynn Titford-Mock 556, 178; Harry Campbell 49b, 335.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Benny Ross; Secretary—Colin Monson.

RECESS

Anna Baldini called the class back to order by leading 146. Leaders: Anna Baldini 299; Sally Greaves-Lord 171, 34b; Helen Barber 276; Hannah Land 48t, 228; Benny Ross 105, 106; Paul Gailiunas 107, 163b; Phil Tyler 300, 448b; Fynn Titford-Mock 430, 365; Harry Campbell 415, 163t; Anna Baldini 217, 159; Sally Greaves-Lord 270, 26; Hannah Land 273, 330b. Lin James gave thanks for the midday meal.

LUNCH

Benny Ross led 313b to call the class to order. Leaders: Benny Ross 352; Sarah Hill 36b, 37b; Paul Gailiunas 66, 383; Phil Tyler 569b, 99. Fynn Titford-Mock “Hauxley”, 454; Harry Campbell 33b, 117; Anna Baldini 186, 86.

Lin James conducted the memorial lesson, and led 131b in memory of Simon Windsor, Maddy Hobson, Gerda Lawrence, and Linda Jackson.

Sally Greaves-Lord spoke for the sick and housebound, and led 216 for Dwight Diller, Cath Tyler, Sharon Langridge, Anne Milne, and David Daykin. Leaders: Sally Greaves-Lord 481; Hannah Land 384, 472; Benny Ross 417, 28t.

RECESS

Sarah Hill called the class back together by leading 200. Leaders: Sarah Hill 569t; Paul Gailiunas 538, 189; Phil Tyler 445, 229; Fynn Titford-Mock 547, 566; Harry Campbell 77t, 121; Sally Greaves-Lord 385t, 45t; Hannah Land 183, 448t; Benny Ross 350.

Announcements were made, and thanks extended to all those who had helped during the day. Hannah Land led 62 as the closing song, and then offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Chairman—Benny Ross; Secretary—Colin Monson

NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY ALL-DAY SINGING **Millwood Community Center, Millwood, Virginia** **Saturday, June 4, 2011**

The 18th annual Northern Shenandoah Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Leyland delRe leading 101t. Kevin Griffith Moreno offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Kathy Manning 421; Jim Glaser 565; Cathy Tucker 350; Kevin Griffith Moreno 276; Steve Hoyt 105; John delRe 56t; Jesse Krikorian 348b; Mary Langley 539; Maura Burns 108b; John Alexander 317; Evan Duncan 222; Mary Ann Daly 106; Richard Green 163t; Nora Dunn 283; Dan Hunter 196; Clare Chapin 31t; Carly Goss 573; Rachel Hall 275t; Amber Smith 455; Myles Dakan 96; Mary DeNys 332; Rebecca Green 480; Mel Novner 160b; Mona Lewandoski 274t; Terry Ryan 112.

The class went into a business session. The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Bev Yaeger; Vice Chairman—Jim Glaser; Secretary—Rebecca Green; Treasurer—Susan Green; Arranging Committee—Ina Shea and Diane Ober; Chaplain—Kevin Griffith Moreno.

RECESS

Ted Stokes brought the class back together by leading 331. Leaders: Don Polaski 477; Sarah Allard 290; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 250.

John delRe conducted a memorial lesson for the following sick and shut-ins: Frank Evans, John Merritt, and Frank Kosowicz. The following deceased were remembered: George Seiler—New York; Tom Mahr—Pennsylvania; Jeanette McCready—Connecticut; and Bob Meek—Kentucky. He led 83t. Kevin Griffith Moreno closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Kelly Macklin 174; Sandra Hack Polaski 84; Will Polaski 111b; Adrian Moriano 419; Bethany Towne 383; Nathan Shane 107; Abby Minor 215; Dean Jens 89; Thom Metzger 269; Sandra Whittle 549; Jeff Gauthier 368; Deidre Montgomery 475.

LUNCH

The class was reconvened. Leaders: Jim Strube 192; Rachel Speer 187; Stephen McMaster 362; Eileen Metzger 118; Kevin Griffith Moreno 468; Hannah Polaski 158; Hal Kunkel 197; Becky Wright 534; Ted Stokes 411; Emily Hancock 76b; Zachary Bullock 499; Sonia Chin 189; Kevin Sims 134; Joni Seidenstein 282; Robin Betz 268; Joshua Barnett 209; Susan Green 474; Ina Shea and Diane Ober 479; Terry Ryan 542; Steve Hoyt 68b; Emily Hancock 339; Deidra Montgomery 434; Rachel Hall 396.

RECESS

Cat Tucker led 34b to call the class to order. Leaders: Les Updike and Leyland delRe 373; Eileen Metzger 58; Dean Jens, Sandra Whittle, and Rachel Speer 467; Jeff Gauthier and Sonia Chin 486; Don Polaski, Sandra Polaski, Hannah Polaski, and Will Polaski 198; Hal Kunkel, Kevin Sims, and Abby Minor 129; Becky Wright and Mel Novner 278b; Zachary Bullock, Sarah Whites-Koditschek, and Ted Stokes 73t; Dan Hunter and Bethany Towne 405; Richard Green, Susan Green, and Rebecca Green 99; Adrian Mariano and Joni Seidenstein 203; Carly Goss, Nathan Shane, and Nora Dunn 500; Mary Ann Daly, Mary Denys, and Mary Langley 384; Jim Strube and Jim Glaser 66; Myles Dakan and Jesse Krikorian 210; John Alexander and Diane Ober 163b; Sarah Allard, Amber Smith, and Kathy Manning 182; Joshua Barnett,

Maura Burns, and Mona Lewandoski 504; Stephen McMaster and Bev Yaeger 146; Ina Shea, Evan Duncan, and Clare Chapin 42; John delRe and Kelly Macklin 485; Leyland delRe and Ben Hartland 448b. Announcements of upcoming singings followed.

Leyland delRe offered a resolution thanking the kitchen helpers, the officers, and everyone else who helped make the singing a success. Kevin Griffith Moreno dismissed the class with a blessing.

Chairman—Bev Yaeger; Vice Chairman—Jim Glaser; Secretary—Rebecca Green

**SHAKER MEETINGHOUSE AND
FRANCIS BLISS BIRTHDAY SINGING
Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village Meetinghouse
New Gloucester, Maine
Saturday, June 4, 2011**

The 4th annual Shaker Meetinghouse Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in June at the historic Shaker Meetinghouse at Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village in New Gloucester, Maine. Barb Ames welcomed everyone and brought the class to order leading 59. Corrone Bryant offered the opening prayer. Meg Haskell and Barb Ames taught two Shaker songs to the assembled class, “Let Zion Move” and “Followers of the Lamb”.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairperson—Barb Ames; Treasurer—Corrone Bryant; Arranging Committee—Pleasance Crawford and Chuck Crawford; Secretary—Peter Golden.

Leaders: Peter Golden 52t; Bobbie Goodell 184; Corrone Bryant 28b; Mary Jo Shafer 229; Richard Schmeidler 66; Susan Jaster 157; Robert Stoddard 33t; Patricia Callahan 76b; David Bliss 162; Chris Noren 171; Elizabeth Stoddard 144; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 300; Ines Lüttgen 103; Chuck Crawford 480; Sally Langendorf 40; Chuck McCallum 65; Pleasance Crawford 91; Al McCready 155; Joanne Fuller 29t; Willis McCumber 126; Chris Holley 77t; Robin Honaker 159; Ian Ludders 448t; Chuck Micciche 276; Corrone Bryant 147t.

RECESS

Corrone Bryant called the class to order by leading 282. Leaders: Peter Golden 388; Barb Ames 371; Bobbie Goodell 540; Mary Jo Shafer 101t; Richard Schmeidler 543; Susan Jaster 24b; Barb Ames and Corrone Bryant 34b (in honor of Francis Bliss’s 92nd birthday and John Van Sorosin’s 75th birthday); Robert Stoddard 392; Patricia Callahan 430; Francis Bliss 178; Chris Noren 454; Elizabeth Stoddard 546; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 189; David Bliss 86; Ines Lüttgen 500; Chuck Crawford 378t; Sally Langendorf 176t; Chuck McCallum 49t; Pleasance Crawford 468; Al McCready 347; Joanne Fuller 542; Ian Ludders 228; Robin Honaker 335; Chuck Micciche 500; Vicki Adams 479; Willis McCumber 168; Francis Bliss 163b; Mary Jo Shafer 82t; Ines Lüttgen 349; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 377; Elizabeth Stoddard 411; Susan Jaster 485; Ian Ludders 556.

Meg Haskell and Barb Ames led the class in singing another Shaker song, “We Will All Go Home with You”. Announcements were made. Barb Ames thanked the Sabbathday Lake Shaker community for their hospitality, and everyone who helped make the singing a success. Corrone Bryant reported that expenses had been met. Singers came from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, and Ontario, Canada. Sixty four songs were led by 26 leaders. Barb Ames led 62 as the closing song. Elizabeth Stoddard offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed to the Shaker dining room in the Dwelling House, where

Sister Frances and Barb Ames led a traditional silent Shaker Grace, and Francis Bliss offered grace in Latin.

DINNER

Chuck Micciche led 86 to bring the class to order for the evening session at the Maine State Building at the Poland Spring Inn in Poland Springs, Maine. Leaders: Chris Noren 319; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 344; Robert Stoddard 297; John Engle and Chris Holley 68b; Karen Keller 56b; Elizabeth Stoddard 43; Susan Jaster 352; Richard Schmeidler 474; Chris Noren 475; Pleasance Crawford 327; Elizabeth Stoddard 326; Chuck Micciche 117; Patricia Callahan 110; Robert Stoddard 137; Joanne Fuller 39b; Karen Keller 39t; Chris Holley 74b; Robert Stoddard 155 (for Joan Sheldon); Chris Noren 185 (in memory of Sumner Robert's wife); Robert Stoddard 260; Pleasance Crawford 571; Mary Jo Shafer 569t; Chuck Micciche 569b; Bobbie Goodell 426b; Chris Holley 480; Robert Stoddard 481; Patricia Callahan 99; Bobbie Goodell 313b; Chris Noren 547; Karen Keller 348t; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 217; Elizabeth Stoddard 564; Joanne Fuller 384; Pleasance Crawford 192; Chuck Micciche 457; Chris Noren 203; Bobbie Goodell 174; Robert Stoddard 302. Elizabeth Stoddard led 323t as the closing song. Chairperson—Barb Ames; Secretary—Peter Golden

HOLLY SPRINGS MEMORIAL SINGING

Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, South of Bremen, Georgia

June 4-5, 2011

Saturday, June 4

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in June. The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 97; Judy Chambless 410t, 142; Lela Crowder 383, 160b; Jeff Sheppard 321, 186; Kelly Kennedy 47t, 532; Scott DePoy 179; Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy 318; Eddie Huckaby 46, 448b; B.M. Smith 350, 222; Jonathan Smith 74b, 159; Mary Wright 328, 128; Sharon Strong 484, 438; Robert Chambless 176b, 303; Buck Lee 28t, 367.

RECESS

In a business session, the following officers were elected: Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairmen—Judy Henry and Earlis McGraw; Chaplin—Cecil Roberts; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless. Leaders: Judy Henry 129, 283; Jeanette DePoy 460; Eugene Forbes 189 (in memory of his sister), 218; George Burnette 99, 101t; Michael Thompson 123b, 392; Heather Ikeler 77b, 492; Stanley Edwards and Marilyn Bradley 83b, 442; Lucinda Saue 163b, 49b; Helen Bryson 411, 312t; Richard Ivey 371; Chris Brown 28b, 510; Nathan Rees 217 (in memory of Amanda Brady); Faye Hollis 168, 155; Mary Brownlee 211, 348b.

LUNCH

Earlis McGraw brought the class back to order by leading 225t (in memory of the McGraw and Wallace families) and 384. Leaders: Kelly Morris 47t, 114; Tony Hammock 439, 426t; Judy Whiting 354t, 441; Jenna Strizak 270; Martha Ann Stegar 368, 347 (in memory of Emily Calhoun); Andy Morse 489, 497 (in memory of Roy Morse); Diane Avery 480, 145b; Curtis Spivey 405, 143; Eschol Hughes 282, 58 (in memory of J.C. Hughes and Carl Hughes); Jonathan Wood 64, 335; Debora Grosse 40, 475; Elijah Hinton 40.

RECESS

Charlene Wallace brought the class back to order by leading 117. Leaders: J.R. Hardman 63, 183; Ed Thacker 338 (in memory of Homer and Katherine Benefield); Henry Johnson 375; David Killingsworth 569b (in memory of Jerry Sheppard);

Laura Akerman 224; Michael Spencer 308; Michael Walker 122 (in memory of Carl Lawrence); Pat Temple 373 (in memory of Mary Smith); Molly Ellis 377; Joyce Walton 192 (in memory of Loyd and Ruth Redding); Ian Quinn 101b (in memory of Jeanette McCready); Hayden Arp 302 (in memory of his great-grandfather); Virginia Dyer 454 (in memory of Marvin McElroy); Oscar McGuire 229; Phillip Langley 172; Tom Ivey 380 (in memory of Imogen Knister Givens); Tommy McGraw 542; Ellen Lee 372, 66 (in memory of her father); Robert Kelley 309. After announcements, Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, June 5

The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 89; Judy Henry 77b, 225t; Karen Rollins 227, 45t; Cecil Roberts 76b, 285t (in memory of his parents); Myron House 276, 207; Richard DeLong 319 (in memory of Dollie Hudgins and Eva Corley), 407; Arlene Woods 312b, 476; John Plunkett 471, 295; Charles Woods 313b, 453; Matt Hinton 278t, 472; John Kelso 378b (in memory of his grandfather), 115.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Earlis McGraw leading 435 and 389 (for Lonnie Rogers). Leaders: Robert Kelley 404, 35; Erica Hinton 108t, 534; Ian Quinn 543, 494 (in memory of Erick Nelson); Anna Hinton 300; Michael Walker 73t, 250; Laura Frey 163b, 178; Wesley Haley 350, 198; Jenna Frey 46, 358; Rita Haley 268, 122; John Hollingsworth 230, 82t; Jan House 143, 313t; Malinda Snow 32t, 73b; R.W. Sapp and John Kelso 159; Tom Ivey 236; Pat Temple 232; Pat Temple and Richard DeLong 33t; Phillip Langley 475.

LUNCH

Judy Chambless brought the class back to order by leading 565. Leaders: Michael Spencer 420, 289; Joyce Waldon 456; Oscar McGuire 344, 573; Virginia Dyer 532, 193; Tommy McGraw 399b, 91; Molly Ellis 212, 176t; Hayden Arp 408, 380; Dick Plunkett 45b, 47t; Sheri Taylor 294, 142; Stephanie Laubscher 335, 33b; Michael Thompson 81t (in memory of Floy Peters); Tony Hammock 69t; Stanley Edwards 269 (in memory of Lessie Cates); B.M. Smith 556; Mary Wright 546; Eddie Huckaby 107; Sharon Strong 384; Lela Crowder 157; Kelly Kennedy 496; Jeannette DePoy and Scott DePoy 339 (in memory of Scott's mother and Jeannette's parents); Robert Chambless 84 (for Bud and Sammie Oliver); Matt Hinton, Erica Hinton, and Anna Hinton 37b; John Kelso 564; Richard DeLong 458 (in memory of Loy Garrison); Evelyn Harris 378t (for her sister, Ruth); Charlene Wallace and Jason Stanford 49t (for his grandmother).

Following announcements, Charlene Wallace, Judy Henry, and Cecil Roberts led 62 as the closing song.

Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairmen—Judy Henry and Earlis McGraw; Secretary—Judy Chambless

LIBERTY DECORATION SINGING

Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama

Sunday, June 5, 2011

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing held at Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama, on the first Sunday in June was called to order by Richard Ivey leading 82t. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Johnson.

Leaders: Richard Ivey 61; Shane Wootten 36b; Norma Green and Nate Green 317; Donna Wootten 74b; Jackie Tanner 421; Rex Wilks 68b; Scott Ivey 67; Eloise Wootten 222; Hobert Ivey and Scott Ivey 47t; Linda Sides 328; Phil Summerlin 97;

Cheyenne Ivey 77t; Nathan Rees 435; Sally House 503; Marlon Wootten 452; Judy Caudle 403; David Ivey 38b; Shirley Figura 565; Blake Sisemore 445; Sylvia Ivey and J.T. Shavers 145b; Daniel Lee 99; Judy Whiting 72b; Marty Wootten 168; Mary Ruth Stiefel and Jeanette Dollar 100; Ed Thacker 29t; Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 171.

The memorial lesson was held in the cemetery with the class singing 571 (CB), 572 (CB), 500 (CB), and 45t.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Scott Ivey leading 88t. Leaders: Paul Figura 128; Alex Makris 119; David Killingsworth 290; Joan Aldridge 276; Barrett Patton 313t; Sharon DuPriest 300; Tom George 391; Allison Whitener 492; Linton Ballinger 314; Stuart Ivey 446; Susan Cheronos 63; Darrell Swarens 341; Myra Dalton 332; Dennis George 134; Linda Thomas 217; Scot Oliver 176b; Jackson Harcrow and Maci Gouvitsa 45t; Jackson Harcrow 385b; David Hufstetler 101t; Elene Stovall and Rodney Ivey 42 (for Bud Oliver); Eddie Mash 556; Chris Brown 298; Jonathon Smith 129; Sandy Ivey 201. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Blake Sisemore.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Richard Ivey leading 345t. Leaders: Angela Myers 148; Daphene Causey 84; Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten 440; Betty Shepherd, Judy Caudle, and Angela Myers 216; Nate Green 166; Sarah Jenkins and Joel Jenkins 299; Jenna Strizak 228; Rodney Ivey 30b; Cindy Tanner 442; Tom Malone 464; Shane Wootten 348b (in memory of storm victims); Susan Harcrow 500; Loyd Ivey, Ivey Biddle, Martha Underwood, Doug Ivey, Lilly Underwood, Teresa Bethune, Adam Biddle, Jessica Ivey, and Marion Biddle 454, 501 (CB); Heather Ikeler 114; Roberta Strauss 542; Coy Ivey, Loyd Ivey, Eloise Wootten, Jack Ivey, Hobert Ivey, Betty Shepherd, Lois Baugh, Linda Patton, Norma Green, and Rex Wilks 511t (CB), 465 (CB); Karen Travis and Tim Travis 49b; Karen Ivey and Allison Whitener 192; Deb Morton 480; Aaron Little 448t; Charles Stiefel 312b; Syble Adams and Richard Ivey 196; Claudine Townson 270; Alex Craig and Zach Craig 178; Anne Drexler, Shirley Figura, Paul Figura, and Roberta Strauss 87; Jonathon Smith, Nathan Rees, and Rodney Ivey 358 (by request). Following announcements, Richard Ivey, Hobert Ivey, and Loyd Ivey led 146 as the closing song. Blake Sisemore offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Richard Ivey; Vice Chairman—Shane Wootten; Secretary—Donna Wootten

SHERRY GUTHERY AND PARKER FAMILY MEMORIAL SINGING Fellowship Church, Cullman County, Alabama Sunday, June 5, 2011

The annual Sherry Guthery and Parker Family Memorial Singing met at Fellowship Church in Cullman County, Alabama, on the first Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading 166 and 32t. Richard Mauldin offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Ken Tate 73b, 147b; Seth Poston 275b, 358; Joshua Marquez and Marlin Beasley 63; Jonathan Marquez and Marlin Beasley 354b; Julianna Jett 99, 108b; Yancey Jett 82t, 101t; Travis Keeton 235, 454.

RECESS

Marlin Beasley and Jonathan Marquez called the class back to order by leading 58. A business session was held to elect and appoint the following officers: Chairman—Ken

Tate; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Emily Burleson; Arranging Committee—Margaret Keeton. Leaders: Danny Creel 448t, 271t; Richard Mauldin 35, 72b; Earl Ballinger 97, 203; Ernestine Parker 81t, 569b; J.C. Rutledge 560, 568; Gravis Ballinger 155, 215; Jennifer Lee 564; Juanita Beasley 61.

RECESS

Henry Guthery led 269 to call the class back together. Leaders: Geraldine Sharpton 318, 300; Emily Burleson 428, 361 (for Josie Hyde); Susan Allred 182, 183; Larry Ballinger 121, 472; Ken Tate 200 (at the request of Josie Hyde); Henry Guthery 301 (at the request of Josie Hyde); Bea Carnathan 205, 438; Harrison Creel 312b, 36b.

LUNCH

Danny Creel led 76b and 224 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Faye Donaldson 176b, 299; Steve Adams and Emily Burleson 378t, 331; Velton Chafin 177, 222; Harrison Creel 342; Julianna Jett 410t; Seth Poston 124; Geraldine Sharpton 542; Bea Carnathan 80b; Marlin Beasley and Jonathan Marquez 75; Travis Keeton 475; Josie Hyde 507; Larry Ballinger 398; Henry Guthery, Scott Guthery, and Sam Guthery 153; Henry Guthery and Scott Guthery 340; Yancey Jett 172; Gravis Ballinger 78; Emily Burleson 455; John Merritt and Richard Mauldin 146, 358; Buell Cobb 136, 109; Earl Ballinger 139; Steve Adams and Henry Guthery 401; Richard Mauldin 43 (for Josie Hyde); Ken Tate 294 (by request).

Announcements were made. Ken Tate led 347 (in memory of Billy Williams). Henry Guthery offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Emily Burleson

HILL ROANE MEMORIAL SINGING **Sherman Baptist Church, Calhoun County, Mississippi** **Sunday, June 5, 2011**

The 62nd annual Hill Roane Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Sherman Baptist Church. This year's singing was marked by the presence of a large number of the Davis family, and by the absence of Hugh Bill McGuire, who had suffered a serious accident and was recuperating in the hospital in Oxford. The class was called to order by Mark Davis leading 101t, 129, and 38b.

Leaders: John Van Horn 89, 120, 111b, 104; T.J. Funderburk 278b, 345b, 100; Natalie Davis 79, 345t, 87; Arlon Gardner 504, 76b, 163t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Warren Steel.

RECESS

Mark Davis reassembled the class by leading 332. Leaders: Warren Steel 141, 139b, 53, 176t; Andy Davis 217, 222, 434; Chuck Howell 177, 108t, 36b; Arlon Gardner 347.

LUNCH

Mark Davis called the afternoon session together leading 137, 182, and 220. Leaders: Darlene Reynolds 569b, 490; John Van Horn 448b, 448t, 72b; Arlon Gardner 111t, 385b, 455; Ora Mae Collins 63; Warren Steel 65, 297, 163b, 183; Andy Davis 198, 254, 269, 400; Chuck Howell 384, 86, 84; Mark Davis 348b, 155; John Van Horn 212; T.J. Funderburk 47b; Arlon Gardner 106; Warren Steel 153; Chuck Howell 467; Ora Mae Collins 45t.

Following announcements, Mark Davis led 154b (WB) as the closing song. Roy Davis dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Warren Steel

MID-MICHIGAN SINGING
Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos, Michigan
Saturday, June 11, 2011

The annual Mid-Michigan Singing was held at Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos, Michigan, on Saturday before the second Sunday in June. Cecilia Kramer called the class to order by leading 171. Pastor Jim Wenger of Faith Lutheran Church spoke words of inspiration, and offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: David Stowe 178; Anne Missavage 528; Bob Borcharding 107; Marian Mitchell 40; Jennifer Lacluyze 84; Susan Kendall 354t; Jo Schultz 174; Patricia Callahan 77t; Charlotte Wolfe 87; Gerry Hoffman 35; Marcy Toon 34b; John Seaton 47t; Will Fitzgerald 222; Linda Coppock 276; Ted Mercer 131t; Jim Coppock 182; Cecilia Kramer 388.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Cecilia Kramer; Vice Chairman—David Stowe; Secretary—Bob Borcharding, Chaplain—Will Fitzgerald.
RECESS

The class was called to order by Marian Mitchell leading 454. Leaders: Ann Sleeva 63; Susan Kendall 28b; David Stowe 365; Jo Schultz 351; Bob Borcharding 106; Patricia Callahan 142; Jennifer Lacluyze 192; John Seaton 49b; Charlotte Wolfe 64; Gerry Hoffman 99; Jim Coppock 186; Ted Mercer 332.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Cecilia Kramer leading 354b. Leaders: Anne Missavage 441; Ann Sleeva 155; Will Fitzgerald 95; Marcy Toon 117; Linda Coppock 377; Patricia Callahan 500; Catherine Brown 569b; Gerry Hoffman 83t; Ted Mercer 31t; Bob Borcharding 183; John Seaton 147t; Anne Missavage 68b; Marian Mitchell 353; Will Fitzgerald 124. Will Fitzgerald offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order for the afternoon session by Cecilia Kramer leading 312b. Leaders: Susan Kendall 287; David Stowe 268; Jennifer Lacluyze 189; Marcy Toon 515; Jo Schultz 198; Jim Coppock 203; Linda Coppock 532; Charlotte Wolfe 274t; Ann Sleeva 66; Catherine Brown 313b; Ted Mercer 70b; Anne Missavage 217; Patricia Callahan 112; John Seaton 479.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Will Fitzgerald leading 105. Leaders: Bob Borcharding 86; Charlotte Wolfe 472; Jim Coppock 485; Susan Kendall 415; Marian Mitchell 163t; Gerry Hoffman 297; Linda Coppock 501; Ann Sleeva 383; Jo Schultz 481; David Stowe 390; Marcy Toon 277.

RECESS

Jennifer Lacluyze led 122 to call the class to order. Leaders: Jo Schultz 448b; Linda Coppock 535; Jim Coppock 269; Ted Mercer 547; Ann Sleeva 49t; Gerry Hoffman 272; Patricia Callahan 101t; John Seaton 168; Catherine Brown 282.

Announcements were made. Cecilia Kramer led 347 as the closing song. Will Fitzgerald dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Cecilia Kramer; Vice Chairman—David Stowe; Secretary—Bob Borcharding

RAYMOND HAMRICK BIRTHDAY SINGING (GEORGIAN HARMONY)

**Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia
Saturday, June 11, 2011**

Oscar McGuire called the class to order leading 49 in the Georgian Harmony. Hugh McGraw offered the morning prayer. Oscar McGuire led 13.

A business session was held with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson.

Leaders: John Hollingsworth 20, 11; Helen Bryson 108, 42; Shannon Primm 116, 63; Mary Brownlee 6, 90; Debora Grosse 106; Martha Harrell 54, 109; John Plunkett 59, 48; J.R. Hardman 118; Billy Hollingsworth 80, 22; Rosemund Watson 16, 25; Molly Ellis 15,87.

RECESS

John Hollingsworth called the class back to order leading 18. Leaders: Robert Chambless 111; Andy Morse 19, 46; Mike Spencer 9, 14; Oscar McGuire 94, 33 (requested by Raymond Hamrick); John Plunkett 50 (requested by Raymond Hamrick); Faye Hollis 107; Judy Chambless 105; Oscar McGuire 26; Helen Bryson 34; Shannon Primm 36; Mary Brownlee and J. R. Hardman 52; Debora Grosse 65; Molly Ellis 96; Billy Hollingsworth 40; John Plunkett 66 (for all of the Hinton—Matt, Erica, Anna, Eli); Mike Spencer 97 (per request of Raymond Hamrick); Andy Morse 72; Robert Chambless 81; Judy Chambless 29; John Plunkett 8 (for Raymond Hamrick).

Following announcements, Oscar McGuire led 45 as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Secretary—Helen Bryson

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING Old Songs Community Arts Center, Voorheesville, New York Saturday, June 11, 2011

The Albany area New York State Regional Singing was called to order by Jean Seiler leading 31b. Lamar Matthew offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairlady—Jean Seiler; Vice Chairman—Mary Skidmore; Secretary—Joanne Fuller; Treasurer—Fred Kirk. Leaders: Lauren Bock 37b; Mary Skidmore 107; Joanne Fuller 32t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 36b; Jan-Erik Steel 89; MaryAnn Morrison 344; Pat Geritz 47t; Alex Jones 38b; Allison Steel 30b; Eileen Willie 274t; Laura Timmerman 318; Dennis Leipold 105; Sally Langendorf 40; Paul Clazing 312b; Barbara Swetman 312t.

RECESS

Mary Skidmore called the class to order leading 82t. Leaders: Jeremy Galvagni 335; Nancy Mandel 564; Mary Gowins 181; Bill Holt 173; Rachel Rudi 278t; Dean Jens 150; Christine Andrews 33b; Diane Mennella 218; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Lauren Bock 68b; Ines Lüttgen 210; Lamar Matthew 569b; Deidra Montgomery 192; Peter Golden 276.

RECESS

Joanne Fuller called the class to order leading 176b. Leaders: Jennie Brown 436; Rachel Speer 442; Linda Shea 168; Terry Ryan 157; Allison Steel 384; Eileen Willie 282; Barbara Swetman 203; Dennis Leipold 142; Nancy Mandel 179; Pat Geritz 479; Jan-Erik Steel 300; Sally Langendorf 72b; Christine Andrews 111b; Leah Dagen 217; Paul Clazing 178; Alex Jones 270; Jean Seiler 200; Lamar Matthew 35; Laura

Timmerman 228; Terry Ryan 186; Jeremy Galvagni 440; MaryAnn Morrison 269. Lamar Matthew offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Jean Seiler called the class to order leading 299. Leaders: Diane Mennella 187; Rachel Rudi 410b; Bill Holt 377; Jennie Brown 411; Dean Jens 536; Leah Dagen 112; Deidra Montgomery 532; Linda Shea 361; Peter Golden 145t; Ines Lüttgen 396; Rachel Speer 26; Mary Gowins 456; Dennis Leipold 254; Laura Timmerman 546; Lamar Matthew 522; Nancy Mandel 474; Barbara Swetman 542; Jeremy Galvagni 145b; Christine Andrews 271t; Terry Ryan 193; Sally Langendorf 401; Paul Clazing 122.

RECESS

Mary Skidmore called the class to order leading 277. Leaders: Bill Holt 77t (in memory of Jerry Enright); Leah Dagen 441; Lauren Bock, Kate Flanigan, and Margaret Flanigan 47b; Linda Shea 448b; Ines Lüttgen 58; Deidre Montgomery and Rachel Rudi 548; Peter Golden 56b; Rachel Speer and Diane Mennella 76b; Eileen Willie and Stuart Raab 268; Mary Gowins and Jennie Brown 454; Joanne Fuller 439; Allison Steel and Thumper 99; Pat Geritz 501; Alex Jones 503; MaryAnn Morrison 163b.

Jean Seiler, Mary Skidmore, Joanne Fuller, Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, Lauren Bock, and Pat Geritz led 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Lamar Matthew offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairlady—Jean Seiler; Vice Chairman—Mary Skidmore; Secretary—Joanne Fuller

HOPEWELL HOMECOMING

Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama

June 11-12, 2011

Saturday, June 11

The 65th 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 at 9:00 a.m. by leading 82t and 129. The morning prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper.

Leaders: Nate Green 34b; Bob Watkins 111b, 480; Ed Thacker 64, 280; Judy Whiting 77b, 318; Chris Brown 102, 31t; Lori Graber 32t, 155; Rebecca Over 131b, 460; Lois Badey 30t, 479; Kelly Kennedy 67, 481; Wade Kotter 124, 171; Henry Johnson 55, 394.

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—Paula Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore; Arranging Committee—Bob Watkins; Memorial Committee—Philip Gilmore and Linda Thomas.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 419; Judy Caudle 500; Jim Aaron 503; Eugene Forbes 434; Scot Oliver 100; Chris Green 507; Susan Cheronos 74b; Cindy Tanner 440; Philippa Stoddard 216; Sarah Smith 340; Stephen Rogers 68b; Michele Cull 168; Elizabeth Stoddard 173; Nicoletta Rogers 328.

RECESS

Philip Gilmore brought the class together by leading 176b. Leaders: Seth Holloway 268; J.L. Hopper 534; Gillian Inksetter 472; B.M. Smith 475; April Watkins 146; Annaliza Cull 448t; Robert Stoddard 365; Wayne Dell 49b; Darrell Swarens 341; Al McCready 84; Paula Gilmore 270; Amber Davis 192; Loyd Ivey 389; Roy Turrentine 186; Richard Schmeidler 254; Gary Smith 66; Bridgett Kennedy 300.

LUNCH

Terry Hullett brought the class together by leading 222. Leaders: Ricky Harcrow 448b; Ben Faucher 317; Vella Dailey 452; Jason Kirby 542; Doug Conn 285t; Idy Kiser 385b; Calvin Phillips 406; Ledora Morris 58; Rebekah Gilmore 442; Norma Green 496; Ginny Whitworth and Nate Green 418; Grace Gilmore 208; Linda Thomas, Teresa Ratliff, and Jordan Ratliff “Sweet Beulah Land”; Judy Whiting 492; Marlon Wootten 441; Doyle Alexander 36b; Philip Gilmore 411; Chris Brown 466; Nicoletta Rogers 497; Gillian Inksetter 548; Stephen Rogers 107; Robert Stoddard, Elizabeth Stoddard, and Philippa Stoddard 302; Wade Kotter 218; Kelly Kennedy 485; Jessica Davis Moncriet 166; Grace Gilmore, Annaliza Cull, Carson Davis, April Watkins, and Taylor Watkins 82t.

Terry Hullett and Nate Green led 45t as the closing song. Elder Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, June 12

The Sunday session of the Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Terry Hullett leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Calvin Phillips.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 288; Nate Green 49t, 100; Bob Watkins 30b, 290; Philip Gilmore 37b, 33b; Doyle Alexander 68b, 146; Rebecca Over 421, 371; B.M. Smith 544, 503; Rebekah Gilmore 276, 277; Dennis George 27, 28t; Claudine Townson, Virginia Glass, and Larry Wootten 143, 74b; Scott Ivey 82t, 73t; Ainslie Allen and April Watkins 77t; Cindy Tanner 200, 546; Ben Faucher 235, 72b.

RECESS

Bob Watkins brought the class together by leading 101t. Leaders: Cassie Allen 168, 42; Judy Caudle 530, 425; Susan Cheronos 63; Calvin Phillips 406; Betty Sue Johnson 323b; Margie Smith 225t; Chita Blakeley 283; Jason Kirby 388, 358.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Linda Thomas and Philip Gilmore. Elder Philip Gilmore spoke on the hope of the believers. Philip and Linda led 47b for the following deceased: Myrtle Wootten, Rhoda Norris, Reba Edwards, William Hartley, Edna Dollar, Earl Green, Richard Ken Sherrett, Bob Meek, Christine Gandy, Bobby Galbreath, Ernestine Pipkin, and Joyce Over (UK); and for the following sick and shut-ins: Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Carmon Brothers, Ruby Brothers, Lonnie Rogers, Lester Reeves, and John Merritt. Elder J.D. Morris closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Terry Hullett brought the class together by leading 124. Leaders: Richard Ivey 314, 228; Julianna Jett 142, 399b; Rodney Ivey 500 (CB), 571 (CB); Jackie Tanner 208, 298; Cheyenne Ivey 176b, 313t; Blake Sisemore 278t, 532; Grace Gilmore 144, 196; Jordan Ratliff 96 (CB); Norma Green 136, 551; Tom Ingram 127; Jewel Wootten and Terry Hullett 134, 463 (CB); Philip Gilmore and Paula Gilmore 179, 512; Ledora Morris 354b, 119.

Terry Hullett, Nate Green, and Philip Gilmore led 62 as the closing song. Elder Philip Gilmore offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretaries—Paula Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore

ALDRIDGE MEMORIAL Johnson Schoolhouse, Fayette County, Alabama Sunday, June 12, 2011

The annual Aldridge Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the second Sunday in June at Johnson Schoolhouse, Fayette County, Alabama. Joan Aldridge led 36b to call the class to order. The morning prayer was offered by Danny Creel.

Leaders: Joan Aldridge 441 (in memory of Robert Aldridge); Elene Stovall 142; Carolyn Thompson 481; Amber Davis 291; Nicoletta Rogers 350; Annaliza Cull 155; Lori Graber 318; Philippa Stoddard 228; James Eldridge 278t; Leon Pulsinelle 141; Rebecca Eldridge 349; Wayne Dell 277; Kelly Kennedy 532; Chris Brown 56b; Judy Whiting 549; Steve Rogers 40; Elizabeth Stoddard 283; Dan Brittain 377; Lois Badey 335; Katherine Eldridge 146; Robert Stoddard 550; Roberta Strauss 542.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Joan Aldridge; Vice Chairman—Elene Stovall; Arranging Committee—Amber Davis; Secretary—Carolyn Thompson.

RECESS

Elene Stovall brought the class back together leading 99 (in honor of Don Bowen); Toney Smith 444; Ann Drexler 87; Adrian Eldridge 213t; Gillian Inksetter 344; Wade Kotter 139; Virginia Eldridge 224; Don Keeton 76b; Michele Cull 312b (in honor of William Marshall, Alice Marshall, Charles Fisher, and Florence Marshall Fisher); Charlie Soape 127; Beth Ballinger 442; Sam Sommers 431; Paula Picton 436; Harrison Creel 498; Penny Kujawinski 383; Glenn Keeton, Elizabeth Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Isabella Keeton 497; Darrell Swarens 176t (in honor of the Aldridge brothers); Paula Oliver 182; Lou Kujawinski 216; Bea Carnathan 372; Al McCready and Aine Ui Cheallaigh 84; Lucy Heidorn 186; Richard Schmeidler 474.

RECESS

Elene Stovall read a poem from her grandmother's Lloyd's hymnal, and then led 316 with Joan Aldridge (in memory of their family). Leaders: Frank DeBolt 503; Eddie Mash 111b; Scott Oliver 143; Sarah Beasley 129; Gravis Ballinger 300; Seth Holloway 388.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Amber Davis leading 192. Leaders: Steve Adams and Carolyn Thompson 378t; Lisa Geist 304; Danny Creel 269; Seth Poston 358; Chuck Howell 86; Idy Kiser 47t (in memory of Nick Deane); Larry Ballinger 410t; Gary Smith 569b; Ottis Sides and Linda Sides 475; Travis Keeton 418; Bridgett Kennedy 564; Henry Guthery 456; Allison Davis 373; Earl Ballinger 177; Terri Barber 411; Velton Chafin 573; Annaliza Cull 448t; Rebecca Eldridge 507; Philippa Stoddard 196; James Eldridge 314 (in memory of Bob Meek); Katherine Eldridge 448b; Seth Poston 275b.

Joan Aldridge thanked everyone for coming today. Much appreciation is given for all present, and to those who put forth so much effort in providing a place for us to gather to sing and enjoy such warm and loving fellowship. It is not the effort of one, but many, that bring such an event together for the benefit of all. She led 546.

Announcements were made. Joan Aldridge and Elene Stovall led 46 as the closing song. Adrian Eldridge offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Joan Aldridge; Vice Chairman—Elene Stovall; Secretary—Carolyn Thompson

ALPHARETTA MUNICIPAL BUILDING SINGING Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia Sunday, June 12, 2011

The 143rd annual session of the Alpharetta Municipal Building Singing was held on the second Sunday in June at Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Richard DeLong brought the class to order leading 61 and 60. John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Faye Holbrook 67; Helen Bryson 568 (in memory of Kenneth DeLong); John Plunkett 52t; Tony Hammock 494; Jeannette DePoy 384 (in memory of Horace DeLong); Leigh Cooper 314; Scott DePoy 448t; David Brodeur 49b; Junie

Wooten 159; Margaret Gillanders 203; Charlene Wallace 171; Martha Ann Steeger 198; John Hollingsworth 182; Molly Ellis 89.

A business session was held with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman—Faye Holbrook; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson.

RECESS

Faye Holbrook called the class to order leading 455. Leaders: Mark Godfrey 39b; Rosalind Oldham 452; George Burnette 129; Jenna Strizak 111t; Anna Hinton 40; Violet Thomason 112; Eli Hinton 32t; Billy Hollingsworth 236; Jack Paulk 569b; Kathy Williams 472; Ted Brown 108t; Janice Paulk 446; Michael Thompson 298; Michael Walker 371; Oscar McGuire 485; Helen Brown 492; Joyce Walton 500; Alan Blake 82t.

LUNCH

Richard DeLong called the class to order leading 109. Leaders: Faye Holbrook 380; Helen Bryson 454; Tony Hammock 283; Leigh Cooper 155; Becky Allmon 170; Rosalind Oldham 540; Laura Akerman 91; Ted Brown 176b; Jenna Strizak 217; Martha Ann Steeger 63; Michael Walker 422; George Burnett 421t; Helen Brown 208; Margaret Gillanders 192; Matt Hinton 212.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Richard DeLong, who led 285t for the following deceased: Emily Calhoun, John Henry Blake, William Forrest Blake, George Holland (husband of Louise Holland), Mary Florence Smith, and Euna DeLong—Georgia; George Seiler—New York; Jerry Enright—Illinois; Ernestine Pipkin—Alabama.

Richard DeLong led 288 for the following sick and shut-ins: Gertrude DeLong, Louise Holland, Lonnie Rogers, Dot Garrison, Julie Vea, Jetha Brooks, and Raymond Hamrick. John Plunkett offered prayer.

RECESS

Richard DeLong called the class to order leading 349. Leaders: David Brodeur 99; Molly Ellis 29b; Violet Thomason 45t; Jeannette DePoy 362; Mark Godfrey 542; Susan Posey 142; Kathy Williams 273; Billy Hollingsworth 186; Joyce Walton 456; Oscar McGuire 573; Michael Thompson 387; John Plunkett 541.

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by John Hollingsworth.

Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman—Faye Holbrook; Secretary—Helen Bryson

CAMP FASOLA 2011 ADULT SESSION **Camp McDowell, near Double Springs, Alabama** **June 12 - 15, 2011** **Sunday, June 12**

Arrival, Check-In, and Orientation. Campers arrived at 4:00 p.m. to check in, receive their t-shirts, room assignments, schedules, and settle in. After supper at Stough Dining Hall, staff and campers met in the chapel for an orientation meeting with Camp Director, David Ivey. He provided an overview of the history of Camp Fasola, and then explained the schedule and program for this year's sessions. Camp Fasola is a non-profit endeavor of the Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA). SHMHA has no paid staff; all are volunteers. SHMHA accepts donations and is a 501 (c) (3) organization.

Evening Singing. The Sunday evening class singing was organized by the campers staying in St. Mary's Lodge. The following officers served: Chairman—Robert

Kelley; Secretary—Elizabeth Stoddard; Arranging Committee—Phillipa Stoddard and Gillian Inksetter. The opening prayer was offered by Al McCready. Leaders: Robert Kelley 38b; David Ivey 556 (for Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard); Gillian Inksetter 489; Fred Hoerr 30b; Lela Crowder 313b; Bill Hayes 131b; Ann Mashchak 569b; Blake Sisemore and Richard Ivey 446; Barbara Swetman 383; Daniel Lee 99; Lois Badey 347; Chris Brown 512; Mary Skidmore 497; Stephanie Turney 159; Leon Pulsinelle 485; Paula Picton 300; Roberta Strauss 32t; Eugene Forbes 212; Elizabeth Stoddard 131t; Cheryl Foreman 53; Wendy Futral 100; Steven Rogers 33b; Joanne Fuller 129; Terry Barber 70b; Frank DeBolt 452; Nicoletta Rogers 384; Angela Myers 81t; Rick Foreman 107; Melanie Hauff 30t. Robert Kelley led 566 as the closing song. Aubrey Hemminger presented the evening devotional, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Monday, June 13

Every day there are lessons, electives, opportunities for recreation or relaxation, recess periods with snacks, and an evening class singing, along with opportunities to socialize.

Electives. 7:00 a.m. Campers could choose to hike, swim, or sing from the *Lloyd's Hymnal*, led by Eugene Forbes and Tom Malone. Breakfast followed at 8:00 a.m.

Lesson: Rudiments I/Basics. 9:00 a.m. David Ivey introduced himself and gave an overview of this class to include modes of time, and major and minor scales. David stated that you learn music by hearing it, singing it, and attending singing schools. He suggested that each student go through the Rudiments section page by page, and even look at the Rudiments sections of previous editions of the Sacred Harp.

David asked the class to turn to page 14 of the Rudiments that covers Rhythmics and reviewed this subject. He continued on page 17-Melodics; page 18-Scales; page 20-Dynamics; and page 21-Meter. The class reviewed each of these subjects.

David further explained all of the items found on the page of a song. You will find the name of the tune and meter, a bible verse, the key of the tune, the source of poetry, and the name of the tune writer. Each song contains four staves and a time signature. For a beginning singer, he suggested that you start singing the tenor part. Keying the tune was briefly discussed and how to find the beginning note of each part when the key is sounded. David emphasized to always sound the chord!

David showed the class three books written by Sacred Harp singers, and suggested that everyone read these books. The books are Warren Steel's, "Makers of the Sacred Harp", Buell Cobb's, "*The Sacred Harp*", Chloe Webb's, "Legacy of the Sacred Harp". All of these writers will teach sessions at this camp.

The class sang 383 and 312b, examples of minor tunes. The songs on pages 111b, 378t, 39b, 39t were referenced. The song on page 438 was discussed concerning D.S. and Fine notations, and their meaning. David's advice on repeats was to watch the leader. He said that if you repeat the notes, always repeat the words. Most times, the notes in a fudging tune, such as 155, are repeated.

Songs with only three lines were addressed, and the formula is that the tenor line is always the one above the bottom line.

The class sang 49t. David suggested that as a beginning singer; try to sit next to an experienced singer. The class came to a close with a homework assignment to read Chapter's 1, 2, 3, and 6 from the Rudiments.

Lesson: Rudiments I / Intermediate. 9:00 a.m. Dan Brittain led 31b to bring the class to order. Wade Kotter offered the opening prayer.

Dan began by stating that Rudiments are slightly different due to regional backgrounds and preferences. Dan opened the class for discussion on major and minor scales.

A handout was provided on modes of time. The first mode of common time is 2/2 with 70t and 49t for reference. The second mode of common time is 4/4 with 32t, 37b, and 172 referenced. The third mode of common time is 2/4 with 85 referenced. The first mode of triple time is 3/2 with 163b referenced. The second mode of triple time is 3/4 with 393 referenced. The first mode of compound time is 6/4 with 146 and 98 referenced. The second mode of compound time is 6/8 with 57 and 204 referenced.

The class sang 34t as part of a discussion on meter. Dan highlighted the meters portion on page 21 in the Rudiments.

The class sang 35 to discuss the key note in major and sang 385b for the key note in minor. For examples of songs with time changes, the class sang 234, 43, and 417.

Dan addressed a question of when and when not to repeat by saying that, traditionally, the length of the song and the size of the class are factors to be considered. The class sang 378t and 425 as examples. Emphasis was placed on keeping time during rests. When the first note is a rest, it is the leader's responsibility to bring the class in on the upbeat. The class sang 421 and 159 to demonstrate.

The class sang 481, and was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments I / Advanced. 9:00 a.m. Judy Hauff welcomed the class. She began by discussing the importance of accent in singing Sacred Harp music.

She said that most people learn by doing, so the class sang and practiced keeping time, with accent. She led 294, 79, and 388 as examples of 2/4 time, and noted that all of these songs are not sung at exactly the same tempo. She noted that tempo will be affected by poetry, especially when the words don't exactly fit the music, as in the case of 79 and 388.

She led 277, an example of 4/4 time, at a slower tempo. She then led 454 and 373 as examples of 4/4 time, at a faster tempo.

Judy led 70b, a minor tune written in 4/4 time, and traditionally sung slowly. Other minor tunes sung were 345b and 274t, both in 2/4 time, and traditionally sung more on the peppy side.

The class sang 434, 129, 546, 436, and 172. Judy instructed the students to keep time at their seats, and pay particular attention to accent while singing. The class was dismissed.

Elective: More Rudiments. 10:45 a.m. Samuel Sommers opened the class by leading 121, followed by prayer. Sam began by saying that there are two questions you should ask yourself when a song is called. First, what is the mode of time? Second, where are the rests? Be aware of what is contained in the song. The class should respect what is in the heart of the leader. Try to sing as if each song is your favorite song, at that time. The leader should use discretion and not take liberties beyond the tradition and capabilities of each class. The leader should have the class "want" to follow them. As an example of a song with a "birdseye", the class sang 518. Sam taught that repeats fall into one of the following categories: mandatory, optional, unwritten or ignored. The Rudiments state that when accenting, poetry accent takes precedence over note accent. The closing song was 371.

Elective: Sacred Harp Composition 101. 10:45 a.m. Aldo Ceresa said that composing is a gift to our singing community. He gave some general tips on how composers can make our music more enjoyable to Sacred Harp singers as follows: use the Sacred Harp book and rudiments as your guide; learn from living composers; beware of relying on instruments or computers while writing; make sure tune is set in correct mode of time and consider accent; choose a text first and pay close attention to the poetry; make revisions... you will experience a bit of trial and error, but keep at it;

make notice of common “melodic words” and “fragments of music” that occur again and again in Sacred Harp music.

Aldo suggested starting with a melody and get it right before you continue. All parts need to be melodic. Aldo refers to 503, written by Raymond Hamrick, as an example of a great melody. He also honored Mr. Hamrick on his birthday.

Aldo said that after writing a melody, the bass part should be written. The bass part is the foundation of a song, and it anchors the harmony and rhythm. Aldo led 348b, singing the bass part as an example. Once you have your melody and bass parts, write the treble part. The treble part often defines the chord, adding brilliance and definition to a song. Last, but certainly not least, write the alto part. Alto can add fullness and emphasis to a song. A great example of an alto friendly song is 472, written by Dan Brittain. The class participated in a round-robin part writing exercise called “Team Tunesmith” to end the session.

Elective: Wonderful Words of Life. 10:45 a.m. Lela Crowder asked the class to put the name of their favorite song on cards. She collected the cards, and the class discussed why certain songs become our favorites. Lela related that we all love our songs. We like the way they sound or the way they look on the printed page, but it is the poetry that keeps us coming back to a favorite song.

She said that there are infinite messages in the poetry of Sacred Harp tunes. Some tunes uplift us, some tunes remind us of a loved one, some tunes help us deal with troubles, and some tunes drive our memories and evoke emotional responses.

Lela went over some common verses dealing with a range of emotions and concepts. For example, “the needs of a sinner” are written about in 317; “the love of God” is written about in 30t and 132; the saving power of Christ is written with the words, “Jesus can make a dying bed feel soft...” These words are wonderful words, words of life. The poetry is what makes the songs personal to us. The class sang 503, 475, and 472, and was dismissed.

Lesson: Makers of the Sacred Harp I. 1:00 p.m. David Ivey introduced Warren Steel as the teacher for the class and as the author of his new book, “The Makers of the Sacred Harp”. Warren said that his book referred to Sacred Harp as a social activity that produces sound. Today he highlighted some innovations and retentions in Sacred Harp music.

Innovations of the Sacred Harp include sight reading from shaped notes, four singing syllables, singing schools, the hollow square, and fusing tunes. Warren said that in 1584 and 1596 the first known four-note books were published by an Irishman named William Bathe. In the 1600’s, John Playford, leading music and selling books at the Temple Church in London, introduced three part psalm books with fasola syllable letters under the notes. He also was the first to use the G clef for tenor voices, and to suggest that tenor and treble parts be doubled by men and women (or boys).

“The Divine Companion,” published in 1701, was a book of hymn and psalm tunes for county parishes and gallery bands, intended to replace the lined-out ornamented melodies. Fusing tunes appeared in the 1730’s in England and quickly became popular in the American colonies. Shaped notes were invented in Philadelphia before 1790 and first used in “The Easy Instructor” in 1801. Several shape-note systems, both four-note and seven-note, were devised by others from 1805 to 1880.

On the subject of the hollow square, Warren suggested that there might have been several ways the square came about. One thought is that it came from singers sitting around a square table or singing in parts gathered in the gallery for a fusing tune. The idea of the hollow square most likely began in singing schools with the teacher in the middle and the scholars on the outside.

B. F. White made a significant contribution to Sacred Harp music introducing revival choruses and repeated refrains. Major White also reorganized the Rudiments and reduced the moods of time from nine to seven.

Warren showed slides that were not included in his book and answered questions from the class to end the lesson.

Elective: *The 100th Anniversary of the 1911 James Book.* 2:15 p.m. Aldo Ceresa and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg began the class by leading 318. Aldo showed the class an original copy of the 1911 James Revision book, and explained the significance of the book in Sacred Harp music.

Aldo shared information about Joe James, saying that he placed historical footnotes in the book which remained until the 1991 edition was published. James was a prolific list maker, but was rather inaccurate. In 1904, James produced a history of Sacred Harp and a pamphlet. As a result, he became involved in a lawsuit in 1920 for copyright infringement. James installed alto in his whole branch of work, adding six songs from the Social Harp with added alto parts in his revision. The class was given a handout and sang "Singing School", followed by Michael Walker leading 114.

Jesse shared information about the personal history of Joe James's life. He was born in 1849, and died in 1931. Jesse brought attention to some important events of Joseph L. James's life in a timeline that he prepared. James was active in politics and business. He was exposed to Sacred Harp as a child and became very active in Sacred Harp circles. He was elected as President of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association in Atlanta, Georgia.

Jesse led "The Great Roll Call" with Aldo pointing out that it is a gospel tune set in the early twentieth century before rag time music.

Leaders: Warren Steel 198; Robert Kelley 325; Dan Brittain 153; Helen Brown 430; David Ivey 302; Ginny Ely 436; Paula Picton 269. Aldo and Jesse led 208, and the class was dismissed.

Lesson: *How to Beat the 7 Modes of Time-Basics.* 3:45 p.m. Robert Kelley began the class by stating that Rhythmics treats the arrangements of notes and rests in time (Rudiments pages 14-17). The three aspects of musical science are called melodics, rhythmics, and dynamics.

For learning accent, Robert refers the class to Champlain Harmony, *Southern Harmony*, and Tom Malone's classes on accent.

The seven modes of time used in the Sacred Harp were reviewed. There are 3 modes of common time (2/2, 4/4, and 2/4). There are 2 modes of triple time (3/2 and 3/4). There are 2 modes of compound time (6/4 and 6/8). When the bottom number of the time signature is higher, the rhythm gets faster. Robert demonstrated the primary accent is when the hand starts to fall, the secondary accent is when the hand rises, always moving the arm smoothly up and down. This is a little more difficult in compound time. Triple time is the most difficult, with two beats down and one beat up. Robert used a pendulum to demonstrate speeds and modes of time.

Robert led the class in singing some examples of tunes in different modes of time. The tune on page 49t (2/2) is very slow. He pointed out the tricky rests in 325 (6/4). The song on page 40 is written in 4/4 time, and should be sung at a moderate tempo. The song on page 282, written in 2/4 time, is sung at a faster tempo. The song on page 127 was used as an example of 6/4 time; pages 64 and 119 were examples of 6/8 time. Examples of songs written in triple time were 163b (3/2) and 501 (3/4). Robert stated that the most common mode of time in the Sacred Harp is 4/4 time.

Robert suggested that everyone in the class find a major and a minor song in all modes of time to practice.

Lesson: Leading and Bringing in Parts-Intermediate. 3:45 p.m. Judy Caudle introduced herself as a fourth generation singer and a teacher of Sacred Harp. The class started by singing 155.

When bringing in parts, Judy said to be aware of your feet so that you will not stumble or trip while in the square. As a child, Judy shared, that she was so nervous she never moved in the square, but with time, practice, and experience, she is very comfortable moving in the square and finds it to be a better experience. Judy went on to say that bringing in parts is a means of communicating what you want to happen with the song that you are leading.

She explained that the bass part is most often the lead-in part and it is preferable not to wait until the last second to turn to them. The lead-in part needs to know ahead of time if the leader is planning to repeat. Judy demonstrates by leading 485.

Judy suggested that beginners practice with recordings, and even practice in front of a mirror while holding your book. Judy led 193 as an example of bringing in repeats. The class practiced leading while bringing in parts. Leaders: Rebecca Over 208; Michael Walker 181 (to practice a song with a short entrance); Lea Kouba and Judy 142; Sonny Erwin 196; Eddie Mash 428; Robert Stoddard 454; Sam Sommers 548; Geraldine Sharpton and Judy 318; Roberta Strauss and Judy 300.

Judy shared some thoughts about the use of our hand, saying, “while we use a flat, stiff hand to stop the class from singing, leading with an open, slightly bent hand is an inviting gesture to the class that says come sing with me.” She continued by stating that we are leading, not conducting. The word “leader” is a noun meaning one who leads. Judy’s final words to the class were to always lead with discretion, grace, and poise.

Lesson: Rudiments—Accent. 3:45 p.m. Tom Malone stated that accent is an unequal emphasis on one part of a musical strain or part, or varying degrees of power on one part more than the other. Accent is different in each mode of time.

Tom referred to the seven modes of time as described on page 15 of the Rudiments. The class looked at 49t where Tom explained the primary accent is on the first beat when the hand moves down, and the secondary accent is on the second beat when the hand comes up. In 2/2 time, the voice should give half the volume to the secondary accent as it does to the primary accent. There is musical accent, which is always on the first down beat, and poetry accent. When poetry accent and musical accent do not line up, the poetry accent always wins.

Tom used a money analogy for explaining accent in the song on page 82t (4/4 time). He said that if the primary accent (beat one) is worth \$1.00 and the secondary accent (beat 4) is worth \$.50, then the 2 remaining beats are chump change. He led 82t, and the class practiced accenting as he instructed.

An example of no secondary accent is found in 109 written in 2/4 time. The first beat gets the primary accent, and there is no secondary accent, except when the measure has 4 eighth notes. Compound time is shown in 374, where there are joined flags.

Tom explained that joined flags are a type of slur when the voice is singing more than one note but using only one syllable. Lois Badey led 119.

Tom suggested practicing on your own for fifteen minutes a day. The class sung 384 and 224, and then was dismissed.

Elective: Discussion on Sacred Harp Etiquette. 5:00 p.m. Teacher—Buell Cobb.

This class provided practical suggestions in etiquette for leading, arranging, and conventions. Buell began by stating that our tradition, while honoring the forms of the past, does allow for and inevitably opens up to some change. In his many years of attending Sacred Harp singings and conventions, he said, he had seen many changes. Buell shared his own bias regarding etiquette in Sacred Harp. He said we should leave our public differences at the door. We should focus on the things that unite us,

not the things that would cause divisions in our community. He quoted from the bylaws of old conventions that made this point. As another example, he mentioned that the memorial lesson should be reserved for remembering Sacred Harp singers or their family and friends. Requests to include well-known figures, or populations from the larger world, or the loss of things non-human risks divisiveness. Concerning leading, Buell said the front bench needs to be experienced singers, who can better understand what the leader wants. He discussed pointers for how to work with a leader who is not confident or sufficiently communicative—or how to lean on the front bench if you are such a leader.

He said the class “wants” you to be successful in leading your song and, if you are not confident in giving signals of direction on the fly, suggested that you communicate your intent before leading your song.

He stated that leaders should use practical consideration and courtesy, and not displace other leaders by leading too many verses of a song or taking too many repeats, etc. He advised beginning leaders not to try for flamboyance while leading, but to observe excellent experienced leaders, begin at the “center” of what those leaders do and then, over time, work your way out to your own individual leading style.

When choosing a song, Buell said, be mindful of the time of day. For example, maybe singing an anthem is not the best fit for the opening few songs of the day—or for the closing ones, when the class is clearly tired and ready for adjournment.

If you are ever part of the arranging committee, Buell suggested, the following guidelines: If you are having a large convention, you may want to “sacrifice” some of your local singers first, saving the high points of the day (the hour before and after lunch) for notable leaders, especially those who have traveled a long way. Instead of just calling all the members of a family or all the singers on a row, one after the other, use variety in selecting leaders. He said that smart arranging makes for a consistent flow to your day of singing. Buell thanked the class for their attention, and closed the session.

Elective: The Devil’s in the Details. 5:00 p.m. Robert Kelley introduced himself and told the class that this class addressed those spots in songs that are tricky for various reasons. He said that songs that get us thrown off track often include dotted rhythms, time changes, discords, and accent. Rob referred to the Rudiments as the class looked at various tunes with tricky spots.

He began by saying that songs with dotted rhythms cannot be done properly if led too fast. Robert had the class look at 298 and 327 as examples.

He continued by saying that time changes during a song can be challenging. Time changes are reflected in the song on page 227. Rob noted that the 2/4 time is not necessarily twice as fast as the 4/4 time, but that the accent is different.

Robert noted that melodics vary in songs like 47b, where the bass line has a higher note than the tenor. According to the Rudiments, in this case, the tenor should hold back and let the bass line dominate. The class reviewed the alto line in 146, and the tenor line in 436.

For discords between parts, the class reviewed 58. The alto and treble lines make a discord. In 277, the alto and the bass discord. The treble entrance in 99 and 107 were reviewed.

Rob pointed out that text accent and music accent sometimes disagree. The Rudiments tell us that the poetry or text accent comes first when in conflict. The following songs were reviewed for certain tricky spots: 282, 512, 170, and 232. In 311, “Silver Street”, the staccato affects the duration of a note, and the accent affects the dynamics. In 35, “Saints Bound for Heaven”, the way the words are printed in the book affect the way they are sung, for example, “Si-na-is”. The word “blessing”,

used as singular (not plural) changes the meaning of a song, as in “A Thankful Heart”.

Additional songs with tricky spots included 495, 288, 228, and 522. Robert expressed that Rudiments are important, especially for new singers. It is best to sing songs as they are written, in keeping with the oral tradition of Sacred Harp.

Class Singing. 7:30 p.m. led by Advent Lodge. The Monday evening singing began with Chairman Sam Sommers leading 56t, followed by prayer offered by Rick Foreman.

Leaders: Aine Cheallaigh 503; Ted Brown 303; Nathan Rees 83b; Lea Kouba 547; Wade Kotter 480; Rosalind Oldham 479; Andrew Mashchak 39t; Sonny Erwin and Donna McKay 204; Al McCready 155; Helen Brown 436; Dan Comstock 344; Ginnie Ely 228; Philippa Stoddard 259; Geraldine Sharpton 318; Margaret Gillanders 77t; Judy Caudle 329; Michael Walker 377; Anne Drexler 87; Charlie Soape 402; Judy Mincey 86; Eddie Mash 301; Judy Whiting 150; Richard Schmeidler 184; Linda Sides 328; Robert Stoddard 227; Rebecca Over 339; Jonathon Smith 304; Charlotte Ehrman 549; Dan Brittain 375; Idy Kiser 32t; Stuart Ivey 272; Judy Hauff 299.

After announcements, Sam Sommers and Karen Ivey led 92. Ted Brown offered the closing prayer, followed by a devotional conducted by Fred Hoerr. The class was dismissed.

Tuesday, June 14

Electives. 7:00 a.m. Campers could choose to hike, swim, or sing from the *Lloyd's Hymnal*. Breakfast followed at 8:00 a.m.

Lesson: Rudiments II / Basics. 9:00 a.m. Teachers—David Ivey and Stuart Ivey began the class by asking for questions and observations, with discussion following. David and Stuart reviewed the staff and scales on pages 13-14 of the Rudiments. The class practiced singing major and minor scales.

Stuart continued instruction by reviewing Rhythmic, page 14 Rudiments. He said that time is measured in beats, and beats are grouped into larger units of time called measures, which are separated in notation by measure bars. Also, he made note of broad bars and phrase bars used within a tune to mark poetry lines, and the use of double bars to note the end of a song.

Stuart moved on to page 15 of the Rudiments, and discussed the length of notes. The class practiced singing examples of slurs (page 49b), ties (page 48t), joined flags (page 196), triplets (pages 188 and 31t), pauses/holds (page 34t), choice notes (page 348b), and dynamics, written and unwritten (pages 277, 143, and 417). The topic of grace notes was also addressed using the song on page 143.

Stuart said that the basis of all Sacred Harp music is the scales. He encouraged the class to learn the musical building blocks of the language. The class practiced singing the scales again.

Stuart led 440 and 441, and then discussed the similarities of the two songs. When asked why Sacred Harp singers sing so loud, he stated that singing too loud is not good, but singing in your natural voice is appropriate and joyful! The class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments II / Intermediate. 9:00 a.m. Teacher—Dan Brittain led 48t to bring the class to order. Rick Foreman offered prayer.

The first topic was about key changes. An example was shown using 240 written in the key of D minor. Dan explained in this song the key changes to the parallel major (the “la” becomes a “fa”). Key changes are also used in a tune for effect and to highlight the word painting, such as the word “fly”.

The class sang 355. Dan told the class that, traditionally, the alto doubled the bass part, giving a rather particular sound to the tune.

An exercise from the James Book was given (Call John) to emphasize counting. The unusual part singing included challenging melodic skips and rests. Dan challenged the class to practice at home.

Local traditions were discussed and it was recommended that local traditions be respected. The class sang 408.

Dan told the class that when there is a rest at the beginning of a song, beat the rest while the chord is being sounded. He pointed out the songs on pages 267 and 59 as examples, and the class practiced beating the rest at the beginning. He then turned to page 387, and the class practiced beating time when there are time changes.

The next topic was about ornamentation in a song. Dan calls them little scoops, slides, and anticipations in a song that make it sound better. The class sang 68b without and with ornamentation to show the difference. A question and answer time followed to complete the lesson.

Lesson: Rudiments II / Advanced. 9:00 a.m. Judy Hauff presented the class with a hand-out listing twenty-nine songs that include “raise-able sixths”. The majority of raised sixths are in the treble and tenor lines. Judy discussed the pros and cons of raised sixths being printed in the song book. The class sang the following songs with a raised sixth: 300, 83, 163t, 201, 215, 278b, 442, 224, and 268.

Elective: More Rudiments. 10:45 a.m. Sam Sommers introduced himself and led 207, followed by prayer. Sam related that “desire” is the only requirement for being a Sacred Harp singer. He advised practicing the major scales to start.

The scales are found in the Rudiments section, pages 18 and 19. A major scale starts with “fa” and a minor scale starts with “la”. A minor song is not always sad, naming “Alabama” as an example. The class practiced singing the scales.

The common, compound, and triple modes of time were reviewed. Sam went over 301 for reference. He suggested that when you turn to a song, scan the piece for the mode of time, repeats, holds, and any other notations. Find a song to work on, practice accent, and eliminate using vibrato while singing.

The tonic is the root or key note of a song. The last note in the bass line will tell you what key the song is in. The class analyzed 358, “Murillo’s Lesson”, for mode of time, repeats, and accent. This song is very popular in singing schools, and is good practice. Sam shared a visual tip; “The more ink on the page, the faster it moves”. A hand-out was provided for practicing scales. Sam said learning them will serve a singer well. In addition to reading the Rudiments in the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, Sam also recommended reading the Rudiments found in other Sacred Harp books. A final thought: If a song reminds you of someone or brings up a great memory, this is the miracle!

Elective: Harmony and Style in The Sacred Harp. 10:45 a.m. Dan Brittain says he has been asked to address the things that make Sacred Harp harmony and style unique. He shares his personal opinions, and says they are not to be taken as the only word on the subject.

Harmony and style in four shape note music do not necessarily follow traditional eighteenth century rules as many of us learned in school. We do not necessarily perform, we sing, and write this music for the enjoyment of it. For some of us, it is an expression of faith, for others, it allows the emotions to soar, and for some of us, both. The lack of an audience frees us from some constraints, such as volume. We do not have an appointed director that determines the way everyone does things.

On specific harmonic or style trends, each part has its own melody. Parallel harmony is not forbidden. Strong accent and breathing are not necessarily where one would expect. Regional variations in the tradition exist. As for personal preferences, the raised sixth is always used in minor. Dan stated his personal preference that written

accidentals, which are sharps and flats, except those added by the composer to indicate the raised sixth, are to be ignored.

Dan shared some general rules he uses for the way he writes. His writing needs to have some precedent in the book itself or earlier editions. Interesting parts are vital and he always starts with text. Dan tells that he started singing in 1967 with his first writing efforts in 1971. His first things were fairly dismal and not very well done. This is when he decided he needed to find those things in the music which spoke to him, not for the purpose of copying, but figuring out more of the “how.” The writers that have had the greatest influence on the way Dan does things are Breedlove for his strong sense of melody and parts that fit together well; Dumas, for his use of rhythmic contrasts like in 123b and 337; E. J. King for his treble writing; H. S. Reese for his sense of rhythm as in 278b, contrapuntal writing in 419, and treble line in 428; J. P. Reese for his melodies, harmonies, and shifting parallels in 375, 383, and 417.

Elective: *Singing Favorites with Elder J.L. Hopper.* 10:45 a.m. Elder J. L. Hopper told the class he was raised in a singing family and never went a day without hearing singing. He has made a CD recording of twenty songs of himself singing all four parts, and some include his playing the autoharp. He has also recorded a teaching CD that would be useful to anyone who sings Sacred Harp.

After opening remarks, he led 374. Leaders: Michael Walker 306; Rebecca Over 532; Judy Mincey 180; Judy Hauff 157.

Elder Hopper expressed that when you are in the square, you are the leader. He asked the leaders to pitch their own songs, and to pitch them where it is comfortable to sing. This is called singing by relative pitch, not necessarily the key a song is written in. Leaders: Leon Pulsinelle 448b; Barbara Swetman 448t.

Elder Hopper suggested learning the modes of time, and referred to pages 15 and 16 of the Rudiments. The time signature is a clue to the pace of the song the writer intended. Leaders: Elder Hopper 301(by request); Ginnie Ely 349; Tom Malone 507. After closing remarks, the class was dismissed.

Lesson: *The Memorial Lesson.* 1:00 p.m. Karen Rollins welcomed the class. She then gave a definition of the memorial lesson as a period set aside at a singing for the common practice of remembering and honoring the deceased and the sick and shut-ins. She further stated that it is important to honor those who have gone before us. The memorial lesson helps foster a sense of community. It causes us to confront our mortality. It preserves a Sacred Harp tradition. It helps us to grieve, and find comfort.

Karen talked briefly about the history of memorial lessons, stating that not all singing communities conduct memorial lessons during a local singing. Others have held memorial lessons for many years, and still others are new to the tradition. Karen instructed the class on the implementation of a memorial lesson. She said that one should compile the lists, choose leaders and songs, and choose speakers and topics. Topics could include life and death, grief, memory, history, family, tradition, traveling, and others.

She opened the floor for questions and discussion. Afterwards, the class held a memorial lesson.

Judy Mincey and Cheryl Foreman conducted the memorial lesson. Cheryl Foreman read the list of names of the sick and shut-ins and led 176t in their honor. Judy Mincey read the list of names of the deceased. She read text from the Episcopal prayer book, and led 549 in memory of the deceased. Samuel Sommers offered a prayer to close the memorial lesson. The class was dismissed.

Elective: *Advanced Rudiments with Historical Content.* 2:15 p.m. Dr. Warren Steel introduced himself and led 28t. He continued leading by lining out 47t and 39t. Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg led 57.

A hand-out of B.F. White's Rudiments was provided and the class practiced singing exercises in 2/4 time. Warren had the class sing the song "Lisbon" by Daniel Read from the original fugal tune version that is not in the 1991 edition.

Modes of time can be grouped by speed. The slow modes of time are 2/2 and 3/2. The moderate modes of time are 4/4, 3/4, and 6/4. The fast modes of time are 2/4 and 6/8. The class sang 234, 443, and 89. Warren stated there is evidence that 89 was originally a folk tune, and pointed out the interesting note of F ending the song but written in B flat. This song has also been collected as a tune for "Barbra Allen".

In "Pleyel's Hymn", page 143, the function of the bass part is not meant to carry the tune, but to convey the harmony. In "Fillmore", page 434, Warren pointed out how striking it is that no chords are in C; even though it was typical of fugal tunes of the late nineteenth century. In "Wootten", page 548, it is noted that a gospel direction was shown. The class sang 189 led by Ginnie Ely, and then was dismissed.

Lesson: *Leading Workshop-Basics.* 3:45 p.m. Teacher—Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg. This class was joined by the Leading Workshop/Intermediate class with teacher Judy Caudle.

Jesse's opening statement was that there are two kinds of leaders, the leader who takes complete command, and the leader who relies on the front bench. He encouraged the class to strive to be the leader who takes command.

Jesse offered several ways to develop ourselves into being that kind of leader. He said to pick out a song, and learn it. He suggested that a leader be able to sing the tenor part from memory. A leader should think about which verses to sing before coming to the square.

He further suggested that the class learn the modes of time, and the tempo of various songs. One should know how to start a song, as in whether it begins with a note or a rest. Leaders should try to avoid giving strange motions. The only motions needed are down and up, except in triple time which is a down, down, and up motion.

Judy Caudle told the class to practice setting the tempo with your hand, and sing to the tempo you set. A leader can maintain a more consistent tempo in this manner than if one follows the voice with the hand. Relax while leading and practice.

The leading practice began with Rebecca Over leading 567. Other leaders: Frank Debolt 91; Dan McCarter 566; Rosalind Oldham 284; Leslie Hunter 156; Aubrey Hemminger 142; Doug Fower 178; Warren Steel and Linda Sides 220; Charlie Soape 44; Rick Forman 387; Chris Brown 298. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: *Leading Boot Camp / Advanced.* 3:45 p.m. Cassie Allen greeted the class and said that this class is to help present oneself gracefully in the square, and to work on presenting the time-keeping arm visible to as much of the class as possible.

Cassie recommended choosing your song, knowing your tempo, and selecting the verses you want before you get up to lead. She said to know how your song starts and how it ends. It is recommended, at large conventions, to minimize the number of verses. Time is of the essence when many leaders are present.

As the class sang, Cassie offered help and suggestions to each leader. Cassie began leading practice by leading 155. Leaders: Ginnie Ely 446; Michael Walker 250; Eddie Mash 274b; Mary Skidmore 203; Charlotte Ehrman 196; Judy Hauff 368; Rebecca Over 389; Anne Drexler 47t; Terry Barber 536; Stephen Rogers 276; Margaret Gillanders 278t; Judy Mincey 540; Judy Whiting 273; Gillian Inksetter 200; Daniel Lee 63; Paula Picton 179.

Lesson: *Rudiments—Songs in Major and Minor.* 3:45 p.m. Teacher—Tom Malone. A handout provided a list of twenty songs in major and minor for the class to take

home and practice. Annalise Perone led 47b. Tom suggested leading tips, such as keeping your hand up, giving an indication when you are finished, making eye contact with the front row to indicate a repeat, and standing close to the tenor. Tom said, “If you want to become a better leader, I recommend that you practice.” You can do this all alone, just sing tenor and beat your time, first the notes and then the words. If you get in this habit, you will improve in a couple of ways. First, your fluency with the syllables will become more euphonious, which will lead to better accent and less vocal fatigue. Next, you will realize that many songs are related to one another melodically, and that practicing each one will help you lead the next one.

Tom encouraged students to draw on confidence and memory when leading. It is important to lead effectively. You should know the tenor line extremely well, and sing it when leading.

Leaders: Wade Kottter 312b; Ellen Lueck 108t; Fred Hoerr 38b; Philippa Stoddard 128; Lea Kouba 101b; Andrew Mashchak 38t; Lois Badey 61; Sam Sommers 170; Leon Pulsinelle 31t; Eliza Marcus 82t.

Tom said that eventually you might be able to sing these songs (notes and words) in tune, time, and accent without looking at the book. You may notice that Sacred Harp “tunes” differently than other choral music. Practicing these songs, on tenor, will help your voice memorize the various distances between the pitches. Try singing them in the car, or in the yardsing on!

Tom’s final thought for the class was “passion for Sacred Harp goes beyond the square and into your lifetime.”

Elective: Rudiments Review—Questions and Answers. 5:00 p.m. Teachers—David Ivey and Stuart Ivey. David said that to become more familiar with Sacred Harp tunes, listen to recordings. There are many CD’s, videos, and other digital recordings available.

He instructed the class to practice the major and minor scales.

Stuart related some music theory by saying the sixth note of a major scale begins a minor key. The third note of a minor scale begins a major key.

A point on leading was given by Stuart. He said that if a song has a repeat and you are moving your arm, you are indicating that you want to repeat.

The songs reviewed were 32t, 503, 445, 29t, and 277.

Elective: Sacred Harp Heritage “My Sacred Harp Journey”. 5:00 p.m. Dan Brittain was in college when he started hearing about Sacred Harp music. He listened to records and got a 1966 songbook. He received a music position while in the Army and was assigned to the State of Georgia.

Dan had the class sing some songs, and told of each person he related the song to since beginning his Sacred Harp Journey. “Few Happy Matches”, the song on page 96, is one Dan remembered Hugh McGraw leading. Other leaders and songs he remembered are as follows: Lloyd Redding 410b; E. G. Akin 411; Buford McGraw and Earlis McGraw 181; Charlene Wallace 327; Bill Avery 337; Ruth Denson Edwards 543; Bob Denson 395; Jim Ayers, a strong bass singer, 113; Lillie Ayers 424; Carl Hughes 137; Millard McWhorter 314, “The Seven Joys of Mary”, “A Christmas Carol” (Haley), and 513. The class sang the words only to 245 and 353, and then was dismissed.

Elective: Choosing the Right Song for the Right Time. 5:00 p.m. Robert Kelley began the class by leading 435, a song that is rarely sung, giving the example not to begin a singing with a song the class may not know, or a song that is too difficult. During the first hour of a local singing, it is best to start with the local singers, and lead the visitors once the class is warmed up. If you are a visiting singer, you should

place importance on regional preferences. It is okay to ask what songs go well in a particular area.

The class sang 290 as a good song to use just before lunch. Robert recommends when leading a hard song, (like 327), the class needs to be warmed up. The last hour of a singing will have a class drooping, so find a peppy, not too difficult song to sing that will keep the energy up.

Robert related that in Mississippi, singing “Easter Anthem” at the end of a singing is a tradition. Towards the end of a singing, it is good to choose shorter songs that will not exhaust the class. The arranging committee needs to know the leaders. For example, do not call three leaders in a row who will call difficult or challenging songs.

The class sang 296 as an example of a song to lead for the sick and shut-ins. It is appropriate to sing songs for friends who are unable to attend because of illness or other circumstances.

There are many great parting songs and some of them are rarely sung. The class sang 45b as an example. Traditional closing songs can become tedious, so try to keep them fresh. The class sang 382, a rather odd choice, with but appropriate words. The class was dismissed.

Class Singing. 7:30 p.m. led by Mullen Lodge. Judy Mincey, Chairman, led 376 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 419; Dan McCarter 566; Eliza Marcus 81b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 275b; Leslie Hunter and Elizabeth Stoddard 157; Tom Malone 386; Robert Kelley 161; Gillian Inksetter 200; Fred Hoerr 178; Ann Mashchak 96; Barbara Swetman 125; Daniel Lee 82t; Chris Brown 298; Mary Skidmore 198; Leon Pulsinelle 48t; Roberta Strauss 542; Eugene Forbes 218; Elizabeth Stoddard 191; Wendy Futral 35; Stephen Rogers 229; Joanne Fuller 439; Terry Barber 536; Frank Debolt 515; Nicoletta Rogers 538; Angela Myers 168; Rick Foreman 448t; Melanie Hauff 411; Karen Ivey 567.

Judy Mincey led 323t as the closing song. Sam Sommers offered prayer. The evening devotional was conducted by Leslie Hunter. The closing prayer was offered by Aubrey Hemminger. Campers enjoyed snacks and fellowship before lights out.

Wednesday, June 15

Electives. 7:00 a.m. Campers could choose to hike, swim, or sing from the *Lloyd's Hymnal*. Breakfast followed at 8:00 a.m.

Lesson: Rudiments III / Basics. 9:00 a.m. Teachers—David Ivey and Stuart Ivey. Stuart said that a good place for beginners to start singing Sacred Harp is in the tenor section. The tenor is the melody line of the song. It is helpful to sing other parts, and by doing so, you may find another part better fits your voice. A lot of singers cross over to others parts to learn to sing better.

The class sang 31t, and Stuart noted the slurs, triplets, and the open fifth. Stuart led the class in singing a skipping exercise of the major and minor scales. The class sang 351 written in C major.

Stuart directed the class to page 19 of the Rudiments, and discussed accidentals. He used the song on page 504 as an example. The class sang 272 and 448t (minor tunes), and discussed the natural minor scale (Aeolian mode) versus the traditional minor scale (Dorian mode). Stuart encouraged students to read the Rudiments, pages 18 and 19.

Stuart reviewed the modes of time. Accent and displacement of accent were discussed. The class practiced accent on 512, 436, and 131b. Stuart said that when a song has proper accent, it is not boring or dull. He noted that older recordings would show more accent than usually heard at singings and conventions. Other songs practiced were 481, 40, 41, 43, 316, and 44.

The class sang some songs with word painting. Stuart noted the words in the songs on page 497 (“high”) and on page 344 (“the seas grew calm”). He noted that the poetry overrides the music and it is not a good place to roar! The class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments III / Intermediate. 9:00 a.m. Dan Brittain led 77t to bring the class to order. Rick Foreman offered prayer.

Dan began the class by talking about things done in a song that are not written in the book. In 310, the word “E-lo-i” toward the end is sung slower. In 54, there is a time change at the end, but the beginning part is often sung wrong. Dotted notes are often missed in a song, like the ones in 188.

To practice counting, Dan believes “Call John” is one of the best. *The Sacred Harp* book has songs equivalent to pattern songs. An example of a pattern song is 116, also known as “the Jerusalem phonebook”. It’s a fun song to sing. Other pattern songs are 170 and 333; however, you might not want to call these back to back at a singing.

Written in 2/4 time, the song on page 424 has a secondary beat only when there are four eighth notes in a measure.

Rosalind Oldham pitched and led 34t. Dan said that he pitches starting with the bass note. If you need to change the pitch, sound the note you just sang, and slide up or down to a new pitch. A way to train your ear to pitch, is when someone else is pitching, try to anticipate what they are going to do. Look at the lowest bass note and the highest treble note.

Rebecca Over pitched and led 381. Dan suggested that if the song starts with an open fifth, sound the third so that people can get the key in their ear. To adjust the pitch, wait until after the notes are sung to make a change.

Leaders: Anne Drexler 99; Daniel Lee 63; Rick Foreman 38b; Chris Brown 28b; Roberta Strauss 565b; Ellen Lueck 47t; Wade Kotter 103; Philippa Stoddard 32t. Wendy Futral 100; Annalise Perone 121.

Dan said that the leader can hear if people are straining or not singing at all. Stop and change the pitch; however, if a song is reachable, people will do their best to sing it. Dan led 521, and closed the lesson.

Lesson: Rudiments III / Advanced. 9:00 a.m. Judy Hauff discussed keying during this class. She said that no two people will do it the same. Some people hear it in their heads, while others remember the pitches. She suggested making notes and references in your book to assist you. Most songs will fit within a few tones of each other.

The class was provided a handout on how to form triads in major and minor. She said that when you are keying, sound each tone slowly, so each part can hear their note. Eliza Marcus practiced pitching 171. Judy suggested finding songs with perfect triads, and practice.

Judy revealed some tricks in practicing minor triads. Steve Rogers practiced pitching 38b. Judy said everyone should respect the person pitching, and wait until they are sure. When the person giving the pitch is struggling, others may step in and help, if asked.

Final points Judy made were find the key, find the mode of time, scan the note ranges of each tune, make adjustments up or down, listen to the class, and look for signs of discomfort. Change the pitch after the notes, if needed. Only the leader or the key person has the privilege to change the key. Steve Rogers led 541, and the class was dismissed.

Elective: More Rudiments. 10:45 a.m. Teacher—Sam Sommers began the class by leading 133, followed by prayer. Sam welcomed the class by saying, “There are no requirements to sing Sacred Harp except the desire to sing”.

The 1991 edition, the Rudiments, and traditions are based on the older, earlier books. The class reviewed rhythmic, focused on making a series of pleasing noise with right timing. Reviewed also were melodic, pitches, and tones.

The two keys are major and minor. Major begins with “fa” and minor begins with “la”, known as the tonic. The different modes of time and page 19 of the Rudiments were discussed.

When learning to sing Sacred Harp, a good place to start is in tenor. It is the melody of the song. Sam suggested that it is best to sing tenor when leading.

Sam’s Curriculum

- Watch the leader.
- The first repeat is mandatory; the repeat at the end of the song is optional.
- FINE is “the end”. D. C. is “to the top”. (da capa goes on da head).
- Your hand is up when the song starts and ends. Faster leading calls for smaller movements.
- Always sing the lower note in choice notes (unless, you have a “lovely”, “perfect” reason).
- A wonder is “the sign”. The only sign in the book is in 438.
- “Waltz” to triple time; “jig” to 6/8. Sing smoothly like a rocking chair, but with accent.
- Keep learning.
- What to wear? Respect tradition where you go. Wearing a tie to an all day singing is optional. There are no fashion police.
- Do not be rude if someone calls a song that has already been done. Politely tell them that that song has already been led.
- For two-song lessons, relate the songs in some way; for example, both major or both minor. Don’t use two “willy-nilly” songs.
- Choose fast after lunch.
- Leave them wanting more, not, “Oh, it’s Sam”!
- WATCH THE LEADER.

The class sang 143, and was dismissed.

Elective: Team Tunesmith. 10:45 a.m. Teachers—Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Aldo Ceresa. This exciting class included campers who have the desire to write and compose Sacred Harp music. Part I of Team Tunesmith began on Monday during Sacred Harp Composition 101. The class was provided a tune handout written with an existing melody (tenor). The class paired off into groups to write a bass line, a treble line, and an alto line.

Today’s class revealed the results of the writing assignments by singing the tune. The tune was called “Camp Fasola”. The participants in this composition were Jesse Karlsberg, Ellen Lueck, Fred Hoerr, Michael Walker, Linda Sides, George Berg, Helen Brown, Dan Brittain, Andrew Mashchak, Philippa Stoddard, Robert Stoddard, Annalise Perone, and Stephanie Turney. The class reviewed each composition, making suggestions on how to improve the harmonies written by each team. Part II of Team Tunesmith included recently written compositions. They are “Carrollton” by Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, “Cunningham” by Robert Stoddard, “God Is Love” by Linda Sides, “Japan” by Robert Kelley, “New Creation” by Tom Malone, “Hebden Bridge” by Wade Kotter, “Candler Park”, “Cowling”, and “Ruth” by Dan Brittain.

Elective: Sacred Harp Heritage “A Sacred Harp Perspective from the 60’s and 70’s”. 10:45 a.m. Buell Cobb told the class that he has been involved in Sacred Harp for more than 45 years. His grandfather taught “new book” singing school and Buell sang with him some in his teens. He was briefly exposed to Sacred Harp in high school, but it did not really stick until he was in college.

Buell referred to his early great enthusiasm for Sacred Harp and recalled Keith Willard's "The Steps of Infection for Northern Singers", one of the points of which is trying to tell all of your friends and family about Sacred Harp and "discovering sad truth: most people idiots."

He related his experience of getting to know Ruth Denson Edwards and of how she took him under her wing. He mentioned that his hometown singing, the Cullman County Convention (the last surviving courthouse singing), was hugely attended, as records from the 1930's show (a newspaper estimate of 5,000). When he began attending in the mid-1960's, he was one of the few young people there. He said that at that time many were concerned that Sacred Harp might not last into the twenty-first century.

He related the story of the first National Sacred Harp Convention, held in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1980. There were too many accomplished leaders, so for the first time, leaders were restricted to one song (the much older practice was for only a few leaders to lead for about fifteen minutes to thirty minutes, and after those times, the standard lesson was always two songs).

Buell told the class that he enjoyed singing with Marcus Cagle, who wrote songs as early as 1908 and had sung with people who sang with B. F. White. He remembered the legendary Jim Ayers, whose voice was a bass class all by itself. Sadly, Ayers suffered a hearing problem later in his life that ruined his ability to sing.

He talked of, and gave some demonstrations of, individual leading styles he had been impressed by over the years. In Buell's opinion, Hugh McGraw was the most dynamic leader, and the best overall, with the sometimes sweeping movements of his style; "he was absolutely fearless." He gave an entertaining rendition of how Elmer Kitchens used to bring in the parts for the fudging entrance on 181, "Exit." Edd Snell of the Wiregrass singers was the most active, stepping off and striding across the square when leading, for example, 460. He recalled Tom Harper, of famously gravelly voice, seeming to slap the air as he led. He recalled that the women leaders of that era had beautifully graceful leading styles, and remembered in particular Maud Quinn, Kathleen Trawick, Marie Aldridge, Kathleen Robbins, Velma Richardson, Willodean Butler, Shelbie Sheppard and the "Smith sisters" from Texas, Myrl Jones and Myra Palmer (Amanda Denson from a later time was another good example). Buell stated that bringing in (and otherwise acknowledging) the parts, if not a necessity in leading, is productive and class-pleasing in demonstrating one's thorough and complete engagement with the music.

Buell told of his experience of singing with the "Wiregrass singers," African American singers in Dothan, Ozark, and surrounding areas in southeast Alabama beginning in the late 60's. Dewey Williams, the unquestioned leader of that group, was in his estimation the most charismatic leader he ever saw. The black singers sang with a slower and bouncy style, with vibrato and led often by "stepping off" the beat. The Festival of American Folklife at the Smithsonian in July of 1970 brought a group of white singers from Georgia and Alabama led by Hugh McGraw to perform, alternately, with the Wiregrass singers led by Dewey Williams. The mixture of those groups was a heartening blend of singing styles and ultimately of lifelong friendships. He told the story of two quartets of Sacred Harp singers, again led by Hugh McGraw and Dewey Williams, who performed at the 1971 "Man and His World" Expo in Montreal, alternating with Roy Acuff and his band. Again in 1976 at the Festival of American Folklife, Buell had the opportunity to introduce Sacred Harp to the English performing group, the Watsons, ultimately resulting in the inclusion of a number of Sacred Harp tunes in one of their recordings.

Buell also told of a group of African American singers in Central Alabama, who had been singing in isolation for years, that he discovered in the late 1990's. Though they

kept many of the forms and rituals of their more than 100-year-old tradition, they no longer kept time when they sang, had little part singing, and used only a limited number of songs.

Buell remembered the various recordings by the Sacred Harp Publishing Company. A group of about 60 singers was selected each time for these studio recordings. In that very confined situation, there were very moderate tempos and a lot of nervous clearing of throats. The Bicentennial Album in 1976 represented the first time a general invitation went out to Sacred Harp singers, resulting in a marvelous class, pretty much “everybody who was anybody” in the singing world at that time. As typically, the recording session itself resulted in a staid, fairly unexciting recording. But afterwards, when the mike was turned off, the singers had a thrilling singing frenzy of fifteen to twenty songs, very up tempo and “no holds barred.” That was, he said, the second greatest class he ever was a part of. The greatest, to him, was the enormous class of singers from across the country who showed up for the 1990 recording of songs at Samford University made in preparation for the 1991 revision.

Lesson: Readings on some Sacred Harp Characters. 1:00 p. m. Teacher—Buell Cobb read for the class some anecdotes he has written about Sacred Harp singers he has known. His longest writing was about Ruth Denson Edwards.

He shared a story told to him by Dick Niel, from Frederick Miller, about Ben Miller. The story related to 277. Melanie Hauff led 277.

He told stories of Lawrence and Lula Underwood. He told a story about Buford McGraw and 346. Warren Steel led 346.

Buell gave a detailed description of Wiregrass Singer, Annie Jewel Casey Boyd. She was excited to be present and physically expressed her involvement in the music. Buell concluded with an account of Glen Laminack’s punishment for misbehavior, as a child, at a Sacred Harp singing.

Elective: The Makers of Sacred Harp II. 2:00 p.m. Warren Steel told about three Lancaster sisters from Georgia: Ann, Sid, and Sally. They were descended from Jewish musicians named Lupo in the court of King Henry VIII. Ann Lancaster wrote 406. In a letter, J.P. Reese advised her to write the song in G major, instead of A major! Sarah (Sally) Lancaster moved to Texas with her husband, but continued to compose music, sending new songs with her letters to her family in Georgia. There are no composers in the book from Mississippi, but Warren decided to offer a few connections. Singers in Natchez, Mississippi, were singing from round notes as early as 1820. J. T. White (page 89 and others), nephew of B. F. White, was a county clerk in Mississippi before moving to Texas, and may have introduced *The Sacred Harp* in the 1850’s. All day singings began in several locations around the state just after the Civil War. Hal Hawkins was a Primitive Baptist farmer who was opposed to slavery and never owned slaves. He was drafted, came home, and established a singing at Poplar Springs in 1867, which still continues today. Warren showed Hawkins’ tuning fork, which produces an A somewhat lower than modern pianos. As African American literacy increased after the war, Black Mississippians started their own singings and conventions.

After 1900, mass market publishers published small books of seven-shape gospel music, all in major keys, imitating popular song and dance music. Some conventions came to resemble quartet concerts, but some traditional singings remained. In 1957, Gospel Singers of America began a residential camp on the Gulf Coast that resembles Camp Fasola. Harmony Valley, a Primitive Baptist singing school, was founded in Natchez, but is now in north Mississippi. The Mississippi State Sacred Harp Convention was founded in 1929, and always included *Christian Harmony* singers. It attracted people from all over the state, including the Delta and southeast Mississippi. Black singers established a state convention in 1934. Uncle Bob Denson

was born in Mississippi while his father was teaching a singing school. In 1959, R. A. Stewart started a Sunday morning radio program called "*The Sacred Harp Hour*" that continues to this day. He promoted the Denson book (the J. L. White book was mostly used at that time), and established a March singing for Alabama and Mississippi singers to sing together; that singing continues in Oxford. At one time, there were seventy annual singings associated with the State Convention, but many have declined all over the state. Mississippi singers have a few unusual practices: (1) In North Mississippi, most singers sing seven syllables while reading the four shapes in *The Sacred Harp*; (2) Since they formerly used the White book, they didn't have alto on many songs, and occasionally speak of a "hollow triangle" instead of a square. The basses usually sit where altos sit elsewhere, facing the tenors; (3) In the song, "Weeping Mary", where the individual parts enter at the end, the altos and trebles come in together.

A closing song at some conventions is "The Drone" (We're traveling to the grave), which is sung from memory, but is now printed in the new *Christian Harmony*.

Elective: The Alto Part. 2:00 p. m. Cassie Allen introduced herself to the class and told them she was a lifelong Sacred Harp singer. She began the class by saying most of the parts written for alto singers came from S. M. Denson. Cooper had written alto parts as early as 1902. S. M. Denson and Joe James both had books published with an alto part.

Cassie told the class that when the alto part was added to Sacred Harp music, it filled the chord structure and provided a closer harmony. The alto part leaves more open fifth's, as in 52t. The alto part compliments the tenor well, like a second melody. Examples are "Saints Bound for Heaven" and "Farewell To All". Cassie recommended reading pages 19-21 in the Rudiments.

She said that voices should blend. It is not good to overpower the other parts. One should try to match your neighbor's voice.

Cassie reviewed accidental notes as found on page 19 of the Rudiments. The class sang 454 and 36b.

Cassie noted that the keyer will sometimes not give the alto note, and you have to find it on your own. One way to find the alto note is to look at the first note in the alto line and find it within the chord.

The class looked at 129 and 37b for examples of choice notes. Cassie said that it is up to you which one of the choice notes you sing.

The class sang 138t and 284 as example of three part songs. Altos, traditionally, defer to the bass line in three part songs. Cassie closed with a quote from David Ivey, "Alto is a good spice, but it is important not to belt it out." The class ended by singing 472, and was dismissed.

Elective: The 75th Anniversary of the 1936 Revision. 3:15 p.m. Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. The campers traveled to the old Winston County Courthouse and congregated on the front lawn where a monument was erected in 1944 honoring the Denson family. Aldo Ceresa spoke about the history and meaning of the Denson monument, the history of singing in this area, and Paine Denson. The class sang 330t.

Geraldine Sharpton, A. M. Cagle's niece, spoke about the history of Winston County. She said after the state of Alabama seceded from the Union during the Civil War, Winston County tried to secede from the state, and its representative to the state legislature was jailed.

A group photo was taken in front of the Denson monument. From the old courthouse, the class went to a newly built court room. Some of the courthouse employees listened to the singing. Aldo led 342, and explained that Paine Denson served as a judge there and is buried nearby.

In the 1936 edition, there were forty-one new songs, all by living authors except one. Only five of those songs have been removed. Judy Caudle led 286 and told that her grandfather, L.E. Hopper, led this at the 1959 United Convention. Nathan Rees led 455. Aldo explained that Paine Denson thought the second part of this song should be in 2/4, not 4/4. He and Cagle were brothers-in-law, and had discussions about the songs they had written. Warren Steel led 456. Aldo Ceresa led 457. Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg led "Entrekin" by L. A. McGraw. The Entrekings were a singing family from west Georgia. The 1936 book had several new authors, including Elmer Kitchens from Jasper, Alabama, and O. A. Parris, who is buried nearby. Parris was well known as a gospel music publisher. The class sang 283 written by H. N. McGraw. Michael Walker led 377. Marcus Cagle began contributing songs in 1911. Lon Odom principally financed the 1936 edition and sponsored the republication of the James Book in the 1950's. He loved Tom Denson and was a huge supporter of Sacred Harp and has two songs in the book named for him. Helen Brown led 340. Cassie Allen led 411, saying that her great-grandfather learned to sing from Tom Denson, and had gotten the Creel family involved in singing. The class returned to Camp McDowell.

Elective: *The Dumas Family*. 3:15 p.m. Chloe Webb, author of *Legacy of the Sacred Harp*, presented a pictorial essay based on the 400-year saga of the Dumas family from our country's beginning through the westward expansion. Campers were shown additional background photos of people and places not included in *Legacy of the Sacred Harp*. Research for the book had shown four significant periods in the family's journey and four corresponding churches that gave identity and purpose to their lives. The music they sang reveals a trail of fasola Sacred Harp music connecting intimate personal stories in the historical settings in which they lived. An artifact found in James Fort is a silver seal with an intricate scene—a skeleton with an hour-glass and an arrow—which reminded its owner of the short time he had on Earth, a recurring theme in Sacred Harp music. It is also a reminder of the legacy passed to all of us by human voices—their sacred harps—from their own living moments in time, when their lips could still speak, and sound could still ring in their ears.

Elective: *The Hymns of a Slave-trader and a Madman: Newton and Cowper*. 4:45 p.m. Teacher—Matt Hinton. In 1788, Newton published a polemic against slavery called "Thoughts Upon the Slave Trade", in which he described the horrific conditions of the slave ships and offered "a confession, which ...comes too late ... It will always be a subject of humiliating reflection to me, that I was once an active instrument in a business at which my heart now shudders."

In December 1807, Newton died in London, and Britain abolished the slave trade in her colonies.

From his last will and testament: "I commit my soul to my gracious God and Savior, who mercifully spared and preserved me, when I was an apostate, a blasphemer, and an infidel, and delivered me from the state of misery on the coast of Africa into which my obstinate wickedness had plunged me; and who has been pleased to admit me (though most unworthy) to preach his glorious gospel." (Cited in *The Roots of Endurance*, pg 45)

Newton's Sacred Harp contributions: 34t The Gospel Pool, 45t New Britain, 52b Charlestown, 56t Columbiana, 56b Villulia, 68b Ortonville, 74b King of Peace, 82b Edgefield, 105 Jewett, 113 The Prodigal Son, 127 Green Fields, 148 Jefferson, 335 Return Again, 451 Mary's Grief and Joy, 458 Friendship, 523 Pleyel's Hymn.

In 1731, William Cowper was born the son of John Cowper, the Rector of Great Berkhamsted, and was educated at Westminster School in London.

Cowper's mother died when he was only six years old and this event had a profound effect upon his already sensitive nature. Days later, his father sent him to public school. He attended Westminster School, and learned French, Latin, and Greek. In 1752, Cowper had his first great depression.

After leaving school, Cowper became articled to a solicitor and he was called to the bar. In 1763, Cowper was offered a clerkship in the House of Lords by his cousin, Major Cowper. However, by this stage, his fits of depression had become severe and he attempted suicide due to

a required public examination. Cowper was to suffer similar bouts of depression for the rest of his life and, as a result, he lived in virtual retirement. "I well recollect when I was about eleven years of age, my father desired me to read a vindication of self murder, and give him my sentiments upon the question: I did so, and argued against it. My father heard my reasons, and was silent, neither approving nor disapproving; from whence I inferred that he sided with the author against me." In 1795, Cowper moved, with Mary, to Norfolk. However, Mary died in 1796. It was during this period that he wrote his final poem, *The Castaway*.

Cowper died of dropsy in 1800.

William Cowper's Sacred Harp contributions: 27 Bethel, 168 Cowper, 287 Cambridge, 397 The Fountain, 478 My Rising Sun.

Matt led 45t and 168, and the class was dismissed.

Community Singing. 7:30 p.m. led by Holy Comforter Lodge. The community singing was held at Camp Fasola on Wednesday evening in the Camp McDowell Chapel, Double Springs, Alabama. The class was called to order by Rebecca Over leading 471. She welcomed everyone. Paula Picton offered the opening prayer.

The following officers served: Chairman—Rebecca Over; Vice Chairman—Paula Picton; Secretary—Terry Barber; Arranging Committee—Ginnie Ely, Lois Badey, and Lea Kouba.

Leaders: Ginnie Ely 313t; Lois Badey and Lea Kouba 217; Rick Foreman, Cheryl Foreman, Sonny Erwin, Chris Brown, and Judy Whiting 350; Michael Walker and Aine Cheallaigh 404; Eddie Mash and Matt Hinton 365; Nathan Rees and Wendy Futral 369; Philippa Stoddard and Dan McCarter 40; Wade Kotter 312b; Steve Adams and Cassie Allen 378b; Judy Caudle and Cassie Allen 440; Linda Sides and Ottis Sides 480; Donna McKay and Sonny Erwin 569b; Ellen Lueck and Annalise Perone 121; Andrew Mashchak 373; Al McCready 155; Dan Comstock 360; Geraldine Sharpton and Roberta Strauss 84; Steven Rogers and Nicoletta Rogers 328; Charlie Soape 44; Anne Drexler and Roberta Strauss 148; Mark Davis 240; Robert Stoddard 65; David Ivey and Cathy Robertson 86; Jonathon Smith 26; Charlotte Ehrman 383; Karen Ivey, Stuart Ivey, and Gillian Inksetter 209.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Paula Picton leading 299. Leaders: Samuel Sommers and Beth Hall 437; Dan Brittain 201; Judy Mincey 492; Aldo Ceresa and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 316; Tom Malone and Ottis Sides 530; Eliza Marcus 501; Robert Kelley 444; Daniel Lee 63; Judy Hauff and Melanie Hauff 392; Barbara Swetman 390; Leon Pulsinelle 417; Eugene Forbes 73t; Richard Schmeidler 474; Leslie Hunter and Elizabeth Stoddard 503 (for Raymond Hamrick); Frank DeBolt 323b; Mary Skidmore 282; Ann Mashchak 106.

Rebecca Over made closing remarks, and thanked everyone for coming. She also thanked SHMHA, the Camp Fasola teachers and staff, and Camp McDowell for helping make this camp a success. David Ivey urged everyone to tell others about their experiences at Camp Fasola when they returned home, and to consider raising funds to send someone to camp next year.

Rebecca Over and David Ivey led 62 as the closing song. Roberta Strauss offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

SHMHA President—Jeff Sheppard; Camp Director—David Ivey

NATIONAL SACRED HARP CONVENTION

First Christian Church, Birmingham, Alabama

June 16-18, 2011

Thursday, June 16

The 32nd session of the National Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Mark Davis leading 101t. The opening prayer was offered by Marlin Beasley. Leaders: Gaston White 155; Hubert Nall 46; Cheryl Foreman 492; Buell Cobb 74b; Helen Brown 472; Sonny Erwin 480; Elizabeth Stoddard 101b; Sandie Scott 347; Robert Stoddard 32t; Mary Wright 180; Pat Temple 373; Philippa Stoddard 269; Henry Guthery 434; Gary Smith 99; Judy Chambless 142. Mary Pat Spencer, of the First Christian Church, welcomed visitors to the church.

RECESS

Beverly Coates brought the class back to order leading 30t. Leaders: Delone Cobbs 33b; Ginny Ely 542; Marlin Beasley 448t; Jan Cobb, Mike Cobb, Amanda Cobb, Buell Cobb, and Helen Brown 313t; Mary Francis Clay and family 274t; Eliza Marcus 330b; Leon Pulsinelle 485; Tim Cook 174.

The convention went into a business session with the following officers and committees elected and/or appointed as follows: Chairman—Mark Davis; Co-Vice Chairmen—Buell Cobb, Gaston White, and Hubert Nall; Chaplain—Jesse Roberts; Secretaries—Kathy Williams and Cheryl Foreman; Arranging Committee—Helen Brown, Sonny Erwin, and Elizabeth Stoddard; Resolutions Committee—Pat Temple and Mary Wright; Memorial Committee—Mary Whitehurst and Beverly Coates.

RECESS

Robert Stoddard brought the class back to order leading 277. Leaders: Bea Carnathan 568; Frank Strickland 100; Kathy Folsom 47b; Lance Phillips 208, 340; Haydn Arp 564; Nicoletta Rogers 328; Eddie Mash 425; Rosalind Oldham 303; Henry McGuire 460; Ed Thacker 91; Rebecca Over 532; Chris Brown 102; Mary Skidmore 168; Dorothea Maynard 304; Eugene Forbes 186; Margaret Gillanders 534; Al McCready 84; Paula Picton 358; Carroll Lunsford 111t. Marlin Beasley offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Frank Strickland leading 145b. Leaders: Mary Whitehurst 436; Bill Stewart 569b; Wade Kotter 148; Judy Hauff 172; John Merritt 312b; Ted Brown 35; Susan Cheronos 63; Mike Hawkins 29t; Bruce Coates 535; Judy Whiting 354t; Barbara Swetman 40; Dan Brittain 193; Melanie Hauff 421; Robert Kelley 522; Henry Johnson 521; Julietta Haynes 200; Cathryn Bearov 30b (for Kathy Williams' father); Clyde Avery 560; Lois Badey 143; Stephen Rogers 68b; Will Dove 196.

RECESS

Mark Davis brought the class back together leading 108t. Leaders: Joanne Fuller 406; Leland Kusmer 377; Charlotte Ehrman 157; David Ivey 103; Richard Schmeidler 120; Frank DeBolt 515; Elene Stovall 500; Randy Webber 294; Daniel Lee 82t; Beverly Coates 107; Becky Briggs 384; Carolyn Thompson 298; Nathan Rees 98; Mary Ellen Schrock 171; Jonathan Smith 482.

Mark Davis led 378b to close Thursday's session. The closing prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

Friday, June 17

The Friday session of the National Sacred Harp Singing Convention was opened by Mark Davis leading 37b. Marlin Beasley offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Gaston White 66; Hubert Nall 176b; Buell Cobb 81b; Cheryl Foreman 481; Sonny Erwin 454; Robert Stoddard 85; Geraldine Sharpton 318; Elizabeth Stoddard 39t; Helen Brown 411; Jesse P. Karlsberg 500; Lela Crowder 564; Charles McCravy 121; Lomax Ballinger 406; Claudia Dean 462; Al McCready and Aine Ui Cheallaigh 155; Nell Estes 269; Aldo Ceresa 456; Ottis Sides and Linda Sides 475.
RECESS

The class reconvened with Ted Brown leading 111b. Leaders: Harrison Creel 342; Tina Becker 209; Larry Ballinger 208; Sarah Vaillancourt 63; Cindy Mann and family 159; Judy Whiting 441; Blake Sisemore 528; Amber Davis 391; Virgel Campbell 361; Beth Branscome 300; Earl Ballinger 203; Dorothea Maynard 442; B.M. Smith 225t; Judy Mincey 504; Warren Steel 453; Linda Thomas and Dan Brittain 472; Matt Hinton 485; Sarah Beasley 340.
RECESS

The class reconvened with Dan Brittain leading 230. Leaders: Daphene Causey 200; Rodney Ivey 432; Natalie Davis and Corissa Sweatt 87; Cassie Allen 272; Leon Ballinger 273; Virginia Douglas 49b; Charles Woods and Arlene Woods 283; Karen Rollins 298; Billy Thompson 108t; Charlene Wallace 99; Philip Denney 86; Philippa Stoddard 112; Steve Adams and Carolyn Thompson 378t; Ruth Johnson 172 . The blessing of the noon meal was offered by Marlin Beasley.

LUNCH

Mary Skidmore led 503 to bring the class together after lunch. Leaders: Paula Picton 144; Rick Foreman 417; Bridgett Kennedy 168; Michael Walker 214; Julietta Haynes 192; Judy Caudle 345b; Chris Brown 466; Pat Temple 232; Eddie Pierce 282; Cora Sweatt 445; Nate Zweig 346; Cindy Tanner 368; Arlon Gardner 67; Sarah Kahre 277; Oscar McGuire and Katie McGuire 515; Pam Nunn 220; Mel Sampson 149; Mary Wright 546; Stanley Smith 53; Elene Stovall 189; Daryl Chesney 464; Gail Aagaard 68b; Mark Davis 236.
RECESS

Eugene Forbes brought the class back to order leading 101b. Leaders: Daniel Lee 349; Susan Cheronos 74b; Jeff Sheppard 556; Barbara Swetman 145b; Frank DeBolt 452; Mary Ellen Schrock 270; Mary Whitehurst 498; David Ivey 448b; Leland Kusmer 348t; Judy Hauff 216; Henry Johnson 55; Beverly Coates 385t; Gary Smith 344; Margaret Gillanders 182.

Mark Davis led 160b as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Marlin Beasley.

Saturday, June 18

The Saturday session of the National Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Mark Davis leading 123t. Marlin Beasley offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Gaston White 276; Hubert Nall 313t; Cheryl Foreman 187; Buell Cobb 83t; Marlin Beasley 73t; Sandie Scott 385b; Helen Brown 426b; Sonny Erwin 77t; Randy Webber 268; Sarah Vaillancourt 72b; Charlotte Ehrman 365; Jack Nelson 513; Cathryn Bearov 114; John Kelso 210; Judy Chambless 501; Sharon DuPriest 208; Carroll Lunsford 204; Kathy Folsom 340; Nate Zweig 288; Sister Susan Karina Dickey 63.
RECESS

Henry Johnson brought the class back to order by leading 70b. Leaders: Jenny Acton 170; Richard Schmeidler 543; Coy Ivey and Linda Thomas 384; Lou Cotney 218; Natalie Davis and Corissa Sweatt 145b; Carly Westmoreland and Theresa Westmoreland 32t; Brandon Acton 40; Oscar McGuire 573.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Mary Whitehurst and Beverly Coates. Mary Whitehurst spoke on behalf of the sick and homebound. She read the list of names and led 70t.

Beverly Coates made remarks based on a passage from the song on page 320, and read the following list of deceased: Ernestine Pipkin, Emogene Lunsford Roberts, Billy Williams, Vernelle Forbes Amason, Christine Gandy, H. J. Jackson, Myrtle Wootten, and Rhoda Norris—Alabama; George Jones, Edwin Reed, and Ada Smith Fisher—Texas; George Holland—Georgia; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Virginia Cowart—Arkansas; George Rutherford—Florida; George Seiler—New York; Geraldine Simon—California; Bernice Embry—Mississippi; Ted Stewart—Colorado; Frances Ceresa—Michigan; Kathy Jones—Tennessee; Henry Bizzell—North Carolina; Joanne Bowman—Massachusetts, Joyce Over—United Kingdom; Anne Vera Sigut—Switzerland. Beverly Coates led 499b in their memory. Marlin Beasley closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Helen Brown and Sonny Erwin 282; Bruce Coates 235; Bea Carnathan 80b; David Carlton 254; Ginnie Holland Prater 186; Dylan Feezell and Linda Thomas 435; Matt Hinton 142; Don Keeton 76b; Kathy Williams 437; Richard Ivey 458; Melanie Hauff 271t; Mary Kitchens Gardner 43; Eugene Forbes 496; Rebecca Over 381; Robert DuPree 569b; Gail Aagaard 503. Marlin Beasley offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing reconvened with Bridgett Kennedy leading 82t. Leaders: Robert Chambless 143; Seth Holloway 439; Judy Mincey 468; Arlon Gardner 277; Nathan Rees 422; Daphene Causey 198; Ted Brown 391; Julietta Haynes 269; Rodney Ivey 400; Virgel Campbell 167; Jonathan Smith 110; Ginnie Ely 196; Warren Steel 32b; Judy Hauff 250; Susan Cherones 74b; Daryl Chesney 492; Tina Becker 312b; Andrew Hill 480; Sarah Kahre 330b; Henry Johnson 539; Pat Temple 33t; Rich Hoffman 192; Mary Wright 71; Carolyn Thompson 505.

A business session was called to order to hear committee reports. The Finance Committee thanked the Convention for contributions that were graciously sufficient to cover expenses.

The Secretary reported that 467 people from twenty-one states registered during the Convention. There were 151 leaders who led 234 songs. The numbers by state and country: Alabama—356; Georgia—28; Tennessee—23; Mississippi—14; Florida—10; Illinois—5; South Carolina—5; Texas—5; Massachusetts—4; Louisiana—2; Maine—2; New York—2; Washington, DC—2; Wisconsin—2; Arizona—1; California—1; Colorado—1; Minnesota—1; New Jersey—1; North Carolina—1; Oregon—1.

The Resolutions Committee gave the following report: Be it resolved that this convention thanks God for the opportunity to meet and sing together in this space; that the convention thanks Mary Pat Spencer, pastor of the First Christian Church, for her hospitality; that we thank all those who have prepared food and helped to serve, with special thanks to Charlie Ballard; that we thank Ginnie Ely and Warren Steel for making the alternative singing a great evening of song; that we thank the officers of the convention for all their hard work; that we thank those who have keyed for the convention these three days; that we thank the members of the committees. A motion was made and carried to accept the reports and add them to the minutes. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Mark Davis 178; Mary Kitchens Gardner and Elene Stovall 436; Mary Kitchens Gardner 385b; Richard Ivey 546; the Beasley family 81t; Helen Brown, Ted Brown, Margaret Gillanders, and Rebecca Over 278t.

The officers led 62 as the traditional closing song of the convention, and those who wished took the parting hand. Marlin Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mark Davis; Vice Chairman—Buell Cobb; Secretaries—Kathy Williams and Cheryl Foreman

MOORE, GRAVES, AND CALVERT MEMORIAL
Addington Chapel, Cullman County, Alabama
Saturday, June 18, 2011

The 102nd session of the Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Addington Chapel, Cullman County, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in June. Danny Creel led 68b to bring the class to order, and then offered the morning prayer. He led 99.

The class was organized in a business session, and elected the following officers: Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Emily Burleson; Secretary—Cassie Allen; Arranging Committee—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Emily Burleson 82t; Cassie Allen 74t; Velton Chafin 125; Larry Ballinger 133; Wade Kotter 64; Al McCready 113; Judy Whiting 72b; Robert Stoddard 70b; Travis Keeton 421; Aubrey Hemminger 171; Mary Skidmore 29t; Leland Kusmer 71; Aine Ui Cheallaigh 49b; Delone Cobbs 480; Margaret Keeton 402; Henry Guthery 431; Joanne Fuller 73t; Tom George 135; Claudia Smigelski 503; Leon Ballinger 313b; Rachel Pirkey 385b; Richard Mauldin 35.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Emily Burleson leading 434. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 430; Phillipa Stoddard 288; Michael Walker 207; Lucy Heidorn 217; Chris Brown 229; Barbara Swetman 127; Butch White and Kenny Graves 30b; Ann Jett 546; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 475; Dennis George 502; Brenda Chafin 542; Yancey Jett 440; Elizabeth Stoddard 282 (by request); Elsie Moon 392; Kenneth Fannin 340; Mary Ellen Schrock 448b; Phillip Gilmore 448t; Beth Branscome 31t; Rebekah Gilmore 454; Susan Allred 378b; Grace Gilmore 208; Ken Tate 278t; Paula Gilmore 75; Judy Caudle 292; Cindy Tanner and Kenny Graves 436; Harrison Creel and Danny Creel 111b. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Danny Creel.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ainslie Allen and Emma Calvert leading 124. Leaders: Cassie Allen 220; Carol Fannin 225t; Hannah Tate 37b; Joanne Fuller and Claudia Smigelski 129; Larry Ballinger and Leon Ballinger 472; Nate Zwieg 204; Robert Stoddard and Elizabeth Stoddard 564; Michael Walker, Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, and Aldo Ceresa 411; Phillip Gilmore, Paula Gilmore, Rebekah Gilmore, and Grace Gilmore 138b; Phillipa Stoddard and Leland Kusmer 196; Chris Brown and Judy Whiting 354t; Barbara Swetman, Mary Skidmore, and Mary Ellen Schrock 192; Dennis George and Tom George 269; Al McCready and Aine Ui Cheallaigh 67; Kenneth Fannin, Carol Fannin, and Susan Allred 48t; Henry Guthery and Richard Mauldin 146; Velton Chafin and Brenda Chafin 318; Rachel Pirkey and Beth Branscome 442; Lucy Heidorn and Cindy Tanner 155, 40; Travis Keeton and Wade Kotter 426b; Delone Cobbs and Judy Caudle 147t; Yancey Jett, Emily Burleson, and Cassie Allen 182; Tom George 507 (by request).

Following announcements, Danny Creel led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Emily Burleson; Secretary—Cassie Allen

EXETER ALL-DAY SINGING
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania
Saturday, June 18, 2011

The annual Exeter singing was called to order by Becky Wright leading 278b. The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairperson—Becky Wright; Treasurer—Sam Kleinman; Secretary—Jesse Krikorian.

Leaders: Elizabeth Stokes 82t; Ina Shea 56t; Bethany Towne 70b; Lynne Hoyt 191; Laura Densmore 313t; Lorah Hopkins 105; Rachel Hall 183; Molly Sayvetz 120; Myles Dakan 433; Kimberly Haas 40; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 474; Guy Banks 475; Emily Hale-Sills 335; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 470; Barbara Hohenstein 43; Dan Hunter 423; Deidra Montgomery 74t; Nora Dunn 539; Doron Henkin 562; Jon Giles 54; Carol Huang 43b; Ted Stokes 214; Jesse Krikorian 281; Jeff Gauthier 410b; Erin Kelly 284; Stephen Hoyt 147t.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Jeff Gauthier leading 48t. Leaders: Carol Stevens 551; Luke Roberts 285t; Sonia Chin 333; Mairi Quodomine 55; Nancy Mandel 278t; Chuck McCallum 268; Leon Pulsinelle 312b; Terry Ryan 546; Susan Bingham 168; Sam Kleinman 319; Claire Simon 270; Tina Vanderbosch 178; Tom Tucker 332; Rachel Speer 200; Kristina Penikis 107; Diane Mennella 318; Ruth Wampler 245; Violet Krumbein 411; Dan Coppock 362; Molly Sayvetz 472; Emily Hale-Sills 29t; Lorah Hopkins 39t; Elizabeth Stokes 299; Lynne Hoyt 106.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Leon Pulsinelle leading 37b. Leaders: Susan Bingham 340; Myles Dakan 204; Nora Dunn 426b; Jon Giles 189; Laura Densmore 456; Ted Stokes and Laura Densmore 209; Deidra Montgomery 197; Mairi Quodomine 339; Jeff Gauthier 149; Terry Ryan 157; Carol Huang 500; Ruth Wampler 394; Dan Hunter 402; Claire Simon 358; Barbara Hohenstein 455; Douglas Buchel, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, and Tom Stokes 242; Rachel Speer 81t; Guy Banks 254; Nancy Mandel 61; Clare Maher 235; Becky Wright 383; Ina Shea 109.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Jon Giles leading 330b. Leaders: Chuck McCallum 38t; Rachel Hall 542; Sonia Chin 76b; Violet Krumbein 240; Erin Kelly 396; Dan Coppock 127; Diane Menella 198; Carol Stevens 350; Leon Pulsinelle 485; Doron Henkin 193; Sam Kleinman 99; Kristina Penikis 271t; Steve Hoyt 282; Tina Vanderbosch 315; Tom Tucker 113; Bethany Towne 416; Kimberly Haas 547; Jo Giles and Nora Dunn 373; Violet Krumbein and Susan Bingham 215; Carol Hopkins and Diane Mennella 347; Ruth Wampler and Oliver Kindig-Stokes 112; Rachel Speer and Deidra Montgomery 192.

The officers led 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Becky Wright; Treasurer—Sam Kleinman; Secretary—Jesse Krikorian

MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Section, Alabama
Sunday, June 19, 2011

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church, Section, Alabama, on the third Sunday in June was called to order by Dennis George leading 61. The morning prayer was offered by Russell Varner.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Dennis George; Vice Chairman—Tom George; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Dennis George 81t; Judy Caudle 138t, 138b; Tom George 141, 32t; Henry Johnson 73b, 341; Joan Aldridge 110, 300; Elene Stovall 172, 298; Jackie Tanner 318, 182; Richard Ivey 550, 78; Ed Thacker 413, 111b; Boyd Scott 68b, 127; Cindy Tanner 336, 389; Scott Ivey 414, 208; Terry Wootten 93, 187; Paula Oliver 209, 142.

RECESS

Dennis George led 88t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Aine Ui Cheallaigh 201, 345b; Scot Oliver 313t, 100; Dan Harper 479, 334; Sandra Light and Ramona Light 143, 354b; Pat Temple 128, 473; Claudine Townson 270, 73t; Jimmy Haynes 480, 518 (CB); Charlotte Ehrman 490, 383; Mary Wright 312t, 290; Mary Ruth Stiefel 376. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Dan Haynes.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ainslie Allen leading 77t and 217. Leaders: David Light 200, 436; Al McCready 282, 323b; Susan Cheronos 63, 74b; Rodney Ivey 512 (for Fay and Koby Allen); Susan Harcrow 400 (for Fay and Koby Allen); Jackson Harcrow 224; David Ivey 309; Charles Stiefel 47b, "He'll Hold My Hand"; Cassie Allen 374; Loyd Ivey 97; Loyd Ivey and Susan Harcrow 426b; Norma Green 175; Eloise Wootten and Coy Ivey 384, 465 (CB); Marlon Wootten 445; Dan Harper 38b; Al McCready and Aine Ui Cheallaigh 155; Charlotte Ehrman 452; Pat Temple 566.

Following announcements, Dennis George led 511t (CB) as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dennis George; Vice Chairman—Tom George; Secretary—Judy Caudle

CLIFFORD WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL SINGING **King School House, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church** **Natural Bridge, Alabama** **Sunday, June 19, 2011**

The 103rd annual session of the Clifford Wakefield Memorial 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 48t. The opening prayer was offered by Don Keeton. Travis Keeton led 129.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Don Keeton; Secretary—Debbie Hall; Arranging Committee—Faye Donaldson and Josie Hyde. Leaders: Don Keeton 317, 77t; Betty Baccus 168, 418; Gary Smith 31t, 565; Seth Poston 358, 275b; Bea Carnathan 100, 472; Sandie Scott 40, 84; Leland Kusmer 271t, 95; Carolyn Thompson 412, 378b; Earl Ballinger 283, 286; Sarah Beasley 61, 354b.

RECESS

Don Keeton led 145t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Wade Kotter 145b, 76b; Cathryn Bearov 179, 347; Leon Ballinger 280, 268; Gravis Ballinger 182, 200; Bridgett Kennedy 142, 564; Larry Ballinger 224, 540; Richard Schmeidler 155, 146; Linton Ballinger 421, 314; Wayne Horton and Margaret Keeton 388, 143; Wayne Wakefield, Wendell Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Julia Poston, Faye Donaldson, Betty Baccus, and Debbie Hall 391 (in memory of Helen Langston), 339 (in memory of Hazel Wakefield), 333 (in memory of other family members).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Don Keeton leading 335. Leaders: Lisa Geist 528, 269; Steve Adams 331, 378t; Debbie Hall 546, 426t; Margaret Keeton and Wayne Horton 337, 72t; Travis Keeton 285t, 290; Parnell Berry 298,

306; Josie Hyde 189, 507; Seth Holloway 329; Seth Holloway and Seth Poston 294; Betty Baccus and Thyra Horton 39b; Linton Ballinger 229; Cathryn Bearov 551; Wade Kotter 218; Leland Kusmer 396; Carolyn Thompson 397; Richard Schmeidler 475; Sandie Scott 408; Bea Carnathan 568.

Don Keeton led 62 as the closing song. He offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Don Keeton; Secretary—Debbie Hall

HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Roopville, Georgia
Sunday, June 19, 2011

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 46 and 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Matt Hinton. Bentley McGuire led 30b and 31t. Judy Chambless led 40.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Karen Rollins; Vice-Chairman—Bentley McGuire; Arranging Committee/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Karen Rollins 36b; Stanley Edwards 380; Phillippa Stoddard 171; Chris Brown 102; Elizabeth Stoddard 201; Robert Chambless 72b; Judy Whiting 77b; B.M. Smith and Margie Smith 318; Donna Bell and George Garner 53; Robert Stoddard 517; Molly Ellis 371; Matt Hinton 112; Helen Brown 379; Rosalind Oldham 540; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 205; Ted Brown 338; Margaret Gillanders 475; John Kelso 447; Nathan Rees 312t; Michael Walker 410b.

RECESS

Bentley McGuire brought the class back to order leading 138t. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 145t; Jeff Sheppard 313t; Malinda Snow 556; Mary Skidmore 472; Jade Thompson 59; Randa Harris, Barry Rollins, and Beverly Thompson 294; Charlene Wallace 365; Earlis McGraw 225t; Oscar McGuire 336; Phillip Denny, his children, and granddaughters 405; Richard DeLong and Peggy White 45t (in memory of Charles White). Denny Rogers gave the financial report for the church.

LUNCH

Cecil Roberts brought the class back to order leading 89. Leaders: Judy Whiting 492; Chris Brown 549.

Nathan Rees conducted the memorial lesson, leading 176b for the following deceased: Cornell Rogers Daniel, Reba Rogers Sims, Parrie Rogers Reimer, Barbara Denney, Marcia Prince, Wayne Reeves, Dorsey Denney, Tammy McKee, Verna Smith, Jimmy Johnson, Cullie Denney, Harry Denney, Thurmon Lovvorn, George Holland, Joanne Bowman, Bob Meek, Earnestine Pipkin, George Seiler, Mary Florence Smith, Sammy Harlan, and Anne Vera Sigut. Mr. Lonnie Rogers's children led 143.

B.M. Smith led 373 for the following sick and shut-ins: Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Nick Griffin, Carlene Griffin, John Merritt, Dot Garrison, Violet Thomason, Lucy Garner, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Louis Hughes, Teenie Moody, Cath Oss Tyler, and Josephine Denny. Matt Hinton offered prayer.

Leaders: Kathy Williams 283; Lela Crowder 81t; John Plunkett 545; Joanne Fuller 505; Sheri Taylor 29t; Margie Dietz (no number recorded); Mark Puckett 454; Marilyn Bradley, Stanley Edwards, and Oscar McGuire 58; Helen Brown 349; Rosalind Oldham 284; Margaret Gillanders 542; Ted Brown 546; Aldo Ceresa, Mary Skidmore, Joanne Fuller, and Claudia Smigelski 192; Robert Stoddard, Elizabeth Stoddard, and Phillippa Stoddard 522; Claudia Smigelski 68b; Michael Walker 436.

After announcements, Karen Rollins led 56t as the closing song. Matt Hinton offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Karen Rollins; Vice Chairman—Bentley McGuire; Secretary—Judy Chambless

LITTLE VINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Empire, Walker County, Alabama
Sunday, June 19, 2011

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June. Danny Creel led 39t, 37b, and then offered prayer. After welcoming the singers, he led 36b and 34t.

The following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Emily Burleson; Arranging Committee—Ann Jett.

Leaders: Ginnie Ely 34b, 313t, 540; Yancey Jett 81t, 82t, 101t, 127, 144; Emily Burleson 163b, 187, 56b; Cyn Adams 30t, 146, 480; Kathy Robinson 546, 192, 203, 142; Ann Jett 143, 319, 136; Mark Davis 392, 224, 209.

RECESS

Danny Creel led 312b to call the class back to order. Leaders: Sylvia Childers 59, 294; Ken Tate 86, 201, 373; Kathleen Robbins 436; Wendy Boggan 119, 63, 358; Julianna Jett 99, 108b, 410t.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Emily Burleson leading 222. Leaders: Velton Chafin 68b (for Johnnie Chafin), 75, 76t; Brenda Chafin 74b, 48t, 97; Butch White 326, 77t, 30b; Ann Jett, Yancey Jett, Harrison Creel, and Julianna Jett 512; Harrison Creel 342, 111b, 340, 275t; Kathy Robinson 454; Kathy Robinson and Kathleen Robbins 442; Emily Burleson 565, 178; Ken Tate 271t, 147t; Yancey Jett 172, 440; Mark Davis 137, 530; Julianna Jett 33b; Julianna Jett and Yancey Jett 89; Ann Jett 269 (in memory of Billy Williams).

Announcements were made, including the decision by the hosts of the singing to discontinue the Father's Day singing in the future. Danny Creel led 323t as the closing song, and offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Emily Burleson

ZION HILL MEMORIAL SINGING (COOPER BOOK)
Zion Hill Baptist Church, Henderson, Texas
Sunday, June 19, 2011

The annual Zion Hill Father's Day and Cemetery Homecoming Singing met at Zion Hill Church, Rusk County, Texas. Robert Vaughn brought the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 368t. Pastor Randy Penney offered the opening prayer. David Rousseau welcomed the class and visitors.

Leaders: Robert Vaughn 369, 456; John Morris 358, 395b; Joan Smith 225t, 127; David Rousseau 430, 143; Danny Dunn 500, 501; Sherry Vaughn 571, 282; Charity Vaughn 336, 331t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Morris; Secretary—Carole Watts.

RECESS

John Morris led 28t to bring the class together. Leaders: Carole Watts 49t, 424; Chris Nicholson 558b, 293b; Odis Chapman 515, 559; Kim Vaughn 461, 199; Ron Ryan and Joel Livsey 63, 463; Peggy Chapman 410, 573.

The memorial lesson was conducted by John Morris, David Rousseau, and Dalton Clanton. David read the following names of the deceased: Roger Hayes, Ellen Deason, and Dorthea Gregory. Dalton read an article about a Zion Hill singing held on June 14, 1905. John led 381t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Robert Vaughn leading 462. Leaders: John Morris 445t, 444t; Natalie Fletcher 572, 146; Sherry Vaughn 47b, 543; Danny Dunn 159, 45t; Charity Vaughn 335, 54t; Chris Nicholson 400, 401; Carole Watts 40, 222; Kim Vaughn 495, 507b; Ron Ryan 345t, 344; Natalie Fletcher 116; David Rousseau 179; John Morris 421; Robert Vaughn 506; Sherry Vaughn 87; Danny Dunn 312; Charity Vaughn 145b; Chris Nicholson 175; Carole Watts 319; Kim Vaughn 511b; Ron Ryan 517.

Announcements were made. Robert Vaughn led 496t as the closing song. David Rousseau offered prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Morris; Secretary—Carole Watts

SHADY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Double Springs, Winston County, Alabama** **Saturday, June 25, 2011**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama, was called to order by Kermit Adams leading 31b. Richard Mauldin offered the morning prayer. The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Don Keeton; Arranging Committee—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 179, 146; Seth Poston 275b, 358; Betty Claborn 100; 59; Roma Rice 68b (for Dawson and Edith Adams and Johnnie Chafin), 496; Don Keeton 319, 335; Delone Cobbs 39b; Betty Baccus 418, 294; Nellie Alexander 81t.
RECESS

Don Keeton called the class back to order leading 290. Leaders: Lera Pollock and Sharon Bowman 175b, 159; Richard Mauldin 168, 66; Gary Pinkard and Travis Keeton 343, 129; Lorene Gray 274t, 274b; Emily Jones 337, 74b; Velton Chafin 62, 144; Caleb Allred 448t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Roma Rice. She read the following list of names of the deceased: Helen Langston, Kathy Adams, Jane Valasquex, Billy Williams, Arlie Harper, Earl Harper, Ruth Burleson, and David Cagle. The sick and shut-ins remembered were Charlotte Gober and Willodean Barton. She led 425.

Thyra Ballentine led 480 and 317.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading 421. Leaders: Josie Hyde 137, 167; Butch White 503, 306; Cindy Joseph 565, 143; Carol Fannin 145b (in memory of Ruth Burleson), 354b; Amber Davis 276 (for Margaret Keeton), 403; Susan Allred 183, 384; Kenneth Fannin 103, 436; Adam Hale 196, 171; Faye Donaldson 40, 225t; Mary Godsey 45t, 63; Richard Mauldin and T.J. Mauldin 132, 378t; Steve Adams and Joan Gilbreath 309, 101t; Laura Hale 535, 460; Nellie Alexander, Edith Barton, and Loretta Whitman 56t, 124, 111b.

Travis Keeton and Don Keeton led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Don Keeton, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Don Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Farill Community, Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama
Saturday, June 25, 2011

The 10th 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 60. Pastor Ben Padgett extended a very warm welcome to everyone in attendance, offered the morning prayer, and made comments about his relationship with Ms. Ruth Denson Edwards.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 88t; Claudine Townson 75; Charlene Wallace 79; Judy Chambless 66; Janice Paulk 274b; Erica Hinton 123b; Danny Arms 313t; Rachel Carlisle 137; B.M. Smith 150; Darrell Swarens 40; Cecil Roberts 76b; Marlon Wootten 283; Eloise Wootten 276; David Hufstetler 101t; Scot Oliver 176b; Blake Sisemore 315; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 472; Robert Chambless 145b; Michael Thompson 34t; Paula Oliver 268; Matt Hinton 114; Jonathon Kelso 115; Rodney Ivey 564; Jonathan Smith 211.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman/Arranging Committee—Jeffrey Richardson; Secretary—Ceil Morrison; Welcoming Committee—Patsy Richardson, Carolyn Hanks.

RECESS

Henry Johnson called the class back to order leading 87. Leaders: Nate Green and Norma Green 338; Jim Aaron 503; Ed Thacker 198; Lela Crowder 278b; Nathan Rees 182; Richard Ivey 456; Scott Ivey 454; Karen Rollins 389 (for Lonnie Rogers); Eugene Forbes 384; Jesse Roberts 528; Dennis George 562; Susan Cheronos 63; Jeannette DePoy 201; Sandra Wilkinson 215; Reba Windom 193; David Ivey 431; Doug Conn 546; Jeff Sheppard 392; Daphne Causey 140. Jesse Roberts offered the lunch blessing.

LUNCH

Henry Johnson called the class back to order leading 394. Leaders: Sharon DuPriest 217; Susan Harcrow 560; Ron Harper 442; Molly Ellis 567; John Plunkett 446; Ian Quinn 373; Judy Caudle 534; Danny Arms 309; Paula Oliver 196; Jesse Roberts 365; Matt Hinton 448t; Scott Ivey 95; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 208; Blake Sisemore 550; Janice Paulk 337; Reba Windom 436; Ron Harper 203; Rodney Ivey 131b; Lela Crowder 539; Ian Quinn 441; Nathan Rees 543; Claudine Townson 29t; Richard Ivey 166; Molly Ellis 376.

Announcements were made. Henry Johnson led 521 as the closing song. Ron Harper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Jeffrey Richardson; Secretary—Ceil Morrison

OXFORD SACRED HARP SINGING DAY
Seacourt Hall, Botley, Oxford
Saturday, June 25, 2011

The 13th 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 28b. Martin Williams offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sheila Girling Macadam; Vice Chairman/Secretary—Edwin Macadam; Secretary—Sofi Mogensen; Arranging Committee—Nick Hall and Sheila Girling Macadam; Chaplains—Bernard Collard and Rev. David Chantler.

Leaders: Edwin Macadam 47t; Rachel Jordan 66; Nick Hall 354t; Sofi Mogensen 52t. Steve Marini conducted a singing school on the diversity of the Sacred Harp tradition, using 34b, 300, 310, 377, and his own composition, 'Beeston'.

RECESS

Tony Singleton called the class back to order leading 99. Leaders: Rebecca Over 144; Bernard Collard 362; Steve Fletcher and Matthew Ord 68b; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 134; Chris Brown 338; Linda Reed 171; Mandy Townsend 203; Adrian Bolge 370; Dave Townsend 383; Elspeth Hannen 504; Steve Marini 260; Sheila Girling Macadam 550; Rachel Jordan 455; Edwin Macadam 534; Sofi Mogensen 448t; Nick Hall 538; Bernard Collard 454; Chris Brown 269; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 122; Rebecca Over 460; Tony Singleton 86; Linda Reed 210; Steve Fletcher 196; Mandy Townsend 318. Mary Bolge offered the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Steve Marini leading 106. Leaders: Elspeth Hannen 146; Ed Long 273; Adrian Bolge 48t; Sheila Girling Macadam 365; Rachel Jordan 457; Edwin Macadam 322.

Bernard Collard conducted the memorial lesson, with Richard Makin reading the names of the following deceased: Alan Cooper—Seaford; Mike Waterson—Robin Hood's Bay; Glynne Williams—Cardiff; Lisbeth Poulsen—Denmark; Joyce Over—Camberley; Martin Jenkins—Coventry; and Brian Haw—London. Steve Marini led 163b in their memory.

Elspeth Hannen and Ben Hannen spoke for the following sick and housebound: Charmaine Doyle (currently in Intensive Care at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford), Maureen Jones, Alan Myers, Finlay Smith, Simon Hewitt, Sylvia Marlow, Mandy Townsend, Jill Kirby, Nicola Macadam, and Lucy Chadwick. Elspeth Hannen led 107, and closed the memorial with prayer.

The class resumed singing with Nick Hall leading 183. Leaders: Sofi Mogensen 148; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 82t; Chris Brown 549; Rebecca Over 339; Tony Singleton 473; Bernard Collard 63; Linda Reed 503.

RECESS

The final session commenced with Elspeth Hannen and Ben Hannen leading 299. Leaders: Adrian Bolge 49t; Steve Fletcher 229; Steve Marini 228; Ed Long 159; Sheila Girling Macadam 142; Edwin Macadam 236; Rachel Jordan 192; Nick Hall 452; Sofi Mogensen and John Taylor 276; Chris Brown 277; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 282; Bernard Collard 501; Rebecca Over 542; Adrian Bolge 84; Ed Long 209; Linda Reed 448b; Elspeth Hannen 497; Steve Fletcher 481; Tony Singleton 198; Steve Marini 178.

Announcements were made. Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam thanked all the officers, committees, and anyone else who helped in any way to make this singing possible, and led 347 as the closing song. Rev. David Chantler offered the closing prayer, invited the class to join with him in singing Tallis's Evening Hymn 'Glory to Thee, My God, This Night', after which the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sheila Girling Macadam; Vice Chairman—Edwin Macadam; Secretary—Sofi Mogensen

OLD SONGS BOOK SINGING

Altamont, New York

Saturday, June 25, 2011

The Sacred Harp singing at Old Songs Festival in Altamont, New York, is intended as an introduction for new singers to experience a book singing, albeit in an abbreviated format. Many singers in the northeast first experienced Sacred Harp singing at this

festival. A brief introduction to the format and tradition was offered, and new singers were welcomed.

Ginny Huszagh called the class to order leading 34b. John Redmond offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Laura Densmore 313t; Eli Hetko 335; John Redmond 323b; Barbara Swetman 40; Guy Bankes 481; Nancy Kruehl 282; Peter Amidon 196; Patricia Geritz 503; Jean Seiler 142; Matt Wojcik 328; Doug Kurtz 49b; Penny Anderson 122; Jim Ulrich 276; Tim Wheeler 29t; Brian How 183; Adrian Stevenson 504; Chris Haller 236; Barb Hohenstein 506; Gerry Hoffman 270; Sue Ulrich 474; Ginny Huszagh 178; Gerry Hoffman 77t; Katie Reimers 31t. The class was closed by mentioning where new singers could find more information about Sacred Harp and local singings.

Secretary—Ginny Huszagh

NEW HOPE CHURCH SINGING **Cullman County, Alabama** **Sunday, June 26, 2011**

The annual Sacred Harp Singing held at New Hope Church on the fourth Sunday in June was called to order by James (Butch) White at 10:00 a.m. leading 565 and 503.

He offered the morning prayer. Geraldine

Sharpton asked the chairman if it would be in order to dedicate the day's singing to the memory of Ruth Burleson and Billy Williams, two of the great supporters of our singings. It was so declared.

Leaders: Geraldine Sharpton 535, 569b; Ercyl Vidrine 68b, 64; Theresa Westmoreland 348b, 34b; Dylan Feezell 435, 145t; Carly Westmoreland and Theresa Westmoreland 45t, 38b; Nancy Tuck 157, 335; Margie Lee 72b, 111t.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Butch White leading 108t. The following officers were appointed: Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Geraldine Sharpton.

Leaders: Essie Hollingsworth 47b, 358; Buell Cobb 33b, 176t; Kenneith Calvert 59, 73t; Joette Cleghorn Jones 36b, 388. Reuben Williams welcomed all the singers, and gave the financial report for the church grounds and cemetery. He offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Butch White called the afternoon session to order by leading 47t. Leaders: Theresa Westmoreland 35; Geraldine Sharpton 480; Buell Cobb 420; Carly and Theresa Westmoreland 31t; Essie Hollingsworth 274t; Kenneith Calvert 143, 452; Ercyl Vidrine 490; Buell Cobb 335 (by request); Butch White and Joyce White 30b, 421 (by request).

Butch White led 62 as the closing song, and offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Geraldine Sharpton

DELONG-ROBERTS MEMORIAL SINGING **Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Banning, Georgia** **Sunday, June 26, 2011**

The annual DeLong-Roberts Memorial Singing was called to order by Richard DeLong leading 82t. Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jesse Roberts 173; Helen Bryson 213; Sheri Taylor 200; John Plunkett 355; Judy Chambless 472; Jeannette DePoy 410t; Michael Walker and Don Holloway 460; Oscar McGuire 441; Charlene Wallace 479; Mike Castleberry 344; Jack Paulk

565; Matt DeLong 288; Ed Thacker 81t; Michael Thompson 318; David Brodeur 47b; Ashley Thompson 372; Rachel Carlisle 137.

RECESS

Richard DeLong called the class to order leading 266. Leaders: Glenda Collins and Kent Johnson 45t; Blake Sisemore 411; Ted Mercer 123b; Danny Arms 125; Karen Rollins 327 (at the request of Michael Thompson); Becky Allmon 170; Micah Roberts 36b; Faye Hollis 283; Brady DeLong and Laura DeLong 282; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 332; Jessica Altman 171; Ian Quinn 371.

The memorial lesson was conducted. Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg led 34t for the following sick and shut-ins: Lonnie Rogers, Violet Thomason, Dot Garrison, James Tolbert, Gertrude DeLong, and Raymond Hamrick.

Jesse Roberts led 61 for the following deceased: Ernestine Pipkin, Mary Florence Smith, Euna DeLong, and Emily Calhoun. He led 384 for the DeLong family.

Richard DeLong, Matt DeLong, and Jesse Roberts led 290. Jesse Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

A business session was held and the class voted to keep the same officers as follows: Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairmen—Jesse Roberts and Matt DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson.

LUNCH

Jesse Roberts called the class to order leading 76b. Leaders: Cecil Roberts 477; Faye Holbrook 67; Robert Chambless 163b; Malinda Snow 474; Henry Johnson 69t; Janice Paulk 518; Virginia Dyer 222; Cindy Gray 64; Mark Puckett and daughter 454; Leann Carter 108t; Mary Morris and granddaughter 100; Michael Walker 182; Rebecca Anderson and Rachel Carlisle 341; Blake Sisemore 380; Ian Quinn 426b; Ted Mercer 468; Ed Thacker 112; Danny Arms 304; David Brodeur 276; Micah Roberts 388; Helen Bryson 428; Jessica Altman and Ashley Thompson 168; Faye Holbrook 549; Henry Johnson 337; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 435; Richard DeLong 541.

Announcements were made. Jesse Roberts, Richard DeLong, and Matt DeLong led 62 as the closing song. Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairmen—Jesse Roberts and Matt DeLong; Secretary—Helen Bryson

MT. LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Fayette, Alabama

Sunday, June 26, 2011

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in June was called to order by Linton Ballinger leading 35. Buddy Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

After welcoming comments, the class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Secretary—Amanda Hardiman; Arranging Committee—Gravis Ballinger and Earl Ballinger.

Leaders: Larry Ballinger 472; Earl Ballinger 349; Amanda Hardiman 454; Gravis Ballinger 142; Allie Grace Ballinger and Sherry Stover 354b; Don Keeton 112; Teresa Hope, Melanie Hope, and Mackenzie Glasscock 30t; David Ballinger and Will Thompson 146; Mike Hankins 490; Brenda Robbins 212; Albert Humber 565; Travis Keeton 480; Chuck Howell 32t; Seth Poston 275b; Charles Humber 405; Betty Baccus and Matthew Cook 276; Jimmy Ballinger 84; Steve Adams 378t.

RECESS

Leon Ballinger led 299 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Buddy Ballinger 343; Marlon Wootten 97; Carolyn Thompson 507; Brenda Chafin 428; Phillip

Ballinger 340; Allison Davis and Elene Stovall 436; Richard Mauldin 66; Cheyenne Ivey 155; Leslie Brady, Sierra Brady, and Janice Ballinger 31b; Emily West and Sam West 222; Josh Ballinger, Lauren Ballinger, Katelyn Ballinger, Phillip Ballinger, and Jim Smith 68b; Teresa Guyton 216; Jill Porter, Ella Porter, Carol Zeanah, and Zoey Zeanah 186.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Lomax Ballinger leading 67. Leaders: Miranda Gilbreath 187; Danny Creel 475; Tory Colvin, Anna Litton, Joy Litton, and Amelia O'Dell 63; Case O'Dell and Nick Kelly 80b; Lena Keeton 82t; Scott Ivey 411; Julie Stough, Annsie Stough, Sophie Stough, and Riley Stough 405; Barbara Cooley, Johnny Cooley, Diana Anderson, Todd Anderson, and Teresa Hope 108t; Amber Davis 380; Toney Smith 30b; Beth Ballinger 546; Angela Myers 270 (for Bud Oliver); Nate Green and Norma Green 426b; Otis Sides 530 (in memory of Lavaughn Ballinger); Cindy Tanner 220; Jared Wootten 182; Kramer Klein 277; Richard Ivey 172; Loyd Ivey 424 (in memory of his father).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Larry Ballinger, Chris Ballinger, Katie Ballinger, and Lauren Ballinger leading 45t. Leaders: Joan Aldridge 297; B.M. Smith and Margie Smith 350; Judy Caudle 421 (for Bud Oliver); Darrell Swarens and Rodney Ivey 341 (for past, present, and future Ballingers); Faye Donaldson 430; Johnny Humber 200; Cassie Allen and Toney Smith 444; David Ivey 110 (in memory of Hamilton Ballinger); Linda Sides 82b; Ken Tate 278t; Marty Wootten 384; Warren Steel 71; Susan Cheronos 74b; Velton Chafin 419; Henry Guthery 420; Harrison Creel 342; Rodney Ivey 511; James Canterbury 410t; Chris Ballinger 344; Lisa Geist 528 (in memory of Lavaughn Ballinger and Hamilton Ballinger); Elene Stovall 316 (by request); Richard Mauldin 358 (in memory of Dick Mauldin); Henry Guthery 159; Kramer Klein 300; B.M. Smith and Larry Ballinger 389 (for Lonnie Rogers).

Following announcements, Larry Ballinger led 323t as the closing song. Buddy Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Secretary—Amanda Hardiman

PIONEER VALLEY ALL-DAY SINGING

First Congregational Church Chapel, Sunderland, Massachusetts Saturday, July 2, 2011

The 11th session of the Pioneer Valley All-Day Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Kelsey Wessels leading 47t. The morning prayer was offered by Jenna Strizak.

Leaders: Sheldon Finlay 32t; Mathew Leger-Small 39t; Linda Shea 230; Jeremy Galvagni 112; Anna Maria Irvine 460; Kate Richardson 426t; Katie Kagay 330t; Charles Taylor 159; Christine Andrews 33b; Andrew Magee 56b; Sally Langendorf 106; Terry Ryan 29t; Diane Mennella 217; Lydia Vernon-Jones 180; Mary Skidmore 503; Chuck Micciche 178; Ines Lüttgen 151; Briana Bean Hirsch 37b; Martha Rogers 105; Ron Bornick 454; Nicola Collett 245.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kelsey Wessels; Vice Chairman—Sheldon Finlay; Secretary—Matthew Leger-Small.

RECESS

Jenna Strizak called the class to order leading 81t. Leaders: Paula Picton 129; Chris Holley 77t; Kelly Taylor 215; Rich Lee 466; Caitlyn Caulfield 500; Jean Seiler 168; Tim Eriksen 27; Rachel Speer 126; Mary Andrews 542; Brian Collett 474; Matthew

Wojcik 59; Katie Mahoney 82t; Dan Hertzler 337; Barbara Swetman 353; Margaret Bornick 352; Dean Jens 391; Peter Golden 466.

RECESS

Katharine Manny called the class to order leading 371. Leaders: Rebecca Edwards 336; Lyssa Steponaitis 504; Laura Timmerman 171; Andy Jonathan 30b; Bill Dunn 300.

Anna Maria Irvine read a meditation for the following sick and home-bound: John Merritt, Georg Luck, Seamus Hong, Pearl Klappert-Kaye, Anne Flarety, Claudia White-Ryan, Irene Trembly, David Mann, Alice Blanchard, Allison Steel, Oliver Odwasny-Beebe, Paris Stamos, and Cassie Smith. She led 70t in contemplation of them.

Kshama Ananthapura conducted a memorial lesson in remembrance of the following list of deceased: Katherine Keators, Joanne Bowman, Dillon Tyree, Thomas Babbitt, Theresa Morris, Florence Angley, and Robert Fosdick, Jr.—Massachusetts; David Bornick, George Seiler, Judith Coplon Socolov, Shirley Basch, and Larry Basch—New York; Nancy Davis—South Carolina; Vera Sigut—Switzerland; Jeanette McCready and Phyllis Bruce—Connecticut; Clifford Eriksen and Christopher Sekinsky—New Hampshire; Paula Roberts—Maine; Mamma Cunningham—Iowa; Ishwar Ananthapura—India. She led 122 in their memory.

Leaders: Amy Finlay 475; Kathy Collett 556; Mary Jo Shafer 101t; Amy Valladares 268; Anne Kazlauskas 447; Ruth Hook 198.

LUNCH

Kelly House called the class back to order leading 448t. Leaders: Peter Irvine 384; Eliza Cavanaugh 282; Rich Lee 67; Paula Picton 328; Jenna Strizak 218; Dean Jens 242; Jean Seiler 492; Katie Mahoney 285t; Katharine Manny 302; Rebecca Edwards 453; Tim Eriksen 186; Peter Goldman 121; Diane Mennella 318; Cheri Hardy 142; Dan Hertzler 505; Sally Langendorf 154.

RECESS

Matthew Leger-Small called the class back to order leading 162. Leaders: Anna Maria Irvine 532; Linda Shea and Jeremy Galvagni 361; Blake Scalet and Linnea Clark 274t; Brian Collett, Nicola Collett, and Kathy Collett 547; Martha Roger 480; Caitlyn Caulfield and Kelly Taylor 270; Ines Lüttgen 181; Kshama Ananthapura 216; Terry Ryan 193; Ron Bornick 334; Andrew Magee 47b; Christine Andrews 76b; Mary Skidmore 472; Rachel Speer 573; Barbara Swetman 137; Chris Holley 277; Laura Timmerman and Kate Richardson 348b; Chuck Micciche 155; Lydia Vernon-Jones and Katie Kagay 50t; Andy Jonathan 175; Kelly House and Bill Dunn 48t; Lyssa Steponaitis 146; Matthew Wojcik and Rosie Wojcik 335.

The business meeting was called to order by Kelsey Wessels. The Finance Committee report was given. Secretary Matthew Leger-Small reported that 94 songs had been led by 58 leaders. The Resolutions Committee thanked all those who contributed to the success of the singing.

Following announcements, Kelsey Wessels, Sheldon Finlay, and Matthew Leger-Small led 62 as the closing song. Jenna Strizak offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kelsey Wessels; Vice Chairman—Sheldon Finlay; Secretary—Matthew Leger-Small

HENAGAR-UNION CONVENTION
Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama
July 2-3, 2011
Saturday, July 2

The 95th session of the Henagar-Union Convention held at Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama, on the first Sunday in July and Saturday before was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Richard Ivey leading 82t. The morning prayer was offered by Tom Owen.

Leaders: Shane Wootten 37b; Donna Wootten 56t; Eddie Mash and Cassie Allen 434; Daniel Bass and Faith Riley 535; Ann Webb 384; Louis Hughes 498; Carol Duvall 76b; Gary Rogan 300; Patricia Callahan and Nancy Havecington 457; B.M. Smith 475; J.L. Hopper 556; Mary Gowins 371; John Kelso 29t; Jesse Krikorian 71; Myles Dakan 140; Louis Hughes, Jr. 107; Teresa Hope and Jimmy Ballinger 84; Robert Chambless and Darrell Swarens 72b; Bea Carnathan 568; Tom Owen and Blake Sisemore 532; Ben Vincent 426b; Carol Munro Mosley 392; Michael Walker and Pam Pilch 306; Karen Rollins and Cecil Roberts 354t.

RECESS

Blake Sisemore led 101t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Lomax Ballinger and Buddy Ballinger 99; Judy Chambless and Jim Aaron 503; Julietta Haynes 137; John Plunkett and Julie Heeren 112; Jeff Adcock and Sonny Erwin 480; Ken Kelly 176b; Sonya Sipe, Anna Grace Sipe, Garrett Sipe, and Geraldine Sharpton 318; Jesse Roberts 189; Rick Fretter 312b; Myra Dalton, Syble Adams, Linda Thomas, and Claudine Townson 47b; Hayden Arp 340; Steve Helwig and Gosia Perycz 128; Phillip Gilmore, Rebekah Gilmore, and Grace Gilmore 270; Tom Malone 291; Laurens Blankers 147t; Tommie Spurlock and Stanley Smith 446; Marilyn Burchett and Carol Wendt 29t; Joanna Lampert 192; Connie Hartley and Phillippa Stoddard 39t; Tim Reynolds 108b.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Richard Ivey leading 345t. Leaders: Ed Thacker, Loyd Ivey, and Michael Thompson 424; Philip Denney 100; Blazej Matusiak 276; Lauren Bock and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 447; Rhys McGovern 335; Catherine Rogan 441; Mel Novner 573; Justyna Orlikowska and Erica Hinton 215; Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Pam Nunn, and Reba Windom 216; Elizabeth Kiser 168; Paula Oliver 196; Reed Coates 67; Deidra Montgomery 272; Ricky Harcrow 283; Barrett Patton 57; Henry Johnson 144; Kelly Kennedy and Hayden Arp 383; Molly Ellis 210. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Tony Ivey.

LUNCH

Richard Ivey and Henry Johnson led 138t to bring the afternoon session to order. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 182; Justin Levi 528; James Eldridge 228; Ian Quinn 225b; Scott Curran 500; Daphene Causey 242; Samuel Sommers 506; Michele Rogan 472; Elene Stovall 492; Sarah Huckaby 299; Ben Bath 396; Lindsey Wiggins 542; Michael Mosley 564; Rachel Rudi and Anna Roberts-Gevalt 87; Matt Hinton 217; Judy Caudle, Angela Myers, and Betty Shepherd 540; Vivian Rogan 163b; Alvaro Duarte 171; Becky Wright 110; Morgan Bunch and Sue Bunch 142; Jenny Brown 411; Billy Huckaby 448t; Pat Temple 232; Henry McGuire 362; Emma Rose Brown 145t.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Shane Wootten and Rodney Ivey leading 73t. Leaders: Rick Foreman and Cheryl Foreman 187; Kramer Klein 378t; Annaliza Cull 268; Nate Green, Norma Green, and Renae Makris 314; Mark Wright 477; Billy Kelly 177; Chris Noren 153; Virginia Eldridge and Adrian Eldridge 29b;

Daniel Lee 328; Hubert Nall and Delone Cobbs 313t; Rebecca Eldridge 120; Kelsey Sunderland and Allison Whitener 546; Dennis George and Tom George 208; Carolyn Thompson 505; Piotr Zorzcki and Gosia Perycz 117; Sharon DuPriest and Cindy Tanner 269; Scott Ivey, Hobert Ivey, and Tony Ivey 445; Stuart Ivey, Karen Ivey, and David Ivey 148; Alex Craig 346; Emily Hale-Sills and William Shetter 40; Marlon Wootten and Eloise Wootten 64; Zack Craig 49t. Richard Ivey led 146 as the closing song. Elder Ricky Harcrow offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, July 3

The Sunday session of the Henagar-Union Convention began at 9:30 a.m. with Richard Ivey leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Samuel Sommers. Leaders: Richard Ivey and Loyd Ivey 47t; Shane Wootten 97; Rodney Ivey 129; Judy Chambless and Robert Chambless 347; Blake Sisemore 290; Earl Ballinger and Gravis Ballinger 112; Jeannette DePoy 430; Kenneth Tate and Hannah Tate 300; Sandra Polaski 335; Andrew Mashchak, Tomas Holder, Noelle Holland, and Caleb Holland 373; David Light 200; Jackie Tanner 298; Jamey Wootten and Marty Wootten 546; Brenda Carroll 442; Nate Green and Norma Green 549; Morgan Bunch and Sue Bunch 485; Nathan Rees 56t; Judy Caudle 301; Philip Denney 142; Gillian Inksetter 543; Harrison Creel 342; Lindsey Wiggins 189; Daniel Lee 186; Linton Ballinger 385b; Jonathan Wood 99; Sarah Jenkins and Maci Gouvitsa 354b. The results of the annual election of officers were announced by Dennis George as follows: Chairman—Richard Ivey; Vice Chairman—Shane Wootten; Secretary—Donna Wootten.

RECESS

Dennis George led 213t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Scott Curran 30b; William Shetter 36b; Holly Mixon 196; Ed Thacker 209; Idy Kiser 122; David Hufstetler 457; Susan Cheronos 74b; Don Polaski 111b; David Carlton 228; Carolyn Thompson 365; Phil Summerlin 270; Michele Rogan 432; Matt Hinton and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 212; Elene Stovall 215; Samuel Sommers 422; Sarah Huckaby 454; Darrell Swarens and Adrian Eldridge 341 (in memory of Bob Meek); Barrett Patton 269; Phillippa Stoddard 203; Michael Mosley 349; Pat Temple 33t; Delone Cobbs 354t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by David Ivey and Susan Harcrow. David spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins. He asked Coy Ivey to lead 384 for Charlie Derleth, who had sent a letter explaining his absence and requesting the song. David read the names of sick and shut-ins as follows: Melvin Stiefel, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Bill Tanner, Lila Williams, Debbie Murphy, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Genny Whitworth, Betty Wright, Willard Wright, Raymond Hamrick, Lonnie Rogers, and Charlie Derleth. He led 31t.

Susan Harcrow spoke of life and death. She mentioned changes, in our lives and in our surroundings, as she referred to the destructive forces of the tornadoes that ripped through the area in April, 2011. She read the list of names of the deceased as follows: John Darling, Billy Williams, Donald Dollar, Troy Ott, Polly Spears, Leroy Spears, Ernestine Pipkin, Myrtle Wootten, Corine Lacy, Leonard Smith—Alabama; Ola Perycz—Poland; Eulene Bates—Georgia; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Barbara Stoddard—North Carolina; Joanne Bowman, Corinne Myer Lewis—Massachusetts; Henry Bizzell—Virginia; Daniel Swarens, Betty Browder—California; George Seiler, Fran Lipman—New York; Zoie Zurawski, Jerry Enright—Illinois; Conceicao Viciconte—Brazil. Cassie Allen led 312t. Susan Harcrow led 400. The memorial service was closed with prayer offered by Shane Wootten.

Leaders: Alvaro Duarte 77t; Charles Franklin 176t; Becky Wright 80t; James Eldridge 472; Jenny Brown 527; Ian Quinn 41. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Blake Sisemore.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Jackson Harcrow leading 76b.

Leaders: Ainslie Allen and Cheyenne Ivey 77t; Robert Kelley, Eddie Mash, and Jane Spencer 234; Katherine Eldridge and Avalea Maxwell 58; Larry Ballinger and Chris Ballinger 528; Jared Wootten and Hayden Wootten 475; Buell Cobb and Tate Bailey 436; Susan Harcrow and Joel Jenkins 318; Joyce Walton 456; Joan Aldridge 198; Gary Rogan, Vivian Rogan, and Catherine Rogan 86; Coy Ivey, Richard Ivey, Allison Whitener, Cheyenne Ivey, Jessica Ivey, Ivey Ellis, Stuart Ivey, Sumner Ellis, and Worth Ellis 222; Steve Helwig, Gosia Percyz, Justyna Orlikowska, Piotr Zorzcki, and Blazej Matusiak 277; Reed Coates and Billy Huckaby 178; Deidra Montgomery and Emma Rose Brown 208; Emily Hale-Sills and Mel Novner 157; Hobert Ivey, Sylvia Ivey, Sandy Ivey, Lorrie Wootten, Marty Wootten, Jared Wootten, Jamey Wootten, Hayden Wootten, Scott Ivey, Tony Ivey, and Rachel Hunt 278t; Kelly Kennedy and Carol Munro Mosley 547; Cheryl Foreman, Rick Foreman, and Sonny Erwin 313t; Richard Ivey, Blake Sisemore, and Jonathan Pendleton 59; Loyd Ivey, Martha Underwood, Teresa Bethune, Doug Ivey, Marian Biddle, and Lilly Underwood 503; Rachel Rudi, Molly Ellis, and Erica Hinton 162; Kelsey Sunderland and Lauren Bock 42; Reba Windom, Liz Kiser, and Michael Thompson 89; Ben Bath and Erika Littman 73t; Tom Owen and Tom George 426t; Rhys McGovern, Justin Levi, and Ben Vincent 183; Virginia Eldridge and Rebecca Eldridge 179; Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest 434; Mary Gowins and Henry Johnson 418; Connie Hartley and Anna Roberts-Gevalt 276; Chris Noren, Karen Noren, and Pat Callahan 288; Billy Kelly 108t; Kramer Klein 48b; Mary Wright 328; Jonathon Smith and Cassie Allen 440; Dewayne Wootten, Jeffrey Wootten, Kennedy Wootten, and Cole Wootten 460; Claudine Townson, Rhonda Arnold, Syble Adams, Virginia Glass, and Larry Wootten 518 (CB).

Richard Ivey, Marlon Wootten, Tony Ivey, Hobert Ivey, Coy Ivey, and Loyd Ivey led 62 as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand. Tony Ivey offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Richard Ivey; Vice Chairman—Shane Wootten; Secretary—Donna Wootten

CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH North of Tallapoosa, Georgia Sunday, July 3, 2011

The 98th annual Sacred Harp singing and Decoration Day at Crossroads Baptist Church, north of Tallapoosa, Georgia, was held on the first Sunday in July. This day also marked the 100-year anniversary of the church, having been established in 1911. Cecil Roberts called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 75. George Garner offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 35; Miranel Swafford 32t; Donna Bell 68b, 441; Louis Hughes, Jr. 410t, 515.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Louis Hughes, Jr.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 40; Charlene Wallace 81b, 99; Earlis McGraw 201, 283; Karen Rollins 225t (for her daddy, Lonnie Rogers), 297; B.M. Smith 313t, 47t; Karen Clark 566, 569b; Joanna Lampert 27, 197; Aldo Ceresa 56t, 52b.

RECESS

Louis Hughes, Jr. brought the class back to order by leading 49b. Leaders: Stanley Edwards and Marilyn Bradley 58, 340; Annaliza Cull 448t, 155; Hayden Arp 282, 493; Myles Dakan 56b, 348t; Tom Malone 544; Michele Cull 36b, 34b; Jesse Krikorian 30b, 332.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Karen Rollins. She paraphrased excerpts from a poem by John Donne, saying that no man is an island entirely of itself...any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee. Karen read the following names of the deceased: Mary Florence Smith, Faye Wood, Ceford Wood, Ron McDaniell, Lee Williamson, Bob Meek, George Seiler, Billy Williams, Frances Ceresa, Ernestine Pipkin, and George Holland. B.M. Smith led 111b.

Karen Rollins read the following names of sick and shut-ins: Lonnie Rogers, Lucy Garner, Nick Griffin, Carlene Griffin, Teenie Moody, Inez Woodall, Christine Sutton, Tom Maher, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Bud Oliver, and Sammie Oliver. Oscar McGuire led 348b. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Richard DeLong 67, 123b; Michael Walker and Pam Pilch 183b, 298 (for Lonnie Rogers); Fred Hoerr 313b, 178. Elder Bobby Clark, pastor of the church, offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Cecil Roberts leading 277. Leaders: John Plunkett 130; Eschol Hughes 270; Guy Banks 137, 391.

Inez Chandler gave a brief history of the church. She stated that the first service was held on July 4, 1911. The land was donated by Mr. J.M. McBride, a lawyer. On September 23, 1911, B.F. Summerville donated the land for the cemetery and he was also the first person buried there. Mr. E.A. Pope and George Lawson Hughes were two of the charter members mentioned.

Leaders: Louis Hughes 314, 135; Virginia Dyer 195, 269; George Garner 436; Margie Smith 512; J.R. Hardeman 183; Annaliza Cull 268; Aldo Ceresa 192; Michael Walker 193; Tom Malone and Joanna Lampert 530; Myles Dakan and Jesse Krikorian 365; Michele Cull 168; Karen Clark 534; Hayden Arp 408; Oscar McGuire 485; J.R. Hardeman 45t; Richard DeLong and Pam Pilch 399b; Eschol Hughes 203.

Cecil Roberts recognized Mattie Lou Pope and Dorsey Newman. They are both over 95 years of age. Announcements were made.

Cecil Roberts and Miranel Swafford led 347 as the closing song. Eschol Hughes offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Donna Bell

INDEPENDENCE DAY SINGING **Lakeview Lodge, Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama** **Monday, July 4, 2011**

The annual Independence Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama. Jeff Sheppard called the class to order at 9:00 a.m. by leading 37t. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Johnson.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Samuel Sommers; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Pam Nunn.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 123t; Samuel Sommers 358; Judy Caudle 85; Pam Nunn 155; Cecil Roberts 35; Paula Oliver 542; Judy Chambless 82t; Don Polaski 135; William

Shetter 373; Margie Smith 225t; Nathan Rees 402; Jim Aaron 163b; Tom Owen 481; Myles Dakan and Jesse Krikorian 267; Sandra Polaski 148; Reed Coates 139.

RECESS

Samuel Sommers led 121 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Tom George 111t; Karen Rollins 365; Robert Chambless 84; Guy Banks 327; Jane Spencer 65; Alvaro Duarte 124; Gosia Perycz 551; Emily Hale-Sills 335; Hannah Polaski, Anna Bowen, and Holly Mixon 117; Mel Novner 556; Justyna Orlikowska 203; B.M. Smith 389 (for Lonnie Rogers); Holly Hauck 27; Rhys McGovern 384; Karen Noren and Chris Noren 410t; Bea Carnathan 568; Steve Helwig 218; Aldo Ceresa 110; Michael Walker and Pam Pilch 377.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Jeff Sheppard leading 99. Leaders: Blake Sisemore and Rachel Rudi 306; Blazej Matusiak 66; Darrell Swarens and Scot Oliver 268 (in memory of Bob Meek); Carol Munro Mosley 455; John Kelso 447; Patricia Callahan 477; Jeannette DePoy 142; Marcus Whitman 547; Liz Cantrell 298; Jesse Roberts 236; Angela Myers 472. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Cecil Roberts.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 120. Leaders: Justin Levi 562; Ben Vincent 189; Ian Quinn 280; Deidra Montgomery 380; Tom Malone 464; Oscar McGuire 344; Lindsey Wiggins 328; Joanna Lampert 318; Jonathan Smith 444; Hannah Tate and Ken Tate 145t; Reba Windom 224; Ben Bath 192; Mary Gowins 534; Lauren Bock 530; Eugene Forbes 496; Jonathon Pendleton 354b; Jenny Brown 439; Shelbie Sheppard 372; Becky Wright 396; Jo Pendleton and Dave Rivers 479; Theresa Westmoreland and Carly Westmoreland 38b; Carolyn Thompson 397; Lela Crowder 68b (for her mom); Emma Rose Brown 30b; Joan Aldridge 309; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 90; Henry Johnson 414; Robert Kelley 487; Thom Fahrback 227; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 45t; Dennis George 88t; Elene Stovall 430; Drew Smith and Karley Craft 101t.

Jeff Sheppard and Samuel Sommers led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Samuel Sommers; Secretary—Judy Caudle

CAMP FASOLA 2011 YOUTH SESSION

Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama

July 4-7, 2011

Monday, July 4

Registration for Camp FaSoLa 2011, Youth Session, began at 4:00 p.m. Campers were issued T-shirts, procedures lists, maps, and identification buttons. Campers had free time for recreation until dinner at 6:00 p.m. Orientation began at 7:00 p.m. with class singing following.

Class singing—led by counselors. Judy Caudle brought the class to order by leading 49t. Blake Sisemore offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Joanna Lampert, Anna Bowen, Karley Craft, Holly Mixon, Hannah Tate, and Zoe Griffus 101t; Alvaro Duarte, William Clay, Nicholas Mann, Jacob Acton, Justin Corbett, and Jonathon Pendleton 144; Mary Elizabeth O'Neal, Grace Gilmore, Anna Grace Sipe, Ailee Martin, Katy Brown, Lillian Almohajer, and Hannah Polaski 129; Drew Smith and campers 383; Rachel Rudi, Carly Westmoreland, Dyllenn Nelson, Cheyenne Ivey, Jennifer Betz, and Jessa Cheronas 460; Blake Sisemore, Konrad Tegtmeier, Dylan Feezell, Christopher Mann, Will Schnorenberg, Tony Kiser, and Tom George 497; Lela Crowder, Philippa Stoddard,

Paula Oliver, Rebekah Gilmore, Beth Anne Clay, Serenity Manning, Dinah East, and Macy Crawford 272; Thom Fahrback and Cassie Allen 573; Carol Munro Mosley and Idy Kiser 472; Sarah Jenkins, Maci Gouvitsa, and Jackson Harcrow 354b; Sam Sommers and Eugene Forbes 207; Rhys McGovern, Mel Novner, and Ben Vincent 106; Lauren Bock, Deidra Montgomery, Kelsey Sunderland, and Emma Rose Brown 134; Aldo Ceresia, Tom Malone, Richard Ivey, and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 135; Justin Levi, Nathan Rees, Robert Kelley, and Jonathon Smith 418; Jennie Brown, Mary Gowins, and Becky Wright 102; Philippa Stoddard and Connie Hartley 277; Liz Cantrell and Sally Langendorf 40; Jonathan Wood, John Kelso, and Amy Armstrong 157; Ben Bath, Emily Hale-Sills, and Lindsey Wiggins 392; Kelly Kennedy and Holly Hauck 312b; Susan Cheronos and Guy Bankes 74b; Jo Pendleton and Dave Rivers 34t; Rodney Ivey 347; Marcus Whitman and Kramer Klein 335; Steve Helwig, Justyna Orlikowska, Gosia Perycz, Piotr Zarzycki, and Blazej Matusiak 330t; David Ivey, Jeff Sheppard, and Shelbie Sheppard 297; Karen Ivey, Jeannette DePoy, and Richard Ivey 567; Pam Nunn and Reba Windom 269; Liz Kiser 426b.

Judy Caudle led 176t as the closing song. Alvaro Duarte presented the devotional. He spoke, referring to Psalms 125, and led 56b. He closed the devotional by offering prayer. Following announcements, the class was dismissed.

Tuesday, July 5

Lesson: Rudiments I / Youth I / Basics. 9:00 a.m. The Ark. Teachers—Stuart Ivey and Lauren Bock. Stuart asked the class “What is music?” After discussion, the class determined that music is “sounds organized in a pleasing way”. Stuart led the class in singing octaves, and introduced the major and minor scales. The tonic is the first note of the scale that we always want to land on. Members of the class took turns singing the scale in front. Stuart stated that in order to sing songs we do not know, we need to read the scale. The class read and sang “Mary Had A Little Lamb” on the notes and words.

Lauren asked the class what an octave is, and said the octave is a note that is higher or lower but sounds the same. She gave an illustration using a six story house where the staircases between the stories corresponded with octaves.

Stuart gave the class an exercise to put the scale in order. Lauren demonstrated the relationship between major and minor, and noted that the first and fifth notes of both were important. The fifth note is the same distance on both scales, but the third is different. The class practiced singing these and other intervals.

Stuart had the class sing as loud and bad as they could, and then had the class sing at ninety percent of that volume. Why sing loud? It is fun! It is how Sacred Harp singers have always learned to sing. The boys and girls competed at singing the scale loudly and correctly. The class closed by singing the notes on “Twinkle, Twinkle”.

Stuart and Lauren reviewed the Rudiments, modes of time, rests, and scales. The class sang examples of songs for common, triple, and compound time. The teachers asked the class questions for review. A game was played to review the minor scale. Lauren led the class in “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star” for common time, “There’s A Hole in My Bucket” for triple time, and “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” for compound time. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments I / Young Adults. 9:00 a.m. Lakeview Lodge. Ricky Harcrow introduced himself, and then asked the class to introduce themselves to him. He stressed the importance of learning fundamentals. He led 32t with everyone singing the tenor part. He continued by practicing the major scale with the class.

Ricky explained the parts of a brace (Rudiments pg. 13). Each part (tenor, bass, alto, and treble) is printed on a separate staff. Each set of parallel, horizontal lines are joined at the left end by vertical lines to make the brace.

Ricky examined the song on page 32t, and noted that the time signature was 4/4. He talked about the different modes of time (Rudiments, pg. 15-16), and led 40, then discussed rests (Rudiments, pg. 15). He asked the class to turn to page 45t, and noted the time signature as 3/4, the repeat marks, and the double ending (Rudiments pg. 14). He asked the class to turn to page 438, and discussed the D.S. mark, fine, and fermatas.

Ricky asked all the new students to stand together in the square. The group led 29t, and the class was dismissed.

Elective: Sacred Harp Composition 101. 10:30 a.m. Dining Hall. Aldo Ceresa introduced himself and began the class by stating that since the late 1700's, there has never been a time when fasola music was not being written somewhere in the United States. From the very first, B.F. White's inclusion of tunes written by fellow singers contributed to the success of *The Sacred Harp*. That new songs by contemporary singers have been added to every revision of the book since 1844 is not only a tribute to White's legacy; but is also one of the most vital aspects of the living tradition of Sacred Harp. Consider the joy that the tunes of Billings, the Reese Brothers, the Denisons, or Marcus Cagle have brought to generations of singers. What amazing gifts these people have bestowed, not only upon their friends and contemporaries, but to singers yet unborn, in lands both near and far. If any of us can contribute even the smallest fraction of that joy to some of our own friends and fellow singers, then our efforts will have been well worthwhile.

He continued by saying that Sacred Harp is a fairly conservative musical tradition. This is not to say that change and innovation have not occurred in its history, they have, but is to emphasize the fact that such changes are neither frequent nor revolutionary. Instead, Sacred Harp music is an evolutionary genre, greatly informed by its own past. Contemporary tune writing is as much a conversation with the tune smiths of former (and future) times as it is between the composer and the singing community of today. Hence, a good Sacred Harp tune should somehow seem familiar, even when it is new. It should "speak the language" of *The Sacred Harp* and relate, in some way, to songs that singers already know and love. If your song is replete with uncharacteristic melodic jumps and harmonic language, is unnecessarily difficult, and/or doesn't "sound like Sacred Harp," singers very likely won't sing it. They may sing it with you to be supportive or polite, but that's about it. At some point, then, it is important to ask yourself: "Do I want Sacred Harp singers to sing my music, and enjoy it?" If the answer is yes, then you might consider B.F. White's admonition to "seek the old paths and walk therein", especially when you are first starting out. Remember: Just because a song is written in shape notes, does not mean that it is a "shape note" or "Sacred Harp" song.

Aldo urged campers to use *The Sacred Harp* as a guide. Study the book. Try to figure out what makes favorite songs or passages "work" musically. Look for repeated melodic patterns or "words" that appear in songs throughout its pages. Learn from living composers like Raymond Hamrick, Hugh McGraw, Dan Brittain, or Judy Hauff. Seek out and listen to comments about your music from other singers. Watch out for passages that cause repeated difficulty when your music is sung. He said to learn the function and characteristics of each of the four voice parts. Try singing different parts at singings to improve this understanding.

Aldo noted that students should study Sacred Harp harmony. Though this lesson primarily treats tune writing from a melodic perspective, remember that harmony is equally important in Sacred Harp music. Learn how chords are constructed, and watch for discords as you assemble the parts in your tune.

Aldo said "Sing your music!" Sing each part of your song by yourself before presenting it to others. Sacred Harp is singers' music. Whenever possible, sing your

music as you are writing it. Also remember that Sacred Harp is polyphonic music. All the parts should be fun to sing individually, as well as in harmony.

Elective: More Rudiments. 10:30 a.m. Genesis Lodge. Samuel Sommers began with prayer and led 313t. There was a review of the major and minor scales and a review of the Rudiments from the B.F. White book on accent. He recommended singing the tenor to begin with; as you get better, go with other options. As a beginner, pick a song and be acquainted with it before you lead it. Kelly Kennedy led 70 to demonstrate 2/2 time. Holly Mixon led 108 to demonstrate 4/4 time. The class sang 358 in 2/4 time, 49b in 3/2 time, and 33b in 3/4 time.

Sam recommended picking one aspect of singing to work on at each singing, such as focusing on accent, following the leader, or singing another part. Accent is with the voice, not with hand movements. While leading, it is easier for the class to follow when the hand is visible. Sam shared that leaders can key their own songs, or use a designated keyer, or choose someone else. Only the singer and the keyer can comment on or change the key of a song. The class closed by singing 59.

Elective: Wonderful Words of Life. 10:30 a.m. Lakeview Lodge. Lela Crowder welcomed the class. She said that words are central to our music; if we came only to sing the notes and scales, the tradition would not have lasted.

Lela said that, at singings, choices have to be made concerning the number of verses to sing. It can be hard to do because they are all important. Words connect us to history, and to the experience of the writers of our songs. It is a privilege to know the innermost thoughts and feelings of these people.

Lela noted that people attend singings for several reasons, such as community experience, worship and praising God, and it's JOYFUL. She said that singing is more participatory and less passive than other forms of worship service. We bring our own thoughts and memories to the poems.

Lela read a passage from "Wonderful Words of Life", a book written by Mark A. Knowle, describing a singing experience of Phillip Doddridge. She said that Doddridge, Watts, Wesley, and many others made important contributions to hymnody, which changed Western Christianity. Henry Ward Beecher noted that more people frame their view of heaven from the words of Isaac Watts than from the Revelation of St. John. The poetry of songs asks deep questions. Hymn writers used ordinary words for ordinary people, so the meanings have lasted through time. Some class members noted that in some modern church books, words have been changed. Lela said that when a committee changes ONE word, they change the authenticity of the author's experience. The class continued the discussion of themes, gave some examples of personal experiences, and then was dismissed.

Lesson: Discussion on Sacred Harp Etiquette. 1:00 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Buell Cobb welcomed campers to the class, and said that this was his first year at Camp FaSoLa. He began by asking the class some questions that are common among singers; how to do right; how to have a successful singing; how to help other have a good singing. He read the text from the song on page 212 as a thematic backdrop for these questions. He stated that times change and standards of decorum change (manner of dress, behavior, and speech patterns), but that the words in this song remain applicable.

He related stories from his years as a singer that brought into question the idea that we should "leave at the doorstep" those things that would divide us. This principle has allowed Sacred Harp singing to survive and flourish.

Buell then addressed a number of topics, beginning with the Memorial lesson. He said that the memorial lesson is best reserved for singers, lovers of Sacred Harp, and family members; otherwise, we risk elements of divisiveness.

On the subject of leading, Buell said that there are two extremes that make it easy for the class to sing: one is the experienced leader, who knows just how to get what they want from the class; the other is the new leader who makes it evident that they are leaving it up to the front bench to carry the song. Difficulty arises when the front bench can't tell if the leader is leading or following. He said that the front bench should take responsibility for helping the leader achieve what they want out of the lesson. If the front bench is watching the face and eyes of the leader, they can express the leader's desire to rest of the class; i.e. faster, slower, number of verses, etc. Buell told of being a ghost writer for a newsletter on a couple of occasions. His persona, "Miss Grace Notes", addressed the subject of number of verses, and advocated common sense.

He continued by talking about leaders who bring in parts. He said that at a really good singing, leaders are hardly needed, so why do we bother with bringing in parts? "Well", he said, "it shows the leader's full engagement with the music; it looks beautiful, if done properly; it creates a connection or chemistry with the class." Buell talked about the Arranging Committee, and its responsibilities. He said that good arranging will make for a good singing. The least interesting, and often less successful method, is calling, back to back, all members of a family or all seated on a row. Also, leaders that travel some distance to attend a singing should be interspersed with local leaders and should, of course, be called to sing during the high points of the day. As for seating arrangements, there are no set rules, but it is a good idea to mix experienced singers with new singers.

Buell told campers that at camp you will often hear "always do this" or "never do that". These statements will certainly make a good guide, but season it with your own observations at singings and with what you see good singers do. Buell led 425 and added a second verse (We will meet our loved ones there, In the new Jerusalem), without giving any instruction to the class. He pointed out that the class wants to help you sing, and will do what the leader wants if you can make clear your intent. He said that the class is usually compliant if you will just let them know clearly. He told campers that the class sometimes will tell the leader what they want, as in the case of 3-peats.

A question and answer session followed Buell's remarks. One camper asked about verses on the page, but not under the music, as in 67, or even words from another song. Buell answered that a class can handle a lot of things, but not everything. Another camper asked what to do if people are talking between songs. Buell answered that maybe an announcement would help. We shouldn't treat the hollow square as a pulpit, but it can be a good place to tell the class if there is a problem. Someone else asked about beating through rests for songs written in triple time. Aldo Ceresa answered that a 2-beat rest at the beginning of a song with no repeats could be done in that manner without confusion. Jeff Sheppard advised to always pause between verses. Sam Sommers asked a question about 2 song lessons. Buell said that leaders used to direct the class for 20—30 minutes, then for decades, a 2 song lesson was common. The challenge was to find songs that pair well together. He said that one-song lessons really began in 1980 with the first National Convention, which was faced with a huge number of leaders. David Ivey suggested that singings should bring back the two-song lesson for smaller classes, rather than cycle through the leaders 3 and 4 times. Buell thanked the class for their attention, and dismissed them.

Lesson: Learning New Songs. 1:00 p.m. The Ark. Teachers—Blake Sisemore and Joanna Lampert. Joanna opened the lesson by explaining why and how we should learn new songs. Blake Sisemore talked about the importance of the scale. The class sang the major and minor scales.

Joanna Lampert explained how the scale and different intervals make the song. She discussed the importance of modes of time when learning new songs.

The class did common time exercises. Blake Sisemore led 32t, examining 4/4 time and repeats, singing tenor and the notes only. The class sang 49t as an example of 2/2 time, and 87 for 2/4 time.

Blake and Joanna had the class break into parts to practice new songs or songs they wanted to learn. Leaders: Kiki 49b; Dan Pilch 572; Holly Mixon and Joanna Lampert 142; Matthew Betz and Blake Sisemore 323t; Jonathon Pendleton and Blake Sisemore 40; Jennifer Betz and Joanna Lampert 119. The class closed with announcements.

Elective: *The 75th Anniversary of the 1936 Revision*. 2:30 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Teachers-Aldo Ceresa and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg. Aldo Ceresa brought the class to order by leading 392. He began by stating that the year 2011 marks two watershed anniversaries in the world of Sacred Harp: the centennial of the 1911 James book, and the 75th anniversary of the 1936 *Denson Revision*. While the 1911 book was steeped in controversy and hurriedly assembled amid the charged rhetoric of its day, the 1936 edition seems more in the spirit of the nineteenth century editions, even as it introduced some of the most revolutionary music in the history of the Sacred Harp canon. Indeed, if the James book is seen as the pioneer great-grandfather of the 1991 edition, steeped in fiery stories and exciting lore from a wild and distant era, but somehow remote and difficult to understand, the Denson book is the warm and wizened old grandmother: familiar, dignified, and full of wisdom, but not above a few quirks of her own. Aldo led 330t.

Of course, the history of the first Denson book begins with the Densons themselves. The famous singing brothers Seaborn McDaniel (1854-1936) and Thomas Jackson Denson (1863-1935) had already forged remarkable careers as singing masters by the time The Sacred Harp Publishing Company was formed to revise and maintain *The Sacred Harp* songbook.

Indeed, the 1936 edition marks the culmination of S.M. and T.J.'s lives' work as Sacred Harp singers, teachers, writers and compilers. That both died just as the new book was reaching completion (and within a mere month of each other) must have been heart-rending not only for the Denson family, but for the entire Sacred Harp community of that time. Robert Kelley led 399t and Judy Caudle led 286.

Tragic and startling as their deaths must have been, the Denson brothers had already turned over much of the family legacy to the care of the next generation by the time work on the 1936 revision got underway. That these younger Densons were up to the task was evidenced by the dispatch and expertise with which they completed the new book, not to mention their continued contributions for decades to come as Sacred Harp singers, leaders, teachers, and composers. Foremost among them were Paine (1882-1955) and Howard Denson (1897-1950).

Leaders: Tom George 279; Philippa Stoddard 283; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg "Entrekin"; Rachel Rudi 340; Deidre Montgomery 411; Becky Wright 377; Scott Ivey 455; Ben Vincent 456; Justyna Orlikowska 457.

Lesson: *How To Beat The Seven Modes of Time*. 4:00 p.m. The Ark. Robert Kelley began the class by talking about the importance of time. He reviewed the seven modes of time, and talked about the difference in the tempo of each one.

Robert gave an analogy of a pendulum swinging, and demonstrated the arm motion to use while leading. The class reviewed all the modes of time and on which beat the emphasis is placed. To demonstrate various modes of time, the class sang 146 in 6/4 time, 503 in 3/2 time, 48t in 4/4 time, and 64 in 6/8 time. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: Leading and Bringing in Parts / Adults. 4:00 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Judy Caudle welcomed the class, and led 155. She said that there is nothing in the Rudiments about bringing in parts. Some leaders choose to do this because it enhances their experience in the square, it is a means of communication with fellow singers, and it's beautiful to watch, if done properly. Bringing in parts begins with the first note of the song. Your voice should sound the first tenor note, and bring the tenor in with you.

Volunteers led songs of their choice for practice and discussion. Leaders: Liz Kiser 212; Blake Sisemore 411; Emily Hale-Sills 276; Holly Mixon 142; Jennie Brown 189; Lauren Bock 181; Ben Vincent 383; Becky Wright 500; Thom Fahrback 423; Emma Rose Brown 556. The class was dismissed.

Elective: Keying Music. 5:00 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. David Ivey and Jeff Sheppard welcomed the class. David read the minimal amount of information about keys in the Rudiments. David said that the reason he began to key music was that there was a need for someone to do it. Jeff agreed, saying that all the keyers in his area were getting old and there was a need for new people. Richard Ivey and Nathan Rees related similar stories about why they began to key.

David mentioned different types of keyers: those who want to key their own song; those who key based on keys they hear in their heads; those who have musical backgrounds outside Sacred Harp and are already familiar with keys.

David talked about getting over the fear of keying, relative pitch, the importance of the tonic note, and the need to practice to develop confidence. Volunteers practiced keying songs, with help from David and Jeff. The class was dismissed.

Elective: Starting and Feeding a Singing. 5:00 p.m. Genesis. Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg opened the floor for questions. After questions, the class discussed possible answers and suggestions.

On the question of how to start a monthly singing, Jesse said that one should look at the minutes book directory to avoid conflict with other singings. You would need someone to key songs, and have at least four people to cover parts, but hopefully, more than four. A location with a good acoustic singing space should be chosen, if possible. Poll your group on when to have the singing, such as a weekend, weekday, afternoon, or evening. Announce your singing on the Fasola Singing List.

On the question of how to get more people to a new singing or a singing that may be dying out, Jesse suggested that to help in promotion; send fliers, with personal notation; go to other singings and announce the singing; meet other people; send thank-you notes; and update your information in the minutes book.

Starting a collegiate singing was of interest to the class, and it was suggested that a student be in charge of the singing, and to have a singing school, if possible. An ensemble of students can raise money for camp scholarships, books, and other expenses. Try to include the music professor of the college. Get the word out on Facebook or other social networking sites. Sing Sacred Harp at lunch!

In closing, Jesse said to be an ambassador for your singing, and get people to want to travel to it.

Class Singing. 7:30 p.m. Lakeview Lodge—Youth Boys. On Tuesday night, just after dinner, a thunderstorm with vivid lightning and a heavy downpour of rain trapped some campers at the dining hall. Meanwhile, at Lakeview Lodge, the remaining campers were singing water songs. Cheyenne Ivey and Kelsey Sunderland led 528 and 222.

Tom George brought the class to order by leading 101t. The Youth Boys sang an original arrangement of 63 and 198. Leaders: Ethan Corbett 376; Paula Oliver, Grace Gilmore, and Rebekah Gilmore 209; Anna Bowen and Holly Mixon 142; Drew Smith, Guy Bankes, and Ben Bath 129; Aldo Ceresa and Christopher Mann

159; Justyna Orlikowska and Molly Ellis 442; Jacob Acton and Konrad Tegtmeier 35; Amy Armstrong and Theresa Westmoreland 192; Tom Malone, Justin Levi, and Joanna Lampert 316; Matt Hinton, Erica Hinton, Anna Hinton, and Eli Hinton 300; Cassie Allen and Philippa Stoddard 391; Richard Ivey, Holly Hauck, and Deidra Montgomery 81t; Jonathan Pendleton and Stuart Ivey 381; Rhys McGovern and Emma Kerry 339; Jennie Brown, Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, and Connie Hartley 387; Robert Kelley and Lela Crowder 336; Rodney Ivey and Kramer Klein 344; Dinah East, Macy Crawford, John Kelso, and Mary Elizabeth O'Neal 49b; Susan Cheronos and Jessa Cheronos 74b; Serenity Manning, Dylenn Nelson, and Kiki Adair 178; Jonathan Wood and Thom Fahrback 197; Karley Craft and Cheyenne Ivey 76b; Nicholas Mann and William Clay 274t; Piotr Zarzycki and Gosia Perycz 501; Idy Kiser, Jeannette DePoy, and Liz Cantrell 441; Blake Sisemore and Emma Rose Brown 556; Hannah Polaski 299.

Tom George and Ethan Corbett led 146 as the closing song. Ethan Corbett presented the devotional, reading from Psalms 118. Ethan Corbett and Jacob Acton led 345t. Jonathan Pendleton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Wednesday, July 6

Lesson: Rudiments II / Youth I / Basics. 9:00 a.m. The Ark. Teachers—Stuart Ivey and Lauren Bock. The teachers noted that music is organized sound with definite pitches, high or low, and durations. The class today would deal with durations and rhythmic.

Stuart Ivey taught the class the different durations of notes and rests. He then introduced 4/4 time, and explained that the top number represents how many beats fill a measure and the bottom number is what kind of note has a beat. He explained how a dot increases the duration of a note by half.

Lauren Bock introduced 6/8, a mode of compound time. The class practiced and sang musical examples from the Rudiments in various modes of time, intervals, and different tempos. Lauren led the class in practicing common, triple, and compound time. The songs were “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star”, “Dear Liza”, and “Row, Row, Row Your Boat”.

Leaders: Ana Brown 31b; Jacob Acton and Ethan Corbett 198; Elizabeth Betz 354b; Holly Mixon 142; Maci Gouvitsa 45t; Justin Corbett 543; Dylenn Nelson 146; Grace Gilmore 542; Jennifer Betz 59; Matthew Betz 323b; Beth Anne Clay 178; Sarah Jenkins and Dinah East 362; Drew Smith and Blake Sisemore 430; Lauren Bock and Katy Brown 318.

Lesson: Rudiments II / Youth II / Basics. 9:00 a.m. Genesis. Teachers—Richard Ivey and Tom Malone. Richard Ivey brought the class to order by leading 39t.

Christopher Mann offered the morning prayer.

Tom Malone reviewed the modes of time, bird's eye, accent, and finding the key of a song by looking at the last note of the bass.

Richard Ivey led the class through practicing the minor scale and intervals. The class sang the major and minor scales in two parts. Songs practiced in minor were 313b in 2/2 time led by Richard Ivey and Konrad Tegtmeier; 278t in 3/4 time led by Richard Ivey and Marcus Whitman.

Tom discussed the importance of rests. Justin Corbett led 83t. Will Schnorenberg led 65, a minor compound time tune. Tony Kiser led 348b. Tom Malone led 37b, with the class singing the alto part. Richard Ivey led 276 with the class singing bass, and then with all parts.

Richard Ivey discussed that D.C. (da capo) means “go back to the head” or to the beginning of the song, and led 312b respecting the D.C. Richard explained the meaning of D.S., “to go back to the sign”, and pointed out 438 as the only example in the Sacred Harp.

Tom Malone talked about slurs and joined flags. They are two notes with different degrees. Tom Malone and Matt King led 51. Looking at page 15 in the Rudiments, the length of notes and dotted notes were discussed. The class sang 73t treble only, and Mel Novner led the song with all parts.

Tom led 188 for an example of triplets, which are three notes in the time of two, and also a type of slur. Tom Malone, Richard Ivey, and Hannah Polaski led 299 as the closing song. Tom George offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments II / Young Adults. 9:00 a.m. Lakeview Lodge. Ricky Harcrow welcomed the class and led 31b. He then led the class in practicing singing the scales. He reviewed the modes of time, relative pitch, and relative length of notes. He discussed dispersed harmony. The class sang 329 and 291, with everyone singing the tenor part on the notes, and then singing the words in all parts.

Leaders: Cornelia Tegtmeier 49t; Lindsey Wiggins 107; Ben Vincent 105; Emma Kerry 47b; Kramer Klein 146; Blazej Matusiak 131b; John Kelso 188. The class was dismissed.

Elective: The 100th Anniversary of the 1911 James Revision. 10:30 a.m. Lakeview Lodge. Aldo Ceresa and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg led 318 to bring the class to order. Aldo stated that this summer marks a grand anniversary in the history of *The Sacred Harp*. The 1911 J.S. James revision was the last of the three competing editions of the book that first appeared in the early 20th century. Like its rivals, the Cooper and J.L. White revisions, James' Original Sacred Harp introduced a number of innovations and improvements to entice the singing public, including over 300 newly added alto parts. However, the James book was by far the most musically conservative of the three, largely eschewing the gospel and scientific music influences that the others embraced.

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg talked about the James Revision. Sprawling and unapologetic, authoritatively bursting with facts and figures that were as entertaining as they were sometimes exaggerated or completely false, this edition was much like its principal creator and most vocal advocate. Despite its failings, Joe James's book encompassed the best of Sacred Harp music and history up to that time. As such, it did more to preserve the sound of dispersed harmony for future generations than either of its competitors. It is the direct ancestor of our current 1991 revision.

Immediately adopted by the United Convention (which James himself had founded in 1904), the book's immediate success seemed assured, at least in the Atlanta area and in regions where brothers S.M. and T.J. Denson were active (S.M. Denson was the primary musical editor of the 1911 edition.) Despite these early successes and James's tireless efforts to promote his book, the future of the 1911 edition and the style of music it represented remained unclear. Through heated rhetoric and eventual legal battles, James still had two other new editions of *The Sacred Harp* to contend with. Each claimed to be the rightful heir to the legacy of B.F. White, whose 1869 fourth edition had been published some forty years earlier. That the James-Denson book tradition would eventually come to predominate and thrive into the 21st century was by no means obvious in 1911. In fact, with four decades of failed attempts to produce and increasing pressure from the seven-shape and gospel camps, the odds seemed stacked against it. Justyna Orlikowska led 114.

Aldo led "Singing School", and continued the lesson, stating that from the time of White's death in 1879, there had been periodic debate about when and how to revise his beloved Sacred Harp songbook.

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg led "The Great Roll Call". He said that in the midst of the debates, J.L. White once again stepped up to fill the void, reissuing the 1869 edition from the original plates (without changes) in 1897. However, this would only be a

stopgap measure, as the race for the hearts of Sacred Harp singers began in earnest with W.M. Cooper's new revised edition in 1902. Richard Ivey led 325. Finally, in late summer of 1911, the Original Sacred Harp appeared. Like the Cooper and White revisions, this edition added altos to a large number of the old tunes. Unlike the others, however, the James revision allowed very little music that showed the influence either of the prevailing gospel style, or the more urbane "better music" idiom. Divisive though this position may have been in its day, it was James's stubborn refusal to bow to popular tastes, particularly as it was reflected in the content of his tunebook, that ensured that the music of the Original Sacred Harp would outlive nearly all of the passing fads of its day, and ring louder and in more places than James himself could ever have imagined 100 years later.

Leaders: Steve Helwig and Gosia Perycz 198; Deidre Montgomery 153; Lindsey Wiggins 430; Ben Bath 302; Thom Fahrbach 436; Shelbie Sheppard 269; Aldo Ceresa and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 208.

Lesson: Readings on Some Sacred Harp Characters. 1:00 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Buell Cobb welcomed the class. He began with an anecdotal reminiscence of Ruth Denson Edwards, who was an elementary school teacher in Cullman, Alabama, for 46 years and who had taught his father in the 1920's. He recalled as a child seeing her in a barber shop and identifying her as a purposeful figure. He outlined her personal history, calling her old-fashioned, yet unafraid. He provided an interesting background on her name. Originally named Jerusha, called "Roosh" by her family, she took the name Ruth. Miss Ruth was generally regarded as a spinster, though she had a brief marriage that was never talked about. Her plans carried weight. When she died at the age of 84, she was known for being deliberate and decisive. Buell described her as "Sacred Harp Royalty", and how singers would seek benediction from her during breaks at singings. She enforced courtesy, just as she expected in her classroom. Her niece, Amanda, recalled to Buell moments when she would expect good behavior, saying "Aunt Ruthie just taught school".

Buell recalled a visit that Uncle Bob Denson and Miss Ruth made to Ider, Alabama, likening it to a visit by heads of state. When the suggestion was made for Miss Ruth and Uncle Bob to lead together, she made it clear that she wanted to lead her own song. He remembered her with good humored eloquence and poise.

In another sketch, Buell relayed a Civil War story passed down through the Miller family about young Ben Miller, who managed to join the Confederate forces at the age of 14 and was thought by the family to have perished in the conflict. The story memorably ends with the hearing of the song "Antioch." Following the story, Polish campers Justyna Orlikowska, Gosia Percyz, Peter Zarzycki, and Blazej Matusiak led 277.

Buell remembered Lawrence and Lula Underwood as great characters. He recounted the story of how Lawrence started dating Lula after both their spouses had died. He, a man of few words, and she, a witty woman, made a good pair. He said they got started when Lawrence went to the store where Lula was working and greeted her by saying "I'm looking for a wife or a girlfriend or a cook."

Buell remembered Annie Jewel Casey Boyd of the "Wiregrass singers" in Ozark, Alabama, as a very vigorous leader. He said the music shot and pulsed through her, it seemed. He recalled her independence, and love of singing. Even though she may have struggled with her walker in her 80's, she loved the singing and forgot her enemy of loneliness by having her own singings in her mind. While in a nursing home, she complained about the food. At a singing, she found comfort in food and in community. When she returned home, she could relive her day at the singing and take solace in her memories.

Buell shared a sketch of Buford McGraw and relayed a story about Buford attending the last night of a singing school near Tallapoosa, Georgia, where he led “The American Star,” an unfortunate choice considering the occasion and the inexperienced class, but one which led to a great moment of hilarity. David Ivey led 346.

In his final sketch, Buell shared a story about now 94-year-old Glenn Laminack. Laminack remembered Sacred Harp being the reason for “the worst whipping I ever got.” At a break between songs, his father overheard him say “I wish they’d tree this thing.” About his later punishment that afternoon, Laminack declared, “and I’ve loved this old book ever since!” Buell said that Laminack still enjoys playing the guitar in a band every week. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: Learning Songs. 1:00 p.m. The Ark. Teachers—Stuart Ivey and Drew Smith. The class, in groups or as individuals, would break down songs they wanted to learn. For each song, the class would determine if it was in major or minor and the mode of time.

Leaders: Kiki Adair and Ben Pilch 159; Elizabeth Betz and Drew Smith 354b; Katy Brown and Dorothy 544; Karley Craft, Jennifer Betz, and Drew Smith 323t; Jacob Acton 551; Jessa Cheronos and Drew Smith 299; River Skrenes, Russ Pope, and Stuart Ivey 44; Anna Bowen, Holly Mixon, and Stuart Ivey 31b; Grace Gilmore and Stuart Ivey 208; Ailee Martin and Beth Anne Clay 224; Paula Oliver and Stuart Ivey 300; Robin Betz, Elizabeth Betz, and Stuart Ivey 268; Justin Corbett 119.

Elective: A Sacred Harp Perspective from the 60s and 70s. 2:30 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Buell Cobb welcomed the class. He recounted that his family were singers one and a half generations before him. His grandmother would sing fragments of “The Golden Harp”; she had learned fasola and doremi as a child. In high school, he took his grandparents to a singing at the Cullman County Courthouse. The only thing that left an impression from his first singing was the choreography of a woman leading “Lawrenceburg”.

In college, Mike Hinton lent him the albums of the Sacred Harp Publishing Company, and he was hooked. His family put him in touch with Ruth Denson Edwards, who became his mentor. He attended the Cullman County Convention in 1965 in the new courthouse, and loved it.

Buell said that he saw singings fade and die out in Bibb County. There used to be many more singings, as many as 25 across the South on one Sunday in June. Singing in those days was “all of a piece”; cut from the same fashion, not the diversity we have today. Cullman used to be the largest singing in the country. Over the course of 20 years, a single generation started to die out.

In 1991, NPR did a 14 minute piece on Sacred Harp. The internet has helped Sacred Harp spread incredibly.

Buell said that he went to Auburn for graduate school, and then lived and taught in Carrollton, where Hugh McGraw took him under his wing. He assisted with book orders, many of which came from California.

Singing in the 60s

Buell said that Sacred Harp was like turning the clock back to a time when people understood life as being hard, who understood what a “rocky road” really was. The singers to him took on a mythic quality. He mentioned that he doesn’t think the singing then was any better overall than it is today, because so many singers today are self-selected, but he misses most the accent—and the surge that those bass classes used to give.

He discussed singing with Marcus Cagle on the front tenor bench. Cagle had sung with people who had sung with B.F. White... amazing sense of continuity.

In 1967-68, Buell said he went to the Alabama-Florida Union Convention, and was the only white person at the singing. He met Dewey Williams there. The singing was so much stronger there than 20 years later. Leaders walked the square, sang staccato, and sang blue notes. Buell sang 58 as an example.

Buell talked about a tension or resistance in the Black singing community, especially from elements in the community who didn't feel that Sacred Harp (unlike spirituals or gospel music) was their native music. Judge Jackson published the *Colored Sacred Harp* because he could not get his songs into the *Cooper Book*. Japheth Jackson, his son and a great singer and leader, passed away last year at the age of 95.

In 1970, Hugh McGraw and eleven other singers were invited to the Smithsonian Folk Festival. Dewey Williams and a similar sized group also went. They all sang together in the evenings. The best leader Buell ever saw was Hugh McGraw in his prime. The most charismatic leader Buell ever saw was Dewey Williams.

He spoke about leaders of that time: Tom Harper and Barrett Ashley, with clapping hands or one hand behind the back. Buell said that Shelbie Sheppard and Reba Dell Windom are reminiscent of these leaders. He spoke of Marie Aldridge and Kathleen Robbins: fluid leaders, bouncing in 4 beats and beating time in 2 beats. He made note of Myrl Jones and Myra Palmer (the Smith sisters), who went to singing school under the direction of Tom Denson. He remembered Elmer Kitchens leading 181. He spoke of the writer, Eudora Welty, who he once talked with about her reference to Sacred Harp in a story and about her attendance at a courthouse singing. He spoke of the Lee family, as an example of isolated communities of singers, who thought for a time that they were the last Sacred Harp singers.

Buell talked of the many counties that used to have annual Sacred Harp singings in the courthouses. Cullman County is the only remaining one. He said that the Cullman County Convention used to be attended by as many as 5000 people in the 1930s.

Sam Sommers asked if there were multi-book singings in that day. Buell answered that "that" was a contentious issue and generally was not done. It is exceeding loyalty, sometimes verging on intolerance, that has preserved the Sacred Harp tradition. Ben Bath asked a question about leading in 4 beats. Buell answered that he did not see elaborate leading east of Alabama. He said that Hugh McGraw told of teaching a singing school for the Woottens in the early 1970s, and came back with stories of great singers who had narrowed their familiarity with many songs but who beat time in four and had great reverence for the tradition.

Buell told the class that the best class of singers he ever heard was in 1989, when the practice session, before the 1991 edition was published, was held. He said that there were 400 of the best singers alive at that session. Another that he marks as "second best" was the class for the 1976 Bicentennial Album singing, of which the recording is not representative.

Buell thanked the class for their attention, and dismissed them.

Lesson: *Leading Boot Camp / Young Adults.* 4:00 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Teachers—Shelbie Sheppard and Cassie Allen. Cassie welcomed the class and outlined the format of the class. She said that this class was a workshop and everyone should have a fuguing tune in mind for practice.

Shelbie mentioned that leaders do not have to turn to bring in parts. She reminded everyone not to drop their book on the floor. If the book is not needed, then simply hand it to someone in the front row. Cassie led 155.

Leaders: Ben Vincent 36b; Jonathon Wood 64; Sally Langendorf 40; Molly Ellis 328; Kelly Kennedy 481; Emily Hale-Sills 300; Mel Novner 372.

Other volunteers led songs of their choice, while Shelbie and Cassie gave helpful instruction and constructive criticism. Leaders: Connie Hartley 335; Rhys

McGovern 472; Guy Banks 137; Ben Bath 392; Justyna Orlikowska 209; Liz Kiser 542; Philippa Stoddard 196; Becky Wright 272; Marcus Whitman 107.

Lesson: Accent. 4:00 p.m. Genesis Lodge. Robert Kelley started the class by going back to the Rudiments. There are three departments called Rhythmics, Melodics, and Dynamics. Accent is how Sacred Harp singers do dynamics. It is a function of the modes of time. When combining music and poetry, we must deliver the words deliberately and with the correct emphasis. The music determines the timing and the text determines the accent.

Robert said that tune, rhythm, words, and dynamics are four legs of a pillar. On page 16 of the Rudiments, one finds the beginning of the discussion on accent.

Syncopation can affect accent, shifting the primary accent to the longer note if it goes with the poetry. Robert pointed out that the word “the” is never an accented syllable in poetry. We always say “the” (“thuh”) unless it is followed by a vowel sound; then the pronunciation is “thee”.

Robert stated that the way you beat time can help the accent. Your hand may move more quickly on accented beats. Sing heavy when your hand is dropping. Primary accent is when your hand starts down, and the secondary accent is when your hand comes up.

The class sang 32t and practiced placing the accent in the correct places. When accenting, your singing should be smooth, not choppy or violent. Unaccented syllables should be quiet. If there is one syllable in a measure, it is either a primary accent or unaccented. You determine this by looking at the surrounding measures. If there are two or three syllables in a measure, there is only the primary, and everything else is unaccented. The class dissected the text and music on 501 and where to accent. Robert advised the class to give a good delivery of the text when it is removed from the singing to get a good sense of the accent of the poetry. For further practice on accent, the class sang 218, and Robert noted the danger of losing the secondary accent completely if you go too fast. The class was given a homework assignment to figure out the accent on 179, and then was dismissed.

Elective: Choosing the Right Song for the Right Time. 5:00 p.m. Genesis Lodge. Robert Kelley opened the class with 435, deeming it a nice but peculiar choice as an opening song. He stated that you have to know when it is okay to lead a particular song at a particular singing and when it is not. There are some songs with words that just make them appropriate and others have become traditional openers, like 32t, 37b, or 82t.

Robert suggested that during the first hour of singing you should not lead complex class songs, odes, anthems or set pieces and avoid the songs that “go screaming high”. The officers are led at the beginning and locals follow. It is their job to set the tone and get the class warmed up by leading plain tunes, easy fugues, and camp meeting tunes. Be aware of what time of day it is and let that help you know what songs you should lead. The more difficult songs and “screechers” can be led close to lunchtime. The last session of the day is more difficult when singers are tired. Try to keep the energy up with camp meeting or easy fuguig songs.

Robert suggested making a list of songs that are difficult and easy to help choose the appropriate song for the appropriate time. Take into consideration the number of leaders when choosing song length and number of verses. When calling a class back, choose a song that people know and can sing by memory, singing more than one verse. The first leader after the memorial lesson has a hard time. Robert suggested children leading after the memorial lesson can help change the mood. Alternative suggestions for closing songs are 382 and 521. The class sang 405, 521, and closed with 323t.

Class Singing. 7:30 p.m. Lakeview Lodge—Youth Girls. David Ivey brought the class to order, and relinquished the floor to Buell Cobb. Buell made a presentation of recognition to the Polish campers.

David then introduced the Youth Girls, who presented an original arrangement of 159.

Cheyenne Ivey and Macy Crawford led 49t. The opening prayer was offered by Jennifer Betz. Leaders: Holly Mixon and Anna Bowen 31b; Jonathan Wood and John Kelso 324; Ben Bath and Kelly Kennedy 81t; Elizabeth Betz, Jennifer Betz, Matthew Betz, and Robin Betz 268; Stuart Ivey and David Ivey 184; Ethan Corbett, Justin Corbett, and Jacob Acton 198; Will Schnorenberg and Tony Kiser 282; Alvaro Duarte and Lindsey Wiggins 99; Mel Novner and Holly Hauck 63; Dave Rivers, Jo Pendleton, and Jonathon Pendleton 163b; Kiki Adair and Emily Kirkland 487; Sally Langendorf and Katy Brown 544; Thom Fahrback and Drew Smith 225t; Anna Grace Sipe, Ailee Martin, and Beth Anne Clay 155; Ben Pilch, Dan Pilch, Jonathan Pilch, Pam Pilch, and Nicholas Mann 79; Serenity Manning and Lillian Almohajer 313b; Blazej Matusiak, Gosia Percyz, Piotr Zarzycki, and Justyna Orlikowska 165; Dylan Feezell and Tom Malone 145b; Karen Ivey and Konrad Tegtmeier 299; Jennie Brown and Jessa Cheronos 107; Christopher Mann and Connie Hartley 278b; Tom George, Eugene Forbes, and Kramer Klein 300; Becky Wright and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 283; River Skrenes, Russ Pope, and Vella Dailey 76b.

Cheyenne Ivey led 445 as the closing song. Katy Brown offered the closing prayer. Hannah Polaski presented the devotional and led 146. Following announcements from David Ivey, the class was dismissed.

Thursday, July 7

Lesson: Rudiments III / Youth I / Basics. 9:00 a.m. The Ark. Teachers—Stuart Ivey and Lauren Bock. Lauren began with a review, asking questions about the major and minor scale. The class practiced, following Lauren’s pointer on the notes.

Stuart Ivey talked about notation using 49t. Stuart discussed the difference between a slur and a tie. A tie has two notes in different measure. When we sing the same syllable on more than one note that is a slur. On 497, Stuart showed a slur and a tie in the middle of the first brace. On 490, he explained joined flags like a slur for eighth notes. He then explained what a triplet is on 31t, demonstrating how three notes fit into the time for two notes. A bird’s eye is called a “fermata” and stops time. Lauren Bock added that our Rudiments on page 17 indicate that the bird’s eye note may be held beyond its normal length and is according to the discretion of the leader. Lauren discussed dynamics, explaining forte, fortissimo, piano, and pianissimo. She said dynamics are about volume, how loud or soft we are to sing. She used 177 and 277 as examples.

The class found choice notes on 37b, 506, and 348b, and then discussed which ones to use. Lauren talked about measures and bars. The thicker line is the broad bar at the end of a phrase of poetry. Stuart stated that it also lets us know when something is changing, like the time signature, as shown in 245. A double bar is at the end of every song except when there is a D.C. or “da capo” meaning “to the head”. If you see four dots, you go back to another set of four dots. An example of this is found on 448b where the song ends in the middle.

Stuart reviewed what the class had learned during the week. He also talked about accent, rests, and key signatures. The class sang 108t as a closing song, and was dismissed.

Lesson: Rudiments III / Youth II / Basics. 9:00 a.m. Genesis Lodge. Teachers—Richard Ivey and Tom Malone. Richard Ivey and Dylenn Nelson opened the class by leading 52t. Christopher Mann offered the opening prayer.

Richard reviewed some basics of leading with the class, including the seven time signatures, major and minor scales, fermatas, repeats, D.C., triplets, accent, and syncopation.

Tom Malone led the class in the major scale, intervals, and harmonies. He then did the same with the minor scale, emphasizing tuning going up and down the scale. Tom discussed Sacred Harp songs that have dynamics indicated, looking at 177 led by Connie Hartley and 412 led by Tom Malone.

Richard Ivey reviewed compound time, and Justin Corbett led 64. Russ Pope led 38b as the class listened to the alto's accidentals. The teachers talked about how to lead a fugal tune and bring in parts. Leaders: Hannah Polaski 150; Jessa Cheronas 299; Holly Mixon 142. Richard noted how difficult leading a fugal tune is and that simple, graceful footing is easier and more comfortable for singers to observe and follow. Tom Malone, Anna Grace Sipe, Christopher Mann, and Kelly Kennedy led 211. Emily Kirkland and Tom Malone led 240 to practice dynamics and changes of time signature. Leaders: Marcus Whitman 448t; Katy Brown 318; Rhys McGovern, Dylenn Nelson, and Tom Malone 455. The class sang 550 and Tom George closed with prayer.

Lesson: Rudiments III / Young Adults. 9:00 a.m. Lakeview Lodge. Ricky Harcrow welcomed the class. He told some humorous stories of his lifetime of singing. He reviewed the fundamentals of singing and leading Sacred Harp songs. The class practiced singing the scales.

Volunteers practiced leading songs of their choice, and then were dismissed.

Elective: More Rudiments. 10:30 a.m. Genesis Lodge Teacher—Sam Sommers welcomed the class, and led 56t. He talked about songs that held memories of dear people and how songs can be sung with purpose and intentions in mind. Sam shared that Sacred Harp tradition is passed on by what we have received.

The seven modes of time were reviewed (Rudiments pages 15 and 16), and the concepts of appropriate speeds for the modes and how to beat these modes. Rests were discussed as periods of silence. The class sang the tenor line on 98. Sam talked about fermatas. There was further review of repeats, D.C. and D.S., and the difference between major and minor scales.

Sam said that the tunes are a prelude for the text. The class sang 170 to explore accent in 2/4 time. We should develop good habits. Permission to do quirky things in leading is earned by prominence and experience. Holly Mixon led 250.

Sam pointed out that an anthem need not be long, as in 512. It is an anthem because it has no poetic meter. The class sang 146 and used "Amazing Grace" as the poetry. On singing etiquette, Sam shared some wise suggestions. It is good to have rotation in the rows and to share the front bench. Once on it, you have an obligation to help and follow the leader. It is poor manners to leave a book to mark a front row seat if you wish to be absent awhile. Dress respectfully. Be aware of the tradition of the singing in which you wish to participate. Singers should fulfill their respective duties to the best of their abilities. Pick songs with sensitivity to singers' desires and the time of day. Keep objections to yourself so as to be kind. Sam led 323t, and dismissed the class.

Lesson: The Memorial Lesson. 1:00 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Karen Rollins welcomed the class. She then gave a definition of the memorial lesson as a period set aside at a singing for the common practice of remembering and honoring the deceased and the sick and shut-ins. She further stated that it is important to honor those who have gone before us. The memorial lesson helps foster a sense of community. It causes us to confront our mortality. It preserves a Sacred Harp tradition. It helps us to grieve, and find comfort.

Karen talked briefly about the history of memorial lessons, stating that not all singing communities conduct memorial lessons during a local singing. Others have held memorial lessons for many years, and still others are new to the tradition. Karen instructed the class on the implementation of a memorial lesson. She said that one should compile the lists, choose leaders and songs, and choose speakers and topics. Topics could include life and death, grief, memory, history, family, tradition, traveling, and many others.

She opened the floor for questions and discussion. Afterwards, the class held a memorial lesson.

Jeannette DePoy and Henry Johnson conducted the memorial lesson. Jeannette recalled her first experience on the memorial committee. She noted that she almost always laughs or cries during a memorial lesson. Those on the lists are “etched on our hearts”. She read the list of names of the deceased, and led 111b in their memory.

Henry Johnson spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins. He reminded the class that there are many ways of visiting those in affliction: cards, letters, e-mails, and phone calls. He equated our lives to those so often referenced rivers in the tunes we sing, with difficult passages or smooth courses. Any crossing could potentially be our last. He led 72b. Matt Hinton offered prayer to close the memorial lesson. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: *Learning Songs / Youth / Basics.* 1:00 p.m. The Ark. Teachers—Richard Ivey and Lauren Bock. Richard and Lauren brought the class to order by leading 52t. They discussed things to consider when choosing a song, such as rhythm, melody, text, and fugue. Practice was emphasized.

Leaders: Elizabeth Betz and Richard Ivey 354b; Hannah Polaski 299; Ethan Corbett and Jacob Acton 556; Maci Gouvitsa 45t; Ben Bath and Hannah Tate 269; William Clay 40; Holly Mixon 142; Russ Pope and River Skrenes 117; Anna Hinton 300; Cheyenne Ivey and Dylenn Nelson 186; Jennifer Betz 268; Emily Kirkland and Kiki 558; Drew Smith, Macy Crawford, and Emily Hale-Sills 361; Matthew Betz 146.

Elective: *Open the Fifth.* 2:30 p.m. Lakeview Lodge Teacher—Henry Johnson welcomed the class. He discussed the meaning and importance of harmony. He reviewed the sound of different chords that are “pleasing” and “not pleasing” (discordant). Henry emphasized the variety of chords possible in three and four part songs, and pointed out several unusual chords in songs from a range of time periods. The class sang 138t, 138b, 435, 113, 374, 99, 460, 406, 55, 426t, 439, 176b, and 39t. The class was dismissed.

Elective: *The First New England School—First Generation Fuging tunes in The Sacred Harp.* 4:15 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Teacher—Justin Levi.

In and around Boston, Massachusetts, at the beginning of the 18th century, while still a colony of England, a new musical institution made its first appearance in America. These Singing Schools were created to teach young people the ability to read music, often for the first time, and improve the singing of psalms and hymns in church. Plain hymn tunes were taught out of song books imported from England and provided much of the music used for religious services. In many churches, new choirs were formed by the students who typically occupied the gallery, or balcony, of the meetinghouse. Where space permitted, the choir arranged themselves on three sides of the building—the early ancestor of our hollow square. As the century progressed, a new musical form developed that drew from different part singing traditions. These fuging tunes, with their imitative entrances and phrasing, crossed the Atlantic in books along with the plain tunes and became part of the teaching of the singing schools.

Leaders: Connie Hartley 28b; Philippa Stoddard 273; Holly Mixon 142; Cheyenne Ivey 186; Tony Kiser 272; Grace Gilmore 269; Rebekah Gilmore 189; Ethan Corbett “New Jordan” (as printed in the Easy Instructor, 1815); Tom George 444; Beth Anne Clay 218; Justin Corbett 327; Anna Grace Sipe and Christopher Mann 211.

Elective: *The Hymns of a Slave-trader and a Madman: Newton and Cowper.* 4:15 p.m. Genesis Lodge. Matt Hinton welcomed the class. He told the histories of John Newton and William Cowper.

John Newton 1725-1807. In 1725, John Newton was born in London to John and Elizabeth Newton. His mother, Elizabeth Newton died when he was 6 years old. In 1788, Newton published a polemic against slavery called “Thoughts Upon the Slave Trade”, in which he described the horrific conditions of the slave ships and offered “a confession, which ...comes too late ... It will always be a subject of humiliating reflection to me, that I was once an active instrument in a business at which my heart now shudders.”

In December 1807, Newton died in London, and Britain abolished the slave trade in her colonies.

Newton’s Sacred Harp contributions: 34t The Gospel Pool, 45t New Britain, 52b Charlestown, 56t Columbiana, 56b Villulia, 68b Ortonville, 74b King of Peace, 82b Edgefield, 105 Jewett, 113 The Prodigal Son, 127 Green Fields, 148 Jefferson, 335 Return Again, 451 Mary’s Grief and Joy, 458 Friendship, 523 Pleyel’s Hymn.

William Cowper 1731-1800. In 1731, William Cowper was born the son of John Cowper, the Rector of Great Berkhamsted, and was educated at Westminster School in London.

Cowper’s mother died when he was only six years old and this event had a profound effect upon his already sensitive nature. Cowper died of dropsy in 1800.

William Cowper’s Sacred Harp contributions: 27 Bethel, 168 Cowper, 287 Cambridge, 397 The Fountain, 478 My Rising Sun.

Matt led 45t and 168, and the class was dismissed.

Community Singing. 7:00 p.m. Lakeview Lodge—Young Adults. The community singing was brought to order by Deidra Montgomery. The young adults sang a new arrangement by Aldo Ceresa, Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, and Robert Kelley called “Edomorgand”. Deidra Montgomery led 48t as the opening song. Holly Hauck offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Connie Hartley and Emily Hale-Sills 376; Lauren Bock and Elizabeth Betz 38t; Ben Pilch and William Clay 159; Erica Hinton and Anna Hinton 40; Lindsey Wiggins and Scott Ivey 428; Guy Bankes and Henry Schuman 549; Emily Kirkland and Mary Gowins 564; Matt King, Russell Pope, and River Skrenes 268; Idy Kiser and Liz Kiser 542; Steve Helwig and Gosia Perycz 228; Susan Harcrow and Maci Gouvitsa 354b; Justin Corbett and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 543; B.M. Smith and Margie Smith 225t; Philip Gilmore, Paula Gilmore, Grace Gilmore, and Rebekah Gilmore 448t; Stuart Ivey and Marcus Whitman 324; Rachel Rudi and Dylenn Nelson 155; Nathan Rees and Jeannette DePoy 448b; Carol Munro Mosley, Liz Cantrell, Cornelia Tegtmeier, and Emma Kerry 107; Jennifer Betz, Matthew Betz, and Karley Craft 45t; Sam Sommers and Jonathon Smith 548; Katy Brown and Sally Langendorf 63; David Ivey, Karen Ivey, and Allison Whitener 182; Joanna Lampert and Blazej Matusiak 299; Donna Bell and Eugene Forbes 434; Anna Grace Sipe, Ailee Martin, and Beth Anne Clay 178.

David Ivey reported for the guests that 121 campers from nineteen states, the U.K., and Poland, were present. He recognized twenty-three teachers. All counselors and staff were recognized. Jeff Sheppard commended David Ivey for his efforts in

coordinating the schedule for Camp FaSoLa, and the class gave David a big round of applause.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Amy Armstrong and Kelsey Sunderland leading 59. Leaders: Sarah Jenkins and Joel Jenkins 222; Tammy Heinsohn 504; Kelly Kennedy and Becky Wright 29t; Justyna Orlikowska and Ben Bath 442; Buell Cobb and Henry Johnson 131b; Dennis George, Tom George, and Jarrod George 318; Mary Elizabeth O'Neal and Lela Crowder 215; Reba Windom and Blake Sisemore 216; Ben Vincent and Justin Levi 217; Cassie Allen and Joan Aldridge 546; Will Schnorenberg and Tony Kiser 272; Hannah Polaski and Dinah East 218; Alvaro Duarte and Robert Kelley 296; Judy Caudle, Loyd Ivey, and Bridgett Kennedy 475; Rodney Ivey and Piotr Zarzycki 177; Sharon DuPriest, Pam Nunn, and Rene Greene 189; Ricky Harcrow and Jackson Harcrow 507; Jeff Sheppard and Deanne McDade 120. David Ivey presented a certificate of appreciation to Deanne McDade, director of Camp Lee.

Leaders: Rhys McGovern and Mel Novner 84; Jo Pendleton, Jonathan Pendleton, Dave Rivers, and Richard Ivey 61; Jessa Cheronos and Susan Cheronos 74b; Aldo Ceresa, Lauren Bock, and Thom Fahrback 528.

Deidra Montgomery and Justyna Orlikowska led 347 as the closing song. John Kelso offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

SHMHA President—Jeff Sheppard; Camp Director—David Ivey

MOUNTAIN VIEW SHAPE NOTE GATHERING

Ozark Folk Center, Mountain View, Arkansas

July 7-9, 2011

Thursday, July 7

The 8th annual Shape Note Gathering began on Thursday morning with an introduction to the history of shape notes and singing schools, a brief singing school, and a review of selected Yankee tunesmith biographies.

On Thursday evening, leaders selected songs from the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, the B. F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision (CB), the *Christian Harmony*, Deason-Parris Revision (CHa), the Walker *Christian Harmony* (CH), Cayce's Good Old Songs (GOS), the *Missouri Harmony* (MH), Daily's Primitive Baptist Hymn and Tune Book (D), and the Black Mississippi Shape Note tradition (BM).

Gaylon Powell welcomed the class and led 59. Charley Sandage offered the opening prayer, and appointed Gaylon Powell to moderate the Shape Note Gathering. Nancy Hogan was appointed as Secretary.

Leaders: Dan Brittain 34 (MH); Bill Hogan 214 (CH); Holly Ruth Gale 155; Charley Sandage 282 (GOS); Nancy Hogan 149 (CHa); Kristie Powell 203 (CB); Kevan Barley 85; Charlie Mink 541 (GOS); Glynn Garrett 63; Gaylon Powell "To Canaan's Land, I'm On My Way (BM); Dan Brittain 22 (MH); Bill Hogan 133 (CHa), Holly Ruth Gale 26 (D); Charley Sandage 155 (GOS); Nancy Hogan 543 (CB), Kristie Powell 133 (CB); Charlie Mink 612 (GOS); Glynn Garrett 19 (?); Gaylon Powell 559 (CB); Dan Brittain 208b (CH); Bill Hogan "John Knew" (BM); Holly Ruth Gale 358; Charley Sandage 171 (CB); Nancy Hogan 95b (CB); Kristie Powell 138t (CB); Gaylon Powell 555 (GOS). Bill Hogan closed with prayer.

Friday, July 8

A welcome was given by Holly Ruth Gale and Charley Sandage. Featured leaders were Dan Brittain and Laura Boosinger. Dan Brittain opened the day with a brief history of the *Missouri Harmony* and led 23 (MH), 24 (MH), 26 (MH), 27 (MH), 30 (MH), 31 (MH), 33 (MH), and 35 (MH).

Laura Boosinger talked about the traditions of the North Carolina “Walker” *Christian Harmony* and led 58b (CH), 258 (CH), 360 (CH), 208b (CH), 214 (CH), and 217 (CH).

LUNCH

Featured leaders for the afternoon session were Gaylon Powell, Dan Brittain, Bill Hogan, and Charley Sandage. Gaylon Powell introduced the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, and led 37b, 31t, 155, 412, 180. Dan Brittain led 63, 378t, 73t, and 31b. Bill Hogan introduced the Parris-Deason “Alabama” *Christian Harmony*, and led 372 (CHa), 54 (CHa), 354 (CHa), 64 (CHa), 180 (CHa), 51 (CHa), 307 (CHa), 316 (CHa), 168 (CHa), and 133 (CHa).

RECESS

Charley Sandage presented the seven shape system using the “Cayce Book” Good Old Songs and the Dailey Hymn Book, and led 352 (GOS), 235 (GOS), 541 (GOS) and 463 (GOS).

Gaylon Powell completed the afternoon with the B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision, and led 138t (CB), 500 (CB), 53 (CB), 563 (CB), 543 (CB), 393t (CB), 484 (CB), 98 (CB), and 95t (CB). Bill Hogan and Nancy Hogan led “Lord, Give Me Just A Little More Time” (Wiregrass).

Saturday, July 9

Gaylon Powell called the class together leading 507b (CB). Kevan Bailey offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Dan Brittain 13 (MH); Bill Hogan 128t (CH), Laura Boosinger 217 (CH); Charley Sandage 277 (GOS); Holly Ruth Gale 155; Nancy Hogan 189 (CHa); Eddie Huckaby 159b (CH); Andrew Albers 559 (CB), Anita Buswell 85; Charlie Mink 285 (GOS); Kristie Powell 273 (CB); Kevan Bailey 524 (GOS).

RECESS

Gaylon Powell called the class to order by leading “Victory in Jesus” (BM). Leaders: Dan Brittain 113 (MH); Bill Hogan 203 (CHa); Laura Boosinger 159 (CH); Charley Sandage 239 (GOS); Holly Ruth Gale 171 (CB); Nancy Hogan 91 (CHa); Eddie Huckaby “I’ll Have a New Life” (BM); Andrew Albers 519 (CB); Anita Buswell 87; Charlie Mink 612 (GOS); Kristie Powell 411 (CB); Kevan Bailey 264 (CHa); Laura Boosinger 106 (CH). Andrew Albers offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Gaylon Powell opened the afternoon session by leading 511t (CB). Leaders: Bill Hogan 277; Charley Sandage 555 (GOS); Holly Ruth Gale 63; Nancy Hogan 59; Eddie Huckaby 339 (GOS); Andrew Albers 133 (CHa); Anita Buswell 410 (CB); Kristie Powell 378t; Kevan Bailey 289b (CH); Glynn Garrett 73t; Lonnie Williams “Just Over in Gloryland” (BM); Cliff Hall 34 (MH).

RECESS

Gaylon Powell led 82t (CHa). Leaders: Bill Hogan “Lord, Give Me Just A Little More Time” (Wiregrass); Charley Sandage 155 (GOS); Holly Ruth Gale 276 (CB); Nancy Hogan 49t; Eddie Huckaby 341 (CH); Andrew Albers 416 (CB); Anita Buswell 358; Kristie Powell 558 (CB); Kevan Bailey 360 (CH); Glynn Garrett 98 (CB); Lonnie Williams “To Canaan’s Land I’m On My Way” (BM).

Announcements were made. Gaylon Powell, Holly Ruth Gale, Bill Hogan and Charley Sandage led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Bill Hogan.

Moderator—Gaylon Powell; Secretary—Nancy Hogan

QUEBEC SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Lennoxville, Quebec, and Ways Mills, Quebec
July 8-9, 2011

Friday evening, July 8

The class was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chuck Neville, who offered prayer, and then led 47t.

Leaders: Somen Goodman 569b; Scott Luscombe 39t; Ines Salzer 448b; Howard Katz 99t; Kathleen Manning 448t; Jackie Hall 40; Emily Tocci 111t; Masti Mayrand 82t; Cathy Brochet 86; Phil Dutton 504; Somen Goodman 168; Scott Luscombe 353; Ines Salzer 445; Howard Katz 48t; Kathleen Manning 73t; Mary Jo Shafer 33b; Pat Callahan 112; Bobbie Goodell 171.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Chuck Neville; Secretary—Ruth Doerfler.

RECESS

Chuck Neville led 347 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Dara Weiss 276; Max Kelly 209; Jackie Hall 410t; Emily Tocci 547; Masti Mayrand 515; Cathy Brochet 503; Mary Neville 228; Phil Dutton 163b; Patrick Dedauw 146; Somen Goodman 47b; Scott Luscombe 334; Pat Callahan 30t; Ines Salzer 377; Chuck Neville 288. A prayer was offered by Chuck Neville to close the session.

Saturday, July 9

The Saturday session of the Quebec Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chuck Neville. He offered the morning prayer, and then led 68b.

Leaders: Sue Dewelle 497; Dara Weiss 32t; Max Kelley 183; Bobbie Goodell 40; Emily Tocci 312b; Scott Luscombe 181; Pat Gilchrist 546; Ines Salzer 176t; Mary Neville 480; Phil Dutton 344; Patrick Dedauw 122; Somen Goodman 48t; Howard Katz 481; Kathleen Manning 186; Mary Jo Shafer 335; Janet Ross Snyder 228.

RECESS

Chuck Neville led 162 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Haley Lewis 318; Max Kelley 155; Leonard Spencer 95; Mary Jo Shafer 229; Wendy Gilchrist 44; Carol Dempsey 168; Patrick Dedauw 165.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Leonard Spencer, who read the list of names of those who were deceased as follows: Fortin Daughter—Vermont; Barbara Stoddard—North Carolina; Joanne Bowman—Massachusetts; Derwood Cunningham—Quebec; Patty Van Dyne—Pennsylvania; George Seiler, Virginia Luscombe, Sidney Katz, and Cynthia Katz—New York. He led 499.

Leonard Spencer read the list of names of the sick and shut-ins as follows: Cheryl Stroud, Meredith Akey, Remi Paillard, Poppy Gregory, John Merritt, Stella Acelas, and Karen Keeler. Leonard then led 454.

Leaders: Pat Callahan 510; Sue Dewelle 410t; Dara Weiss 277; Max Kelley 203; Bobbie Goodell 472; Bill Holt 473; Eric Hildebrand 551; Scott Luscombe “Golden Streets”; David Highlander 178; Phil Dutton 269. Chuck Neville offered a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Chuck Neville leading 49b. Leaders: Ines Salzer 383; Mary Neville 528; Emily Tocci 299; Patrick Dedauw 82t; Somen Goodman 143; Howard Katz 362; Kathleen Manning 442; David Baretta 272; Bill Holt 306; Eric Hildebrand 532; Cathy Brochet 523; Mary Jo Shafer 288. A singing school lesson was conducted by Howard Katz on the subject of common time.

RECESS

Leaders: Max Kelley 117; Leonard Spencer 260; Wendy Gilchrist 56b; Carol Dempsey 270; Dara Weiss 345b; Janet Ross Snyder 71; Masti Mayrand 131b; Scott

Luscombe 506; Cathy Brochet 163b; Phil Dutton 390; Inez Salzer 564; Kathleen Manning 365; Mary Neville 378b; Mary Jo Schafer 101t; Bobbie Goodell 496; Peter 448t; Elka Schumann 198; Max Dedauw 146; Kathleen Manning 515; Mary Neville 217; Ezra (no last name listed) 136.

Chuck Neville led 62 as the closing song. He offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chuck Neville; Secretary—Ruth Doerfler

FLAT SHOALS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING **Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church, Stockbridge, Georgia** **Saturday, July 9, 2011**

The 5th annual session of the Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church singing was called to order by Jesse Roberts leading 285t. James Collins offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Ashley Thompson 142; Trent Peachey 81t; Faye Hollis 276; Amy Armstrong 63; Leigh Cooper 176b; Oscar McGuire 229; Marcus Whitman 448t; Jeannette DePoy 475; Helen Bryson 546; Suzanne Walker 76b; Justyna Orlikowska 39t; George W. Burnette III 101t; John Plunkett 290; Steve Helwig 273; Jesse Karlsberg 43; Gosia Perycz 87; Tony Hammock 343; Robert Kelley 320; B.M. Smith 47t; Lauren Bock 141; Micah Roberts 36b.

RECESS

Richard DeLong brought the class together leading 99. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 431; Nathan Rees 285b; Blazej Matusiak 171.

The class entered into a business session. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jesse Roberts; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong; Secretary—Ashley Thompson.

Leaders: Lela Crowder 277; Michael Walker 134; Sarah Carnell 512; Scott DePoy and friend, Tommy Hancock 201; Jessica Altman 203; Leon Carnell 163b; J.R. Hardman 183; Frances Carnell 192; Sandra Wilkinson 270; Leanne Carter 39b; Richard DeLong 458; Chris Carnell 326; Trent Peachey 317. The lunch blessing was offered by Bill Pierson.

LUNCH

Jesse Roberts brought the class together leading 297. Leaders: Faye Hollis 299; Amy Armstrong 40; Leigh Cooper 209; Oscar McGuire 441; Marcus Whitman 547; Jeannette DePoy, Scott DePoy, and Tommy Hancock 457; Helen Bryson 522; Suzanne Walker 426b; Justyna Orlikowska 215; George W. Burnette III 129; John Plunkett 227; Steve Helwig 311; Jesse Karlsberg 345b; Gosia Perycz 501; Tony Hammock 70b; Robert Kelley 301; B.M. Smith 384; Lauren Bock 200; Ashley Thompson 220; Micah Roberts 388.

RECESS

Richard DeLong brought the class together leading 399b. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 528; Nathan Rees 355; Lela Crowder 224; Blazej Matusiak 77t; Michael Walker 31t; Sarah Carnell 245; Jessica Altman 217; Leon Carnell 38b; J.R. Hardman 45t; Frances Carnell 383; Sandra Wilkinson 300; Chris Carnell 165.

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 CONVENTION
Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama
July 9-10, 2011

Saturday, July 9

The 118th session of the Cullman County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the Cullman County Courthouse on the second Sunday and Saturday before in July. Henry Guthery welcomed the class and led 101t. Richard Mauldin offered morning prayer.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 30t; Glenn Keeton 150, 475 (in honor of Willodean Barton); Carolyn Thompson 430, 507; Emily Burleson 212, 546; Karen Clark 66, 534; Alvaro Duarte 99, 144; Susan Cheronos 74b, 40; Charles McCravy 143, 121; Danny Creel 283, 383; Earl Ballinger 80b, 331; Richard Mauldin 235, 43; Will Schnorenberg 272, 155; Carol Wendt 37b, 151; Henry Johnson 409, 521; Loyd Ivey 225t, 438; Nate Green and Norma Green 393; Geraldine Sharpton 318, 178; Tony Kiser 282, 457; John Wright 230; Lisa Geist 527, 273; John Wendt 354b, 496; Henry Schuman 434, 456; Ed Thacker 454, 511; Ken Tate 220, 439.

RECESS

Henry Guthery led 335 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 206, 540; Travis Keeton 373, 129; Harrison Creel 498; Harrison Creel, Danny Creel, and Emily Burleson 111b; Brenda Chafin 97, 542; Elene Stovall 142; Beth Branscome 222, 269; Velton Chafin 227; Darrell Swarens 341 (in memory of Billy Williams), 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson); Gary Smith 63. Buell Cobb offered a short history lesson of the convention, and led 381. Leaders: Bea Carnathan and Benjamin Bullard 472; Craig Holmes 323b; Jessa Cheronos 299; Jessa Cheronos and Susan Cheronos 107.

RECESS

Richard Mauldin brought the class back together by leading 168. A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Chaplain—Richard Mauldin; Secretary, Arranging Committee, and Finance Committee—Carolyn Thompson.

Leaders: Sarah Beasley 406 (in memory of her mother); Fred Hoerr 38b, 148; Steve Adams and Carolyn Thompson 378t; Susan Allred 384; Kermit Adams 78; Lucy Heidorn 436; Wanda Capps and Emma Hayden Calvert 76b. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Richard Mauldin.

LUNCH

Leaders: Caleb Allred 448t; Delone Cobbs 120; Beth Ann Clay 218, 268; Seth Holloway and Brenda Chafin 254.

Sunday, July 10

The Sunday session of the Cullman County Convention was called to order by Henry Guthery, who offered the opening prayer and led 189. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 163b; Carolyn Thompson 228; Elene Stovall 440; Alvaro Duarte 124, 276; Sonya Sipe 77t; Ken Tate 367; Larry Ballinger 402; Kramer Klein 53, 294; Richard Ivey 352; Darrell Swarens 198, 208; Richard Mauldin 285t; B.M. Smith 441, 34t; Brenda Chafin 449, 542; Danny Creel 196; Karen Ivey 201; Kelsey Sunderland 172, 492; Ed Thacker 64, 538; Michael Walker 336, 406; Blake Sisemore 411, 558; Buell Cobb 462; Linda Sides 220; Cindy Tanner 436; Christopher Mann 332; Jared Wooten 112; Stuart Ivey 550; Bea Carnathan 205.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton led 349 (in memory of Billy Williams and honor of Clarence McCool). Leaders: Blazej Matusiak 34b, 299; Marty Wooten 164; Jackie Tanner 314; Ottis Sides 530; Gosia Perycz 288, 193; Lisa Geist 344; Susan Allred 182;

Robert Walker 99, 350; Yancey Jett 101t; Judy Caudle 355 (for Josie Hyde); Steve Helwig 567; Steve Helwig and Gosia Perycz 528; Caleb Allred 47b; Henry Johnson 55, 482; Justyna Orlikowska 430, 177; Gravis Ballinger 300; Geraldine Sharpton 66; Aldo Ceresa 214, 532; David Ivey 232; Don Keeton 515; Harrison Creel 342; Travis Keeton 179; Nathan Rees 439, 435.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Henry Johnson and Judy Caudle. Judy Caudle spoke and led 33b in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: John Merritt, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Charlotte Gober, Lonnie Rogers, Betty Wright, Willard Wright, Johnnie Chafin, Hugh Bill McGuire, Willodean Barton, Clarence McCool, and Cecil Sanders.

Henry Johnson spoke and read the following list of names of the deceased: Billy Williams, George Seiler, Phyllis Bruce, Bob Meek, Frances Ceresa, Myrtle Wootten, Cohen Chafin, and Ernestine Pipkin. He led 72b in their memory, and offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Jamie Wootten 42; Gary Smith 565; Steve Adams and Carolyn Thompson 378t; Chris Ballinger 424.

LUNCH

Henry Guthery and Ernest Guthery brought the afternoon session to order by leading 282. Leaders: Sarah Beasley and Seth Holloway 274t; Emily Burleson 73t; Linda Thomas 391; J.C. Rutledge 460; Travis Peak 448t; Piotr Zarzycki and Steve Helwig 159; Josie Hyde 442; Robert Dupree 84; Craig Holmes 479; Jordan Ratliff and Elene Stovall 384; Kermit Adams 192; Matthew Keeton, Isabella Keeton, and Glenn Keeton 30t; Karen Ivey, David Ivey, Stuart Ivey, and Richard Ivey 564; Blazej Matusiak, Gosia Perycz, Justyna Orlikowska, Piotr Zarzycki, and Michael Walker 86; Jordan Ratliff "Sweet Beulah Land".

Announcements were made. Henry Guthery, Glenn Keeton, and Eliseo Victorieno led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Carolyn Thompson

WALKER COUNTY CONVENTION

New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Walker County, Alabama Saturday, July 16, 2011

The 97th session of the Walker County Sacred Harp Singing 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 46. The opening prayer was offered by Danny Creel.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Velton Chafin; Secretary—Brenda Chafin; Chaplain—Danny Creel; Arranging Committee—Don Keeton; Memorial Committee—Linda Sides and Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 42; Glenn Keeton 59; Don Keeton 58, 225t; Danny Creel 47t, 47b; Linda Sides 32t, 39t; Angela Myers 30t, 30b; Brenda Chafin 480, 426b; Margaret Keeton 179 (for Travis Keeton), 57; Barbara Jones 276, 277; Hubert Nall 145b, 61; Charles Kitchens 387; Ottis Sides 475; Butch White 503, 178; Susan Cheronas 74b, 40; Wayne Jones 129, 159.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton and Isabella Keeton led 321 and 108t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Jerry Kitchens 74t, 100; Judy Caudle 90, 167; B.M. Smith 204, 313t; Henry Guthery 402, 343; Delone Cobbs 120, 44; Gary Smith 66, 565; Steve Adams and Richard Mauldin 378t, 401.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Linda Sides and Judy Caudle. Judy read a devotional from the writings of Charles H. Spurgeon, and read the list of names of the sick and shut-ins as follows: Travis Keeton, Johnnie Chafin, John Merritt, Willodean Barton, Juanita Hill, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Clarence McCool, Cecil Sanders, Coy Ivey, Lonnie Rogers, Wilburn Ellison, Stella Pratt, Leona Haynes, S.T. Reed, Hugh Bill McGuire, and Kathleen Robbins. Linda Sides led 56t. Judy Caudle read the following names of the deceased: Helen Langston, Billy Williams, Rhoda Norris, Vernelle Forbes Amason, Elsie Nall Ancelete, Dorothy Nall McWhite, and Faye Nall Klienschmidt. Judy Caudle and Linda Sides led 86, and Linda offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Glenn Keeton led 349 for Clarence McCool and Betty Lofton.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Velton Chafin leading 175. Leaders: Christopher Mann 127, 67; Richard Mauldin 340, 72b, 68b (for Johnnie Chafin and Travis Keeton); Bea Carnathan 205, 438; Eugene Forbes 302, 318; Seth Poston 275b, 358; Sarah Beasley 146; Susan Cheronos 63; Betty Lofton 36b; Jerry Kitchens 112; Charles Kitchens 378b, 399b; Wayne Jones 137; Judy Caudle 470 (for Josie Hyde); B.M. Smith 426t; Seth Holloway 354t, 209.

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin and Glenn Keeton led 267 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Danny Creel, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Velton Chafin; Secretary—Brenda Chafin

MICHIANA SINGING **Southwest Bible Church, Goshen, Indiana** **Saturday, July 16, 2011**

The 24th annual Michiana Singing was called to order by Matthew Lind leading 34b. Pastor David Stump offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Samuel Sommers and David Stump 63; James Nelson Gingerich 59; Michael Miller 551; Gillian Inksetter 107; Wayne Dell 271t; Connie Stanton 344; Darrell Swarens 341; Cathryn Bearov 368; Jo Schultz and Judy Artley 198; John Seaton 48t; Rachel Adelstein and Gianpaolo Chiriano 388; Roger Williams 270; Linda Selph 318; Rochelle Lodder 171; Steve Rogers 436.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Matthew Lind; Secretary—Henry Schuman; Memorial Committee—Michael Miller and Lori Graber.

RECESS

James Nelson Gingerich called the class to order leading 29t. Leaders: Carol Munro Mosley 192; Marian Mitchell 189; Jan May 492; Annie Grieshop 300; Malachi Lind 337; Joan Aldridge 336; Bill Beverly 191; Janet Fraembs 556; Bob Borcharding 142; Pleasance Crawford 457; David Barford 513; Mary Ellen Schrock 448b; Michael Mosley 129.

RECESS

James Page called the class to order leading 84. Leaders: John Bahler 448t; Sarah Trumbore 277; Nathan Zweig 145t; Molly Williams 155; Lisa Grayson 441; William Gilman 567; Claudene Townson 73t; Steve Warner 475; Idy Kiser 122; Cecelia Kramer 430; Jeff Breting 99.

Michael Miller and Lori Graber conducted the memorial lesson. Michael read from the book of Ecclesiastes, and Lori spoke for the following sick and shut-ins: Bob Anderson, Arthur E. Hall, Ken Horst, Garrett Jones, Judith Klein, Mary List, Diane Luboff, Ted Mercer, John Merritt, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Carol Revill, Ellie Revill, Lonnie Rogers, S.T. Reed, and Cheryl Stroud. Lori led 532 on their behalf.

Michael Miller spoke on behalf of the following deceased: Ernestine Pipkin and Billy Williams—Alabama; Robert Barford, Carolyn Douma, Helen Hogg, Paul Streeter, and Betty Zinzer—Illinois; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Paula Roberts—Maine; Joanne Bowman—Massachusetts; Kathy Dahlberg and Viola Smith—Michigan; Robert John Landgraf—Ohio; Dennis Murphy—Utah; Joyce Anderson—Wisconsin; Alexandra Cull—United Kingdom. Michael led 452 in their honor.

LUNCH

Samuel Sommers called the class to order leading 334. Leaders: Ryan Wheeler 480; Ann Miczulski 384; Beth Todd 234; Wendy Wahn 269; Peter Trumbore 39t; Linda Bell 268; Kelly Kennedy 380; Syble Adams 47b; Martha Beverly 546; Melanie Hauff 421; James Page 276; Ann Heider 454; Ginny Landgraf 101b; Karen Bahler 148; Joe Todd 106; Suzanne Flandreau and John Stewart 400; Michael Appert 312b; Holly Hauck and Hollan Potts 76b.

RECESS

Matthew Lind called the class to order leading 335. Leaders: Fran Hoffman and Darrell Swarens 128; Jesse Martin and Michael Mosley 45t; Will Fitzgerald and Bess Fitzgerald 447; Debbie Barford 112; Brad Bahler 550; Laurel Cornell 569b; Jeff Bell 354b; Judy Hauff 174; Mary Adamson and Jim Adamson 178; Christine Guth 49t; Jeff Begley 274t; Lori Graber 542; Karen Swenson 222; Nathan Berry 102; Ruth Dolby 350; Henry Schuman 434.

Announcements were made. Matthew Lind led 62 as the closing song. Pastor David Stump dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Matthew Lind; Secretary—Henry Schuman

SOUTH WALES SINGING **Gwehelog Methodist Church, Usk, United Kingdom** **Saturday, July 16, 2011**

Paul Wyatt conducted a short singing school. Chris Brown called the class to order by leading 34b. Benny Ross offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Chris Brown 324; Lin James 131b, 31t; Paul Wyatt 171, 125; Tony Parkinson 45t, 479; Benny Ross 31b, 278b; Judy Whiting 72b, 77b; Chris Brown 159; Lin James 503; Helen Brown 77t; Margaret Gillanders 76b; Ted Brown 47t.

RECESS

Benny Ross called the class back together leading 105. Leaders: Lin James 178; John Williams 274t; Tony Parkinson 75; Margaret Gillanders 350; Paul Wyatt 53; Ted Brown 35; Helen Brown 36b; Judy Whiting 150; Chris Brown 102; Benny Ross 99; John Williams 189; Margaret Gillanders 225t; Tony Parkinson 191; Paul Wyatt 168; Ted Brown 445; Helen Brown 349; Judy Whiting 492. Paul Wyatt offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Chris Brown led 457 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Paul Wyatt 456; Benny Ross 318; John Williams 183; Helen Brown 365; Margaret Gillanders 472; Tony Parkinson 268; Ted Brown 546; Judy Whiting 466.

Chris Brown conducted the memorial lesson and spoke about the following deceased: John Champkin—Tenbury Wells; Linda Champ—Winchester; Mike Waterson—Robin Hoods Bay; Joan Sillito—Raglan; Mary Lambert Smith and George Holland—Georgia, USA; John Budd—Malvern; Sarah Jeshmukh—Worcester; Marion Biggs—Ringmer; and Keith Hammond—Broxbourne.

He also spoke on behalf of the following sick and housebound: Derek Winstanley, Philip Ralls, John Merritt, Travis Keeton, Maureen Gamlin, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Lonnie Rogers, Kay Conway, Cath Tyler, and Phil Tyler. He led 441, and Tony Parkinson offered a prayer.

Leaders: Benny Ross 66; Helen Brown 187.

RECESS

Paul Wyatt called the class to order leading 313t. Leaders: John Williams 504; Tony Parkinson 117; Margaret Gillanders 327; Ted Brown 108t; Helen Brown 157; Benny Ross 474; Paul Wyatt 128; Chris Brown 127; Judy Whiting 354t; John Williams 430; Margaret Gillanders 270; Helen Brown 384; Ted Brown 496; Paul Wyatt 475.

There was a short business meeting, in which it was agreed to meet again at Gwehelog on Saturday before the third Sunday in July, 2012.

Chris Brown led 347. Rev. Richard Gillion offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Chris Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders

ELDER BERNARD MOON MEMORIAL (COOPER BOOK)

New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama

Saturday night, July 16, 2011

The annual Elder Bernard Moon Memorial Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision, singing was held at New Prospect Church on Saturday night before the third Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Henry Guthery leading 491. The opening prayer was offered by Danny Creel.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Emily Burleson; Arranging Committee—Brenda Chafin. Leaders: Henry Guthery 86; Wayne Jones 464, 513t; Richard Mauldin 146, 54t; Butch White 47t, 162; Ann Jett 503, 516; B.M. Smith 559, 38t; Velton Chafin 336b, 225t; Gary Smith 99, 484b; Barbara Jones 84, 380t; Danny Creel 567, 404; Emily Burleson 133, 140; Bea Carnathan 119, 571; Nate Green and Norma Green 95b, 286b, 436t (by request); Geraldine Sharpton 340, 393t; Bill Hogan 98, 552; Nancy Hogan 148, 145t; Wanda Capps 505; Sarah Beasley 518; Elsie Moon 515, 72; Brenda Chafin 137, 522 (by request).

Announcements were made. Henry Guthery led 558b as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Emily Burleson

CHAFIN, HARBINSON, AND HOLLIS MEMORIAL

New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama

Sunday, July 17, 2011

The 139th 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 31b. The morning prayer was offered by Larry Chafin.

Velton Chafin led 30t and 35 (in memory of Panama Creel and Jaime Chafin).

Brenda Chafin welcomed the class. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Ann Jett; Arranging Committee—Brenda Chafin and Elene Stovall.

Leaders: Don Keeton 390; Kramer Klein 76b; Cheyenne Ivey 222; Yancey Jett 440; Sarah Beasley 340; Barbara Jones 177; Seth Poston 275b; Jerry Ryan 274t; Gary Smith 31t; Tom George 164; Wayne Jones 134; Nathan Rees 402; B.M. Smith 410t; Dennis George 186; Scott Ivey 385b; Linda Sides 82b; Harrison Creel 111b; Blake Sisemore 352; Richard Mauldin 84; Judy Caudle 564; Nate Green and Norma Green 206, 207; Rodney Ivey 203.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Velton Chafin leading 112. Leaders: Susan Cheronos 40; Geraldine Sharpton 178; Danny Creel 386; Elene Stovall 411; Buell

Cobb 439; Bea Carnathan 204; Lucy Heidorn 155; Larry Chafin 63; Ann Jett 269; Seth Holloway 388; Shane Wootten 131b; Lisa Geist 546; Ken Tate 313t; Earl Ballinger 310; Larry Ballinger 425; Chris Ballinger 44; Don Keeton 498; Yancey Jett 144; Margie Smith 317; Jerry Ryan 319; Geraldine Sharpton 318; B.M. Smith 350; Sarah Beasley 129. Richard Mauldin offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Velton Chafin and Larry Chafin leading 445. Leaders: Susan Cheronos 74b; Butch White 34b; Judy Caudle 392; Scott Ivey 182; Seth Poston 309; Julianna Jett 142; Elsie Moon 494; Velton Chafin and Brenda Chafin 55; Brenda Chafin 347; Blake Sisemore 560; Cheyenne Ivey 208; Shane Wootten 336; Lucy Heidorn 217; Rodney Ivey 91; Tom George 215; Bea Carnathan 568; Dennis George 220, 419 (for Ozella Blackmon); Nathan Rees 292; Kramer Klein 517; Wayne Jones 270; Harrison Creel 342; Linda Sides 454; Buell Cobb 81b; Ann Jett and Julianna Jett 108b; Chris Ballinger 472; Richard Mauldin 312b; Danny Creel and Elsie Moon 456; Lisa Geist 224; Gary Smith 268; Earl Ballinger 167; Ken Tate 166; Kramer Klein 129 (by request, for Travis Keeton); Elene Stovall, Bea Carnathan, and Rodney Ivey 365 (in memory of Amanda Denson Brady); Larry Ballinger 540; Seth Holloway 341 (for Travis Keeton and in memory of Billy Williams).

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin and Harrison Creel led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Earl Ballinger, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Ann Jett

KALAMAZOO SINGING **Wesley Foundation, Kalamazoo, Michigan** **Sunday, July 17, 2011**

Will Fitzgerald opened the 13th annual Kalamazoo Singing leading 171. Sam Sommers offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Martha Beverly 504; Molly Williams 183; Cornelia Stanton and Michelle Wilson 70b; Jeff Bell and Risa Hsu 528; Jan Wright 142; Mark Clague 178; Cecelia Kramer and Bethany Cook 155; Malachi Lind 426b; Janet Fraembs, Matt DuPrey, and Lisa DuPrey 186; Michael Appert 84; Jennifer LaCluyze 192; Roger Williams 371.

RECESS

Peter Trumbore called the class to order leading 105. Leaders: Ann Sleeva 86; Darrell Swarens and Kelly Kennedy 215; Ginny Landgraf 397; Matthew Lind 145b; Sarah Trumbore 146; Joan Aldridge and Angela Biedenbender 137; John Fink 49b; Claudene Townson 39t; John Seaton 47t; Jo Schultz 486; Michael Mosley 208; Jan Ketelle 212; Bill Beverly 547; Mary Ellen Schrock 270; Bob Borcharding 280; Rochelle Lodder 344.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Will Fitzgerald; Secretary—Henry Schuman; Assistant Secretary—Gillian Inksetter.

RECESS

Will Fitzgerald called the class to order leading 87. Martha Beverly spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins and the deceased. Leaders: Jan May 511t (CB); James Nelson Gingerich 148; David Stowe 365; Nancy Briton 466; Pleasance Crawford and Chuck Crawford 327; Carol Munro Mosley 392; Lisa Grayson 278b; Peter Trumbore 38b; Laurel Cornell 149; Ann Miczulski 101t; Melanie Hauff 203; Marian Mitchell 28b; Gillian Inksetter led 49t as the lunch blessing.

LUNCH

Will Fitzgerald called the class to order leading 56b. Leaders: Linda Selph 68b; Wayne Dell 271; Beth Todd 52t; Gillian Inksetter 543; Nathan Berry 377; Joe Todd 290; Syble Adams 282; Rachel Adelstein 266; Bess Fitzgerald and Will Fitzgerald 447; Cathryn Bearov 532; Steve Rogers 99; Linda Selph 456; James Page 297.

RECESS

Bill Beverly called the class to order leading 37b. Leaders: Idy Kiser 40; Judy Hauff 250; Will Gilman 332; Anne Missavage 168; Sam Sommers 431; Karen Swenson 98; Annie Grieshop 384; Kelly Kennedy 380; Will Fitzgerald and Angela Van Heest 448b; John Fink 254; Annie Grieshop and Harry Kelly 503 (for Mary List).

Announcements were made. Will Fitzgerald led 62 as the closing song. Ginny Landgraf dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Will Fitzgerald; Secretary—Henry Schuman

HILLABEE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama Sunday, July 17, 2011

The 139th annual session of the Hillabee Sacred Harp Singing Convention at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church near Daviston, Tallapoosa County, Alabama, was held on the third Sunday in July. Eugene Forbes welcomed the class and led 30t. Robert Chambless offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 75, 111b; Jeff Sheppard 101t, 111t; Nellie Estes 84, 172; Clyde Avery 186, 168; Myrline Redmon 340, 341; Stanley Edwards and Marilyn Bradley 58, 85; Robert Chambless 145b, 163b; Jenny Acton 318, 421; Karen Clark 501, 77t; Jack Nelson 480, 45t; Charlotte Bishop 551, 496.

RECESS

Eugene Forbes brought the class back to order leading 438. Leaders: Wendy Futral 369, 35; Brandon Acton 36b, 117; William Futral 490, 491; Carla Davis 358, 388; Larry Acton and Jenny Acton 72b, 108b; Marilyn Bradley and Stanley Edwards 47b, 124; Virginia Futral 569b, 566; Jacob Acton 282, 198.

LUNCH

Judy Chambless brought the class back to order by leading 410t. Leaders: Myra Goss 273, 170; Mike Hawkins 29t, 49b; Jeff Sheppard 89; Nellie Estes 371; Clyde Avery 560; Myrline Redmon 452; Stanley Edwards 442; Robert Chambless 66; Jenny Acton 571 (CB); Karen Clark 43; Jack Nelson 513; Charlotte Bishop 229 (CB); Wendy Futral 283; Brandon Acton 300; William Futral and Wendy Futral 100; Carla Davis 354b; Larry Acton and Jenny Acton 394; Marilyn Bradley and Stanley Edwards 303; Jacob Acton 79; Myra Goss and Karen Clark 380; Mike Hawkins 82t.

The class voted to have the Hillabee Convention next year at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama. After the announcements Mike Hawkins offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Judy Chambless

CAPITOL CITY SHAPE NOTE SINGING Loeb Reception Center, Montgomery, Alabama Thursday, July 21, 2011

The 25th session of the Capitol City Shape Note Singing was called to order by Bill Hogan leading 36b. Joey Brackner, Alabama Center for Traditional Culture, welcomed everyone to the singing and gave a brief history. Bill Hogan led 72b. The morning prayer was offered by Kennon Smith.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Hogan; Secretaries—Nancy Hogan and Joey Brackner; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless and Tommy Spurlock.

Judy Chambless arranged as leaders sang from the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition. Leaders: Robert Chambless 77t; Judy Chambless 347; Ann Webb 282; Kennon Smith 503; Wendy Futral 339; Steve Grauberger 127; Eugene Forbes 143 (in memory of his sister).

The class sang from the *Christian Harmony*, 2010 Revision. Leaders: Mike Spencer 166; Eugene Forbes 253; Eddie Pierce 188; Ken Sundberg 264; Bill Hogan 51; Nancy Hogan 149; Steve Grauberger 179; Judy Chambless 109.

RECESS

Tommy Spurlock arranged as the class sang from the *B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*. Leaders: Tommy Spurlock 99; Joey Brackner 446b; Ercyl Vidrine 358, 283t; Mike Spencer 380t; Robert DuPree 85; Sam Smith 239.

The class sang from the *Colored Sacred Harp*. Leaders: Bill Hogan 59; Kennon Smith 18; Steve Grauberger 47b; Mike Spencer 19; Ken Sundberg 4; Bill Hogan 87; Bill Hogan and Nancy Hogan “Lord, Give Me Just a Little More Time.” Elder Ben Keeble offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Judy Chambless calling leaders as the class sang from the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition. Leaders: Bill Hogan 101t; Eddie Pierce 47b; Tim Taylor 179; Ledora Morris 235; Kramer Klein 59; Mike Spencer 205; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 434; Joey Brackner 137; SuNell Ellis 146; Audrey Blakeley and J.T. Blakeley 354b.

The class sang from the *Christian Harmony*, 2010 Revision. Leaders: Mike Spencer 361; Robert DuPree 121t; Steve Grauberger 143; Nancy Hogan 214; Jonathan Blakeley 187; Bill Hogan 133.

Tommy Spurlock arranged as the class sang from the *B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*. Leaders: Ermon Richmond 406; Ann Renfroe 463; Chita Blakeley 518; Ken Smith 189; Alice Sundberg 96; Lacey Blakeley 505; Wendy Futral 500; Robert Chambless 451; Kramer Klein 300; Mike Spencer 380b; SuNell Ellis 449.

Announcements were made. David Ivey, Mike Spencer, and Bill Hogan led 440b (CB) as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder J.T. Morris, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Secretaries—Nancy Hogan and Joey Brackner

COTACO CONVENTION **Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Eva, Alabama** **Saturday, July 23, 2011**

The 123rd session of the Cotaco Convention was held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Morgan County, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Elder J.L. Hopper leading 63 and 88b. The morning prayer was offered by Velton Chafin.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: J.L. Hopper 295; Judy Caudle 101b, 85; Rodney Ivey 89 (for Travis Keeton), 32t; Steve Cobbs 460, 480; Nancy Thompson 65, 64; Craig Holmes 81t, 68b; Daniel Hopper 81b, 163t; Eugene Forbes 155, 168; Susan Cheronos 40, 107; Loyd Ivey 208, 225t; Bea Carnathan 204, 80b.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey led 166 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Delone Cobbs 31b, 354t; Scott Ivey 285t, 145t; Nicholas Mann and Cindy Mann 274t, 45t; Angela Myers 432, 47t; Anna Grace Sipe 159, 335; Jim Aaron 163b, 503; Brenda Chafin 203 (for Wanda Capps), 86; Christopher Mann 128, 178; Phil Summerlin 278t, 312b; Marlon Wootten 348b; Geraldine Sharpton 299, 300; Don Keeton and Ivalene Dutton 76b, 112; Lomax Ballinger 127, 129. Butch White offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with J.L. Hopper leading 76t. Leaders: Blake Sisemore 314, 492; Larry Ballinger 482 (for Travis Keeton), 119; Velton Chafin 222, 318; Eloise Wootten 186, 426b; David Ivey 391 (in memory of Billy Williams), 172; Carol Newman 220, 490 (in memory of Bunch Robinson); Richard Ivey 101t (for Zach Rogan), 371; Kenneth Fannin 441, 340; Kelsey Sunderland 421, 349; Butch White 344, 34b; Carol Fannin 145b, 72b; Carlie Westmoreland and Halle Lancaster 59, 31t; Teresa Westmoreland and Halle Lancaster 200, 189; Bea Carnathan, Jim Aaron, and Eugene Forbes 47b; Susan Cheronos and Angela Myers 87; Loyd Ivey and Scott Ivey 283; Christopher Mann, Nicholas Mann, Cindy Mann, Delone Cobbs, and Anna Grace Sipe 106; Richard Ivey and Kelsey Sunderland 389; Blake Sisemore and David Ivey 556 (for Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard); Lomax Ballinger, Geraldine Sharpton, and Larry Ballinger 472; Brenda Chafin and Velton Chafin 111t; Phil Summerlin and Don Keeton 388; J.L. Hopper 81t (for Verna Holcomb), 276 (for Glenda Hopper).

Announcements were made. J.L. Hopper led 209 as the closing song. Elder Daniel Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Judy Caudle

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA SACRED HARP SINGING **Centre Hall, Pennsylvania** **Saturday, July 23, 2011**

The 2nd annual Central Pennsylvania Sacred Harp All-Day Singing was held at the Progress Grange Hall on the fourth Saturday in July. The class was called to order by Hal Kunkel leading 101t, followed by announcements. Karen Rath offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairperson—Hal Kunkel; Vice Chairperson—Kevin Sims; Secretary—Karen Rath.

Leaders: Karen Rath 277; Kevin Sims 47t; B.C. Condon-Gill 503; Tim Culbertson 171; Rachel Hall 24t; Abby Minor 162; Bryan Ferlez 142; Patty Lambert 59; Dave James and Hannah James 178; Melody Johnson 216; Lamar Matthew 344; Jerusha Wheeler 192; Steve Hoyt 549; Bethany Towne 498; Guy Bankes 391; Katie White 547; Barbara Hohenstein 568; Brian How 183; Cindy Wasson 536.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Zach Bullock leading 105. Leaders: Ina Shea 158; Roland Hutchinson 250; Mel Novner 272; Clare Chapin 276; Ted Stokes 400; Terry Ryan 280; Mary Ann Daly 335; Eric Xu 47b; Gerry Hoffman 176b; Jim Glaser 322; Denise Morris 85; Doron Henkin 53; Leah Wilde 117; Bob Wheeler 350; Jessica Keyes 212; Michael Kaye 340; Lucy Roberts 48b; Scott Robertson 312b; Lindsay Kunkel 457; Dan Hunter 405; Kelly Macklin 139; Mark Shifflet 82t; Eileen Metzger 383; Leon Pulsinelle 444; Les Updike 373; Thom Metzger 522. Karen Rath offered the blessing for the meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Dean Jens leading 27. Leaders: T. Glenn Graham 45t; Nathan Berry 114; Gina Balestracci 408; John delRe 466; Diane

Mennella 318; William Gilman 569b; Caitlin Caulfield 128; Zach Bullock 499; Leyland delRe 134; Aldo Ceresa 220; Rachel Speer 417; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 511; Kevin Griffin Moreno 299; Dean Jens 370; Hal Kunkel 380; David Black 460; Maura Burns 284; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 453; Martha Black 452; Peter Pate 269; Cindy Wasson and Barbara Hohenstein 372; Ina Shea and Ted Stokes 560.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Abby Minor leading 27t. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa and Oliver Kindig-Stokes 232; Nathan Berry and William Gilman 168; Caitlin Caulfield, Abby Minor, and Kevin Sims 76b; Gina Balestracci and Roland Hutchinson 112; Dan Hunter, Bethany Towne, and Eric Xu 562; Jessica Keyes and Kevin Griffin Moreno 425; Leyland delRe and Sarah Whites-Koditschek 189; Dave James and Hannah James 163b; Zach Bullock and Mel Novner 324; Denise Morris and Lucy Roberts 442; Gerry Hoffman, Brian How, and Katie White 99; Clare Chapin, Mary Ann Daly, and Peter Pate 504; John delRe and Kelly Macklin 96; Diane Mennella and Terry Ryan 73b; Michael Kaye and Eileen Metzger 68b; Jim Glaser and Bob Wheeler 569b; Guy Bankes and Lamar Matthew 107; Melody Johnson and Jerusha Wheeler 315; Doron Henkin, Steve Hoyt, and Scott Robinson 32t; Tim Culbertson, Rachel Hall, and Leon Pulsinelle 58.

Announcements were made. Hal Kunkel thanked all who helped to make the singing a success, and led 347 as the closing song. Karen Rath offered the closing prayer. Chairperson—Hal Kunkel; Vice Chairperson—Kevin Sims; Secretary—Karen Rath

THE SWANNANOA GATHERING SHAPE NOTE SINGING **Warren Wilson College, Asheville, North Carolina** **Saturday, July 23, 2011**

Jane Spencer welcomed the singers gathered in the Morris Pavilion at Warren Wilson College and led 16 (CH). Ron Pen offered the opening prayer. Jane gave a brief introduction on how to sing seven-shape notes.

Leaders: Ron Pen 117 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 281b (CH); Robert Varkony 498 (CH); Leslie Booher 188 (CH); Frank DeBolt 282 (CH); Dorothy Lane 235 (CH); Michael Walker 307 (CH); John Plunkett 300 (CH); Claudia Dean 291 (CH); Robert Kelley 468b (CH); Kevin Kehrberg 293 (CH); Mary Baumeister 448t (CH); Lynda Hambourger 299 (CH).

RECESS

Leaders: Ron Pen 59; Sara Lynch-Thomason 72b; Sarah Kehrberg 472; Tim Hambourger 168; Mimi Wright 39t; David Bowen 268; Virginia Douglas 49b; Jane Spencer 480; Ron Pen 455; Chris Wilhelm 544b; Leslie Booher 448t; Frank DeBolt 569b; Dorothy Lane 159; Michael Walker 318; John Plunkett 86; Claudia Dean 462.

LUNCH

Jane Spencer brought the class back together leading 81t. Leaders: Robert Kelley 189; Kevin Kehrberg 56b; Mary Baumeister 191; Lynda Hambourger 112; Ron Pen 146; Sara Lynch-Thomason 186; Sarah Kehrberg 178; Tim Hambourger 339; David Bowen 203; Madeline Wadley 340; Julie Childs 128; Milton Crotts 108b.

RECESS

Leaders: Ron Pen 90 (SoH); Chris Wilhelm 63 (SoH); Kevin Kehrberg 93 (SoH); Michael Walker 74 (SoH); Frank DeBolt 48t (SoH); Dorothy Lane 194 (SoH); John Plunkett 56 (SoH); Claudia Dean 259 (SoH); Robert Kelley 30 (SoH); Mary Baumeister 43 (SoH); Lynda Hambourger 88 (SoH); Sara Lynch-Thomason 77 (SoH); Sarah Kehrberg 195 (SoH); Tim Hambourger 16 (SoH); Milton Crotts 262 (SoH).

The current officers were re-elected in a brief business meeting as follows:

Chairman—Jane Spencer; Vice Chairman—Ron Pen; Secretary—Chris Wilhelm.

Ron Pen, Jane Spencer, and Chris Wilhelm led 113 (SoH). Ron Pen closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman—Jane Spencer; Vice Chairman—Ron Pen; Secretary—Chris Wilhelm

MT. ZION MEMORIAL SINGING

Mt. Zion, Georgia

July 23-24, 2011

Saturday, July 23

The 119th 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. Hugh McGraw offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Earlis McGraw 283; Tommy McGraw 399b, 475; Lela Crowder 139, 32t; Judy Henry 134, 313t; Charlene Wallace and Jason Stanford 155; 229; B.M. Smith 72b, 101t; Charles Woods 73b, 81t; Judy Chambless 389, 393; Martha Ann Stegar 198, 47t; Henry Johnson 52b, 55; Karen Rollins 551, 227; Robert Chambless 163b, 84.

RECESS

Tommy McGraw called the class back to order by leading 225t. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 182, 318; Clyde Avery 314, 402; Richard DeLong 400, 406; Jeannette DePoy 234; Helen Bryson 492, 467; Oscar McGuire 441, 515; Kramer Klein 34t, 288; Margie Smith 405, 499; Keith Robertson 569b; Faye Hollis 340, 542.

LUNCH

Earlis McGraw brought the class back together leading 435. Leaders: Brandon Acton 300, 36b; Jan House 151, 148 (for Mr. Lonnie Rogers); Phillip Denney 208, 120; Matt Hinton 133, 27.

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—Tommy McGraw; Secretary—Lela Crowder; Chaplain—Hugh McGraw; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless; Memorial Committee—Richard DeLong.

Leaders: Jenny Acton 560, 112; Myron House 102, 191; Erica Hinton 97, 391; Ed Thacker 517, 220; Anna Hinton 40, 300; Clyde Avery 558; Kramer Klein 209; Earlis McGraw, Judy Henry, Carlene Griffin, Charlene Wallace, and Tommy McGraw 333; Mike Hinton 32t; Oscar McGuire and Faye Hollis 276; Karen Rollins and Phillip Denney 46; Charles Woods, Jason Stanford, and Danny Griffin 77b; Jenny Acton and Brandon Acton 99; Brandon Acton 53; Lela Crowder, Helen Bryson, and Jeannette DePoy 522; Matt Hinton, Erica Hinton, Anna Hinton, and Eli Hinton 277; Jeff Sheppard and Henry Johnson 132; Martha Ann Stegar and Richard DeLong 82t; Jan House and Myron House 284; Helen Bryson and B.M. Smith 448b; Judy Chambless and Robert Chambless 146.

Announcements were made. Earlis McGraw and Tommy McGraw led 476 as the closing song. Hugh McGraw dismissed the class with the closing prayer.

Sunday, July 24

The class was called to order by Earlis McGraw leading 32t. Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Tommy McGraw 138t, 383; Lela Crowder 135, 421; Judy Chambless 527, 565; Mark Godfrey 83t, 39t; Mike Spencer 166, 205; Molly Ellis 77b, 80t; Stanley Edwards and Calvin Prise 330t, 378b; John Plunkett 88b, 476; Robert Chambless 145b, 452; Leigh Cooper 76b, 47t; Charles Wood 420, 160b; Richard DeLong 399b, 407; Carol Chapman 317, 384; John Hollingsworth 176t, 230.

RECESS

Earlis McGraw brought the class back together leading 45t. Leaders: Robert Kelley 531, 530; Clyde McWhorter 318, 546.

Richard DeLong spoke, and led 544 for the deceased, including Ernestine Pipkin, Sammy Harlan, George Seiler, Joanne Bowman, Wayne Morgan, and Japeth Jackson.

Lela Crowder led 68b for the sick and shut-in singers who included Violet Thomason, Dot Garrison, Virginia Hammond, Demetrius Jones (Cousin to Bridgett Hill Kennedy), Zach Rogan, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Travis Keeton, and Mary Crowder. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 141, 144; B.M. Smith 340, 389; Malinda Snow 549, 556; Cecil Roberts 35, 89; Ed Thacker 186, 91.

LUNCH

Earlis McGraw called the class back together leading 225t. Leaders: Cheri Taylor 117, 299; Rita Haley 63, 128; Oscar McGuire 155, 229; Laura Frey 231, 358; Wesley Haley 34b, 73b; Hayden Arp 460, 382; John Kelso 338, 397; Judy Henry 222, 40; Charlene Wallace 479, 503; Robert Kelley 216; Wesley Haley 47b; John Hollingsworth 540; Molly Ellis, Mark Godfrey, Leigh Cooper, John Kelso, and Mary Catherine Slavic 42; Oscar McGuire, Cecil Roberts, and Stanley Edwards 285t; Malinda Snow, Lela Crowder, and Mike Spencer 354t; Richard DeLong, Cheri Taylor, and Laura Frey 327; Henry Johnson, Ed Thacker, and B.M. Smith 303; Charlene Wallace, Judy Henry, Earlis McGraw, Carol Chapman, Tommy McGraw, and Susan McGraw 129; Judy Chambless and Robert Chambless 480; Hayden Arp 283.

Announcements were made. Earlis McGraw and Tommy McGraw led 62 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Vice Chairman—Tommy McGraw; Secretary—Lela Crowder

COKER SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Coker United Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas

July 23-24, 2010

Saturday, July 23

The 4th annual Coker Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the Coker United Methodist Church in San Antonio, Texas. The class was called to order by Mike Hinton leading 68b. After welcoming remarks, Dave Collette offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Dave Collette 225t; Janie Short 350; Tammy Powell 542; Gaylon Powell 500; Tom Owen 338; Michele Rogan 472 (for her brother, Zach Rogan); Beth Hish 47b; Ray Rechenberg 300; Silas Huckaby 401; Robert Vaughn 163t; Scott Curran 532; Sarah Huckaby 168; Ron Ryan 175; Donald Ross 183; Jane Goforth 153; Carter Cook 142; Leon Ballinger 99; Garrett Powell 85; Mary Ellen Schrock 171; Chris Cotter 192.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Mike Hinton; Vice Chairman—Janie Short; Secretary—Tammy Powell.

RECESS

Janie Short called the class back to order leading 335. Leaders: Sonny Erwin 441; Kristie Powell 440; Bill Caldwell 189; Diane Ross 543; Kyle Hearn 268; Tamara Harris 422; Cheryl Foreman 492; Olivia Powell 254; Lindsey Wiggins 475; Reed Coates 502; Tollie Lee 565; Bruce Coates 566; Amy Peveto 209; Katie Mahoney 426b; Beverly Coates 180; Kris Wiggins 86. Gaylon Powell offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Gaylon Powell called the afternoon session to order by leading 39b. Leaders: Kevin Powell 480; Alexia Gilmore 217; Janie Short and Becky Hendricks 63; Linda Booker 452; Chris Nicholson 34b; Priscilla Wiggins 365; Rich Lee 448b; Crystal Meadows 74b; Claire Singleton 270; Brennan Leigh 162; Sara DeTurk 178; Bill Gesenschlag 59; Tom Owen 528; Scott Curran 432; Michele Rogan 280; Robert Vaughn 329; Silas Huckaby 380. Kris Wiggins and Kristie Powell were appointed as the memorial committee.

RECESS

Sonny Erwin led 454 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Ray Rechenberg 276; Sarah Huckaby 507; Ron Ryan 477; Carter Cook 312b; Garrett Powell 117; Mary Ellen Schrock 551; Chris Cotter 553; Bill Caldwell 242; Tamara Harris 513; Claire Singleton 455; Amy Peveto 303; Donald Ross 530; Leon Ballinger 120; Cheryl Foreman 344; Alexa Gilmore 76b; Diane Ross 330t.

Announcements were made. Mike Hinton, Janie Short, and Tammy Powell led 330b as the closing song. Gaylon Powell offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, July 24

The Sunday session of the Coker Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Mike Hinton leading 145t. Barbara Galloway offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Janie Short 203; Tammy Powell 163b; Gaylon Powell 564; Bill Bailey 565; Reed Coates 456; Priscilla Wiggins 159; Crystal Meadows 501; Jane Goforth 79; Kristie Powell 110; Tollie Lee 278t; Bruce Coates 31b; Kris Wiggins and Vergie Tollier 236; Beverly Coates 283; Kevin Powell 86; Chris Nicholson 569b; Katie Mahoney 111t; Lindsey Wiggins 182.

RECESS

Carter Cook and Garrett Powell brought the class back together by leading 142. Leaders: Olivia Powell 148; Rich Lee 297; Rick Foreman 448t; Claire Singleton 82t; Bill Caldwell 240; Mary Ellen Schrock 335; Chris Cotter 390; Leon Ballinger 383; Sonny Erwin 568; Sarah Huckaby 73t; Cheryl Foreman 318; Donald Ross 391; Amy Peveto 457; Tamara Harris 539; Diane Ross 430; Ron Ryan 269.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Kris Wiggins and Kristie Powell leading 285t in memory of the following deceased: George Jones and Edwin Reed—Texas; Laura Kazaranjar—New York; Marganne Rudolph—Washington; Ernestine Pipkin—Alabama.

Kris Wiggins and Kristie Powell led 546 for the following sick and shut-ins: Travis Keeton, Willodean Barton, Lonnie Rogers, Zach Rogan, Roberta Mather, Judy Chambless, Demetrius Jones, Jan Harris, and the people from the Norway tragedy. Gaylon Powell closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Alexia Gilmore 230; Carter Cook 421; Garrett Powell 128; Tammy Powell 222; Gaylon Powell 218; Bill Bailly 300; Rick Foreman 177; Janie Short 384; Reed Coates [no number]. Gaylon Powell offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Mike Hinton and Coker Methodist men (cooks) called the class back to order by leading 146. Leaders: Priscilla Wiggins 284; Crystal Meadows 30b; Linda Booker 490; Ron Bernucho and Susan Bernucho 45t; Jane Goforth, Janie Short, and Rebecca Short 34b; Kristie Powell 500; Tollie Lee 30t; Bruce Coates 448b; Kris Wiggins 198; Kevin Powell 535; Beverly Coates 299; Chris Nicholson 58; Katie Mahoney 385t; Lindsey Wiggins 107; Rich Lee 186; Claire Singleton 40; Bill Caldwell 147t; Mary Ellen Schrock 59; Chris Cotter 558; Carter Cook 312b; Garrett Powell 277; Amy Peveto 209.

Announcements were made. Mike Hinton, Lavern Hinton, Janie Short, and Tammy Powell led 62 as the closing song and those who wished took the parting hand. Gaylon Powell offered the closing prayer.
Chairman—Mike Hinton; Vice Chairman—Janie Short; Secretary—Tammy Powell

JOHN ETHERIDGE SINGING (IN MEMORIAL TO WINSTON JONES AND DOSS BRYAN)

**Valley Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Opp, Alabama
Sunday, July 24, 2011**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Valley Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Opp, Alabama, was held on the fourth Sunday in July. Song selections are from the B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision. The class was called to order by Wayne Jones leading 32t and 49t. The opening prayer was offered by Bill Aplin. Tim Jones led 384 and 120. The introductory lesson was conducted by Ken Kelley leading 36b, 466, and 522.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 392; Blake Sisemore 98; Loyd Ivey 463; Lelon Phillips 397; Nate Green and Norma Green 41; John Brownell 571.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Wayne Jones; Vice Chairman—Tim Jones; Secretary—Barbara Jones.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Wayne Jones leading 59. Leaders: Scott Ivey 544; Sarah Kahre 203; Bill Hogan 86; Judy Caudle 478; Sue Bunch 444t; Billy Kelley 497; Ernest Cockcroft 553; Brian Kelley 112.

RECESS

Tim Jones called the class back to order leading 424. Leaders: Mary Whitehurst 300; Morgan Bunch 324; Eva Padgett 47b; Larry Shaw 99; Frank Strickland 76b.

At this time, Wayne Jones made remarks about the history of the singing, and Mike Jones led 105b and 395t in memory of Doss Bryan. Tim Jones led 283t in memory of his father, Winston Jones. Rodney Ivey led 552 in memory of John Etheridge.

Wayne Jones led 513t to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Bill Aplin 436b; Joe Nall 218; Michael Jones 282; Kramer Klein 106.

Wayne Jones led 369. Tommie Spurlock offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with the class singing 96. Leaders: Wayne Jones, Connor Tillman, and Avery Tillman 464; Edd Bass 309; Mike Jones 543; Learvene Bass 108t; Adrian Nall 393t; Voncile Nall 507b; Ken Sundberg 42; Sam Schofield 401; Stanley Smith 156; Janet King 82; Tommie Spurlock 577; Loretta Jones 380t; Susan Cheronas 40; Lloyd Jones 45t; Chip Westbrook 336b; Linda Westbrook 229, 465; Claude Nall 572; Jewell Rowland 143.

RECESS

Tim Jones led 63 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 567; Loyd Ivey 505; Nate Green and Norma Green 418; Sarah Kahre 410; Bill Hogan 142; Judy Caudle 515; Sue Bunch 148; Ken Kelley 404; Kramer Klein 168.

Announcements were made. Tim Jones led 95b as the closing song. Ernest Cockcroft offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Wayne Jones; Vice Chairman—Tim Jones; Secretary—Barbara Jones

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SACRED HARP SINGING
Northeast Alabama Community College, Rainsville, Alabama
Saturday, July 30, 2011

The 31st annual Young People's Sacred Harp Association met on Saturday before the first fifth Sunday after the fourth of July at Northeast Alabama Community College, Rainsville, Alabama. The class was called to order by Blake Sisemore leading 52t. John Bahler offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Blake Sisemore 37b; Cheyenne Ivey 56t; Scott Ivey 81t; Jeannette DePoy 67; Ed Thacker 532; Nate Green and Norma Green 373; Michael Mosley 208; Dennis George 383; Stuart Ivey and Courtney Miller 63.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cheyenne Ivey; Vice Chairman—Scott Ivey; Secretary—Kelsey Sunderland; Arranging Committee—Stuart Ivey, Macy Crawford, and Paula Oliver; Finance Committee—Kelly Kennedy, Christopher Mann, and Kim Bahmer; Resolutions Committee—Nathan Rees, Holly Mixon, and Molly Ellis; Chaplains—John Bahler and John Kelso; Locating Committee—Richard Ivey, Blake Sisemore, and Tom George.

Leaders: Cheyenne Ivey 76b; Brad Bahler 32t; Kelsey Sunderland 313t; John Kelso 470; Christopher Mann 77t; Lela Crowder 138b; Henry Johnson 138t; Erica Hinton 82t.

RECESS

Macy Crawford led 178 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Kramer Klein 105; Karen Rollins and Barry Rollins 268; Tom George 232; Judy Caudle 176t; Ben Copenhaver 491; Scott DePoy 277; Rebekah Gilmore 411; Karen Bahler 276; John Plunkett 354t; Kelly Kennedy 501; Daniel Hunter 312t; J.L. Hopper 187; Sarah Trumbore 376; Delone Cobbs 73t; Susan Harcrow and David Ivey 172.

RECESS

Paula Oliver brought the class back to order by leading 40. Leaders: Allison Whitener 131b; Jonathon Smith 57; Pat Temple 33t; Gerry Hoffman 192; Jessa Cheronos 299; Joyce Walton 392; Nathan Berry 222; Loyd Ivey 389; Ben Cocchiaro 327; Louis Hughes 403; Molly Ellis 47t; Karen Freund 442; Brian How 183; Kim Bahmer 475; Holly Mixon 142; Steve Kick 279; Robert Kelley 121; Susan Cheronos 107; Mark Godfrey 163t; Michael Thompson 207. John Kelso offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Cheyenne Ivey, Jessa Cheronos, and Holly Mixon leading 101t. Leaders: Elene Stovall and Gresham Davis 200; Alex Makris 568; Blake Sisemore, Reba Windom, and Betty Shepherd 216; Bethany Towne 173; Richard Ivey 182; Lynne deBenedette, Karen Freund, and Rodney Ivey 300; Leigh Cooper 209; Darrell Swarens 341 (in memory of Bob Meek); Karen Ivey and Holly Mixon 217; Robert Chambless 49t (for Dr. Juliette Haynes); J.R. Hardman 335; Angela Myers 270; Grace Gilmore 542; Caleb Dillehay 456; Mary Elizabeth O'Neal 344; Stephanie Fida 229; Kendra Strickland 33b; John Bahler 448t; Melissa Kelley 114. The class went into a business session for the purpose of hearing reports from the committees. The Finance Committee reported that expenses were exceeded, and remaining funds would be deposited for future use.

The Resolutions Committee submitted the following report: As the Young People's Convention, we resolve to thank God for the privilege and freedom to meet here today. We want to thank the many officers and individuals who made this event possible. We thank Northeast Alabama Community College for their hospitality and the use of their facilities. We thank older people, who have passed down this

tradition and inspired us with their voices and hearts. We resolve, as young people, to strive to be worthy in following their examples, and seek the old paths. We thank David Ivey and Susan Harcrow for being the first officers of the Young People's Convention in 1981. Let us remember the survivors of the Alabama tornadoes. Be it resolved, that we meet again in 2012 on Saturday before the first fifth Sunday after the fourth of July.

The Locating Committee reported that the 32nd annual Young People's Sacred Harp Association will meet with the singers in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in July, 2012. Kim Bahmer spoke on behalf of the Minnesota singers, and invited everyone to attend. The business session was closed.

Blake Sisemore led 72b to bring the class back to order. Dr. David Campbell, President of Northeast Alabama Community College, addressed the class, and welcomed everyone.

Leaders: Annaliza Cull 155; Matt Hinton 460; William Gilman 117; Peter Trumbore 39t; B.M. Smith 99; Mary Wright 421; Judy Chambless 540; Philip Gilmore 29t; Phil Summerlin 146; Coy Ivey 384.

The Secretary reported that the class sang 86 songs led by 90 leaders from 16 states. Announcements were made.

Cheyenne Ivey, Scott Ivey, and Kelsey Sunderland led 267 as the closing song. John Bahler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cheyenne Ivey; Vice Chairman—Scott Ivey; Secretary—Kelsey Sunderland

EUGENE SINGING

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Eugene, Oregon Saturday, July 30, 2011

The 14th annual Eugene Singing was held in the sanctuary of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on the last Saturday of July. Jean Murphy called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 171. John Dinsmore offered the invocation.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Jean Murphy; Secretary/Treasurer—Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey; Arranging Committee—Steve Helwig; Memorial Committee—Dave Tobin; Chaplain—John Dinsmore.

Leaders: Steve Helwig 37b; Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey 170; Karen Stingle 114; Tom Payne 146; Rachel Foster 84; Martha Sherwood 53; Marla Elliott 503; Jennifer Russell 229; Kate Fine 442; Dave Tobin 122; Gosia Perycz 288; Jane Grant 277; Steve Cackley 161; Anna Stoerch 142; John Dinsmore 479; Fran Ross 497; Mary Ditson 455; David Kreiss-Tomkins 49b; Anne Huckins 163b; Meg Larson 147b; Martha Johnson 532.

RECESS

Steve Helwig brought the class back to order by leading 82b. Leaders: Audrey Karabinus 542; Susan Helf 112; Erik Schwab 391; Justyna Orlikowska 300; Gary Plouff 101b; Karen Willard 197; Dorothy Robinson 34b; David Landazuri 59; Scott Kennedy 86; Reed Schilbach 318; Nell Whitman 107; Clarissa Fetrow 206; Cornelia Stanton 473.

Dave Tobin conducted the memorial lesson. Karen Stingle led 549 in memory of the following deceased: Lynda Czajkowska-Thompson, Todd Leam, Wally Jones, Sue Hinger, Sunny McHale, Betty Moomaw, Mary Hendra Fouch, Demetrius Jones, Alexander Lucas Lofton, Amy Winehouse, Lillian Lea, Stanley Johnson, Harry Brendle, John Leuck, Paul Prenskey, Warren Argo, Kathryn Gough, Dorothy Jean Kuhlmeier, and Jack Pearson.

John Dinsmore offered a prayer for the sick and shut-ins. Those remembered were Renee Karabinus, Ruby Karabinus, Diane Karabinus, Robert Karabinus, Mary

Bullock Johnson, Jean Williams, Heidi Lahey, Mona Linstromberg, Linda Liang, Pat Gration, Mary Jacobson, Jessica Hahn, Phyllis Quigley, Mamie Sommers, and Joan Bray. The memorial lesson was concluded.

Leaders: Tom Farhbach 133; Marcia Stedman 351; Kathy Vlach 45t; David Wright 88t; Jack Lofton 456; Jean Murphy 384; Steve Cackley 359; John Dinsmore 344. Chaplain John Dinsmore asked a blessing on the food.

LUNCH

David Wright brought the afternoon session to order leading 85. Leaders: Steve Helwig 550; Mary Ditson 312b; Melissa Stephenson 361; Erik Schwab 411; Martha Johnson 480; Karen Willard 528; Justyna Orlikowska 148; Thom Fahrbach 304; David Landazuri 350; Gosia Perycz 269; Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey 474; Carmen Doerge 235; Marla Elliott 504; Matthew Rasmussen 46t; Tom Payne 282; Jennifer Russell 154; Kate Fine 106; Karen Stingle 236; Reed Schilbach 501; Vicki Morgan 472; Anne Huckins 313b.

RECESS

Fran Ross brought the class back together by leading 569b. Leaders: Anna Stoerch 354t; Nell Whitman 209; Meg Larson 452; Audrey Karabinus 369; David Wright 173; Gary Plouff 328; Jack Lofton 168; Marcia Stedman 547; David Kreiss-Tomkins 276; Kathy Vlach 213b; Dorothy Robinson 481; Connie Stanton 454; Scott Kennedy 347; Susan Helf 270; Clarissa Fetrow 203; Dave Tobin 410.

Reports from Committees were given. Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey announced that 44 were registered for the singing, and 82 songs were sung. She reported that the expenses of the singing were met. Kathy Vlach offered the resolutions report, thanking everyone who helped make the singing a success. David Kreiss-Tomkins of Sitka, Alaska, won the coveted flamingo croquet trophy.

Jean Murphy led 155 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.
Chairperson—Jean Murphy; Secretary—Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey

MAINE ALL-DAY SINGING 1840 Old Town House, Union, Maine Saturday, July 30, 2011

The 9th annual Maine All-Day Singing was held at the Union Town House in Union, Maine, on Saturday before the last Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Peter Golden leading 31b. The opening prayer was offered by Corrone Bryant.

Leaders: Chris Holley 371; Edith Berger 290; Terry Ryan 148; Elizabeth Stoddard 141; Hal Booth 287; Pleasance Crawford 424; Robin Honaker 59; Robert Stoddard 283; Patricia Callahan 477; Ian Ludders 298; Liz Cantrell 318; Chuck Crawford 106; Bobbie Goodell 42; Corrone Bryant 73b; Masti-Denise Mayrand 82t; Leonard Spencer 250; Barbara Swetman 35; Ian Quinn 68t; Chuck Micciche 79; Mary Skidmore 27; Somen Goodman 47b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Peter Golden; Vice Chairman—Chris Holley; Treasurer—Corrone Bryant; Secretary—Patricia Callahan.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Robert Stoddard leading 277. Leaders: Al McCready 155; Philippa Stoddard 391; Ron Bornick 178; Peter Golden 68b; Scott Luscombe 430; Ines Lüttgen 339; Tom Malone 560.

Liz Cantrell and Chuck Micciche conducted the memorial lesson. Chuck Micciche led 474 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Mary Farrell, Cheryl Stroud, Ruth Ann Bryant, Joanne Sniegowski, Michelle Wallace, John Merritt, Travis

Keeton, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Shelbie Sheppard, John Pratt, Kate Kleber, and Jean Ayotte.

Liz Cantrell spoke, and led 146 in remembrance of the following deceased: Pam Mount—Maine; Joanne Bowman—Massachusetts; Amy Ayotte—California and Massachusetts; Phyllis Bruce and Jeannette McCready—Connecticut; Dennis Murphy—Vermont; Eunice Luscombe—New Hampshire; George Seiler and Virginia Luscombe—New York; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Tybele Frankel—Ohio; Ernestine Pipkin and Billy Williams—Alabama; George Jones—Texas; Mary Florence Smith—Georgia; Barbara Stoddard—North Carolina; Joyce Anderson—Wisconsin; Chris Compston—Washington; Anna Sigut—Switzerland. Corrone Bryant closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Joanne Fuller 65; James Page 168; Liz Meitzler 142; Bill Beverly 191; Lauren Bock 411; Greg Mulkern 196; Margaret Bornick 192; Dan Hertzler 484; Michael Walker 227; Martha Beverly 532; Aldo Ceresa 556; Mary Jo Shafer 335; Bill Holt 550. Aine Uí Chealleigh sang *ár nAthair* (The Lord's Prayer) in Irish, as a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Chris Holley called the class back together leading 111b. Leaders: Ines Lüttgen 230; Ron Bornick 454; Pleasance Crawford 91; Somen Goodman 269; Bobbie Goodell 496; Robert Stoddard 362; Liz Meitzler 55; Michael Walker 436; Martha Beverly 546; Tom Malone 195; Lauren Bock 434; Bill Beverly 547; Elizabeth Stoddard 564; Ian Quinn 75; Aldo Ceresa 218; Joanne Fuller 439; Greg Mulkern 500; Liz Cantrell 538; James Page 254; Philippa Stoddard 455; Scott Luscombe 506; Patricia Callahan 383; Ian Ludders 396; Mary Jo Shafer 225; Corrone Bryant 523.

A business session was held, and Kathe Pilobosian was elected as the chairperson for the 10th annual Maine All-Day Singing to be held in 2012. Leonard Spencer gave a short description of the history of Moxie, a tonic or soda, created in 1876 by Dr. Augustin Thompson in Union, Maine.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Bobbie Goodell leading 40. Leaders: Terry Ryan 193; Barbara Swetman 448; Bruce Voyles 236; Mary Skidmore 352; Al McCready 282; Margaret Bornick 448; Leonard Spencer 320; Dan Hertzler 490; Bill Holt 384; Peter Golden 425; Masti-Denise Mayrand 73; Chuck Crawford 288; Robin Honaker 63; Edith Berger 270; Hal Booth 198; Michael Walker and family 72b.

Announcements were made. The Treasurer reported that all expenses had been met. The Arranging Committee, Elizabeth Stoddard and Terry Ryan, reported that 72 singers from 12 states, and 3 countries (including 2 provinces of Canada) were registered. Eighty-eight lessons were led by 42 singers.

Peter Golden led 62 as the closing song. Corrone Bryant offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Peter Golden; Vice Chairman—Chris Holley; Treasurer—Corrone Bryant; Secretary—Patricia Callahan

MARILOU AND DON JOLLY MEMORIAL

Poway, California
Saturday, July 30, 2011

Jerry Schreiber opened the 15th annual Marilou and Don Jolly Memorial singing leading 34b. Midge Harder offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was called, and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Susanna Ball; Vice Chairman—Carroll Lunsford;

Secretary—Mary Linn Bergstrom; Chaplain—Midge Harder; Arranging Committee—Carla Smith; Resolutions—Jerry Schreiber and Rick Russell. Leaders: Susanna Ball 148; Carroll Lunsford 489; Mary Linn Bergstrom 203; Midge Harder 68b; Rick Russell 479; Anitra Kaye 515; Linda Booth 198; Mimi Wright 31t; Bruce Hayes 280; Judy Getrich 99; Ron Huss 157; Pat Keating 179; Karen Huss 454; Linda Selph 315; Laura Boyd Russell 140; Jeri Segal 335.

RECESS

Carroll Lunsford brought the class back to order leading 111t. Leaders: Carri Grindon 48b; Jeff Begley 106; Al Grindon 49b; Sean Conway 410t; Carla Smith 410b; Jerry Schreiber 254; Susanna Ball 178; Carroll Lunsford 460; Kellyn Sanderson 384; Robyn Hansen 319; Mary Linn Bergstrom 497; Midge Harder 532; Anitra Kaye 129; Rick Russell 349; Mimi Wright 39t; Linda Booth 196; Judy Getrich 312b.

RECESS

Carroll Lunsford led 176t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Pat Keating 215; Linda Selph 452; Bruce Hayes 250; Jeff Begley 27; Ron Huss 40. Midge Harder offered a blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Sean Conway leading 225t. Leaders: Ron Huss 236; Laura Boyd Russell 224; Linda Domholt 47b; Carri Grindon 58; Margie Neal 192; Susan Scott 159; Stephen O'Leary 56b; Al Grindon 171; Jeri Segal 128; Sean Conway 163b; Jerry Schreiber 362; Rick Russell 200; Linda Selph 475; Ron Huss 38t; Linda Booth 112; Pat Keating 313b; Robyn Hansen 162; Anitra Kaye 480; Bruce Hayes 320; Jeff Begley 504.

RECESS

Carroll Lunsford brought the class back to order by leading 303. Leaders: Pearl Marshall 282; Susanna Ball 300; Mary Linn Bergstrom 556; Judy Getrich 270; Carroll Lunsford 390; Midge Harder 77t; Mimi Wright 37b; Karen Huss 535; Susan Willis-Powers 501; Laura Boyd Russell 327; Carri Grindon 122; Jeri Segal 448t; Susan Scott 107.

RECESS

Carroll Lunsford brought the class back to order leading 294. Leaders: Linda Domholt 268; Margie Neal 406; Lisa Klopp 63; Stephen O'Leary 89; Sean Conway 86.

A business meeting was held. Announcements and resolutions were presented. Susanna Ball and Carroll Lunsford led 62 as the closing song. Midge Harder offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Susanna Ball; Vice Chairman—Carroll Lunsford; Secretary—Mary Linn Bergstrom

LACY MEMORIAL SINGING Fuller Cemetery, Ider, Alabama Sunday, July 31, 2011

The annual Lacy Memorial Sacred Harp singing held on the first firth Sunday following the 4th of July was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Reba Windom leading 32t and 57. The morning prayer was offered by Shane Wootten.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-chairmen—Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd; Secretary—Donna Wootten; Arranging Committee—Elene Stovall.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 47t; Betty Shepherd 101t; Amy Smith and Loretta Smith 348b; Loyd Ivey 201; Pat Temple 195; Robert Chambless 30t; Margie Smith 317; Phil Summerlin 411; Mary Wright 328; Cecil Roberts 37b; Marty Wootten 107; Kelly

Kennedy 455; Ed Thacker 269; Nate Green and Norma Green 471; Darrell Swarens 189 (in memory of Bob Meek); Daniel Hunter 316; Mary Ruth Stiefel 203; Buell Cobb and Tat Bailey 436; Elene Stovall 192 (for Bud Oliver, Travis Keeton, and Julietta Haynes).

RECESS

Shane Wootten led 318 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Louis Hughes 512; Lela Crowder 166; Steven Kick 319; Molly Ellis 282; Robert Kelley 488; Macy Crawford 448t; Jessa Cheronos 299; Holly Mixon 196; Anna Hinton 300; Annaliza Cull 268; Scott DePoy 457 (for Barbara DePoy); Paula Oliver 430; Reba Windom and Rodney Ivey 30b (in memory of Noah Lacy).

RECESS

Loyd Ivey and Deborah Morton led 454 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Matt Hinton 472; Jeannette DePoy and Holly Mixon 142; Jeff Sheppard and Pam Nunn 224; Stephanie Fida 306; Melissa Kelley 271t; Peter Trumbore 105; Erica Hinton 97; Mark Godfrey 39b; Bethany Towne 560; Ben Copenhaver 473; Gerry Hoffman 314; Sarah Trumbore 410t; Brian How 143; Leigh Cooper 440; Jamey Wootten 426t; Michael Thompson 426b; Judy Chambless 527. Phil Summerlin offered the blessing before the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd leading 155. Leaders: David Ivey 505; Mary Elizabeth O'Neal 551; Michael Mosley 475; Kim Bahmer 270; The Lacy Family-Reba Windom, Betty Shepherd, Kathy James, Lilly Brandon, Robert Brandon, Daniel Morton, Garrett Morton, Angie Collier, Josh Collier, Lacy Collier, and Deborah Morton 159; John Kelso 397; Karen Freund 77t (in memory of Jerry Enright); Nathan Berry 564; Joan Aldridge 546; William Gilman 480; Joyce Walton 67; Lynne deBenedette 542; Cheyenne Ivey and Kayden Killian 182; Ben Cocchiaro 112; Kelsey Sunderland 110; Kramer Klein 312b; Angela Myers 442; Jonathon Smith 215; Kendra Strickland 47b; Nathan Rees and Blake Sisemore 380; Susan Harcrow and Maci Gouvitsa 354b; B.M. Smith 448b; Michele Cull 163b; John Plunkett 297; Tom George and Dennis George 507; Scott Ivey and Tony Ivey 528; Henry Johnson 439; Richard Ivey and Karen Ivey 500; Rodney Ivey 123b (for S.T. Reed); Eloise Wootten 441; Donna Wootten 56t; Rodney Ivey and Hobert Ivey 569b (for Betty Wright); Joyce Whittington 36b; Coy Ivey and Macy Crawford 465 (CB); Susan Cheronos 63; Betty Shepherd and Reba Windom 216. Announcements were made. Reba Windom led 146 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Tony Ivey, and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairmen—Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd; Secretary—Donna Wootten

D. H. MANSFIELD AMERICAN VOCALIST SINGING **1840 Old Town House, Union, Maine** **Sunday, July 31, 2011**

Aldo Ceresa welcomed singers to the 2nd annual singing from D.H. Mansfield's *The American Vocalist* and *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. He called the class to order leading 39t (AV). Joanne Fuller offered the opening prayer.

Aldo then gave a short introduction to the *American Vocalist*, and led 12 (AV).

Leaders: Peter Golden 6 (AV); Terry Ryan 96t (AV); Elizabeth Stoddard 86 (AV); Leonard Spencer 7t (AV); Pleasance Crawford 32 (AV); Dan Hertzler 52b (AV); Pat Callahan 70b (AV); Sumner Roberts 70t (AV); Bobbie Goodell 17b (AV); Chris Holley 53 (AV); Philippa Stoddard 4 (AV); Ian Quinn 59 (AV); Joanne Fuller 45b (AV); Al McCready 8 (AV).

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Aldo Ceresa; Treasurer—Michael Walker; Secretary—Peter Golden.

RECESS

Aldo Ceresa called the class back to order leading 155. Leaders: Liz Cantrell 33t (AV); Chuck Micciche 68 (AV); Masti-Denise Mayrand 23t (AV); Corrone Bryant 46 (AV); James Page 25 (AV); Robert Stoddard 42 (AV); Michael Walker 96b (AV); Mary Skidmore 27 (AV); Greg Mulkern 13 (AV); Martha Beverly 21 (AV); Scott Luscombe 10 (AV); Lauren Bock 31b (AV); Bill Beverly 14b (AV); Barbara Swetman 64 (AV); Corrone Bryant 18 (AV); Barb Ames offered the blessing for the meal.

LUNCH

Greg Mulkern called the class back to order leading 34b. Leaders: Pat Callahan 2b (AV); Mary Jo Shafer 163b; Joanne Fuller 76b (AV); Al McCready 87b (AV); Sumner Roberts 89 (AV); Ian Quinn 26t (AV); Leonard Spencer 34 (AV); Chris Holley 61b (AV); Pleasance Crawford 3 (AV); Peter Golden 5 (AV); Dan Hertzler 47b (AV); Bobbie Goodell 45t (AV); Aldo Ceresa 81b (AV); Terry Ryan 37 (AV); James Page 2t (AV); Mary Skidmore 81t (AV); Martha Beverly 44 (AV); Michael Walker 61t (AV), 24 (AV); Scott Luscombe 90t (AV); Bill Bradley 78b (AV); Barbara Swetman 90b (AV); Greg Mulkern 11b (AV);

RECESS

Ian Quinn called the class back to order leading 88t (AV); Leaders: Lauren Bock 80t (AV); Liz Cantrell 216; Chuck Micciche 26b (AV); Bill Beverly 86; James Page 38 (AV); Scott Luscombe 57t (AV); Martha Beverly 16 (AV); Barbara Swetman 50 (AV). Aldo Ceresa recognized Ian Quinn, Peter Golden, and Chris Holley for their special contributions to the Mansfield singing, and the American Vocalist songbook project by presenting them with copies of several old songbooks.

Aldo Ceresa led 78t (AV) as the closing song. Michael Walker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Aldo Ceresa; Secretary—Peter Golden

MOON AND GUTHRIE MEMORIAL SINGING **Liberty Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Alabama** **Sunday, July 31, 2011**

The memorial Sacred Harp singing held on the third fifth Sunday of each year at Liberty Church, Sumiton, Alabama, was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 48t. Elder Ronald Gilmore offered the morning prayer. Velton Chafin led 32t.

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

Leaders: Velton Chafin 42; Richard Mauldin 235 (for Travis Keeton), 43 (for Josie Hyde); Hazel Gilmore and Ronald Gilmore 111b, 457, 276; Eugene Forbes 317, 39b, 155; Kermit Adams 335, 428; Ann Jett and Harrison Creel 30t, 512, 498 (for Willodean Barton); Ottis Sides 480, 61; Velton Chafin 54.

RECESS

Velton Chafin led 268 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Lisa Geist and Steve Adams 309, 378t; Bea Carnathan and Teresa Blake 204, 145t, 80b (for Julietta Haynes and Judy Chambless); Wanda Capps 217, 546, 203; Yancey Jett 127 (for Lucy Allen), 89, 440; Linda Sides 270 (for Bud and Sammie Oliver), 225t; Lisa Geist 179 (for Travis Keeton, Willodean Barton, Clarence McCool, Sharon Springer, and Kay Olson), 472. Marlin Beasley offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Velton Chafin leading 144, and he made a short talk about John Hocutt. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 400 (for Travis Keeton), 460 (for Willodean Barton and Cecil Sanders); Amber Davis and Claire Davis 349 (for Clarence McCool), 224; Chris Ballinger 178, 426t, 347; Beth Branscome 128, 50b;

Larry Ballinger 113, 98; Glenn Keeton, Isabella Keeton, and Matthew Keeton 108t, 183, 86; Emily Bureson 391, 475, 340 (for Travis Keeton); Hubert Nall 168, 186; Butch White 503, 34b; Brenda Chafin 192 (for Julietta Haynes), 436 (for Ozella Blackmon), 442.

After announcements, Velton Chafin and Harrison Creel led 521 as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

CHATTAHOOCHEE CONVENTION

Wilson's Chapel, Carrollton, Georgia

August 6-7, 2011

Saturday, August 6

The 159th session of the Chattahoochee Convention was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in August at Wilson's Chapel, near Carrollton, Georgia. John Plunkett brought the class to order by leading 52t. Matt Hinton offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Sheri Taylor 142; Donna Duke 209; Matt Hinton 31t; Robert Kelley 159; Molly Ellis 188; Aldo Ceresa 56t; Michael Walker 205; Jeannette DePoy 387; Nathan Rees 93; Helen Bryson 454; Robert Chambless 145b; Jonathan Smith 298; Joyce Walton 428; Hayden Arp 456; John Kelso 24b; Charlene Wallace 349; Stephanie Fida 485.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class to order by leading 175. A business session was called to order. The following officers were elected for the 2011 session: Chairman—Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman—Aldo Ceresa; Secretary—Donna Duke; Chaplain—Blake Sisemore; Arranging Committee—Robert Kelley and Laura Frey; Finance Committee—Rachel Rudi and John Kelso; Resolutions Committee—Deidra Montgomery and Michael Walker; Memorial Committee—Jeannette DePoy, Henry Johnson, and Oscar McGuire.

Leaders: Dan Brittain 399b; Judy Chambless 146; Phillip Langley 430; Laura Frey 503; Ed Thacker 498; Andy Morse 455; Amy Armstrong 40; Wendy Futral 491; Mike Spencer 382; Darrell Swarens 81t; Ellen Lea 195; Mike Hawkins 29t; Scott Ivey 182; Rachel Speer 187; Natalia Cecive 37b; Leigh Cooper 432; Bryan Black 362; Buck Lea 562; Jenna Strizak 138b; Karen Rollins 406; Earlis McGraw 284; Charles Woods 283; Oscar McGuire 573; Sandra Whittle 549; Kelly Kennedy 532; Faye Hollis 299; Jenna Frey 445; Eli Hinton 268; Scott DePoy 74b; Henry Johnson 418; Eddie Mash 321; James Baumgartner 217.

LUNCH

Lori Goode and Mary Elizabeth Goode bought the class to order leading 358.

Leaders: Oliver Kindig-Stokes 197; Sarah Kahre 335; Richard Ivey 564; Blake Sisemore 411; Rachel Rudi 460; Doron Henkin 192; Taylor Rambo 272; Dean Jens 174; Reba Windom 168; Richard DeLong 522; Michael Mosley 214; John Cole "Wilson Chapel"; Sheila Brassel 282; Michael Thompson 512; Deidra Montgomery 470; Tony Hammock 102; Kathy Smith 47b; George Burnette 101t; Mark Godfrey 542; Mark Plunkett 112; Jeff Gauthier 35; Alan Lambert 35; Sonia Chin 42; Kramer Klein 67.

RECESS

Sheri Taylor and Laura Frey led 178 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Kiri Miller 442; Ian Quinn 224; B.M. Smith 225t; Dave Farmer 267; Catherine Grisso 108b; Dean Jens and Rachel Speer 278t; Richard Ivey and Scott Ivey 422; Stephanie Fida and Darrell Swarens 341; Ed Thacker and Henry Johnson 472; Jonathan Smith and

Wendy Futral 36b; Eric Saylor 551; Gene Duke 421; Kramer Klein 274t; Kathy Williams 108t; Sheila Brassel 535; Sonia Chin 451; Doron Henkin 53; Deidra Montgomery 303; Michael Mosley 348b; Kiri Miller and James Baumgartner 39t; Kelly Kennedy 380; Sarah Kahre 117; Jeff Gauthier 124; Caroline Byrd 107. Sheri Taylor and Aldo Ceresa led 323t as the closing song. Blake Sisemore closed the Saturday session with prayer.

Sunday, August 7

The Sunday session of the Chattahoochee Convention was brought to order by Sheri Taylor leading 37b and 110. Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 52b; Robert Kelley 92; John Kelso 377; Rachel Rudi 500; Deidre Montgomery 131t; Michael Walker 447; Blake Sisemore 550; Jeannette DePoy 196; Oscar McGuire 344; Henry Johnson 523; Matt Hinton 65; Leigh Cooper 74b; Ellen Lea 216; Mark Godfrey 163b; Bill Hollingsworth 91; Jack Nelson 480; Malinda Snow 569t; Lela Crowder 82t.

RECESS

Sheri Taylor, Laura Frey, and Lisa Webb called the class to order by leading 566.

Leaders: Stanly Edwards 329; Buck Lea 367; Sandra Wilkinson 177.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jeannette DePoy, Henry Johnson, and Oscar McGuire. Jeannette read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: John Merritt, Lonnie Rogers, S.T. Reed, Bud Oliver, Dr. Julietta Haynes, Travis Keeton, Violet Thomason, Hillary Gravendyk, Erica Hinton, Rose Watson, Raymond Hamrick, Nick Griffin, and Carlene Griffin. Scott DePoy led 472.

Henry Johnson spoke and read the following list of names of the deceased: Bobby Cole, Mary Cole, Sammy Harlan, George Holland, and Mary Florence Smith—Georgia; Frances Ceresa—Michigan; Corine Lacy and Ernestine Pipkin—Alabama; Jeanette McCready—Connecticut; Tom Maher—Pennsylvania; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Roy Morse—North Carolina; Van Scott—Virginia; George Seiler—New York. Oscar McGuire led 411. John Hollingsworth closed the memorial session with prayer.

Leaders: John Hollingsworth 466; Christian Webb 25; Jenna Frey 445; Harry Eskew 128; Caroline Byrd 496; Molly Ellis 477; Richard DeLong 410t; Eric Saylor 354b; Sonia Chin 228; Sheila Brassel 66; Doron Henkin 105; Sarah Kahre 203; James Baumgartner 547; Scott DePoy 274t; Kelly Kennedy 481; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 285t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Oliver Kindig-Stokes leading 145t.

Leaders: Kramer Klein 208; Kathy Williams 506; Joyce Walton 570; Jenna Harmon 183; Michael Thompson 436; Dennis Lea 32t; Reba Windom 546; John Plunkett 558; Henry Johnson 390; Rachel Rudi 392; Jeff Gauthier 384; Gene Duke 319; Kiri Miller 385b; Charlene Wallace 129; Ian Quinn 182; Lori Goode 137; Jackson Harcrow 507; Lisa Webb 300; James Baumgartner 501; Lori Goode and Mary Elizabeth Goode 345t; Sheila Brassel 63; Doron Henkin 370; Sarah Kahre 330b; Sonia Chin 400; Caroline Byrd 154.

RECESS

Sheri Taylor, Laura Frey, Lisa Webb, Jenna Frey, and Christian Webb called the class together by leading 358. Leaders: Michael Mosley 434; Kathy Williams 532; Kelly Kennedy 441; Molly Scott 361; Stanly Edwards 283; Eric Saylor 84; Kramer Klein 324; Jeff Gauthier 486; Ian Quinn 76b; Jenna Harmon 457.

On motion and second, the convention went into a business session for the purpose of hearing committee reports. John Kelso, of the Finance Committee, reported that all expenses of the convention were met.

Deidre Montgomery and Michael Walker offered the following resolution: “We, the committee on resolutions, make the following report and recommendation: First, be it resolved, that members of this Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Musical Convention give humble thanks to the Creator for the blessings of life, friends, family, and Sacred Harp singing. Second, be it further resolved, that we, the members recall with gratitude the generations of singers, leaders, and composers who have handed this music down to the present day. Third, be it resolved, that the visitors express an appreciation to the church and to the descendants of the Wilson family for their generous and cordial hospitality, and to those who have graciously housed and fed us for the duration of the singing, as well as put their time and love into preparing an abundant and delicious dinner over the two days of singing. Fourth, be it resolved, that we thank the officers, the committees, and the keyers for their effort and their service to the singing. Finally, be it resolved, that we meet again the first Sunday and Saturday before in August, 2012, for the 160th Chattahoochee Convention. A motion was made and carried that the reports be accepted as read, and added to the minutes. Announcements were made.

Sheri Taylor and Aldo Ceresa led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Blake Sisemore.

Chairman—Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman—Aldo Ceresa; Secretary—Donna Duke

FAYETTE COUNTY CONVENTION Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Fayette, Alabama Sunday, August 7, 2011

The 112th session of the Fayette County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church near Fayette, Alabama, on the first Sunday in August. Chris Ballinger called the class to order by leading 31b. Earl 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—Beth Ballinger; Arranging Committee—Linton Ballinger and Lomax Ballinger.

Leaders: Chris Ballinger 76b; Lomax Ballinger 129, 144; Lisa Geist 280, 269; Buddy Ballinger 354b, 371; Wayne Baines 340, 145b; Teresa Hope 361, 542; Mike Hankins 72b, 410t; Jimmy Ballinger 84, 565; Don Keeton 225t, 498; Betty Baccus 499, 391 (in memory of Helen Langston).

RECESS

Chris Ballinger, Katie Ballinger, and Nicholas Holmes led 31t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 120, 112; Seth Holloway 300, 385b; Stephanie Fida 30b, 276; Nathan Rees 285b, 189; Emily West, Jill Porter, Ella Porter, and Sam West 87, 203; Scott Ivey 73t, 172; Seth Poston 276b, 358; Jarrod Litton and Earl Ballinger 155; Beth Ballinger 442, 168.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Larry Ballinger leading 472 and 528. Leaders: Wendell Rinehart 457, 445; Karen Rollins 327, 227; Darrell Swarens 569b, 341; Nick Kelley, Amelia O’Dell, and Earl Ballinger 108t; Jonathon Smith 326, 142; Sarah Beasley 145b, 129; Buell Cobb 105, 331; Johnny Humber 389, 208. Buddy Ballinger offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Larry Ballinger, Chris Ballinger, Lisa Geist, Katie Ballinger, Lauren Ballinger, and Nicholas Holmes leading 270. Leaders: Hannah Tate 76b, 496; Marlin Beasley 384, 179 (for Travis Keeton); Rachel Speer 26, 564; Richard Mauldin 34b, 446; Glenn Keeton 507 (for Josie Hyde), 349 (for Clarence

McCool); Judy Caudle 518, 321; Eddie Mash 474, 50t; Toney Smith 267; Angela Myers 430; Angela Myers and Scott Ivey 215; Henry Guthery 572, 543; Dean Jens 377, 536; Cecil Roberts 35, 477; Gary Smith 66, 565; Lena Keeton and Glenn Keeton 475; Ken Tate 278t, 114; Andrew Farris 186, 454; James Canterbury 490, 68b; Velton Chafin 138b; Jack Pate 75, 495; Linton Ballinger and Earl Ballinger 421. Announcements were made. Chris Ballinger led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Lisa Geist; Secretary—Beth Ballinger

GENEVA ALL-DAY SINGING **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva, Geneva, Illinois** **Saturday, August 13, 2011**

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 56b. Linda Saxer offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Evelyn Lamb 101t, 48t; Cathryn Bearov 179 (in memory of Dean Slaton), 114; Lincoln Richardson 569b, 313b; Virginia Landgraf 433, 160t; John Seaton 47t, 47b; Terry Hogg 43, 523; Janet Fraembs 284, 480; Lisa Cohen 148, 485; Lori Graber 313t, 113.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ryan Wheeler; Secretary—Jill Muirhead.

RECESS

Gordon Muirhead called the class to order leading 108b. Leaders: Donald Bardsley 91, 475; Michael Appert 448t, 290; Rochelle Lodder 127 (in memory of Paul Streeter), 472 (in honor of her father); James Page 117 (in memory of Dennis Murphy), 297; Jim Helke 71, 48b; Anne Heider 171 (in honor of Ted Mercer), 155; Steve Warner 86 (for folks in pain), 168 (in memory of his mother); Cathryn Bearov 426b, 478; Lincoln Richardson 77b, 503; Virginia Landgraf 385t (in memory of Robert John Landgraf), 447; John Seaton 276, 277. Linda Saxer blessed the noon meal with prayer.

LUNCH

Janice Rotamel called the class to order leading 312b. Leaders: Ann Sleeva 501 (in memory of her father), 45t (in memory of Regina); Terry Hogg 344, 535; Janet Fraembs 532, 49t; Lisa Cohen 504, 84 (in memory of her mother); Lori Graber 57, 142; Donald Bardsley 565, 163b; Michael Appert 288, 49b; Rochelle Lodder 198, 200; Ryan Wheeler 159; James Page 573, 277; Jim Helke 507 (in honor of Josie Hyde).

RECESS

Christian Goy called the class to order leading 36b. Leaders: Anne Heider 163t, 212; Steve Warner 34b, 474; Evelyn Lamb 440, 441; Cathryn Bearov 564; Lincoln Richardson 549; Virginia Landgraf 465; Ann Sleeva 63; Terry Hogg 209; Janet Fraembs 385b; Lisa Cohen 146; Lori Graber 500; Donald Bardsley 496; Michael Appert 384; Rochelle Lodder 511; James Page 231; Jim Helke 196.

Announcements were made. Ryan Wheeler led 323t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Linda Saxer.

Chairman—Ryan Wheeler; Secretary—Jill Muirhead

**EAST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
(COOPER BOOK)
Henderson Civic Center, Henderson, Texas
August 13-14, 2011**

Saturday, August 13

The 156th session of the East Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the new Henderson Civic Center in Henderson, Texas, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in August. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Sam Craig leading 47t. The opening prayer was offered by Gaylon Powell.

Leaders: Sam Craig 31t; Jo Elmore 451; Cheryl Foreman 171; Rick Foreman 268b; Rebecca Short 63; Tim McClain 559; Jackson and Baron Powers 29t; Jane Goforth 393t; Ron Ryan 403; Bill Aplin and Victoria Aplin 106; Eloise Wootten 222; Myrl Jones 142; Robert Gholson 572; Nate Green and Norma Green 84; Erik Mason 96; Wanda Gregg 98; Hubert Nall 503; Robert Handel 544; B.M. Smith 563; Cassie Allen 443b; Dale Redmon, Jr. 540; Joe H. Nall 543.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sam Craig; Vice Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Carole Watts; Memorial Committee—Mike Hinton, Robert Vaughn, and John Morris.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by a warm welcome from Mayor Buzz Fullen and Councilwoman Pat Brack. Announcements were made by Sam Craig.

Leaders: Sam Craig 134; Susan Cheronos 40; Silas Huckaby 421; Crystal Meadows and Mary Beth Powell 522; Ainsley Ross 78; Margie Neal 192; Garrett Powell 128; Judy Caudle 273; Jackson Owen 401; Rodney Ivey 464; Carter Cook 268t; Joan Aldridge 508; Riley Owen 32t; Ron Bernucho and Suzan Bernucho 463; Sarah Huckaby 168; Baron Powers 239; Leon Ballinger 217; Marla Beth Elliott 38b; Anita Buswell 410; Eddie Huckaby 45t. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Stanley Smith.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Sam Craig leading 145t. Leaders: Scott Ivey 380t; Stanley Smith 430; Catherine Rogan 220; Sonny Erwin 488t; Tommie Spurlock 299; Dennis George 133; Gary Rogan 558b; Tammy Powell 137; Tim Jones 120; Kevin Powell 486; Margaret Wright 200; Marlon Wootten 99; Vivian Rogan 146; Billy Huckaby 444; Janie Short 91; Jeb Owen 210; Shane Wootten 567; Mike Hinton 434.

RECESS

Sam Craig led 154b to bring the class to order. Leaders: Liz Owen 155; Karen Rollins 123t; Tom Owen 198; Beverly Coates 416b; Lindsey Wiggins 383; Kyle Hearn 68t; Amanda Bowles 331b; Donald Ross 395t; Gaylon Powell 482; Kris Wiggins 163; Chris Nicholson 264t; Reed Coates 138t; Kristie Powell 411; Ryan Ross 497; Julia Loy 45t; Bruce Coates 264b; Diane Ross and Findley Ross 442t; Michele Rogan 39; Scott Curran 356; Linda Booker 38t. Sam Craig led 225 as the closing song. Robert Vaughn offered the closing prayer.

Saturday Night, August 13

Saturday night a meal of Tex-Mex and good old American chicken was enjoyed by approximately 70 singers at the Henderson Civic Center. After everyone had eaten, the group gathered together and sang from "Harp of Ages." Four new compositions were introduced to the singers. After singing for a couple of hours, some of the group brought out their dulcimers and other folk instruments and finished out the evening with an impromptu jam session. The entire evening was a huge success.

Sunday, August 14

The Sunday session of the East Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Sam Craig leading 283t. The opening prayer was offered by Tom Owen. Leaders: Sam Craig 100; Greg Bowles 54t; Joan Smith 335; John Morris 58; David Rousseau 288; Charlie Soape 44; Cheyenne Ivey and Ainsley Ross 128; Barbara Smith 189; Leon Ballinger 507b; Jane Goforth 501; Karen Rollins 406; Megan Smith 300; Rebecca Short 159; Bill Aplin and Victoria Aplin 514; Myrl Jones 491; Emma Smith 427; Eloise Wootten 511b; Nate Green and Norma Green 498b; Erik Mason 380b; Wanda Gregg 559; Rodney Ivey and Pearl Cantrell 450; Hubert Nall and Rodney Ivey 313.

RECESS

Sam Craig led 503 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Robert Handel 511t; B.M. Smith 73t; Judy Caudle 216; Riley Owen and Ainsley Ross 572; Jeb Owen 68b; Silas Huckaby 388; Shane Wootten and Marlon Wootten 376; Jackson Owen 401; Marla Beth Elliott 89; Joe Nall 30t; Susan Cheronos 392; Margie Neal 434; Crystal Meadows 182; Garrett Powell 85; Stanley Smith 196.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Mike Hinton, Robert Vaughn, and John Morris. Mike Hinton began by reading the names of the sick and homebound. Robert Vaughn led “Rogan”, a song he had written for Zach Rogan, and his family. This is a prayer that he set to shape note music. John Morris led 174 for the other sick and homebound.

Mike Hinton spoke and read the following list of names of the deceased: Wilburn Martin, George Jones, and Edwin Reed—Texas; Ernestine Pipkin and Myrtle Wootten—Alabama; Virginia Cowart—Georgia; Elsie Nall Ancelet—Florida. Robert Vaughn led 496t in their memory, and closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Joan Aldridge 276; Sarah Huckaby 553; Scott Ivey 336t; Tommie Spurlock 574; Sonny Erwin 113. Bruce Coates offered prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Sam Craig leading 270.

Leaders: Tom Owen 309; Gaylon Powell and Kristie Powell 532; Carter Cook 142; Cassie Allen 552; Anita Buswell 323b; Eddie Huckaby 422b; Julia Loy 45t; Chris Nicholson 513t; Catherine Rogan 212; Ron Bernucho and Suzan Bernucho 484b; Dennis George 211; Gary Rogan 453b; Tammy Powell 192; Diane Ross 95b; Vivian Rogan 49t; Janie Short 466; Kevin Powell 183; Mike Hinton 463; Michele Rogan 203; Donald Ross 224; Linda Booker 199; Beverly Coates and Bruce Coates 505; Billy Huckaby 47b; Scott Curran 470; Lindsey Wiggins 222; Amanda Bowles and Greg Bowles 129; Ryan Ross 285t; Reed Coates 42; Burl Russell 164.

The East Texas Sacred Harp Convention was attended by 391 people from eleven states. Ninety-five leaders led 164 songs.

Sam Craig led 528 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

SPECIAL SINGING IN CELEBRATION OF THE MARRIAGE OF LAUREN BOCK AND JESSE KARLSBERG

Newton Highlands Congregational Church, Newton, Massachusetts Sunday, August 14, 2011

The singing was brought to order by Lauren Bock and Jesse Karlsberg leading 30t. Blake Sisemore offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Co-Chairpersons—Lauren Bock and Jesse Karlsberg; Vice Chairman—Aldo Ceresa; Secretaries and Arranging Committee—Kelsey Sunderland and Joanne Fuller; Chaplains—Blake Sisemore and Jean Seiler.

Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 77b; Joanne Fuller 32t; Kelsey Sunderland 82t; Bill Holt 52t; Elizabeth Stoddard 31t; Chuck Micciche 146; Joanne DeVoe 327; Alex Jones 34b; Corey Walters 189; Lauren Hamilton 111b; Yael Tarshish 440; Cristin McMurray 179; James Baumgartner 192; Chris Holley 283; Eileen Willie 318; Laura Keeler 208; Ian McGullam 306; Philippa Stoddard 411; Bobbie Goodell 474; Terry Ryan 193; Allie Mandell 114.

RECESS

Aldo Ceresa called the class back to order leading 106. Leaders: Robert Stoddard 486; Jan-Erik Steel, Allison Steel, and Calum Steel 33b; Neely Bruce 254; Anne Kazlauskas 195; Carol Huang 196; Mary Skidmore 228; Ben Vincent 383; Lilah Anderson and Ben Bath 300.

Aldo Ceresa conducted a short singing school and led 49b.

Jesse Karlsberg led 48t with Robert, Carole, Kevin, and Scott Kunstadt and Yojaira Alvarez. Leaders: John Holbrook 475; Kathe Pilibosian 532. Jean Seiler gave the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jesse Karlsberg brought the class to order leading 392. Leaders: Emma Rose Brown 426b; Oliver Stokes 398; Paula Picton and Lynne deBenedette 215; Jeannette DePoy 542; Diane Mennella 436; Richard Ivey and Nick Kinsey 384; Richard Ivey and Kelsey Sunderland 39b (for Marie Ivey).

The arranging committee recognized Lauren Bock, the bride, to lead as many songs as she wished. Lauren Bock and Shelley Bock 186; Lauren Bock, Aldo Ceresa, Anna Hendrick, Diane Mennella, and Greg Mulkern 182; Lauren Bock, Jesse Karlsberg, Jean Seiler, Joanne and David Fuller, Alex Jones, Aurelie Massimine, Pamela Regan, Mary Skidmore, Claudia Smigelski, and Eileen Willie 217; Lauren Bock, Jesse Karlsberg, Jeannette and Scott DePoy, Richard Ivey, Nathan Rees, and Blake Sisemore 216. The arranging committee then called on Jesse Karlsberg, the groom, to lead as many songs as he wished. Jesse Karlsberg and Neely Bruce 298; Jesse Karlsberg and Aldo Ceresa 550; Jesse Karlsberg and Jean Seiler 480 (for George Seiler); Jesse Karlsberg, Armando Matthew Mastrogiovanni, Ojan Vafai, Carolyn Vega, and Curtis Yee 45t; Jesse Karlsberg, Bernice Karlsberg-Casso, and Harriette Pearlman 472; Jesse, Jarett, Jenna, Mark, and Linda Karlsberg 107; Jesse Karlsberg, Lauren Bock, Ben Bath, Leah Dagen, Lauren Hamilton, and Allie Mandell 46; Jesse Karlsberg and Lauren Bock 234.

RECESS

Kshama Ananthapura brought the class to order leading 203. Leaders: Greg Mulkern 188; Blake Sisemore 507; Deidra Montgomery and Anna Hendrick 227; Scott DePoy 274t; Jean Seiler 492; Nathan Rees and Blake Sisemore 380; Ines Lüttgen and Emily Tocci 38b; Barbara Swetman 484; Al McCready and Stephanie Fida 282; Becky Wright 322; D.J. Hatfield 352; Gillie Campbell and Jean Seiler 68b; Doron Henkin 377; Liz Cantrell 538; Leah Dagen 112; Ben Bath 326; Anna Nowogrodzki 40; Tom Malone 278t; Cory Noel and Aldo Ceresa 187; George Pomfret and Bob Parr 391.

Lauren Bock and Jesse Karlsberg led 62 as the closing song and those who wished took the parting hand. Blake Sisemore gave the closing prayer and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairpersons—Lauren Bock and Jesse Karlsberg; Vice-Chairman—Aldo Ceresa; Secretaries—Kelsey Sunderland and Joanne Fuller

LAMAR AND PICKENS COUNTY CONVENTION

Zion Church, north of Gordo, Alabama

Sunday, August 14, 2011

The 94th session of the Lamar and Pickens County Convention was held at Zion Church, north of Gordo, Alabama, on the second Sunday in August. Amber Davis called the class to order by leading 36b. The morning prayer was offered by Wendell Rinehart.

The class organized by retaining the same officers as follows: Chairman—Amber Davis; Vice Chairman—Clarence McCool; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Wayne Baines.

Leaders: Amber Davis 78 (in memory of Lois Livingston); Richard Mauldin 34b, 66; Wendell Rinehart 31t, 457; Faye Donaldson 406, 282; Jonathan Wood 278t, 384; Lisa Geist 391, 428 (for Clarence McCool); Marlin Beasley 348b, 34t; Betty Baccus 61, 101t; Lisa Geist and Steve Adams 309, 378t; Earline Ellis 358, 349 (for Clarence McCool), 434.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Wayne Baines leading 155 and 87. Leaders: Clarissa Springfield 445, 343; Earl Ballinger 141, 299; Margaret Keeton 298, 456; Chris Ballinger 424, 347; Toney Smith 329, 181; Paula Springfield, Amber Davis, and Claire Davis 472, 389, 192; Gravis Ballinger 168, 91; Larry Ballinger 49t, 425.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Amber Davis leading 535 (for Jewell McCool). Leaders: Seth Poston 275b, 129 (for Travis Keeton); Robert DuPree 569b, 84, 40; Richard Mauldin 72b (for Travis Keeton); Jonathan Wood 163b; Chris Ballinger 178; Wendell Rinehart 68b; Lisa Geist 527; Paula Springfield 297, 96 (CB); Earl Ballinger 187; Faye Donaldson 270; Marlin Beasley 166; Jonathan Wood 549, 162; Gravis Ballinger 411; Steve Adams 179 (for Travis Keeton); Seth Poston 124; Wayne Baines 480 (for all the sick); Amber Davis 477 (for Josie Hyde).

Amber Davis led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Wendell Rinehart, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Amber Davis; Vice Chairman—Clarence McCool; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

ELMORE CENTER SINGING

Elmore Center United Methodist Church, Gordo, Alabama

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

The 167th 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 Jack Pate, who welcomed everyone. The morning prayer was offered by Wendell Rinehart.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Jack Pate; Vice Chairman—Toney Smith; Arranging Committee—Wayne Baines; Secretary—Julia Poston.

Jack Pate led 341 and 348t. Using no leaders the class sang 72b, 108t, 59, 39t, 47t, 47b, 48t, 30t, 31t, 100, 73b, 445, and 75.

RECESS

Toney Smith called the class back to order leading 124 and 135. The class sang 48b, 457, and 235 for Travis Keeton. Leaders: Clint Moss 81t, 535; Eline Elise 294, 334. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Wendell Rinehart.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Jack Pate leading 335. Leaders: Kate Moss 127, 35; Ann Moss 75, 358; Jack Moss 45t; Wendell Rinehart 159; Gary Farley 160b; Tim Reynolds 547, 148; Larry Ballinger 146, 540; Wayne Baines 354b, 168; Toney Smith 61.

Jack Pate invited everyone back next year, and led 46 as the closing song. Gary Farley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jack Pate; Vice Chairman—Toney Smith; Secretary—Julia Poston

CLEBURNE COUNTY CONVENTION

Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, Cleburne County, Alabama Sunday, August 21, 2011

The 122nd session of the Cleburne County Convention was held at Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church near Abernathy in Cleburne County, Alabama, on the third Sunday in August. Cecil Roberts called the class to order by leading 135 from a 1936 edition of *The Sacred Harp* donated to the convention in 1942 by Med and Al Huester in memory of J.W. Laminack. The book was given with explicit instructions that the only time it can be used is for the introductory lesson of the convention.

Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer.

Cecil Roberts led 101t, and then cited a brief history of the convention. Leaders: Donna Bell 335, 426b; Judy Chambless 146, 142; Myrline Redmon 569b, 358; Robert Chambless 317, 84; Leigh Cooper 276, 176b; John Plunkett 467, 55; George Garner 489; Henry Johnson 205, 88t; Charlene Wallace 77t, 101b; Margie Smith 512; Jeff Sheppard 530, 392; Tony Hammock 303, 30b; Eugene Forbes 299, 318.

RECESS

Cecil Roberts brought the class back to order leading 35. Leaders: Lela Crowder 471, 31b; Ed Thacker 432, 475; Reba Windom 213t, 403 (in memory of Milton Oliver); B.M. Smith 225t (for Lonnie Rogers), 222; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 143, 340; J.R. Hardman 99, 183; Rob Kelley 51, 114; Mary Jo Shafer 229, 82t; Evelyn Harris 155, 47t; Ruth Daniel 378t, 127; Marilyn Bradley and Cecil Roberts 58, 59; Nellie Mae White 312t, 45t; Lou Cotney 300, 218; Ann Simpson 354b, 445. Cecil Roberts blessed the noon meal at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing began with Cecil Roberts leading 42. Leaders: Donna Bell 441 (in memory of Mary Florence Smith); Leigh Cooper 76b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Mary Jo Shafer. She read the names of the sick and shut-ins before leading 68b. Those honored were Lonnie Rogers, Nick and Carlene Griffin, Teenie Moody, Shelbie Sheppard, Lucy Garner, Lois Bowman, Marie Ivey, Bud and Sammie Oliver, Dr. Julietta Haynes, and Louis Hughes. Mary Jo Shafer read the names of the deceased. Those remembered were Wayne Morgan, Opelika, Alabama, Mary Florence Smith, and Vernelle Forbes Amason. She led 503 in their memory, and in remembrance of Billy Joe Harris and Dale Harris. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer by Cecil Roberts.

Leaders: Ed Thacker 149; Tony Hammock 69t; J.R. Hardman 40; Robert Chambless 163b; John Plunkett 76t; Eugene Forbes 213b; Reba Windom 56t; Myrline Redmon 341; B.M. Smith 111b; Henry Johnson 425; Jeff Sheppard 39b; Mary Jo Shafer 129; Nellie Mae White, Ruth Daniel, and Evelyn Harris 208.

A business session was held to elect officers for the coming year. The class voted to retain the same officers as follows: Chairman—Stanly Edwards; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless. It was decided that next year's Cleburne County Convention will be held at Edwardsville Baptist Church on the third Sunday in August.

Announcements were made. A request to lead 358 again was made. Cleburne County native and long-time Sacred Harp singer, Hester Edwards, age 92, commented that a lot of singers don't like to sing Murillo's Lesson. Ms Hester stated that every time she heard the song, she had visions of a soldier coming home from war, savoring the peaceful surroundings, as he walked through the valley. Cecil Roberts and Reba Windom led 358 as the closing song. Ed Thacker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Stanly Edwards; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell

BELTON AND EMMA BEASLEY AND PHILLIP LEE III MEMORIAL SACRED HARP SINGING

**Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama
Sunday, August 21, 2011**

The 44th session of the Belton and Emma Beasley and Phillip Lee III Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama, on the third Sunday in August. Richard Mauldin called the class to order leading 72b and 146 (for his sister, Anne Chalker).

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Cora Sweatt; Arranging Committee—Faye Donaldson and Linda Sides.

Danny Creel offered prayer, and then led 385t and 385b. Leaders: Ottis Sides 235, 530; Wendell Rinehart 457, 445; Kermit Adams 89, 147b; Matthew Cook and Richard Mauldin 358 (in memory of Dick Mauldin), 290 (for Travis Keeton); Robert Dupree 569b, 84; Mary Helen Dupree 145b, 145t; Gary Smith 565 (for Willodean Barton), 66; Don Keeton 112, 498; Linda Sides 220, 277.

RECESS

Danny Creel called the class to order leading 167. Leaders: Faye Donaldson 78, 176b; David "Chuck" Beasley and Ruth Nix 33b, 30t; Larry Ballinger 56t, 57; Sarah Beasley 318 (in memory of her mother, Emma Beasley), 274t (in memory of her daddy, Belton Beasley); Glenn Keeton 300, 475; Cora Sweatt and Corissa Sweat 111b (for Harrison Creel), 155; Betty Baccus 61 (in memory of Charlotte Keeton's mother, Wilma Keeton Davis), 168 (in memory of Betty's father, Sim Wakefield); Earl Ballinger 203, 204; Steve Adams 309, 378t. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Marlin Beasley.

LUNCH

Marlin Beasley called the class to order leading 336 and 480. Leaders: Hannah Tate 496; Lisa Geist 546, 120; Velton Chafin 205; Alvin "Bunk" Beasley and Linda Beasley 81t, 354b; Gravis Ballinger 410t, 34b; Seth Holloway 236, 282; Juanita Beasley and Marlin Beasley 31b, 32t; John Beasley 335, 317; Becky Briggs 179, 388; Ken Tate 477, 147t; Richard Mauldin 43 (for Josie Hyde); Glenn Keeton 507 (for Josie Hyde), 276 (for Margaret Keeton); Steve Adams and Richard Mauldin 331t; Chuck Beasley, John Beasley, Marlin Beasley, and Bunk Beasley 457 (in memory of their parents, Belton and Emma Beasley).

After announcements were made, Marlin Beasley led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Danny Creel.

Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Cora Sweatt

CENTRAL ONTARIO ALL-DAY SINGING
Detweiler Meetinghouse, North Dumfries, Ontario, Canada
Saturday, August 27, 2011

The 8th annual Central Ontario All-Day Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Pleasance Crawford leading 77b. Anne Evers offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Pleasance Crawford 479; Gillian Inksetter 77t, 217; Frank Griggs 376; Masti Mayrand 108b, 328; Tom Siess 84, 81t; Anne Missavage 171, 383; Jan May 424, 276; Idy Kiser 32t, 40; Nicoletta Rogers 497, 547 (for the people of Tibet); Jo Schultz 127, 28t; Karen Isbell 142, 270; Steve Rogers 439, 68b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Pleasance Crawford; Arranging Committee—Gillian Inksetter; Treasurer—Chuck Crawford; Secretary—Susan Slottow.

RECESS

Frank Griggs brought the class to order leading 475. Leaders: Will Fitzgerald 29t, 320; Cindy Dymond 178, 538; Gerry Hoffman 472, 473; Cecelia Kramer 107, 106; Tom Evers 503, 448t; Melanie Hauff 411, 421; Anne Evers 268, 117; Hugh Thomas 496, 64; Chuck Crawford 45t, 59; Somen Goodman 569b, 47b; Samuel Sommers 232, 502.

Nicoletta Rogers and Steve Rogers conducted the memorial lesson. They led 70t for the following sick and shut-ins: Monica Graf, Bruce Job, Wendell, John Pratt, Cheryl Stroud, Travis Keeton, Lonnie Rogers, Martha Beverly, Jim Hearn, and Frank Evan.

They then led 122 for the following deceased: Richard Homme, Jack Layton, and Linda Thomson—Ontario; Patrick Blake—Quebec; Clarence McCool—Alabama; Margaret Mitchell—Colorado; Joseph Sleeva—Illinois; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Paula Roberts—Maine; Joanne Bowman—Massachusetts; and the victims of the shooting in Norway.

Brian How led 114 and 143. Anne Evers led 49t, substituting the words “Be present at our table, Lord” and then offered a spoken blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Greg Jenkins brought the class to order leading 34b. Leaders: Marian Mitchell 313b, 198; Ellen Torrie 457, 282; Rachel Adelstein 438, 151; Elizabeth Barlow 65, 66; Ann Sleeva 501 (in memory of her father), 269; Ted Mercer 275t, 280; Megan Jennings 436, 179; Gloria Thomson 146, 452 (for Jack Layton); Judy Hauff 224, 434; Steve Rogers, Gary Roth, and friend “Geneva” NHS/HS 85/96.

RECESS

Tom Siess brought the class back to order leading 155. Leaders: Masti Mayrand 133; Anne Missavage 168; Idy Kiser 362; Will Fitzgerald 287; Ray Rechenberg 565, 229; Gerry Hoffman 505; Cecelia Kramer 174; Melanie Hauff 216; Somen Goodman 347; Samuel Sommers 112; Brian How 183; Rachel Adelstein 218; Ann Sleeva 297; Ted Mercer 278b; Marian Mitchell 344; Megan Jennings 189; Karen Isbell 192; Ray Rechenberg 480; Judy Hauff 542.

Pleasance Crawford thanked all who had traveled to the singing and all who helped to make it a success. The Treasurer reported that expenses had been met. The Secretary and Arranging Committee reported that singers from three provinces (Ontario, New Brunswick, and Quebec) and six states (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, and Pennsylvania) had attended, with 35 leaders and 92 songs sung. Following announcements, Pleasance Crawford led 382 as the closing song. Anne Evers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Pleasance Crawford; Secretary—Susan Slottow

MT. RAINIER COOPER BOOK SINGING
Buckley Hall, Buckley, Washington
Saturday, August 27, 2011

The 3rd annual Mt. Rainier *Cooper Book* Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach leading "A Song of the Pacific Northwest" (an arrangement of 422t by David Wright). Marla Elliott offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Erika Wilson 243b; Marla Elliott 47t; Anna Stoerch 29b; Ken Hallock 28t; David Wright 152; Karen Willard 423; Jean Squires 276; Jim Van Horn and Beverly Baker 393t; Clarissa Fetrow 203; Linda Jweinat 571; Erik Schwab 293t; Gaea Singer and Nell Whitman 268t; Bruce Rowland 170; Cornelia Stanton 559; Kramer Klein 274t; Steve Cackley 274b; Susan Helf 229; Thom Fahrbach 464; Mary Ditson 463; John Carson 392; Mark Miller 460; Steve Helwig 273 (dedicated to Polish singers); Ginny Landgraf 140; Greg Saue 38t; Betty Marvin 544; Jerry Schreiber 54t. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairpersons—Kathy Vlach and Karen Willard; Secretary—Anna Stoerch.

RECESS

Kathy Vlach brought the class back to order leading 264t. Leaders: Bill Walters 304; Steve Tarr 314; Caleb Hardy 355; Deidra Montgomery 98; Raul Titus 476; Miranda Elliott Rader 48t; Ethan Hardy 486; Stanley Smith 567; Anna Stoerch 69; Carla Smith 39; Jim Van Horn 132; Ken Hallock 65; Gaea Singer 108t; Erik Schwab 121; Karen Willard 438t; Erik Neumann 38b; Kathy Vlach 391; Kramer Klein 189; Nell Whitman 52t. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Marla Elliott.

LUNCH

Karen Willard brought the class back to order leading 88t. Leaders: Thom Fahrbach 478; David Wright 522; Mark Miller 416t; Carla Smith 411; Ginny Landgraf 225t; Ken Hallock 102; Stanley Smith 156; Steve Helwig 210; Marcia Stedman 64; Caleb Hardy 492; Jerry Schreiber 279; Deidra Montgomery 53; Ethan Hardy 546; Betty Marvin 198; Cornelia Stanton and John Carson 96; Jean Squires 122; Mary Ditson 518; Steve Cackley 55.

RECESS

Kathy Vlach brought the class back to order leading 339. Leaders: Linda Jweinat 449; Erika Wilson 30t; Bill Walters 66; David Wright 133; Deidra Montgomery 465; Mark Miller 378b; Caleb Hardy 299; Thom Fahrbach 95t; Susan Helf 508; Bruce Rowland 166; Ethan Hardy 572; Miranda Elliott Rader 408; Steve Tarr 292t; Nell Whitman 563; Marla Elliott 89; Jean Squires 106; Gaea Singer 148; Erik Schwab 336t.

Following committee reports, announcements were made. The next Mt. Rainier *Cooper Book* Singing will be held Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 2012. Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach led 147 as the closing song. Marla Elliott offered the closing prayer.

Co-Chairpersons—Kathy Vlach and Karen Willard; Secretary—Anna Stoerch

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONVENTION
Pine Grove Church, Collinsville, Alabama
August 27-28, 2011
Saturday, August 27

The 108th session of the Lookout Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August was called to order by Bud Oliver leading 32t and 82t. The morning prayer was offered by Wayne Reed. Leaders: Wayne Reed 59, 108t; Scot Oliver 100; Judy Caudle 389; Jim Aaron 503; Roberta Strauss 542; Wayne Jones 99; Sandie Scott 472; Matt Hinton 131b; Anne

Drexler 335; J.L. Hopper 163t; Kelly Kennedy 532; Boyd Scott 58; Molly Ellis 110; Ron Harper 433; Liz Meitzler 111b; John Wendt 34b; Joyce Walton 192; Linton Ballinger and Lomax Ballinger 421 (for Bud Oliver); Rachel Rudi 402.

RECESS

Bud Oliver led 73t to bring the class back to order. A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—Wayne Reed; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Finance Committee—Rodney Ivey; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner; Memorial Committee—Henry Johnson and Shane Wootten.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 426t; Mary Wright 121; Scott Kennedy 86; Richard Ivey 567 (for S.T. Reed); Bea Carnathan 438; Lyle Lindsey 84; Jeff Sheppard and Blake Sisemore 466; Angela Myers 196; Wayne Dell 271t; Anna Pfau 491; Paul Figura 348b; Velton Chafin 227; Pat Temple 373; Tivey 47t; Rosie Lindsey 426b; Robert Chambless 225t.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Wayne Reed leading 108b. Leaders: Louis Hughes 400; Erica Hinton 534; Arleigh Beard, Sheryl Beard, and Alanna Blanks 354b; Nate Green and Norma Green 479; Courtney Baines 354b; Gravis Ballinger 120; Judy Chambless 527 (for Julietta Haynes); Darrell Swarens 341 (in memory of Bob Meek); Charlene Wallace 388; Susan Chernes 40; Michael Thompson 77t (in memory of Jerry Enright); Lela Crowder 278t; Daniel Bearden 133; Paula Oliver 222; Nathan Rees 144; Mark Brown “Sweet Beulah Land”. Wayne Reed offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Bud Oliver led 42 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: S.T. Reed 129; Shane Wootten and Eloise Wootten 89; Shirley Figura 39t (in memory of Milton Oliver); Marlon Wootten 37b; Brenda Chafin 97 (for Johnnie Chafin and Marie Ivey); Robert Kelley 90; Scott Ivey 403; Pam Nunn and Sharon DuPriest 528; John Plunkett 351; Reba Windom 411; Joe Nall 430; Syble Adams 171; Becky Browne 300; Karen Rollins 297; Aldo Ceresa 224; Lauren Bock and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 424; Gary Gronau 377; Wendy Futral 283; Jonathon Woods 384; Bridgett Kennedy 546; David Carlton 538; Karen Freund 385t; Riley Lee 49b; Jonathon Smith 440; Beth Branscome 501.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Bud Oliver leading 39b. Leaders: John Kelso 397; Loyd Ivey 68b; Ed Thacker 436; Lynne deBenedette 182; Kelsey Sunderland 454; Buell Cobb 423; Elene Stovall and Cheyenne Ivey 500 (for Marie Ivey); Hubert Nall 36b; Joyce Whittington 565; Rodney Ivey 564; Christie Finley 63; Maggie Cox and Paula Oliver 276.

Bud Oliver and Wayne Reed led 146 as the closing song. Wayne Reed offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, August 28

The Sunday session of the Lookout Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention was brought to order by Bud Oliver leading 82t. The morning prayer was offered by Wayne Reed.

Leaders: S.T. Reed 64; Wayne Reed 59; Judy Caudle 134; Rodney Ivey 383; Cindy Tanner 436; Boyd Scott 358; Lela Crowder 300; Judy Chambless and Robert Chambless 347; Gavin Blakeley 196; Joyce Walton 392; Robert Kelley 327; Joe Nall 217; B.M. Smith 294 (by request); Phil Summerlin 283; Paula Oliver 182; Shirley Figura 361; Wayne Dell and John Kelso 282; Ed Thacker 181; Elizabeth Campbell, Connor Campbell, and Katie Campbell 68b; Anne Drexler 277; Wayne Jones 30b; Rosie Lindsey 229; Donnie Reed 146.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey led 56t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 314; Pat Temple 33t; Joan Aldridge 228; Dennis George and Tom George 360; David Hufstetler 101t; Paul Figura 162; Chris Ballinger and Larry Ballinger 472; Alanna Blanks 405; Cheyenne Ivey 76b; Roberta Straus 498; Lisa Geist 304; Jackson Harcrow 385b; Eric Blanks and Sheryl Beard 384; Sharon DuPriest 269; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 439; David Light 200; Hubert Nall 566; Tom George 476; Anna Pfau 183; Amelia Wills, Sue Wills, and Eulene Dobbs 378t; Molly Ellis 148; Scott Kennedy 163b; Joan Frankel 267 (in memory of Bob Meek and Joanne Bowman); Riley Lee 66; Delone Cobbs 31b; Betty Shepherd 216; Scott Ivey 172; Max Berueffy and Karin Covi 276; Tony Ivey 547; Eddie Mash 32b; Lauren Bock and Kelsey Sunderland 65. Wayne Reed offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Bud Oliver leading 145t. Leaders: Blake Sisemore 39b; Jim Brown 159; Angela Myers 540; Lynne deBenedette 168 (in memory of Jerry Enright); Loyd Ivey 270; Joyce Whittington and Joyce Walton 32t; Eloise Wootten and Linda Thomas 456.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Henry Johnson and Shane Wootten. Shane spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins and read the following list of names: Marlin Beasley, Julietta Haynes, Travis Keeton, Marie Ivey, Betty Wright, Willard Wright, Lonnie Rogers, Hugh Bill McGuire, John Merritt, Willodean Barton, Zach Rogan, Dale Bruner, Virginia Cowart, Terry Maher, Melvin Stiefel, Josie Hyde, Michele Wallace, Jim Hearne, Harrison Creel, Earnie Jett, Ann Jett, Bill Tanner, Lessie Reed, and Fred Edera. He led 564.

Henry Johnson spoke and read the following list of names of the deceased: Ernestine Pipkin, Myrtle Wootten, Christine Gandy, Corine Lacy, Rhoda Norris, Leonard Smith, Clarence McCool, Jordan Richards, Wayne Morgan, Alberdan Smith, and Jim Brown—Alabama; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Zoie Zurawski and Jerry Enright—Illinois; George Holland—Georgia; Henry Bizzell—North Carolina; Fran Lipman and George Seiler—New York; Frances Ceresa—Michigan; John Bancroft—Oregon; Virginia Roush—Ohio; Joanne Bowman—Massachusetts; Betty Moomau Browder—California; Tom Barker—Virginia. Tony Ivey offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Nathan Rees 48t; Earl Ballinger 112; Reba Windom 286 (in memory of Barrett Ashley); Mary Wright 277; Darrell Swarens and Lynne deBenedette 198; Hobert Ivey and Sandy Ivey 47t; Nate Green and Norma Green 473; Erica Hinton 105; Rachel Rudi 425; Gary Gronau and Becky Browne 448t (in memory of Jeanette Lowry); Richard Ivey and Kelsey Sunderland 187; Susan Cheronos 107; Mark Carroll 480; Tivey 49t; Liz Meitzler 268 (in memory of Bob Meek); Kelly Kennedy 453; Michael Thompson and Jonathan Smith 418; Elene Stovall and Bridgett Kennedy 391; Matt Hinton and John Kelso 203; Daniel Bearden 189; Aldo Ceresa and Shane Wootten 522; Christie Finley 137; Charles Stiefel 378b; Lyle Lindsey 178; Henry Johnson and Marlon Wootten 288.

Announcements were made. The class consisted of 202 leaders, representing thirteen states, leading 188 songs during the two-day convention. Expenses were met, and Bud Oliver thanked everyone who helped make the singing a success. Bud Oliver 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—Wayne Reed; Secretary—Judy Caudle

MISSISSIPPI STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Scott County, Mississippi
August 27-28, 2011
Saturday, August 27

The 83rd annual session of the Mississippi State Sacred Harp Singing Convention convened at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church for two days of worship in song service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, when and where the following proceedings were had, to wit: the Mississippi State Sacred Harp Singing Convention began with President Mark Davis calling the meeting to order and leading 37b. He welcomed everyone to the singing, and thanked Brother Alfred Bailey and the people of Antioch Primitive Baptist Church for having us there. Chaplain Arlon Gardner offered the opening prayer. President Davis appointed Warren Steel and Bill Hogan as the Arranging Committee.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: President—Mark Davis; Vice President—John Van Horn; Secretary—Jean Gray; Assistant Secretary—Darlene Reynolds; Chaplain—Arlon Gardner.

Leaders: Mark Davis 203; John Van Horn 300; Gene Gray 82t; Darlene Reynolds 484 (CB); Arlon Gardner and Samantha Gardner 277; Morgan Bunch 131 (CH); Sue Bunch 142 (CH); Robert Vaughn 547 (CH); Bill Hogan 464 (CB); John Hollingsworth 82t (CH); Sarah Beasley 59b (CH); Eddie Mash 237 (CH); Amy Armstrong 40; Nancy Hogan 95b (CB); Cliff Hall 129; Elizabeth Muhleisen 56b. President Davis appointed Hugh McGuire, Henry McGuire, and Tim Gray to the Business and Credentials Committee.

RECESS

Leaders: John Van Horn 72b; Hugh McGuire 155; Nancy Van Den Akker 206 (CH); Matthew Dawson 269; Gary Smith 281b (CH); Billy Hollingsworth 276 (CH); Jane Armstrong 63; Seth Holloway 117 (CH); Bobby Davis 479; Wanda Greg 460; Mary Ellen Schrock 171; Vicky Neyman 117; Regina Derstine 189; Tim Gray 200; Henry McGuire 199 (CB).

President Davis appointed Wanda Gregg and John Hollingsworth to the Memorial Committee. There was a motion and second to adjourn for lunch. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Arlon Gardener.

LUNCH

Mark Davis led 137 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Mike McNeil 172 (CH); Warren Steel 181; Wilma Mitchell 204t (CH); Bobby Caldwell 216t (CH); Patti Monroe and Lyndy Berryhill 31t; Lyndy Berryhill 39t; Linda Funderburk 288; Hannah Monroe 282; Betsy Berryhill 77t; Hugh Bill McGuire, Hugh McGuire, and Henry McGuire 64 (CH); Junie McNeil and Mike McNeil 43 (CH); Mark Davis 258 (CH); Warren Steel 208b (CH); Jean Gray 299; Darlene Reynolds 569b; Mark Davis 236.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by John Van Horn leading 332. Leaders: Morgan Bunch 465 (CB); Sue Bunch 547; Robert Vaughn 167b (CH); Bill Hogan 214 (CH); Eddie Mash and Bill Hollingsworth 487t (WB); Sarah Beasley 56b (CH); Amy Armstrong and Carey Armstrong 159; Nancy Hogan 432b (CH); Mary Ellen Schrock 505 (CB); Mark Davis 457.

Announcements were made. On motion and second, the class was dismissed by President Mark Davis until 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning. The Drone was sung, and prayer was offered by Mike McNeil.

Sunday, August 28

President Mark Davis opened the Sunday morning session of the Mississippi State Sacred Harp Singing Convention by leading 123t, and welcomed everyone back to the singing convention. Chaplain Arlon Gardner offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 101b; John Van Horn 204b (CH), 133; Jean Gray 143, 108t; Darlene Reynolds 490; Darlene Reynolds and Billy Hollingsworth 486t (CH); Arlon Gardner 455, 67; Morgan Bunch 140 (CB), 392; Ken Tate 544 (CH), 372b (CH); Sue Bunch 280 (CH), 107; Danny Creel 308 (CH), 354 (CH). President Mark Davis appointed Billy Hollingsworth and Gary Smith to the Resolutions Committee.

RECESS

Leaders: John Van Horn 76b (CH); Billy Hollingsworth 19 (CH), 546t (CH); Sarah Beasley and Bill Hogan 333 (CH); Sarah Beasley 106 (CH); Susan Dickey 128, 154; Mark Davis 117 (CH) (for all the folks at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church); Nancy Hogan 543 (CB), 149 (CH); Nancy Van Den Akker 339 (CH), 50 (CH); Bill Hogan 186 (CH), 168b (CH). Arlon Gardner offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by Mark Davis leading 176b. Leaders: Gary Smith 128t (CH), 46t (CH); Mary Ellen Schrock 573 (CB), 572 (CB); John Hollingsworth 182, 51 (CH); Matthew Dawson 212, 436; Wanda Greg 186, 408; Seth Holloway 258 (CH), 109 (CH); Hugh McGuire 365, 240; Cliff Hall 47b, 268; Mike McNeil 522 (CB), 176 (CH).

A business meeting was held. The Business and Credentials Committee reported the amount of collection. Motion and second for donation of money as follows: \$250.00 Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association for Camp Fasola Scholarship; \$40.00 to WCPC Sacred Harp Hour Radio Program; \$300.00 to Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, and \$85.00 to minutes.

The Memorial Committee (John Hollingsworth and Wanda Gregg) conducted the memorial lesson. John Hollingsworth named the members who have passed away this past year as follows: Bernice Embry-Mississippi; Pat Ridgon, Ernestine Pipkin, and Clarence McCool-Alabama. He led 548 (CH).

Wanda Gregg read the names of the following sick and shut-ins: W.M. Allen, Billie Arnold, John Merritt, and Travis Keeton. She led 50b.

The Resolutions Committee offered the following report: The members of the 83rd meeting of the Mississippi State Sacred Harp Singing Convention wish to thank God for the ability and willingness to come together to sing. We thank Antioch Primitive Baptist Church for extending their hospitality, and the use of this wonderful building. We thank the people who came from near and far to sing praises to God. We thank all who helped provide a bountiful lunch both days. We resolve to meet again next year to join our hearts and voices. Motion and second to accept all committee reports and dispense the committees.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Mark Davis leading 36b. Leaders: Regina Derstine and Todd Derstine 270; Henry McGuire 492 (WB), 254 (WB); Amy Armstrong 215; Jane Armstrong 312b; Junie McNeil 319, 145t; Hugh Bill McGuire, Henry McGuire, and Hugh McGuire 393t (CB).

Announcements were made. Motion and second to adjourn, and close the convention. The Drone was the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer.

President—Mark Davis; Vice President—John Van Horn; Secretary—Jean Gray

WILLARD BIRTHDAY SINGING
Buckley Hall, Buckley, Washington
Sunday, August 28, 2011

The 2nd annual Willard Birthday Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach leading 3 (WH). Marla Elliott offered the opening prayer. All songs called are from the *Cooper Book* except those from the Willard Hymnary, indicated by (WH) following the page number.

Leaders: Karen Willard 4b (WH); Ken Hallock 138t; Anna Stoerch 323t; Marcia Stedman 384; Kathy Vlach 20b (WH); Mark Miller 5 (WH); Melissa Stephenson 144; Carla Smith 150; Steve Cackley 474; Shannon McGuire 508; Steve Helwig 30b; Kramer Klein 76b; Cornelia Stanton 511t; Clarissa Fetrow 10 (WH); Jerry Schreiber 485; Stanley Smith 450; Mary Ditson 427; Erika Wilson 14 (WH); Jinx McGuire 38t; Betty Marvin 575; Marla Elliott 24 (WH); Ginny Landgraf 125.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairpersons—Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach; Secretary—Anna Stoerch.

RECESS

Karen Willard brought the class back to order leading 95b. Leaders: Bill Walters 20 (WH); Greg Saue 573; Erik Schwab 42; Mark Miller 11 (WH); Carla Smith 292b; Kathy Vlach 30 (WH); Steve Cackley 250; Steve Helwig 416b; Kramer Klein 168; Jerry Schreiber 137; Stanley Smith 541; Karen Willard 552; Anna Stoerch 396; Marcia Stedman 335; Shannon McGuire 112; Cornelia Stanton 9 (WH); Ken Hallock 27 (WH); Erika Wilson 28 (WH); Karen Willard 4t (WH). Marla Elliott offered a prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Kathy Vlach brought the class back to order leading 145b. Leaders: Steve Helwig 215; Mary Ditson 268t; Greg Saue 507b; Erik Schwab 86; Mark Miller 7 (WH); Ginny Landgraf 318; Lea Kouba 293b; Bill Walters 488b; Betty Marvin 364; Steve Cackley 478; Melissa Stephenson 408; Jinx McGuire 148; Clarissa Fetrow 319; Marla Elliott 306; Carla Smith 567; Kathy Vlach 239; Raoul Titus 68t; Mark Miller 210; Ginny Landgraf 494; Mary Ditson 441; Jerry Schreiber 559.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Karen Willard leading 103. Leaders: Stanley Smith 453t; Lea Kouba 451; Erik Schwab 367; Kramer Klein 55; Greg Saue 515; Erika Wilson 327; Cornelia Stanton 449.

After announcements, Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach closed by leading 31 (WH). Marla Elliott offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach; Secretary—Anna Stoerch

NEW PROVIDENCE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ringgold, Louisiana
Saturday, September 3, 2011

The 5th annual Sacred Harp singing convened at New Providence Primitive Baptist Church, Ringgold, Louisiana, on Saturday before the first Sunday in September. The morning session was called to order by Robert Vaughn at 10:00 a.m. leading 31t (CB). The morning prayer was offered by Tim McClain.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Sonya Kirkham.

The morning session song selections were from the B. F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 559; Carol Watts 503, 563; Charity Vaughn 115, 489; Peggy Ray 64, 507b; Jackson Powers 29t, 36t; Sonya Kirkham 505, 475; Kyle Hearn 268t, 383; Kristie Powell 392, 138t; Gaylon Powell 432, 566.

RECESS

Robert Vaughn called the class back to order leading 409. Leaders: Baron Powers 335, 81; Tim McClain 508, 45t; Joshua McClain 59, 146; Henry McGuire 574, 199; Charlie Soape 127, 72; Joan Smith 395b, 47b; Nancy Hunter 573, 301. The noon blessing was offered by Robert Vaughn.

LUNCH

In the afternoon session, song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Robert Vaughn called the class to order leading 49t. Leaders: Sherri Vaughn 282, 39b; Carol Watts 40, 344; Charity Vaughn 112, 212; Peggy Ray 143, 63; Jackson Powers 113, 90; Sonya Kirkham 49b, 99; Kyle Hearn 268, 299; Kristie Powell 448b, 448t; Gaylon Powell 142, 236; Baron Powers 79, 85; Tim McClain 318, 480. Announcements were made.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Robert Vaughn leading “Cool Springs” for the McClain family. Leaders: Josh McClain 47t, 128; Henry McGuire 455, 66; Charlie Soape 44, 277; Joan Smith 100, 38b; Nancy Hunter 472, 159; Jacob McClain 535, 135; Sherri Vaughn 571(CB); Jacob McClain and Kayla Deen 312b.

Robert Vaughn led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Bro. Wordy Kent.

Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Sonya Kirkham

THE GEORGIAN HARMONY SINGING

Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia

Saturday, September 3, 2011

The Georgian Harmony Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in September. Song selections are from *The Georgian Harmony*. John Plunkett called the class to order by leading 29b. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Mary Brownlee.

Leaders: John Plunkett 30; Helen Bryson 50; Jeannette DePoy 19; Harry Eskew 34; Daryl Chesney 108; Kathy Williams 109; Leigh Cooper 111; Billy Hollingsworth 42; Raymond Hamrick 8; Oscar McGuire 29; Mark Godfrey 54; Andy Morse 98; Mary Brownlee 6.

RECESS

John Plunkett led 15 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: John Hollingsworth 20; Helen Bryson 90; Jeannette DePoy 80; Harry Eskew 14; Daryl Chesney 48; Kathy Williams 81; Leigh Cooper 66; Billy Hollingsworth 52; Oscar McGuire 26.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by John Plunkett leading 36. Leaders: Andy Morse 46; Mark Godfrey 87; David Brodeur 110; Sarah Kahre 11; Mary Brownlee 33, 84; Jesse Roberts 82, 114; Billy Hollingsworth 13; John Plunkett 16. The class sang a selection of Raymond Hamrick’s songs not yet printed.

Following announcements, John Plunkett led 45b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Mary Brownlee

MULBERRY RIVER CONVENTION

County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama

Saturday, September 3, 2011

The annual Mulberry River Convention was held at County Line Church in Jefferson County, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Sunday in September.

Velton Chafin called the class to order by leading 32t, followed by the opening prayer offered by Charles Creel.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 30t, 35; Eugene Forbes 39b, 168; Jim Aaron 68b, 503; Scott Kennedy 228, 31t; Emily Burleson 504, 172; Amber Davis 380, 391; Richard Mauldin 84; Bea Carnathan 568, 341; Danny Creel 269, 383; Eimear O'Donovan 455, 472; Velton Chafin 130.

RECESS

Velton Chafin led 222 to bring the class back together. A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Emily Burleson. The class voted to merge the Mulberry River Convention and the Clear Creek Convention West, to be held on the first Sunday in September. The convention will be held in odd years at County Line Church in Jefferson County, Alabama, and in even years at Johnson Schoolhouse in Fayette County, Alabama. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 56t; Blake Sisemore 36b (for the Ivey family), 411; Lucy Heidorn 99, 155; Annaliza Cull 448t, 268; Harrison Creel 111b (for Willodean Barton), 498; Faye Donaldson 138t, 40; Ann Jett 146 (in memory of Ray Tate and Charlotte McCarn), 43; Linda Sides 83, 384.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Lucy Heidorn, who read the following names of the sick: Travis Keeton, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Lonnie Rogers, Elsie Moon, Betty Wright, Marlin Beasley, Willodean Barton, Dr. Julietta Haynes, Stella Pratt, Leona Haynes, Johnnie Chafin, Josie Hyde, and John Merritt.

She read the following names of the deceased: Marie Ivey, Clarence McCool, Myrtle Wootten, Corine Lacy, Vernelle Forbes Amazon, Helen Langston, Bob Meek, and Lucy Allums. Lucy offered the following words: "We sing in memory of the sick and deceased and will continue singing in their honor. The fervor, fellowship, and love of singing is as strong today as it was years ago, even though the crowds have diminished in places and grown in others. We continue to sing in their honor and for the glory of God". The class sang 339. Blake Sisemore closed the memorial with prayer.

Leader: Charles Creel 373, 512, 216.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin led 480 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Roma Rice 338, 297; Michelle Cull 76b, 142; Darrell Swarens 208, 200; Yancey Jett 64, 35 (in memory of Annie Creel); Henry Guthery 108t; Henry Guthery, Harrison Creel, and Yancey Jett 342; Eimear O'Donovan and Daire O'Sullivan 58b, 318; Wanda Capps 36b, 144; Blake Sisemore 528; Jim Aaron 163b; Darrell Swarens, Eimear O'Donovan, and Daire O'Sullivan 217; Richard Mauldin 66; Annaliza Cull 82t; Linda Sides 454 (for Willodean Barton).

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led 521 as the closing song. Charles Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Emily Burleson

MAIDENCREEK SINGING **Leesport, Pennsylvania** **Saturday, September 3, 2011**

The 16th annual Maiden Creek Singing was held on Saturday before Labor Day at Maiden Creek Friends Meeting House. The class was called to order by Ruth Wampler leading 159. Ted Steinruck offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ruth Wampler; Vice Chairman—Oliver Kindig-Stokes; Secretary—Kimberly Haas. Leaders: Oliver Kindig-Stokes 100; Laura Densmore 475; Ted Stokes 30t; Lamar Matthew 178; Barbara Hohenstein 71; Ina Shea 121; Fred Steinruck 236; Anna Mays 546; Dan Hunter 343; Dan Coppock 189; McKenzie Steinruck 79; Bethany Towne 27; Brian Howell 547; Steve Hoyt 282; Tom Stokes 300; Ted Steinruck 503.

RECESS

Ruth Wampler and Oliver Kindig-Stokes called the class together leading 207. Leaders: Kimberly Haas 35; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 288; Jordan Steinruck 66; Becky Wright 102; Doron Henkin 187; Laura Densmore 486; John Giles 408; Julia Seidenstein 230; Roland Hutchinson 524; Susan Bingham 472; Terry Ryan 193; Mairi Quodomine 55; Gerry Hoffman 216.

RECESS

Chris Holley brought the class back together leading 111b. Leaders: Gina Balestracci 362; Hal Kunkel 298; Barbara Swetman 542; Erin Kelley 67; Leon Pulsinelle 430; Jean Seiler 48t; Dennis Leipold 47b; Tina Vanderbosch 377; Jim Strube 354t. Dan Jantzi led 32b for the following sick and homebound: Frank Evans, John Merritt, Ginny Hazel, Skip Trout, Ruth-Anne Brawt, Annie Dawson, Dennis Cinelli, Travis Keeton, Marlin Beasley, Marlys Swetman, Murielee Kurtze, Ruth Palmer, Eddie Klein, Chelsea Balestracci, David Wampler, and Judith Hallock. The memorial lesson was conducted by Tina Vanderbosch, leading 122 in memory of Victoria Proctor-Virginia; Clarence McCool and Marie Ivey-Alabama; Helen Gillis-[State Unknown]; Raymond Fraes-Massachusetts; Barbara Swain-Maryland; Eblene Kelly-Louisiana; Roy Whites-California; Minister Harold Wenger, Mancini Bagwell Jr., Tom Maher, Ruth Cresson, Emlen Cresson, Michael Homan-Pennsylvania; Miriam Labovitz-Texas; Bob Meek-Kentucky; Lorna Erickson-Washington; Frances Ceresa-Michigan; John Cook-New York. Don Jantzi closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Lynne Hoyt 565; Paula Picton 280; Diane Mennella 350. A blessing for the noon meal was offered by Mary Capron.

LUNCH

Ruth Wampler called the class back together by leading 491. Leaders: Carol Stevens 40; John Hughes 50t; Doug Kurtze 48t; Nancy Mandel 275t; Stephanie Fida 426b; Claudene Townson and Larry Wootten 128; Al McCready 452; Chris Holley 384; Clare Maher 209; Tim Wheeler 442; Harry Scott 344; Jerusha Vanderbosch 59; Dean Jens 245; Violet Krumbein 61; Nancy Tkacs 299. Molly Vanderbosch instructed the class in singing the German shape note hymn "Sacred Throne" by Johann Freidrich Moeckhel. Leaders: Emily Hale-Sills 276; Carol Huang 268; Rachel Speer 142.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Oliver Kindig-Stokes leading 145t. Leaders: Dave James 277; Aldo Ceresa 218; Patty Lambert 31t; Sue Hanson 497; Kevin Sims 213t; Guy Bankes 496; Lorah Hopkins 313t; Margaret Hopkins and Tom Tucker 117; Cindy Wasson 229; Claudene Townson and Larry Wootten 323b; Barbara Swetman 107; Dennis Leipold 112; Paula Picton, Al McCready, and Stephanie Fida 183; Al McCready 155; Diane Magnolia 318; Elizabeth Stokes 328; Rachel Speer 176t; Chris Holley 341; Gina Balestracci 228; Harry Scott 457; Jean Seiler 168; Gerry Hoffman 182.

Ruth Wampler thanked all whose efforts contributed to the singing's success. Ruth Wampler, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Laura Densmore and Kimberly Haas led 382 as the closing song. Ted Steinruck concluded the singing with a prayer.
Chairman—Ruth Wampler; Vice Chairman—Oliver Kindig-Stokes; Secretary—Kimberly Haas

SHILOH-LITTLE VINE SINGING

**Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, South of Tallapoosa, Georgia
Sunday, September 4, 2011**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Charles Wood leading 49t and 49b. The morning prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts.

In a business session, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve:
Chairman—Charles Wood; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 82t, 35; Judy Chambless 565, 155; Earlis McGraw 225t, 111t; Miranel Swafford 32t, 36b; Judy Henry 56t, 40; Charlene Wallace 139, 141; Hugh McGraw 97, 93; Robert Chambless 77t, 303; Evelyn Harris 47t, 101t.

RECESS

Charles Wood brought the class back to order by leading 77b. Leaders: Mildred Patterson 89, 87; Ellen Walters 58b, 45t; Hester Edwards 274t, 73b; Ruth Daniel 127, 335.

LUNCH

Charles Wood brought the class back to order by leading 145b. Charles Wood conducted the memorial lesson. He led 452 for the following sick and shut-ins: Laverna Shealy, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Lois Bowman, Julietta Haynes, Sara Lyn Edwards, Robert Norton, Lewis Norton, Nick Griffin, Carlene Griffin, and Danny Griffin. Charles Wood spoke and led 503 for the following deceased: Bobby Robinson, Marie Ivey, and Wayne Morgan. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Earlis McGraw 201; Jason Stanford 59, 81t; Hester Edwards 358; Ruth Daniel 378t; Ellen Walters 378b; Mildred Patterson 294; Judy Chambless 410t; Robert Chambless 72b; Hugh McGraw 448b; Charlene Wallace 229; Judy Henry 213t; Miranel Swafford 348b; Evelyn Harris 345t; Cecil Roberts 354b.

After announcements, Charles Wood and Jason Stanford led 133 as the closing song.
Chairman—Charles Wood; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Judy Chambless

FOX VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL SINGING

**Geneva, Illinois
Sunday, September 4, 2011**

The Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing began at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday before Labor Day. Jim Helke called the class to order leading 171. Herb Schroeder led 128, and offered the opening prayer. Carol Munro-Mosley taught a singing school.

Leaders: David Barford 99; Jim Page 272; Michael Appert 163b; Ted Mercer 47t; Orwin Youngquist 47b; Anita Shaperd 95; Debbie Barford 203; Susan Matthews 133; Lisa Grayson 340; Johanna Fabke 84 (in memory of Marie Ivey); Michael Mosley 282; John Seaton 49b; Carol Munro-Mosley 186; Jim Helke 49t; Bob Sullivan 503; Peggy Mistak 496; Sally Youngquist 86; Sue Kessell 107; Jeannine Oakes 277; Nick Pasquale 473; Herb Schroeder 183; David Barford 163t; Jim Page 284; Michael Appert 448t; Orin Youngquist 48t; Ted Mercer 276; Nick Pasquale

333; Anita Shaperd 106; Debbie Barford 178; Susan Matthews 479; Sue Kessell 268; Johanna Fabke 335.

Michael Mosley led 347 as the closing song. Herb Schroeder dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jim Helke; Secretary—Susan Matthews

LABOR DAY SINGING **Shoal Creek Church, Cleburne County, Alabama** **Monday, September 5, 2011**

The 91st session of the annual Labor Day Sacred Harp 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 B.M. Smith leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 101t; Cecil Roberts 100, 37b; Judy Caudle 33b, 186; Judy Chambless 142, 82t; Darrell Swarens 36b, 341 (in memory of Bob Meek); Judy Mincey 50b, 475; Blake Sisemore 222, 528; Rebecca Eldridge 324, 36t; Eimear O'Donovan and Daire O'Sullivan 504, 300; Eugene Forbes 299, 384; Jeff Sheppard 155, 189; Rachel Rudi 176t, 306.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless.

RECESS

B.M. Smith led 81t to bring the class back to order. Joe Jones spoke on behalf of the Shoal Creek Preservation Society. He welcomed the singers and visitors, and told of the many events that take place at Shoal Creek Church. The Shoal Creek Preservation Society was formed in the late 1980s by the Jones family, who has, for many, many years, been involved with Sacred Harp Singing.

Leaders: Karen Rollins 97, 298 (for Lonnie Rogers); Leigh Cooper 29b, 472; Robert Chambless 225t, 84; Bea Carnathan 80b, 145t; Eric Tweedy 474, 442; Katherine Eldridge 512, 58; Tony Hammock 303 (for the Ivey family), 30b; Michele Cull 515, 168; Annaliza Cull 448t; Adrian Eldridge 61, 235 (in memory of Bob Meek); Matt Hinton 63, 99; John Kelso 406 (for Macy Crawford and family), 377; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 45t, 340. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Joe Jones.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Cecil Roberts leading 35. Leaders: James Eldridge 317, 120; Mark Godfrey 65, 203; Myrline Redmon 569b, 358; Virginia Eldridge 98, 328; Charlene Wallace 171, 187; Reba Windom 176b, 76b (for Cheyenne Ivey); Virginia Dyer 193, 195; Daniel Bearden 38b, 117; Margie Smith 405; Will Dover 196; Hayden Arp 206, 112; Ann Simpson 87, 354b; Eimear O'Donovan, Daire O'Sullivan, Blake Sisemore, and Rachel Rudi 507; the Eldridge family 124; Mark Godfrey, Leigh Cooper, John Kelso, and Hayden Arp 329 (for Jason Higginbotham); Matt Hinton, Erica Hinton, Anna Hinton, Eli Hinton, Michele Cull, and Annaliza Cull 40; Reba Windom, Karen Rollins, and Judy Mincey 421 (for Bud Oliver); Jeff Sheppard, Eric Tweedy, and Judy Caudle 200; Daniel Bearden, Darrell Swarens, and Tony Hammock 335; Eugene Forbes, Bea Carnathan, and Myrline Redmon 143.

Following announcements, B.M. Smith and Cecil Roberts led 46 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Judy Caudle

RIVANNA RIVER SINGING

Charlottesville Friends Meetinghouse, Charlottesville, Virginia Saturday, September 10, 2011

The 9th annual Rivanna River Singing was called to order at the Charlottesville Friends Meetinghouse at 10:00 a.m. by John Alexander leading 312b. Tom Clay offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Hank Schutz; Vice Chairman—Zachary Bullock; Secretary—Barbarie Hill; Treasurer—Judy Cahill; Arranging Committee—Tom Hill.

Leaders: Hank Schutz 147t, 117; Mary Helen Dupree 523, 145b; Les Updike 49t, 49b; Frances Schutz 547, 112; Zach Bullock 101t, 288; Leyland delRe 486, 96; Myles Dakan 108b, 304; Tom Clay 64, 145t; Maura Burns 284, 335; Liz Meitzler 512, 142; Matt Ference 163t, 384; Jim Strube 348t, 57; Craig Baughan 178; Susan Green 503, 82t; Diane Ober 495, 209; Richard Green 29t, 198; Kathy Manning 440, 196.

RECESS

The singing resumed with John Alexander leading 159. Leaders: Hank Schutz 86; Mary Helen Dupree 35; Les Updike 373; Frances Schutz 155; Zach Bullock 73t; Leyland delRe 68t; Myles Dakan 69b; Tom Clay 68b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Tom Clay, who led 58 in memory of the deceased and in honor of the sick and shut-ins. The sick and shut-ins remembered were Marlin Beasley, Frank Evans, and Cecelia VandeLoo. The deceased remembered were Marie Ivey, Clarence McCool, and Travis Keeton—Alabama; Bob Meek—Kentucky.

The singing resumed with Maura Burns leading 55. Chaplain Tom Clay offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing resumed with Myles Dakan leading 59. Leaders: Liz Meitzler 111b; Matt Ference 186; Jim Strube 354t; Craig Baughan 347; Susan Green 551; Diane Ober 38b; Richard Green 47b; Kathy Manning 220; John Alexander 317; Hank Schutz 313b; Mary Helen Dupree 30t; Frances Schutz 504; Zach Bullock 499; Leyland delRe 134; Myles Dakan 131t; Tom Clay 48b; Maura Burns 203; Liz Meitzler 448t; Matt Ference 133; Jim Strube 236; Craig Baughan 566; Susan Green 99.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Diane Ober leading 135. Leaders: Richard Green 475; Kathy Manning 556; John Alexander 56b; Hank Schutz 143; Mary Helen Dupree 63; Frances Schutz 122; Zach Bullock 235; Leyland delRe 448b; Myles Dakan 193; Tom Clay 168; Maura Burns 479; Liz Meitzler 77t; Matt Ference 87; Jim Strube 268; Craig Baughan 324; Susan Green 123t; Diane Ober 77b; Richard Green 497; Kathy Manning 500.

After thanks to those who prepared and served for the singing and announcements, Tom Clay offered the closing prayer. John Alexander led 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Hank Schutz; Vice Chairman—Zachary Bullock; Secretary—Barbarie Hill

CAPE MEARES SINGING

Little Red School House Community Center, Cape Meares, Oregon Saturday, September 10, 2011

Betsy Jeronen called the session to order leading 448b. The opening prayer was offered by Cornelia Stanton.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Betsy Jeronen; Treasurer—Steve Cackley; Secretary—Heather Ikeler. Leaders: Lyle Lindsey 84; Thom Fahrback 87; David Wright 403; Carolyn Thompson 442; Karen Willard “National Blessings” (Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg); Tom McTighe 28b; Heather Ikeler 315; Bea Carnathan 100; Erika Wilson 352; Alberta Hardy 288; Eimear O’Donovan and Daire O’Sullivan 472; Chris Cotter 573; Kathy Vlach 32t; Cornelia Stanton 344; Steve Helwig 547; Deidra Montgomery 349; Rosie Lindsey 208; Caleb Hardy 354b; Jessica Hahl 58; Kate Fine 178; Ethan Hardy 191.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Kathy Vlach leading 63. Leaders: Anna Stoerch 96; Nell Whitman 569b; Steve Cackley 312t; Steve Tarr 218; David Wright 269; Eimear O’Donovan and Daire O’Sullivan 209; Karen Willard 562; Thom Fahrback 283; Jessica Beer 422; Carolyn Thompson 507; Steve Helwig 492; Deidra Montgomery 129; Erika Wilson 365; Heather Ikeler 122; Bea Carnathan 568; Carmen Doerge 76b; Chris Cotter 192; Abraham Hardy 254; Betsy Jeronen 478; Caleb Hardy 160b; Rosie Lindsey 460; Cornelia Stanton 480; Alberta Hardy 85; Tom McTighe 500; Jessica Hahl 112; Lyle Lindsey 384; Jessica Beer 445. Cornelia Stanton offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Anna Stoerch leading 101t. Leaders: Kate Fine 34b; Cornelia Stanton 143; Steve Cackley 560; Nell Whitman 282; Carolyn Thompson 440; David Wright 327; Kelsey Nelsen 114; Eimear O’Donovan 417; Abraham Hardy 33b; Steve Tarr 383; Bea Carnathan 145t; Deidra Montgomery 411; Thom Fahrback 304; Katy Kanfer 139; Ethan Hardy 29b; Kathy Vlach 228; Steve Helwig 193; Carmen Doerge 213b; Jessica Hahl 553; Karen Willard 546; Erika Wilson 362.

RECESS

Rosie Lindsey called the class back to order leading 72b. Leaders: Marie Brandis 142; Lyle Lindsey 31t; Chris Cotter and Katy Kanfer 477; Tom McTighe 339 (in memory of Bob Strayer); Katy Kanfer 59; Bea Carnathan 204; Steve Cackley 461; Heather Ikeler 230; Carolyn Thompson 448t; Jessica Beer 378b; Eimear O’Donovan and Daire O’Sullivan 455; Rosie Lindsey 340; Caleb Hardy 452; Erika Wilson 501; Anna Stoerch 231; Deidra Montgomery 318.

A business meeting was held and announcements were made. A total of 53 people were registered and 29 leaders led 90 lessons. Treasurer Steve Cackley reported that all expenses had been met. Eimear O’Donovan and Daire O’Sullivan, as the Resolutions Committee, offered gracious and humorous thanks to all who had made the singing possible.

Cornelia Stanton offered the closing prayer. Betsy Jeronen led 36b as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Betsy Jeronen; Secretary—Heather Ikeler

PIONEER DAY SACRED HARP SINGING **Ora Old Fields Presbyterian Church, Culbertson Back Country** **Settlement, Gray Court, Laurens County, South Carolina** **Saturday, September 10, 2011**

The 6th session of the Gray Court Pioneer Day singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Robert Kelley leading 376. The opening prayer was offered by Jesse Roberts. Leaders: Leon Carnell 47b; Frances Carnell 229; Jane Spencer 33b; Charity Carnell 40; Dave Farmer 282; John Hollingsworth 176t; Sharon Strong 227; Lela Crowder

48t; Jesse Roberts 569t; Micah Roberts 36b; Mary Baumeister 70t; Esther Carnell 551; Frances Carnell 485; Chris Wilhelm 107; Jane Spencer 144; Danny Arms 275b. In a business session the following officers were elected: Chairman—Robert Kelley; Vice Chairman—Leon Carnell; Secretary—David Libbey.

RECESS

Robert Kelley brought the class to order by leading 209. Leaders: Robert Ludwig 547; Michael Johnston 49b; John Apple 515; Leon Carnell 56b; Charity Carnell 171; Dave Farmer 324; John Hollingsworth 335; Sharon Strong 438; Lela Crowder 479; Jesse Roberts 486; Micah Roberts 388; Mary Baumeister 121; Esther Carnell 58; Frances Carnell 143; Chris Wilhelm 564.

LUNCH

Robert Kelley brought the class to order by leading 166. Leaders: Jane Spencer 142; Danny Arms 392; Joey Wells 63; Michael Spencer 278t; Isaac Iverson 148; Robert Ludwig 39t; Michael Johnston 39b; John Apple 49t; Leon Carnell 481; Charity Carnell 344; Dave Farmer 178; Sharon Strong 501; Lela Crowder 313b; Jesse Roberts 430; Micah Roberts 389; Mary Baumeister 354t; Esther Carnell 354b; Frances Carnell 456; Chris Wilhelm 285t; Jane Spencer 328.

RECESS

Robert Kelley brought the class to order by leading 138t. Leaders: Danny Arms 200; Joey Wells 299; Michael Spencer 205; Isaac Iverson 159; Robert Ludwig 163b; Jesse Roberts 346; John Apple 128; Leon Carnell 268; Charity Carnell 32t; Dave Farmer 455; Sharon Strong 284.

Announcements were made. Robert Kelley led 80t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jesse Roberts, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Robert Kelley; Vice Chairman—Leon Carnell; Secretary—David Libbey

THE UNITED SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION **Trevecca University, Nashville, Tennessee** **September 10 - 11, 2011** **Saturday, September 10**

The 108th session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association met at Trevecca University, Nashville, Tennessee, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in September. The class was called to order by Henry Johnson leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Blake Sisemore.

Leaders: Eddie Mash 47t; Nora Parker 36b; Cindy Tanner 123t; Karen Rollins 227; Richard Ivey 228; John Plunkett 52t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 135; David Ivey 349; Rodney Ivey 432; Roy Turrentine 99; Leigh Cooper 42; Karl Dise 411; Adrian Eldridge 445; Erica Hinton 73b; Dan Brittain 125; Virginia Eldridge 108t; Andrew Beauchamp 56b; Elizabeth Stoddard 330t; Warren Steel 423; Ruth Dolby 503; Matt Bell 315; Rebecca Eldridge 110; Barrett Patton 401; Roberta Strauss 542.

RECESS

Henry Johnson led 70b to bring the class back to order. A business session was held with the following officers and committee elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Eddie Mash; Vice Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Secretary—Nora Parker; Chaplain—Matt Bell; Arranging Officer—Cindy Tanner; Memorial Committee—Dan Brittain, Karen Ivey, and Michele Cull; Resolutions Committee—David Carlton, Ann Strange, and Elizabeth Stoddard; Locating Officer—David Ivey; Finance Committee—Rodney Ivey and John Plunkett.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 148; Blake Sisemore 436; Stephen Shearon 155; Katherine Eldridge 410t; Scott Ivey 201; Mark Godfrey 448t; Linda Thomas 345b; Rick Fretter 178; Pat Temple 373; David Carlton 442; Beth Branscome 276; Judy

Chambless 501; Claudia Dean 64; Cody Hunter 479; Ray Rechenberg 565; Karen Ivey 446; Molly Ellis 141; Logan Green 547.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Eddie Mash leading 111b. Leaders: Darrell Swarens and Jo Apple 267 (in memory of Travis Keeton); Annaliza Cull 268; Kay Huener 269; Angela Myers 278t; Rick Hoffman 72b; Bob Simmons 66; Cliff Hall 47b; Reba Windom 472 (for Louis Hughes); Jonathan Smith 189; Gail Doss 196; Joe Thompson 142; Heidi Nolen 312b; John Kelso 461; Catherine Grisso 74b; Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten 314; Scott Kennedy 551; Judy Mincey 475; Laurens Blankers 334; Sarah Beasley 129. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Matt Bell.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Tim Reynolds and David Carlton leading 128. Leaders: Caleb Dillehay 234; James Eldridge 344; Susan Cheronos 40; Rachel Rudi 564; Robert Stoddard 383; Ron Harper 284; Jackie Tanner 298; Kelly Kennedy 455; Jonathan Wood and Coy Ivey 384; Robert Chambless 480; Daphene Causey 222; Cheyenne Ivey 182; Matt Hinton 300; Riley Lee 285t; Byron Burchett 108b; Mary Wright 290; Judy Caudle 530.

RECESS

Eddie Mash and John Kelso led 460 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Bob Cull 569b; Mary Ellen Schrock 171; Michael Jones 365; Marilyn Burchett 29t; Michele Cull 76b; Sharon DuPriest 208; Gary Smith 270; Stephanie Beauchamp 163b; Sandie Scott and Rodney Ivey 113; Seth Holloway 179; Jeff Corbett 146. Eddie Mash and Tim Reynolds led 323t as the closing song. Matt Bell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 11

The Sunday session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association was called to order by Eddie Mash leading 101t. The opening prayer was offered by Jackson Harcrow.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 173; Blake Sisemore 172; Dan Brittain 543; Karen Ivey 440; David Carlton 332; Elizabeth Stoddard 191; Michele Cull 549; Rodney Ivey 34t; John Plunkett 353; David Ivey 540; Cindy Tanner 220; Mary Wright 546; Sandi Scott 472; Seth Holloway 183; Robert Chambless 84; Kelly Kennedy 447; Virginia Douglas 313b; Robert Stoddard 545; Phil Summerlin 278t.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds led 85 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Nathan Rees 230; Sharon DuPriest 313t; Dennis George 412; Laurens Blankers 311; Susan Harcrow 426b; Scott Kennedy 287; Judy Mincey 481; Vella Dailey and Russ Pope 117; John Kelso and Molly Ellis 210; Tina Becker 168; Matt Hinton and Zachary Sullivan 436; Scott Ivey 354t.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Eddie Mash leading 105. Leaders: Byron Burchett 379; Roberta Strauss 498.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Dan Brittain, Karen Ivey, and Michele Cull. Karen Ivey spoke about what it means to a grieving family when others remember to send cards or make phone calls. Michele Cull read the following list of names of the deceased: Clarence McCool, Travis Keeton, Marie Ivey, Wayne Morgan, Corene Lacy, Ruby Freeman, Ricky Lester—Alabama; Sara Mansfield—California; Lady Corrine Meyer Lewis—Tennessee; Tom Barker—Virginia; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Joanne Bowman—Massachusetts; Barbara Stoddard and Henry Bizzell—North Carolina; Virginia Cowart—Arkansas. Karen Ivey and Michele Cull led 68b in their memory.

The following list of names of the sick and shut-ins was read: Julietta Haynes, Marlin Beasley, Sandra Wilkinson, Dale Bruner, Lonnie Rogers, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Melvin Stiefel, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, John Merritt, Emily Baswell, Bill Tanner, and Harrison Creel. Michele Cull and Dan Brittain led 176t and 341. Dan Brittain spoke about the tenth anniversary of the bombing of the Twin Towers in New York City on September 11, 2001, and then led 465. Blake Sisemore offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Riley Lee 49b; Barrett Patton 112; Daphene Causey 200; Molly Ellis and Jonathan Wood 326; Judy Caudle 499; Jackson Harcrow 229.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by David Carlton leading 501. Leaders: Rachel Rudi, Reba Windom, and Blake Sisemore 192; Tom George 422; Rick Fretter 350; John Wendt 359; Judy Chambless 527; Richard Ivey 399b; Beth Branscome 120; Henry Johnson 521; Pat Temple 473; Darrell Swarens and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 208; Kay Huener 159; Jonathan Smith 186; Ann Strange 211; Susan Cheronos 107; Cheyenne Ivey 203; Bob Simmons 299; Angela Myers 500; Gail Doss 99.

RECESS

The class was bought back to order. Leaders: Marilyn Burchett 294; Erica Hinton and Sally Connelly 157; Gary Smith 66; Leigh Cooper and Mark Godfrey 277; Claudia Dean 91; Ruth Dolby 81t; Sarah Beasley 145b; Bob Cull 82t; Ron Harper 209; Tammy Heinsohn 178; Anna Hinton, Annaliza Cull, and Eli Hinton 268; Rick Hoffman 225t.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing committee reports. Nora Parker reported that donations were sufficient to cover expenses, and the balance would be carried forward for future use.

The Resolutions Committee submitted the following report: We, the Resolutions Committee, offer the following resolutions for adoption by the class. We give thanks to the Almighty, who has brought us together safely, has provided us with fine weather, and has blessed us with voices and a tradition of singing that enables us to show our love for each other and sing praises to our God. We thank Trevecca University, and especially Professor David Deehl, for their hospitality and support. We thank those who provided valuable time and material support to this convention. We thank those who prepared and served the food, frequently sacrificing their time around the square to attend to our nourishment. We thank the singers who have come from far and wide, providing the class with strong parts all around and maintaining the tradition of powerful singing. We thank all the officers and committee members who made the singing run smoothly. We resolve to return again next year for the 109th session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association, expressing our continued desire to seek the old paths, and walk therein.

The Locating Officers recommended that the 109th session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association meet at Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama, in September, 2012. All reports were approved, and the business session was closed. Eddie Mash and Tim Reynolds led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Blake Sisemore, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Eddie Mash; Vice Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Secretary—Nora Parker

NEW YORK CITY ALL-DAY SINGING Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, New York Saturday, September 17, 2011

The 7th annual New York City All-Day Singing was brought to order by Diane Mennella leading 77b. Lamar Matthew offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Nancy Mandel; Vice Chairman—Rachel Speer; Secretary—Carol Huang; Treasurer—Sam Kleinman; Chaplain—Lamar Matthew.

Leaders: Nancy Mandel 129; Rachel Speer 138t; Carol Huang 539; Sam Kleinman 82t; Gary Ryan 457; Gwen Gethner 84; Aldo Ceresa 145t; Patrick Paglen 142; Charles Biada 42; Jon Giles 572; Douglas Fower 87; Mary Skidmore 448t; Richard Schmeidler 254; Doron Henkin 296; Barbara Swetman 313b; Lamar Matthew 522; Mary Andrews 300; Dan Hunter 368; Kelsey Sunderland 134; Maura Burns 269; Leland Kusmer 160b; Paula Picton 278b; Eli Hetko 335; Gillie Campbell 66; Ines Lüttgen 333; Kevin Griffin Moreno 326.

RECESS

Kelsey Sunderland called the class back to order leading 111b. Leaders: Brenda Peña 68b; Alice Maggio 47t; Leon Pulsinelle 101t; Sam Kleinman 106; Anna Nowogrodzki 318; Erik Schwab 208; Becky Wright 498; Harry Scott 117; Emily Hale-Sills 384; Scott Luscombe 481; Anna Mays 145b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Diane Mennella, who led 50b in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Tony Smigelski, Frank Evans, Kathy Balestracci, Dennis Cirelli, Marlys Swetman, Joe Ost, Donna Weceva, Skip Trout, Marlin Beasley, John Merritt, Julie Veal, John Seaton, Ginny Hazel, Cynthia Guest, Mairi Gearey, Patrice Conley, and Kip Weeks.

Judy Hauff led 68t in memory of the following deceased: Linda Fuller Bedard, Marie Ivey, Joanna Bowman, Raymond Frates, David Bornick, Travis Keeton, Nash Basom, Bob Schuiteman, Joseph Sleeva, Frances Ceresa, Eunice Luscombe, and Virginia Luscombe. The memorial session was closed with a prayer offered by Lamar Matthew.

Leaders: Dean Jens 26; Christine Andrews 112; Jesse Krikorian 230; Jessica Keyes 276; Guy Bankes 297; Lynne deBenedette 77t; Ann Sleeva 501; John delRe 96; Joanne Fuller 542; Laura Densmore 549; Ian McGullam 504; John Bowman 33b; Ian Quinn 228. Lamar Matthew offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Becky Wright called the class back to order leading 176t. Leaders: Terry Ryan 149; Jeff Gauthier 250; Claire Simon 547; Frank Griggs 215; David Wright 193; Eimear O'Donovan 507; Judy Hauff 277; Buck Lea 447; John Alexander 29b; Lauren Bock 419; Ted Mercer 444; Al McCready 155; Kelly Macklin 468; Jean Seiler 472; Sonia Chin 95; Chuck Micciche 408; Caitlin Caulfield 312b; Myles Dakan 315; Merv Horst 236; Susan Bingham and Jack Cuffari 47b.

RECESS

Kelly Macklin called the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Inga Knets 546; Natalie Good 153; Dean Koga 189; Gina Balestracci 218; Cory Noel 475; Barbara Hohenstein 36t; Ted Mercer 275b; Charlotte Ehrman 365; Mary Andrews 168; David Wright 196; Ann Sleeva 383; Eimear O'Donovan and Daire O'Sullivan 37b; John Alexander and Diane Ober 317; Judy Hauff 434.

After reports and announcements, the officers led 62, and those who wished took the parting hand. Lamar Matthew offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Nancy Mandel; Vice Chairman—Rachel Speer; Secretary—Carol Huang

LEE ROGERS MEMORIAL SINGING (CHRISTIAN HARMONY)
Home of John and Elsie Hollingsworth, Ila, Georgia
Saturday, September 17, 2011

The 3rd annual Lee Rogers Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in September. All song selections were from *The Christian Harmony* (2010 edition). The class was called to order by Robert Kelley leading 467 (CH). John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer.

Robert Kelley welcomed the class, and appointed Judy Mincey to serve as the Arranging Officer.

Leaders: Michael Spencer 510b (CH); Shannon Primm 23t (CH); Chris Wilhelm 45t (CH); Judy Mincey 51 (CH); Jane Spencer 105t (CH); Bill Hollingsworth 490 (CH); Matt Bell 329 (CH); Michael Jones 541 (CH); John Hollingsworth 93 (CH); Eddie Mash 54 (CH); Andy Morse 432b (CH); Mildred Chandler 136, 131 (CH); David Libbey 67b (CH); Mary Baumeister 332 (CH); Helen Bryson 35t (CH); and Greg Walton 260b (CH).

RECESS

Robert Kelley brought the class back to order with 322 (CH). Leaders: Michael Spencer 493 (CH); Shannon Primm and Christy Sinksen 300 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 85 (CH); Judy Mincey 133 (CH); Matt Bell 364 (CH); Jane Spencer 378 (CH); Bill Hollingsworth 209 (CH); John Hollingsworth 259t (CH); Eddie Mash 374 (CH); and Andy Morse (for Ken and Sarah Slusher, in memory of their son) 64 (CH).

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Robert Kelley leading 419t (CH). Leaders: Christy Sinksen and Bill Hollingsworth 546t (CH); David Libbey 546b (CH); Mary Baumeister 531 (CH); Helen Bryson 189 (CH); Michael Spencer 448t (CH); Shannon Primm 172 (CH); Judy Mincey 168 (CH); Matt Bell 30t (CH); Jane Spencer 548 (CH); Laura Akerman 372 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 250t (CH); Bill Hollingsworth 369 (CH); John Hollingsworth 280 (CH); Michael Jones 412b (CH); Eddie Mash 421b (CH); Andy Morse 63t (CH); Christy Sinksen 171 (CH); Mary Baumeister 547 (CH); Helen Bryson 420 (CH).

The class held a brief business meeting and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Robert Kelley; Vice Chairman—Michael Spencer; Secretary—Shannon Primm. The class decided \$15.00 would be submitted for minutes publication in the Sacred Harp minutes book. The Chairman announced that the 2013 singing date will conflict with the nearby Pioneer Day singing. The class will decide at their next meeting if any action is needed.

RECESS

The class sang a selection of songs from a new collection by Raymond Hamrick. After announcements, Robert Kelley and Bill Hollingsworth led 549b (CH) as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Robert Kelley; Vice Chairman—Michael Spencer; Secretary—Shannon Primm

ILLINOIS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Christian County Historical Museum, Taylorville, Illinois
September 17-18, 2011

Saturday, September 17

The 27th annual session of the Illinois State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Don Bardsley leading 59. Darrell Swarens offered the morning prayer.

The following officers and committees were previously elected or appointed: Chairman—Don Bardsley; Co-Chairman—Ryan Wheeler; Treasurer—Barbara A. Moore; Secretary—Janet Fraembs; Chaplain—Darrell Swarens (Saturday); Rachel Adelstein and Penny Kujawinski (Sunday); Arranging Committee—Berkley Moore, Barbara A. Moore (Saturday), and Janet Fraembs (Sunday); Finance Committee—Mark Graber and Peggy Brayfield; Memorial Committee—Ryan Wheeler and Evelyn Lamb.

Leaders: Ryan Wheeler 33b; Janet Fraembs 34b; Lori Graber 32t; Peggy Brayfield 49t; Martha Tyner 479; Berkley Moore 67; Karen Isbell 84 (MH); Debra Reid 284; Rochelle Lodder 107 (MH); Ginny Landgraf 7 (MH); Shirley Figura 348b; Nate Green and Norma Green 61; Darrell Swarens 341; Jan Ketelle 36b; Paul Figura 19 (MH); Rachel Adelstein 169 (MH).

RECESS

Don Bardsley brought the class back together by leading 68b. Leaders: James Page 45 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 159 (MH); Joan Aldridge 275b; Evelyn Lamb 245; Penny Kujawinski 383; Carol Munro Mosley 192; Marcus Whitman 139 (MH); William Shetter 547; Michael Appert 148 (MH); Daniel Bearden 136 (MH); Karen Isbell 137; Debra Reid 268; Rochelle Lodder 135 (MH); Ginny Landgraf 88 (MH); Shirley Figura 180 (MH); Nate Green and Norma Green 97; Darrell Swarens 442; Jan Ketelle 89 (MH); Paul Figura 127 (MH). Darrell Swarens offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Ryan Wheeler called the class back together for the afternoon session leading 278b and 276. Leaders: Rachel Adelstein 155; James Page 34 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 56 (MH); Joan Aldridge 166; Evelyn Lamb 499; Terry Cunningham 217; Penny Kujawinski 200; Carol Munro Moseley 455; Marcus Whitman 448t; William Shetter 62; Michael Appert 391; Daniel Bearden 193; Don Bardsley 163b; Ryan Wheeler 149 (MH); Terry Hogg 132 (MH); Janet Fraembs 551; Lori Graber 500; Peggy Brayfield 22 (MH); Martha Tyner 146; Karen Isbell 68 (MH); Rochelle Lodder 195; Ginny Landgraf 121 (MH); Shirley Figura 564; Nate Green and Norma Green 303; Darrell Swarens 145 (MH).

RECESS

Terry Hogg led 523 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Jan Ketelle 162 (MH); Paul Figura 77 (MH); Rachel Adelstein 13 (MH); James Page 170 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 222; Evelyn Lamb 474; Terry Cunningham 151 (MH); Penny Kujawinski 39b; Carol Munro Mosley 464; Marcus Whitman 312b; William Shetter 546; Michael Appert 536; Daniel Bearden 196; Lori Graber 142.

Following announcements, Don Bardsley led 87 as the closing song. Darrell Swarens closed the Saturday session with prayer.

Sunday, September 18

The Sunday session of the Illinois State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Don Bardsley leading 171. Rachel Adelstein offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Ryan Wheeler 84; Janet Fraembs 393; Lori Graber 176; Peggy Brayfield 48t; Terry Hogg 43; Presley Barker 28t; Micah Sommer 299; Carol Munro Mosley 269; Martha Tyner 335; Helen Parker 117; William Shetter 138 (MH); Rachel Adelstein 51 (MH); Penny Kujawinski 440; Marcus Whitman 277; Joan Aldridge 276; Daniel Bearden 52 (MH); Evelyn Lamb 399t; James Page 98 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 272.

RECESS

Don Bardsley called the class back together leading 168. Leaders: Bill Rintz 288; Carol Munro Mosley 392; Presley Barker 89 (MH); Micah Sommer 99; Marcus

Whitman 76b; Lori Graber 283; Joan Aldridge 309; Lou Kujawinski 477; Lissa Blood 39t; Daniel Bearden 215; Peggy Brayfield 175; William Shetter 75 (MH). The memorial lesson was conducted by Ryan Wheeler and Evelyn Lamb. The names of the deceased read were Bob Meek—Kentucky; Joyce Anderson—Wisconsin; Dennis Murphy—Vermont; Marie Ivey, Clarence McCool, and Travis Keeton—Alabama; Dorothy Fisher, Ed Hinderberger, and Jenny Whitman—Missouri; Jo Ann Bowman—Massachusetts. Ryan Wheeler led 77t in their memory. Evelyn Lamb spoke for the sick and shut-ins and led 285t in honor of Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, John Merritt, Becky Schildman, Frances Tyner (Martha's mother), Dick Draughn, and Lois Lee Ramsey. Ryan Wheeler closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: James Page 67 (MH); Martha Tyner 147t; Penny Kujawinski 180; Bill Rintz 155; Evelyn Lamb 497; Presley Barker 59. Don Bardsley led 164 (MH) as a blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

Ryan Wheeler opened the afternoon session leading 159. Leaders: Janet Fraembs 532; Marcus Whitman 106; Carol Munro Mosley 300; Micah Sommer 178; Joan Aldridge 475; Lissa Blood 282; Daniel Bearden 189; Lou Kujawinski 53; Peggy Brayfield 112 (MH); James Page 71 (MH); Evelyn Lamb 36t; Rachel Adelstein 139; Bill Rintz 384; Terry Hogg 58 (MH); Don Bardsley 385b; Lori Graber 548; William Shetter 147b.

RECESS

Ryan Wheeler led 480 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Penny Kujawinski 430; Presley Barker 505; Helen Parker 154 (MH); Lissa Blood 504; Daniel Bearden 198; Micah Sommer 49b; Marcus Whitman 324; Evelyn Lamb 550; Lou Kujawinski 350; Bill Rintz 268; Rachel Adelstein 332; Carol Munro Mosely 540; James Page 66 (MH); William Shetter 297; Lissa Blood 28b; Daniel Bearden 216; Peggy Brayfield 62; Micah Sommer 63; Terry Hogg 142 (MH); Lori Graber 13(MH).

Announcements were made. The Finance Committee reported that expenses were met. Don Bardsley thanked the Christian County Historical Society, especially Chuck Courtwright, for the use of the facility, all the committees that contributed to another successful convention, all those who brought food, and those who came from near and far. He led 347 as we wished one another a Christian's Farewell. Penny Kujawinski offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Don Bardsley; Co-Chairman—Ryan Wheeler; Secretary—Janet Fraembs

UNITED KINGDOM SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Lomas Hall, Stannington, South Yorkshire, United Kingdom** **September 17-18, 2011** **Saturday, September 17**

The 16th annual United Kingdom Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Sarah West leading 59. Hannah Land offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Judy Whiting 171; Hannah Land 72b; Ian West 84; Beverly Coates 472; Chris Brown 28b; Jacqui Selby-McLeod 82t; Dave Richardson 30t; Cheryl Foreman 492; Steve Helwig 228; Kamila Dembinska 272; Tollie Lee 285t; Helen Brown 103; Rick Foreman 448t; Justyna Orlikowska 542; Michael Walker 371; Sally Greaves-Lord 63; Bruce Coates 503; Magdalena Gryszko 107; Ted Brown 546; Gosia Perycz 440; Sonny Erwin 480; Maria Wallace 142; Jacek Borkowicz 36b; Rachel Jordan 474. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Sarah West; Secretary—Judy Whiting; Memorial Committee—Ruth Steggles and Michael McGuigan.

RECESS

Ruth Steggles called the class to order leading 276. Leaders: Nick Hall 455; Rebecca Over 406; Eamonn O'Neill 430; Mandy Townsend 532; Sadhbh Ní Fhloinn 300; Harry Campbell 178; Steve Fletcher 106; Richard Percival 535; Sofi Mogensen 148; Phil Tyler 157; Sheila Macadam 500; Zachary Marcus 414; Jenny Reid 504; Robert Wedgbury 313b; Dave Townsend 383; Sharon Langridge 481; Benny Ross 466; Cath Tyler 441; Mick Verrier 217; Margaret Gillanders 475; Edwin Macadam 534; Steve Biggs 497; Sarah West 498; Judy Whiting 384; Carmel Wood 344; Hannah Land 283. Michael Walker offered the prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Ian West leading 105. Leaders: Dave Richardson 335; Beverley Coates 168; Matthew Ord 89; Jacqui Selby-McLeod 131b; Steve Helwig and Gosia Perycz 189; Cheryl Foreman 201; Chris Brown 298; Kamila Dembinska 340; Sarah Hill 122; Tollie Lee 319; Sally Greaves-Lord 26; Rick Foreman 175; Adrian Bolge 350; Helen Brown 436; Justyna Orlikowska 203; Michael Walker 377; Bruce Coates 32t; Maria Wallace 38b; Magdalena Gryszko, Justyna Orlikowska, Gosia Perycz, Anna Perdeus, Jacek Borkowicz, Kuba Choinski, Kamila Dembinska, Anna Goldlewska, and Dominika Jedrzejczak 86; Ted Brown 391; Gosia Perycz 192; Rachel Jordan 183; Jacek Borkowicz 236; Mandy Townsend 490.

RECESS

Steve Fletcher brought the class to order leading 312b. Leaders: Eamonn O'Neill 29t; Rebecca Over 562; Edwin Macadam 528; Sadhbh Ní Fhloinn 181; Emily Verrier, Lottie Sumner, Connie Baldini, Byron Tyler, and Ethan Tralau 146; Sheila Macadam 299; Dave Townsend 85; Sofi Mogensen 65; Robert Wedgbury 112; Ruth Steggles 454; Sonny Erwin 569b; Cath Tyler 445; Zachary Marcus 547; Margaret Gillanders 182; Harry Campbell 49b; Sharon Langridge 501; Mick Verrier 538; Phil Tyler 477.

Sarah West led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Tollie Lee, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 18

The Sunday session of the United Kingdom Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Sarah West leading 29t. Michael Walker offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Judy Whiting 77b; Hannah Land 77t; Benny Ross 31b; Carmel Wood 270; Nick Hall 287; Justyna Orlikowska 66; Stephen Biggs 288; Beverly Coates 328; Steve Helwig 428; Pauline Hyde 163b; Rick Foreman 330b; Sarah Hill 324; Chris Brown 31t; Connie Hartley 146; Helen Brown 426b; Adrian Bolge 491; Bruce Coates 566; Sadhbh Ní Fhloinn 269; Matthew Ord 88t; Nadine Wills 339; Michael Walker 434; Cheryl Foreman 186.

RECESS

Maria Wallace called the class to order leading 445. Leaders: Robert Wedgbury 37b; Mick Verrier 163t; Josephine Ellis 155; Ian West 135; Eamonn O'Neill 29b; Magdalena Gryszko 171; Cath Tyler 250; Margaret Gillanders 192; Kamila Dembinska 99; Jacqui Selby-McLeod 267; Ted Brown 303.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Ruth Steggles and Michael McGuigan. Ruth led 68b for the following deceased: Ernestine Pipkin, Marie Ivey, Maddy Hobson, Joyce Jew, Ola Perycz, Peter Ogden, Mike Atkinson, Joyce Over, Travis Keeton, Benny Ray Walls, Elizabeth O'Kelly, Carel Anee Milne, Helen Gillis, Stan Reeve, Barry Murphy, Alan Cooper, Glynne Williams, Demetrius Jones, John Champkin, Joan Stilltoe, Linda Champ, Lisbeth Poulsen, Pauline Anderson, Charles Breslin, David Powell, Phillip Hill, Garry Jenkins, Frank Bennett, and Mike Steel.

Michael McGuigan spoke on behalf of the sick and housebound. He and David Richardson led 448b for the following: Bud Oliver, Kit Vishnick, David Dakin, Joan Swift, Margaret Hyde, Mirian Granger, Peter Schoongans, Kathy Armstrong, Seamus McGuigan, Lucy Chadwick, Sylvia Swann, Brian Butcher, Bill Whaley, Derek Winstanley, Judy Chambless, Jon Lusk, Mandy Holland, Aubrey Barfield, Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard, Maureen Gamlin, Lonnie Rogers, Jean Dean, Katherine Selfe, Dwight Diller, Maggie and Paul Watson, Nora and Peter Jeffery, Barbara Crawford, and Marjorie Franks. Ruth Steggles closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Steve Fletcher 196; Zachary Marcus 271t; Rachel Jordan 200; Harry Campbell 121; Sofi Mogensen 278t; Kuba Choinski 49t; Sonny Erwin 113; Gosia Perycz 399t; Tollie Lee 278b; Rebecca Over 216; Eamonn O'Neill, Robert Wedgbury, Sadhbh Ní Fhloinn, and Pauline Hyde 47b; Jacek Borkowicz 282. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Carmel Wood.

LUNCH

David Richardson called the afternoon session to order leading 111t. Leaders Nick Hall 389; Anna Perdeus 277; Stephen Biggs 45t; Margaret Gillanders 534; Zachary Marcus 274t; Connie Hartley 39t; Beverley Coates 133; Phil Tyler 442; Adrian Bolge 156; Ted Brown 496; Nadine Wills 457; Sonny Erwin 568; Benny Ross 362; Justyna Orlikowska 481; Jacqui Selby-McLeod 179; Matthew Ord 34b; Steve Helwig 433; Gosia Perycz 193; Sofi Mogensen 332; Sarah Hill 385t; Carmel Wood 456.

RECESS

The final session was called to order by Chris Brown leading 176t. Leaders: Cath Tyler and Byron Tyler 47t; Tollie Lee 385b; Ruth Steggles 198; Ian West and Sarah West 421; Bruce Coates 34t; Harry Campbell, Ewan Paterson, Margaret Bradshaw, and Shona Brown 117; Josephine Ellis 268; Magdalena Gryszko 63; Rick Foreman 75; Hannah Land 273; Michael Walker 521; Carmel Wood, Angela Wood, and David Wood 504; Magdalena Gryszko, Justyna Orlikowska, Gosia Perycz, Anna Perdeus, Jacek Borkowicz, Kuba Choinski, Kamila Dembinska, Anna Goldlewska, Dominika Jedrzejczak, and Steve Helwig 448t; Tollie Lee, Rick Foreman, Cheryl Foreman, Beverley Coates, Bruce Coates, and Sonny Erwin 549.

Following announcements, Sarah West thanked all those involved in organizing the convention, particularly Gill West for the food. She led 46 as the closing song.

Hannah Land offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Sarah West; Secretary—Judy Whiting

CORNELIUS BENJAMIN KEETON AND TRAVIS KEETON MEMORIAL

Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery), Walker County, Alabama Sunday, September 18, 2011

The 20th annual Cornelius Benjamin Keeton Memorial Sacred Harp Singing at Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery) was held on the third Sunday in September. Glenn Keeton called the class to order by leading 46 and 45t. The morning prayer was offered by Harrison Creel. Glenn Keeton welcomed everyone. He requested that Travis Keeton's name be added to this memorial singing. The class agreed.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Don Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Lena Keeton.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 47b (in memory of Travis Keeton); Don Keeton 145t, 270; Lucy Heidorn 47t, 186; Seth Poston 275b, 129 (in memory of Travis Keeton); Kermit Adams 187, 85; Betty Baccus 273, 490; Larry Ballinger 146, 177; Ottis Sides

322, 530; Roma Rice 343, 31t; Hannah Tate 159, 124; Faye Donaldson 78, 430; Mike Hankins 72b, 410t; Elene Stovall 182, 436 (for Julietta Haynes).

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Glenn Keeton, Isabella Keeton, and Matthew Keeton leading 59. Leaders: Henry Guthery 527 (for Johnnie Ballinger), 198; Ken Tate 120, 63; Chris Ballinger 178, 228; Richard Mauldin 551; Harrison Creel 498, 111b; Bridgett Kennedy 67, 411; Tim Gilmore 142, 542; Amber Davis 382, 192; Scott Kennedy 454, 565.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Don Keeton leading 329. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 36b; Sarah Beasley 290, 288; Stella Pratt and Richard Mauldin 335; Wanda Capps 546; Faith Dobbins, Skip Keeton, Holly Keeton, Travis Keeton, Tonya Wright, and Glenn Keeton 400, 179 (in memory of Travis Keeton); Lisa Geist 377, 304; Parnell Berry 283; Danny Creel 196, 215; Joshua Keeton 189, 268; Steve Adams and Sandra Spradlin 331, 378t; Linda Sides 277, 421; Marlin Beasley 318; Sandra Spradlin 391; Margaret Keeton and Wayne Keeton 393, 361; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 475, 306; Seth Holloway 440, 442; Juanita Beasley and Marlin Beasley 61; Glenn Keeton, Elizabeth Keeton, Isabella Keeton, and Matthew Keeton 504; Lena Keeton, Gwen Cornelius, and Glenn Keeton 472, 571 (CB), 490; Glenn Keeton 507 (for Josie Hyde).

After announcements, Glenn Keeton and Don Keeton led 267 as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Don Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

SMYRNA SACRED HARP SINGING **Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama** **Sunday, September 18, 2011**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church held on the third Sunday in September was called to order by Jack Nelson leading 438 and 318. He offered the opening prayer.

The class elected the following officers to serve: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Co-Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral.

Leaders: Jacob Acton 282, 100; Brandon Acton 63, 36b; Buell Cobb 203, 278t; Robert Chambless 70t, 225t; Eugene Forbes 168, 186; Judy Caudle 389, 392; Angela Myers 101t, 350; Bill Hogan 103, 39b.

RECESS

Jack Nelson called the class back together by leading 480. Leaders: Floy Wilder 299, 300; Judy Chambless 523, 347; Wendy Futral 283, 369; Jenny Acton 229 (CB), 294.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jack Nelson. He read the names of the following deceased: Howard McGuire, Barbara Futral Crozier, Susan Payne Monroe, Marie Ivey, Julius Phillips, Vernell Amason, Travis Keeton, and Clarence McCool.

The following sick and shut-ins were remembered: Audress Gurley, Jean Payne, Bud Oliver, Julietta Haynes, Mona Nelson, and Jan Roberts. Elder Ken Milner offered prayer on behalf of the sick and grieved, and closed the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Myra Goss 170, 198; Nancy Hogan 515, 448t; Ed Thacker 202, 546; Edna Ruth Phillips 236.

LUNCH

Leaders: Nell Estes 560, 269; Margaret Thacker 569b, 565; Marilyn Bradley 32t; Margaret Ray 100, 155; Jo Snodgrass 270, 35; Deborah Ritch 286, 108b; Denise Burleson 196, 192; B.M. Smith 475, 99; Charlene Wallace and Margie Smith 217,

317; Bufrey Dean 47b, 39t; William Futral and Wendy Futral 341, 147t; Roy Nelson and Jack Nelson 33t, 31b; Virginia Futral 566, 145b.

Jacob Acton led 62 as the closing song. Elder Louis Culver dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Co-Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral

THE ORIGINAL B. F. WHITE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (1911 J. L. WHITE REVISION)

Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia

Sunday, September 18, 2011

The class was brought to order by the Chairman, John Plunkett, who led 59. John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 34t; Russ Hanson 61; Sandra Wilkinson 484t; Malinda Snow 35; John Hollingsworth 480t; Carol Hanson 544t; Charles Woods 546b; Nathan Rees 292b (for Rodney Ivey); Molly Ellis 331b; Billy Hollingsworth 487t; Kathy Smith 159; Martha Ann Stegar 507; Leigh Cooper 38t; Blake Sisemore 91t; Mary Brownlee 280; Helen Bryson 526; Johnathan Wood 519.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Russ Hanson; Secretary/Treasurer—Sandra Wilkinson.

RECESS

Russ Hanson brought the class to order by leading 101t. Leaders: Mark Godfrey 547t; Henry Johnson 495; Lela Crowder 491b; Margie Dietz 72b; Eddie Mash 484b; Oscar McGuire 522; Laura Akerman 512; Robert Kelley 504; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 97; Wesley Haley 94; Sarah Kahre 517; Tom Hanson 299; David Brodeur 37t; Rita Haley 63; Jonathon Smith 153; Raymond Hamrick 490b; Molly Ellis 458; Sharon Hamrick 276. Charles Woods offered prayer for the noon meal at the lunch table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by John Plunkett leading 368t. Leaders: Malinda Snow 27; Leigh Cooper 523; Andy Morse 480b; Laura Akerman 277; Matt Hinton 34b; Henry Slack 181; Jesse Roberts 120; Eddie Mash 382b; Judy Mincey 126.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg. He led 444t for the following sick and shut-ins: Nick Griffin, Carlene Griffin, Ben Leavelle, Lula Bradford, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Lonnie Rogers, and Ellie Soler.

Jesse spoke and led 275b in memory of the following deceased: Marie Ivey, Ernestine Pipkin, Myrtle Wootten, and Travis Keeton—Alabama; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Emily Calhoun and Robert Cook—Georgia; Sammy Harlan, John Bradford-Smith, and Roy Morse. The memorial was concluded with prayer by Blake Sisemore.

Leaders: Nathan Rees 271b; Erica Hinton 499t; Blake Sisemore 67; Bob Goodman 60; Sarah Kahre 511; Betty Harber 491t.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Russ Hanson leading 282. Leaders: Johnathan Wood 405; Anna Hinton 300; Sandra Wilkinson 274t; Henry Johnson 394; Mary Brownlee 151; Mark Godfrey 37b; Jonathon Smith 83b; Helen Bryson 317b; David Brodeur 144; Janet Wuichut 546t; Oscar McGuire 486t; Margie Dietz 48b; Billy Hollingsworth 138t; Tom Hanson 387; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 132.

Following announcements, John Plunkett led 389t for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Jesse Roberts.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Russ Hanson; Secretary—Sandra Wilkinson

MOUNTAIN HERITAGE DAY **Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina** **Saturday, September 24, 2011**

The song selections in the morning session are from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Mike Nichols and Dr. James Dooley welcomed the singers to Western Carolina University. Judy Mincey called the class to order leading 59. Dr. Dooley offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Mike Nichols; Vice Chairman (Sacred Harp)—Judy Mincey; Arranging and Secretary—Mary Baumeister.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 50b; Mike Spencer 63; Mike Nichols 46; James Dooley 127; Sarah Kehrberg 503; Nathan Rees 32t; Ken George 569b; Kevin Kehrberg 117; Robert Varkony 49b; Will Peebles 47b; Mary Baumeister 52t; Judy Mincey 30t; Mike Spencer 72t; Mike Nichols 133; James Dooley 34b; Nathan Rees 186; Sarah Kehrberg 277; Ken George 159; Kevin Kehrberg 455; Robert Varkony 145t; Will Peebles 48b; Ed Smith 101t; Mary Baumeister 324; Judy Mincey 384; Mike Spencer 335; Mike Nichols 178; James Dooley 81t; Sarah Kehrberg 472; Nathan Rees 276; Kevin Kehrberg 448t; Will Peebles 58; Ed Smith 45t; Mary Baumeister 569t; Judy Mincey 347. Dr. Dooley offered the blessing before lunch.

LUNCH (kindly provided by the university)

The song selections in the afternoon session are from *The Christian Harmony, 2010 edition*. Mike Nichols introduced the *Christian Harmony* part of the singing, and Dr. Dooley welcomed the singers to the university.

Leaders: James Dooley 255; Mike Spencer 30b; Mike Nichols 339; Robert Varkony 498; Anne Lough 129; Ed Smith 110; Judy Mincey 50; Will Peebles 51; Becky Walker 89; Ken George 189; Marilyn Bledsoe 359; Nick Gattis 117, 235; Steve Rau 367; Laramie Smith 55b; Mary Parker 299; Mary Baumeister 58b; James Dooley 346; Mike Spencer 361; Mike Nichols 136; Robert Varkony 428; Anne Lough 67b; Ed Smith 95; Mike Nichols 410t (by request); Judy Mincey 133; Will Peebles 432b; Becky Walker 217; Nick Gattis 215; Steve Rau 369; Laramie Smith 433; Mary Parker 165.

Mary Baumeister led 200 as the closing song. Dr. Dooley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mike Nichols; Secretary—Mary Baumeister

NORTHWEST LONDON SACRED HARP SINGING **St. Mary's Church and Parish Centre** **Willesden, London, United Kingdom** **Saturday, September 24, 2011**

The 4th annual Northwest London Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Michael Walker leading 77b. Hannah Land offered the morning prayer. Michael welcomed everyone.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Michael Walker; Arranging Committee—Judy Whiting, Chris Brown, Ian West, and Sarah West; Secretary—Rebecca Over.

Leaders: Rebecca Over 61; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 131b; Ted Brown 47t; Judy Whiting 492; Sharon Langridge 159; Sarah West 86; Nick Hall 527; Hannah Land 142; Eric Saylor 74b; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 84; Chris Brown 82t; Steve Fletcher 131t; Tollie Lee 565; Rachel Jordan 48t; Jan Lawrence 38t; Ian West 145t; Michael Walker 205; Sharon Langridge 143; Nick Hall 494; Judy Whiting 71; Eric Saylor 551.

RECESS

Rebecca Over called the class back together by leading 53. Leaders: Sarah West 370; Céline Van Damme and Tollie Lee 47b; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 32t; Ted Brown 108t; Eric Saylor 375; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 49t; Hannah Land 399t; Chris Brown 102; Steve Fletcher 376; Rachel Jordan 501; Jan Lawrence 171; Ian West 287; Tollie Lee 388; Nick Hall 515; Rebecca Over 220; Eric Saylor 168; Sharon Langridge 36b; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 134; Michael Walker 371; Sarah West 430; Ted Brown 111b; Hannah Land 367; Chris Brown 28b; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 186.

LUNCH

Ian West brought the afternoon session together by leading 270. Leaders: Margaret Gillanders 542; Helen Brown 422; Tollie Lee 278b; Steve Fletcher 278t; Nick Hall 452; Judy Whiting 386; Jan Lawrence 141; Rachel Jordan 464; Chris Brown 298; Helen Brown 517; Michael Walker 216; Sarah West 80t; Margaret Gillanders 187; Ted Brown 77t; Rebecca Over 381; Hannah Land 503.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Neil Rogers. The following deceased were remembered: Stan Reeve—Fulbourn; Joyce Over—Camberley; Ray Fisher—Glasgow; Joan Sillito—Raglan; Mike Waterson—Robin Hood's Bay; John Champkin—Tenbury Wells; Linda Champ—Winchester; Glynn Williams—Cardiff; Charles Breslin, Philip Hill, Garry Jenkins and David Powell—miners from Gleision drift mine, Swansea Valley; the mother and five children, who died in a house fire in Neasden, London; Marie Ivey, Travis Keeton, and Demetrius Jones—Alabama USA; George Holland—Georgia USA. Jan Lawrence led 339 in their memory.

The sick and housebound lesson was conducted by Steve Fletcher and Martin Williams. The following sick and housebound were remembered: Jon Lusk, Mandy Holland, Helen Bushell, Catherine Atkinson, Kit Vishnick, Marjorie Franks, Joan Swift, Kathy Armstrong, Seamus McGuigan, Brian Butcher, Sylvia Swann, Bill Whaley, Norma Waterson, Maureen Gamlin, Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard, Judy Chambless, and Lonnie Rogers. Steve Fletcher led 411 for them. Ted Brown offered prayer, and the memorial and sick and housebound lessons were closed.

Leader: Jacqui Selby-Macleod 163b.

RECESS

Sharon Langridge called the class back together by leading 99. Leaders: Judy Whiting 354t; Ian West 101b; Rachel Jordan 566; Helen Brown 365; Tollie Lee 319; Margaret Gillanders 472; Chris Brown 324; Jan Lawrence 474; Nick Hall 497; Sarah West 76b; Michael Walker 421; Ted Brown 97; Rebecca Over 208; Hannah Land 318; Steve Fletcher 128; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 347; Sharon Langridge 496; Rachel Jordan 209; Helen Brown 30b; Margaret Gillanders 569b; Tollie Lee and Céline Van Damme 45t.

Announcements were made. Michael Walker thanked all those whose work had made the singing possible. Michael Walker led 62, and the class took the parting hand. Catherine McArdle offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Michael Walker; Secretary—Rebecca Over

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Denver, Colorado
September 24-25, 2011
Saturday, September 24

The 22nd session of the Rocky Mountain High Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Claire Singleton leading 40. The opening prayer was offered by Carl Hance.

Leaders: Sharon Kermiet 48t (in honor of Syble Adams's birthday); Steve Kick 101t; Pete Mathewson 565; Bonnie Dolan 365; Ken Hallock 272; Erik Mason 479; David McPherson 133; Anita Landess 389; Carol Selleck 198; John Schaffer 66; April Barlow 147t; Carla Smith 132; John Bringe 312b; Mike Hinton 373; Karl Dise 379; Ginnie Ely 228; Susie Mathewson 145b; Judy Van Duzer 475.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Erik Mason leading 350. Leaders: Elyssa Lloyd 141; Corrie Van Duzer 280; Sally Gwylan 324; David Hawes 178; Eric Metzler 107; Isaac Lloyd 86; Karen Willard 171 (for her mother); Clarke Lee 70b; Norma Ruptier and Leanne Guthrie 168; Leslie Alperin 163b; Peter Bringe 332; Kay Sirco 480; Julie Lee 128; Gideon Lloyd 34b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairpersons—Sharon Kermiet and Mary Lou Van Laanen; Treasurer—Karl Dise; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Paul Lindholm.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Steve Kick leading 270. Leaders: Amandeep Gill 448b; Mary Lou Van Laanen 540; Lida Bringe 79; Jerry Schreiber 538; Sandy Klein and Karen Willard 254; Eric Xu 47b; Cornelia Stanton 344; Paul Lindholm 419; Claire Singleton 315; Sharon Kermiet 217; Ken Hallock 370; Pete Mathewson 501; David McPherson 430; Bonnie Dolan 432; Eric Metzler 106; Mike Hinton 146; Judy Van Duzer 192. The grace for lunch was sung by the class to the tune of 49t, led by Pete Mathewson.

LUNCH

Karl Dise led 47t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Carol Selleck 89; Erik Mason 288; Kay Sirco 143; John Bringe 59; Sally Gwylan 440; Ginnie Ely 454; Carla Smith 140; Mary Lou Van Laanen 489; Donald Klein 534; Claire Singleton 39t; Anita Landess 102; Clarke Lee 569b; Elyssa Lloyd 162; Norma Ruptier 334; Susie Mathewson 68b; Leslie Alperin 209; Peter Bringe 455.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Amandeep Gill leading 42. Leaders: John Schaffer 515; Isaac Lloyd 535; Stan Jensen 176b; Karen Willard 546; Jenny Jensen 446; Corrie Van Duzer and friends, Melanie and Steven 193; Jerry Schreiber 536; Cornelia Stanton 318; Julie Lee 503; Eric Xu 213t; Lida Bringe and Gloria Bringe 327; Sandy Klein 354b; Dani Lindholm and Paul Lindholm 300; David Hawes 159; April Barlow 236; Karl Dise 380; Steve Kick 208; Sharon Kermiet 267. The closing prayer was offered by Lance Lloyd.

Sunday, September 25

The Sunday session of the Rocky Mountain High Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Sharon Kermiet and Mary Lou Van Laanen leading 31t. The opening prayer was offered by Pete Mathewson.

Leaders: Steve Kick 32t; David McPherson 452; Karl Dise 320; Kay Sirco 99; Bonnie Dolan 447; Sally Gwylan 77t; Leslie Alperin 65; Clarke Lee 34t; Corrie Van Duzer 84 (in memory of a friend); Mike Hinton 532; Carol Selleck 56b; Cornelia Stanton 171; Norma Ruptier 148; Eric Metzler 33b; Amandeep Gill 48t.

RECESS

Steve Kick led 49b to bring the class to order. Leaders: Judy Van Duzer 203; Claire Singleton 82t; Erik Mason 228; Carla Smith 70t; Ginnie Ely 196; Karen Willard 142; Paul Lindholm 187; Mary Lou Van Laanen 472; Donald Klein 139; Jerry Schreiber 260; John Schaffer 150; Pete Mathewson 35; Eric Xu 448t; Sandy Klein 128; Ken Hallock 354t; April Barlow 268.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Mary Lou Van Laanen leading 73b. Erik Mason conducted the memorial lesson. Pete Mathewson led 32b for the following sick, homebound, and detained: Barbara Willard, Rodney Willard, Nadine Willard, Jeanne Schaffer, John Sawyer, Ed Stevens, Lonnie Rogers, Julietta Haynes, Jane Campbell, and Gloria Michel.

Erik Mason spoke and led 122 for the following deceased: Marie Ivey, Clarence McCool, and Travis Keeton—Alabama; George Jones—Texas; Parker Fairey—Michigan; Bev Krebs, Mary Anne Wehr Livingston, and Marie Louise Knosp—Colorado.

Leaders: Julie Lee 87; Sharon Kermiet 385t; Donna Sewell 68b; Kay Sirco 551; Sally Gwylan 312b; Leslie Alperin 38b; Eric Metzler 29t; Amandeep Gill 107; Corrie Van Duzer 444; Jerry Schreiber 497; Ginnie Ely 349. Mealtime grace was sung to the tune of 49t, led by Pete Mathewson.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Karl Dise leading 348t. Leaders: David McPherson 183; Erik Mason 556; Bonnie Dolan 549; Mike Hinton 340; Cornelia Stanton 466; Judy Van Duzer 191; Clarke Lee and Julie Lee 56t; Steve Kick 322; Claire Singleton 30t; April Barlow 276; Carla Smith 52b; Karen Willard 543; Eric Xu 114; Dani Lindholm and Paul Lindholm 74b; Mary Lou Van Laanen 174; Ken Hallock 52t; Karl Dise 121; Sharon Kermiet 269.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Karl Dise leading 210. Leaders: Paul Lindholm 278t; Donna Sewell 448b; Carol Selleck 207; Julie Lee 146; Sharon Kermiet and Mary Lou Van Laanen 490 (for Ila Jean Nye); Ginnie Ely 542; Mike Hinton 456; Cornelia Stanton 565; Carla Smith 45b; Ken Hallock and Karen Willard 408; Eric Xu 294.

Clarke Lee led 503 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairpersons—Sharon Kermiet and Mary Lou Van Laanen; Secretary—Paul Lindholm

WINSTON COUNTY CONVENTION

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama Sunday, September 25, 2011

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 32t and 43. Ottis Sides offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kermit Adams; Arranging Committee—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Margaret Keeton 63, 129; Roma Rice 490, 45b; Doug Clapp and Sara Clapp 159, 457; Don Keeton 390, 317b, 76b; Betty Baccus 418, 145b; Theresa Westmoreland 39t (in memory of her father), 348b (in memory of her mother); Emily Adams 337, (for Azalee Adams and Merrill Adams), 68b (for Dawson and Edith Adams).

RECESS

Kermit Adams called the class back to order leading 46. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 77t, 120; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 331, 378t; Stella Pratt 155; Glenn Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Isabella Keeton 30t, 108t, 163b, 178; Ottis Sides 235, 480; Josie Hyde 99; Tim Gilmore 203, 430, 300; Lisa Geist 394, 171.

LUNCH

Don Keeton called the class back to order leading 145t. Leaders: Lena Keeton 111b, 512, 282 (in memory of Cecil Wakefield); Linda Sides 270, 225t; Larry Ballinger 197, 438; Earl Ballinger 439, 441, 177; Faye Donaldson 176b, 168; Parnell Berry 280, 373; Sara Berry 445, 72b (for Dawson and Edith Adams); Larry Ballinger 472, 150; Earl Ballinger 112; Lisa Geist 540, 327; Theresa Westmoreland 192; Linda Sides 448t; Ottis Sides 527; Earl Ballinger 500; Emily Jones 143 (for her niece, Janice); Kermit Adams 565.

Announcements were made. Kermit Adams led 456 as the closing song. Glenn Keeton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Kermit Adams; Secretary—Roma Rice

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Eva, Morgan County, Alabama

Sunday, September 25, 2011

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 J.L. Hopper leading 171 and 48t. The morning prayer was offered by Robert Walker.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Milford Cobbs; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Milford Cobbs 285t, 127; Judy Caudle 56t, 61; Steve Cobbs 460, 480; David Light 112, 192; Nancy Thompson 65, 418; Loyd Ivey 101t, 108t; Darrell Swarens 267 (in memory of Travis Keeton), 198; Susan Cheronas 40, 107.

RECESS

Milford Cobbs led 75 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Brandon Thompson 39b, 335; Gerald Holmes 28t, 49t; Carol Newman 68b, 490; Scot Ivey 83t (for Bud Oliver and S.T. Reed), 104; Bridgett Kennedy 82t; Buell Cobb 77b, 467; Lomax Ballinger 67, 378t; Cheyenne Ivey 77t, 208; Christopher Mann 31t, 38b; Blake Sisemore 436, 411; Robert Walker 84, 99. Milford Cobbs offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by J.L. Hopper leading 295. Leaders: Scott Kennedy 49b, 162; J. C. Rutledge 31b, 30t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Caudle. She led 134 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Julietta Haynes, Wilda Holmes, Jane Long, and Melaina Long.

Judy spoke and led 499 in memory of the following deceased: Marie Ivey, Travis Keeton, and Clarence McCool—Alabama; Bob Meek—Kentucky. She led 459 in memory of Aunt Bera Bradford. Elder Daniel Hopper closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Ben Bradford spoke to the class about his research concerning the number of sessions of this singing. He said that while talking with Uncle Herbert Cobbs several years ago, he found out that Jess Woodard was the first chairman of the September singing, and that Jess was 18 years old at the time. Ben said that Jess Woodard was born in 1868 (according to birth records), so that meant the first singing was held in 1886, making this singing 125 years old.

Leaders: Delone Cobbs 448b, 384; Ron Crocker 56b, 138b; Buckley Hopper 268, 457; Dan Hopper 240, 449; Glenda Hopper 276; J.L. Hopper 282; J.L. Hopper and Darrell Swarens 245.

J.L. Hopper led 46 as the closing song. David Light offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Milford Cobbs; Secretary—Judy Caudle

HAMRICK MEMORIAL SINGING

Old Carrollton Primitive Baptist Church, Carroll County, Georgia Sunday, September 25, 2011

The annual Hamrick Memorial singing was held the fourth Sunday in September at Old Carrollton Primitive Baptist Church, Carroll County, Georgia. Curtis Hamrick called the class to order leading 59. Robert Chambless offered the morning prayer. The following officers were elected: Chairman—Curtis Hamrick; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Arranging/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Jena Frey 445, 358; Karen Rollins 354t, 32t (in honor of Dr. Julietta Haynes); Cecil Roberts 75, 35; Tony Hammock 69t (in memory of Mary Florence Smith), 61; Margie Smith 32b, 225t; Robert Chambless 452, 163b; Charlene Wallace 63, 129; B.M. Smith 72b, 480; Jack Nelson 512, 30b.

RECESS

Cecil Roberts brought the class back to order by leading 138b. Leaders: Laura Frey 117, 178; Hayden Arp 493, 112; Sheri Taylor 39t, 73t; John Plunkett 72t, 90; Christian Webb 294; Judy Chambless 471, 410t; Jena Frey 401; B.M. Smith 389 (in honor of Mr. Lonnie Rogers); Karen Rollins 384.

LUNCH

Curtis Hamrick brought the class back together by leading 329. Leaders: Tony Hammock 70b; Charlene Wallace 155; Jack Nelson 141; Sheri Taylor 146; Hayden Arp 283; Margie Smith 499; John Plunkett 495; Cecil Roberts 42; Christian Webb 25; Judy Chambless 560.

After announcements, Curtis Hamrick and Cecil Roberts led 425 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Curtis Hamrick; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Judy Chambless

SHADY GROVE CHURCH (COOPER BOOK)

Dutton, Alabama Saturday, October 1, 2011

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Shady Grove Church, Dutton, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mark Brown leading 146. The morning prayer was offered by Bro. Ben Barrentine.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Mark Brown; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Pam Wilkerson and Shane Wootten.

Leaders: Syble Adams 47b; Sonny Erwin and Syble Adams 505; Brad Bahler 55; Rex Wilks 398b; Virginia Glass 143; Larry Wootten 108t; Ronda Arnold 559; Ben Barrentine 144; Myra Dalton 511b; Carolyn Bullock 511t; Marlon Wootten 442t; Henry Johnson 69; Nate Green and Norma Green 95b; Darlene Dalton 440t; Shane Wootten 38t; Syble Adams 488t; Mark Brown 572; Frank Strickland 486; Eloise Wootten 515; Laura Densmore 210; Pam Wilkerson and Loyd Ivey 478, 137; Scott Kennedy 488b.

RECESS

Syble Adams led 397 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Scott Ivey 98; Nathan Rees 292b; David Killingsworth 277; Rick Foreman 543; Phil Summerlin 96; Jonathon Smith 378b; Keith Willard 416t; John Merritt “Trav’ler’s Rest Samson”; Rodney Ivey and Sonny Erwin 464; Karen Clark 494; Sonny Erwin and Rodney Ivey 430 (in memory of Marie Ivey); Tim Jones 63; Kathe Pilobosian and Chris Holley 133; Samuel Sommers 552; Stanley Smith 450.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Syble Adams, Darlene Dalton, Myra Dalton, and Charlotte Heard. They led 312 in memory of Ernestine Pipkin, Travis Keeton, Wayne Morgan, Marie Ivey, and Ernest Phillips—Alabama; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Tom Maher—Pennsylvania. Brad Bahler offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Kimberly Haas 49b; Brad Bahler 571; Martha Beverly 140; Hubert Nall 84; Karen Bahler 393t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Pam Wilkerson, Shane Wootten, and Rodney Ivey leading 286b and 567. Leaders: Kelly Kennedy 73t; Rachel Miller Jacobs 508; Bea Carnathan 80b; Don Clark 138t; Angela Myers 380t; Wayne Jones 513t; Mathew Lind 145b; Judy Caudle 355 (for Harrison Creel); Jim Aaron 283t; Doron Henkin 392; Daniel Wootten 72; Tommie Spurlock 497; Claudine Townson and cousins 518; James Nelson Gingrich 285t; Cheryl Foreman 213; Chris Holley 201; Bill Beverly 573; Paul Wyatt 176t; Jenny Willard 563; Holly Hauck 337; Susan Cheronos 40; Fred Hoerr 77t (in memory of Wayne Morgan); Betty Jo Ellis, Charlotte Heard, Joan Wilks, and Syble Adams “Holy Manna”, 336t; Syble Adams and Pam Wilkerson 410; Mark Brown “Sweet Beulah Land”.

Mark Brown led 62 as the closing song. He offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mark Brown; Secretary—Judy Caudle

NORTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA ALL-DAY SACRED HARP SINGING

First Universalist Church of Girard, Girard, Pennsylvania Saturday, October 1, 2011

The 4th annual Northwest Pennsylvania All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Katie White leading 49t. Hal Kunkel offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Katie White; Treasurer—Guy Banks; Chaplain—Hal Kunkel; Arranging Committee—Gerry Hoffman; Secretary—Linda Marker.

Leaders: Gerry Hoffman 39t, 28b; Hal Kunkel 87, 59; Anne Missavage 128, 171; Barbara Swetman 40, 106; Joe Todd 102, 373; Jo Schultz 448b, 369; Guy Banks 287, 350; Marian Mitchell 123b, 195; Steve Rogers 77t, 439.

RECESS

Katie White called the class back to order leading 84. Leaders: Beth Todd 501, 436; Brian How 183, 143; Cecilia Cramer 142, 56b; Chuck Crawford 535, 480; Linda Marker 49b, 178; Nicoletta Rogers 328 (for Gillian Inksetter), 38t; Harry Webb 107, 48b; Pleasance Crawford 564, 468; Katie White 209, 385b.

RECESS

Beth Todd called the class back together leading 68b. Leaders: Anne Missavage 155, 383; Hal Kunkel 297, 113; Barbara Swetman 540, 203; Joe Todd 122, 179; Jo Schultz 481, 150; Guy Banks 151, 546; Marian Mitchell 532, 503; Gerald Hoffman 228, 148 (both for Frank Evans); Beth Todd 225t, 475. The blessing of the meal was offered by Hal Kunkel.

LUNCH

Chuck Crawford led 146 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Cecelia Cramer 277, 569b; Pleasance Crawford 192, 112; Dave Witter 504, 454; Steve Rogers 229, 547; Sara Wetzel 159, 47t; Chuck Crawford 72b, 66; Nicoletta Rogers 497, 354t; Linda Marker 30t, 47b; Ann Missavage 268; Hal Kunkel 505; Beth Todd 32t.

RECESS

Marian Mitchell called the class to order by leading 99. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 390; Joe Todd 157; Guy Bankes 391; Alicia Greathouse and Katie White 127; Jo Schultz 551; Cecilia Cramer 38b; Marian Mitchell 344; Pleasance Crawford 371; Steve Rogers 86; Chuck Crawford 300; Nicoletta Rogers 398.

Announcements were made. Resolutions were made to thank Brian How for kitchen service, and to all who prepared food, and to Brian How and Gerry Hoffman for promulgating Sacred Harp in Western Pennsylvania.

Gerry Hoffman and Brian How led 347 as the closing song. Hal Kunkel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Katie White; Secretary—Linda Marker

CHURCH MUSIC HERITAGE AND FALL FESTIVAL **Petersburg United Methodist Church, Petersburg, Tennessee** **Saturday, October 1, 2011**

The 8th annual Sacred Harp singing at Petersburg United Methodist Church was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Tim Reynolds leading 34t. The opening prayer was offered by Tim Reynolds.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 45t; John Edmondson 49t, 59; Heidi Nolen 49b; Tim Reynolds 128; Sandie Scott 472; Laurens Blankers 40, 452; Heidi Nolen 47b; Tim Reynolds 278t.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class back to order leading 72b. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 63, 159, 569b, 335; Sandie Scott 155; Tim Reynolds 148. John Edmondson offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds called the class back to order leading 566. Leaders: David Carlton 567; Heidi Nolen 358; Sandie Scott 274t; John Edmondson 161; David Carlton 160b; Byron Burchett 455; Sandie Scott 454; Heidi Nolen 323b; Laurens Blankers 323t; David Carlton 440; Heidi Nolen 503; Byron Burchett 504; Laurens Blankers 433; Byron Burchett 174; Heidi Nolen 178.

Following announcements, Tim Reynolds led 146. The closing prayer was offered by John Edmondson, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Edmondson; Secretary—Sandie Scott

SOUTH GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Liberty Hill Church, Barnesville, Georgia** **Sunday, October 2, 2011**

The 92nd session of the South Georgia Singing Convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Wesley Haley leading 59. Wayne Watson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Billy Hollingsworth 230; Mary Brownlee 569t; Wayne Watson 49b; Oscar McGuire 171; Kathy Williams 53; John Plunkett 467; Malinda Snow 374; Tony Hammock 570; Louise Holland 323b; Timothy Haley 384, 117; Rosemund Watson 503, 49t; John Hollingsworth 58; Beth Stewart 46, 122.

RECESS

Wesley Haley brought the class together by leading 34b. Leaders: Helen Bryson 492, 498; Robert Kelley 222, 571; Sharon Hamrick 276; Robert Chambless 175; Martha Harrell 515.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to hold the business session. The nominating committee, consisting of Oscar McGuire and Raymond Hamrick, presented its suggested slate of officers for consideration. The following officers were duly elected for the coming year: President—Wesley Haley; Vice President—Billy Hollingsworth; Secretary/Treasurer—Rita Haley; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer—Mary Brownlee; Chaplain—David Grant; Asst. Chaplain—Wayne Watson. The list of singings for the year 2012 was revised and confirmed. The business session was concluded with the Treasurer's Report.

David Grant led 448t to conclude the morning.

LUNCH

Wesley Haley brought the class together by leading 45t. Leaders: Judy Chambless 527; Jonathon Kelso 517, 376; Sandra Wilkinson 297, 388; Russ Hanson 192; Carol Hanson 155, 147t; Hayden Arp 389, 397; Anna Hinton 40; Molly Ellis 349; Erica Hinton 111b; Stephanie Laubscher 335; Charlene Wallace 345t, 347; Misty Mullis 373, 268; Natalie Jorges, Hayden Arp, and Kelley Latis 282; Lauren Bailey 277; Patty Dancy 198; Billy Hollingsworth 236; Mary Brownlee 224; Wayne Watson 480; Oscar McGuire 485; Kathy Williams 208; John Plunkett 413; Malinda Snow 455; Tony Hammock 102.

After announcements, President Haley led 62 and David Grant offered the closing prayer.

President—Wesley Haley; Vice President—Billy Hollingsworth; Secretary—Rita Haley

ALEXANDER, HULLETT, LOWE, BROTHERS HYATT, PUTMAN, AND WOOTTEN MEMORIAL Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama Sunday, October 2, 2011

The 45th 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 81t. Doyle Alexander offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 144; Doyle Alexander 68b, 36b; Margie Smith 101t, 373; Paula Oliver 176b, 222; Holly Hauck 168, 48t; Nathan Rees 285b, 182; Kelly Kennedy 171, 532; Jonathan Smith 207, 172; Scott Ivey 166, 213t; Samuel Sommers 232, 112; Susan Cheronos 107, 40.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretaries—Paula Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Philip Gilmore leading 76b. Leaders: Philip Gilmore 77t; B.M. Smith 390, 475; Judy Caudle 76t, 392; Nate Green and Norma Green 49t, 480; Cheyenne Ivey 209; Scott Ivey and Cheyenne Ivey 421; Eloise Wootten 276, 299; Scott Oliver 143, 145b; Loyd Ivey 498, 283; Doug Conn 35, 74b; Larry Ballinger 425, 551; Marlon Wootten 47t, 97; Cheryl Foreman 460, 212; Paul White 29t, 203.

LUNCH

The class was brought back together by Terry Hullett leading 189. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 98, 365; Sonny Irwin 441, 566; Scott Kennedy 344, 347; Rick Foreman 163b,

45t; Rebekah Gilmore 111b, 220; Jessa Cheronos 142, 268; Grace Gilmore 542, 208; Shane Wootten 67, 318 (in memory of Virgil Phillips); Paula Gilmore 75; Philip Gilmore and Paula Gilmore 37b; Philip Gilmore 411, 396; Jewel Wootten and Terry Hullett 277, 384; Virginia Glass 63, 274t.
Terry Hullett, Doyle Alexander, and Philip Gilmore led 47b as the closing song.
Elder Philip Gilmore dismissed with prayer.
Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretaries—Paula Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore

NEW HAVEN ALL-DAY SINGING
Connecticut Hall, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut
Sunday, October 2, 2011

The first New Haven Sacred Harp Singing was held on the first Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Ian Quinn leading 38t. Blake Sisemore offered the opening prayer. Ian Quinn welcomed the class and then led 150.

Leaders: Philippa Stoddard 32t; Al McCready 452; Stephanie Fida 36t; Elizabeth Stoddard 39t; Paula Picton 37b; Steven Bzydra 268; Bethany Towne 424; Charles Biada 165; Lynda Paul 183; Kelly House 335; Sam Kleinman 228; Christina Wallin 159; Terry Ryan 280; Rachel Speer 298; Ines Lüttgen 419; Rowan Lupton 299; Pat Callahan 276.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Chris Noren leading 186. Leaders: Nancy Mandel 77t; James Baumgartner 454; Carson Evans 162; Jeff Gauthier 250; Mel Novner 440; Linda Shea 278t; Dan Hertzler 358.

A business session was held with the following officers appointed to serve: Chairman—Ian Quinn; Vice Chairman—Philippa Stoddard; Secretary—Stephanie Fida; Treasurer—Al McCready. The Chairman appointed Elizabeth Stoddard as Arranging Officer and Blake Sisemore as Chaplain. The business session was closed. Leaders: Al McCready 68b; Julie Botnick 480; Chris Noren 503; Carol Huang 134; Peter Golden 324; Robert Stoddard 283; Rachel Speer 270; Darrell Swarens 304; Emily Hancock 217; Michael Thompson 426b; Sonia Chin 505; Blake Sisemore 380; Kiri Miller 44; Aldo Ceresa 216. Robert Stoddard offered the blessing for dinner on the grounds.

LUNCH

Philippa Stoddard brought the afternoon session to order by leading 277. Leaders: Michael Thompson, Nathanael Welch, and Miriam Apalsch 456; Nathalie Levine 288; Peter Golden 36b; Linda Shea 306; Gabriel Kastle 396; Nancy Mandel 474; Blake Sisemore 556; Ina Shea 158; Jeff Gauthier 362; Darrell Swarens 341; Sonia Chin 42; Dan Hertzler 222; Kamilah Tisdale 472; Terry Ryan 198; Aldo Ceresa 110; Bethany Towne 328; Al McCready 155; Emily Hancock 455; Leonard Spencer 320; Ines Lüttgen 327.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Pat Callahan leading 101t. Leaders: Mel Novner 112; Kiri Miller 564; Robert Stoddard 567; Carol Huang 377; Sam Kleinman 189; Kelly House 347; Rowan Lupton 106; Paula Picton 300; Charles Biada 116; Ina Shea 60; James Baumgartner 192; Gabriel Kastle 70b; Kamilah Tisdale 146; Steven Bzydra 504; Bruce Ward and Stephanie Fida 87; Christina Wallin 457; Chris Noren 67; Pat Callahan 53.

The Treasurer reported that expenses had been met. The Secretary announced that 81 lessons had been led by leaders from 13 states. Announcements were made.

The class took the parting hand as the officers led 62. Al McCready offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ian Quinn; Vice Chairman—Philippa Stoddard; Secretary—Stephanie Fida

AUBURN FALL EVENING SINGING
St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Auburn, Alabama
Friday night, October 7, 2011

Fred Hoerr called the class to order leading 148. Father John Wells Warren offered the opening prayer. Fred Hoerr welcomed all singers and led 47t.

Leaders: Karen Clark 479, 565; Marty Hoerr 312b, 421; Stanly Edwards and Marilyn Bradley 108b, 58; Judy Chambless 347, 146; Robert Chambless 84, 32t; Will Massey 159; Jack Nelson 338, 480.

RECESS

Fred Hoerr brought the class back to order leading 147t and 274t. Leaders: Ann Webb 142, 282; Emily Stutzman-Jones 354b, 59; Will Massey 155; Stanly Edwards 283; Robert Chambless 225t; Jack Nelson 143; Judy Chambless 549; Marty Hoerr 503.

After announcements, Fred Hoerr and Karen Clark led 62. Father John Wells Warren offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Fred Hoerr; Vice Chairlady—Karen Clark; Secretaries—Michelle Westmoreland and Tom Westmoreland

COLUMBIA SINGING
Dripping Springs Christian Church, Columbia, Missouri
Saturday, October 8, 2011

The 17th annual Columbia Singing was held at Dripping Springs Christian Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October. Sandy Faloon 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—Sandy Faloon; Secretary—Carla Bermudez; Chaplains—Lou Kujawinski, Cherry Hinderberger, and Cindy Stone; Arranging Officer—Patty Doss; Finance Officer—John Markovitz.

Leaders: Patty Doss 32t; John Markovitz 159; Cindy Stone 335; Cindy Pepmiller 178; Carla Bermudez 59; Tim VonEnglen 89 (MH); Cherry Hinderberger 47b (in memory of Ed Hinderberger); Melody VonEnglen 81t; Meg Stauffer 68b; Wendy Hoffman 159 (MH); Penny Kujawinski 172 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 515; Daniel Bearden 518; Jeannine Oakes 163b; Marcus Whitman 448t; Anita Buswell 319.

RECESS

Penny Kujawinski called the class back to order leading 29t. Leaders: David Kaiser 56b; Bill Rintz 155; David Lloyd 280; Presley Barker 481; Roberta Strauss 542; James Page 45 (MH) (in memory of Dennis Murphy); Anne Drexler 146; Lisa Baloski 441; Karen Isbell 170 (MH); Jan Ketelle 135 (MH); Dave Ressler 175 (MH) (in honor of Charlie Derleth); Becky Browne 75 (MH) (in memory of Marie Ivey and William Malloy); Darrell Swarens 341 (in memory of Travis Keeton); Joan Aldridge 77b (in memory of Travis Keeton, Marie Ivey, and Clarence McCool). Cherry Hinderberger offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Presley Barker called the class back to order leading 276. Leaders: Roberta Strauss 269; Becky Browne 564 (in honor of Gary Gronau); Dave Ressler 216; Karen Isbell 142; Jan Ketelle 182; Darrell Swarens and James Page 145 (MH); James Page 71

(MH); Joan Aldridge 384 (in honor of Coy Ivey); Anne Drexler 148 (in honor of Shirley Figura); Lisa Baloski 176b; David Kaiser 127 (MH) (in honor of Shirley and Paul Figura); Anita Buswell 496; Bill Rintz 268; Marcus Whitman 277; Jeannine Oakes 547; Daniel Bearden 250; Penny Kujawinski and Patty Doss 440.

RECESS

Wendy Hoffman called the class back to order leading 42. Leaders: Dayle Black 117; Lou Kujawinski 362; Cindy Stone 455; Cherry Hinderberger 47; John Markovitz 128; Cindy Pepmiller 40; Carla Bermudez 122 (MH); Melody VonEnglen 138 (MH).

Following announcements, Sandy Faloon lead 347 as the closing song. Cindy Stone offered the closing prayer, and class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Sandy Faloon; Secretary—Carla Bermudez

SHEFFIELD SACRED HARP SINGING DAY **Our Lady and St. Thomas Church** **Sheffield, South Yorkshire, United Kingdom** **Saturday, October 8, 2011**

The annual Sheffield Sacred Harp Singing Day was held at Our Lady and St. Thomas Church, in the United Kingdom, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October. Carmel Wood welcomed everyone to Sheffield, and led 34b. Ted Brown offered an opening prayer.

Helen Brown gave a short singing school leading 36b. Leaders: Helen Brown 171; Margaret Gillanders 203; Sarah West 224; Chris Brown 225; Michael Walker 31; Caroline Helmeczi 77; Ted Brown 35; Hannah Land 228; Phil Tyler 94; Linda Davies-Holmes 268; David Moore 155; Sarah Hill 27; Richard Percival 452; Michael McGuigan 108; Judy Whiting 72b; Margaret Gillanders 314; Michael Walker 58; Helen Brown 517; Caroline Helmeczi 440; Sarah West 213b; Chris Brown 298; David Moore 236; Hannah Land 399; Ted Brown 49b; Linda Davies-Holmes 178; Carmel Wood 198. Margaret Gillanders gave thanks for the meal and those who had prepared it.

LUNCH

Judy Whiting called the class to order leading 77b. Leaders: Richard Percival 313b; Sarah Hill 378b; Michael McGuigan 515.

Michael Walker conducted the memorial lesson and read the following names of the deceased: Peter Ogden, Mike Steel, John Champkin, Joan Sillito, Mike Waterson, Linda Champ, and Peter Scott—United Kingdom; Marie Ivey, Demetrius Jones, and Travis Keeton—Alabama USA; George Holland—Georgia USA.

He also spoke for the following sick and housebound: Petr Schoonganr, Brian Butcher, Judy Chambless, Jean Dean, Norma Waterson, Kathy Armstrong, Maureen Gamlin, Lonnie Rogers, Jeff Sheppard, and Shelbie Sheppard. He led 285t, and said a prayer.

Leaders: Phil Tyler 217; Caroline Helmeczi 335; David Moore 361; Hannah Land 367; Ted Brown 445; Margaret Gillanders 150; Chris Brown 56b; Matthew Ord 274; Carmel Wood 76b; Jo Ellis 299; Sarah West 153; Michael Walker 319; Helen Brown 475.

RECESS

Matthew Ord led 89 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Judy Whiting 187; Jo Ellis 547; Richard Percival 300; Michael McGuigan 68b; Sarah Hill 211; Phil Tyler 227; Caroline Helmeczi 29; Ted Brown 339; Sarah West 565; David Moore 344; Hannah Land 270; Margaret Gillanders 278; Jo Ellis 192; Helen Brown 365;

Matthew Ord 282; Michael Walker 103; Sarah Hill 276; Phil Tyler 108b; Chris Brown and Judy Whiting 354t; Carmel Wood 53.

Carmel Wood led 235 as the closing song. Helen Brown offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Carmel Wood; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders

SAVANNAH SACRED HARP SINGING
Faith Primitive Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia
Saturday, October 8, 2011

The 7th annual Savannah Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in October at Faith Primitive Baptist Church. Frank DeBolt called the class to order leading 33b. Elder Dean Robbins offered the opening prayer.

A business session resulted in the election or appointment of the following officers: Chairman—Frank DeBolt; Secretary—Sharon Strong; Arranging Officer—Tom Ivey.

Leaders: Frank DeBolt 500 (CB); Gene Pinion 186; John Gentry 285t (CB); Clarke Lee 444t (CB); Julie Lee 503; Agnes Roberts 229 (CB); Joyce Heath 114; Chris Wilhelm 376; Leslie Booher 163b; Donna Smith 276; Judith Parker 108b; Nancy Wheless 505 (CB); Tollie Lee 544 (CB); Lynnell McClure 518 (CB); Sharon Strong 475; Tom Ivey 217.

RECESS

Frank DeBolt called the class to order leading 496. Leaders: Joey Wells 178; Isaac Iverson 148; Dana Savidge 463 (CB); Gene Pinion 99 (CB); John Gentry 29b; Clarke Lee 556; Julie Lee 128; Agnes Roberts 358; Joyce Heath 318; Chris Wilhelm 481; Leslie Booher 448t; Donna Smith 168.

LUNCH

Frank DeBolt led 551 to call the class to order. Leaders: Judith Parker 107; Nancy Wheless 457; Tollie Lee 565; Lynnell McClure 569b; Sharon Strong 227; Rexanna Lester 142; Tom Ivey 236; Joey Wells 479; Isaac Iverson 268; Ted Seaman 64 (CB); Dana Savidge 572 (CB); Gene Pinion 397 (CB); John Gentry 268b (CB); Clarke Lee 567; Julie Lee 508 (CB); Agnes Roberts 61; Joyce Heath 159.

RECESS

Frank DeBolt and Judy Gauthier called the class to order leading 63. Leaders: Chris Wilhelm 30b; Leslie Booher and Peggy Pearl 81t; Donna Smith 383; Judith Parker 56b; Nancy Wheless 146; Tollie Lee 522 (CB); Lynnell McClure 48t; Sharon Strong 313t; Rexanna Lester 54t (CB); Joey Wells 455; Isaac Iverson 344; Ted Seaman 72 (CB).

Following announcements, Frank DeBolt led 484 (CB) as the closing song. Elder Clarke Lee offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Frank DeBolt; Secretary—Sharon Strong

TALLAHASSEE SINGING (COOPER BOOK)
Tallahassee Museum of Natural Science, Tallahassee, Florida
Saturday, October 8, 2011

The 18th annual Tallahassee Singing was called to order by Alice Bejnar, who welcomed the class and led 31t and 61. Les Singleton offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Morgan Bunch 293b, 559; Ellen Gwynn 264b, 335; Tommie Spurlock 99, 146; Mary Ellen Schrock 171, 505; Riley Lee 285t, 63; Sue Bunch 72, 268b; Wayne Jones 395b, 464; Shannon Guinn 220, 120.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Alice Bejnar; Vice Chairman—Morgan Bunch; Secretaries—Ellen Gwynn and Sue Bunch.

RECESS

Morgan Bunch called the class back together leading 268t. Leaders: Les Singleton 128, 63; Lois Bonnell 40, 463, 500; Erich Brough 381b, 421; Sonia Atkins "What a Day That Will Be" (for Miss Pearl); Aubrey Barfield 192, 186; Eva Padgett 47b, 345t.

RECESS

Tor Bejnar called the class back together leading 411 and 112. Leaders: Charlie Brewer 489, 427; Loretta Jones 138t, 380t; Joe Nall 461, 397. The class sang 369, and Lindsay Popper offered a blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Morgan Bunch leading 96. Leaders: Sarah Kahre 203, 410; Steven Taylor 45b, 155; Morgan Bunch and Sue Bunch 274t (by request); Barbara Jones 276; Bob Bonnell 478; Linda Westbrook 465; Ernest Cockcroft 401; Lindsay Popper 288; Russ Scholz 87; Vicki Mariner 451.

RECESS

Morgan Bunch, Alice Bejnar, and Russ Scholz called the class back together leading 492. Leaders: Lloyd Jones and Loretta Jones 45t; Marcia Taylor 68b; Joe Nall 127 (by request); Loreila Gunter and Lindsay Popper 393t; Chip Westbrook 59; Beverly Dayton 64; Tim Jones 513t (by request).

Announcements were made. Alice Bejnar led 95b as the closing song. Charles Brewer offered the closing prayer.

Chairperson—Alice Bejnar; Vice Chairman—Morgan Bunch; Secretaries—Ellen Gwynn and Sue Bunch

DULUTH SACRED HARP ALL-DAY SINGING **Duluth-Superior Friends Meeting, Duluth, Minnesota** **Saturday, October 8, 2011**

The Duluth Sacred Harp All-Day Singing was held on the second Saturday in October, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Duluth-Superior Friends Meeting, 1802 East First Street, Duluth, Minnesota.

This Duluth singing recognizes the first anniversary of the Sacred Harp presence in Duluth, Minnesota, area and the organizing singing school led by Carol Crawford and Paul Landskroener in October, 2010.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Leslie Williamson White; Chaplain—Bonnie Ambrosi; Secretary—Lawrence Spears. The class was called to order by Leslie Williamson White leading 34t. Bonnie Ambrosi offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Jim Pfau 36b; Claudia Egelhoff 77b; Steven Schmidgall 473; Christine Stevens 159; Matt Wells 49b; Eleanor Haase 142; Will Gilman 128; Jane Wells 148; Steve Luttinen 214; Bonnie Ambrosi 503; Nathan Berry 105; Stacey Berkheimer 297; Gerry Skerbitz 38t; Krista Twu 288; Denise Kania 114; Paul Wyatt 456; Carol Crawford 369.

RECESS

Paul Landskroener called the class back together by leading 87. Leaders: Jeannette Nelson 47b; Steve Copeland 569b; Lorraine Turner 178; Noelle Copeland 228; Charles Wells 38b; Melissa Kelley 445; Cynthia Martz 107; Cathy Lutz 218; Hans Guttman 480; Sarina Yospin 284; Alexa Copeland 162; John Nieber 86; Valerie Stoehr 171; Anna Pfau 163t; Leslie Williamson White 79; Paul Landskroener 236; Joel Setterholm 106; Karen Swenson 270. Bonnie Ambrosi offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Nathan Berry brought the class to order leading 32t. Leaders: Stacey Berkheimer 215; Steven T. Schmidgall 333; Angie Payne 31t; Will Gilman 277; Paul

Landskroener 217; Eleanor Haase 352; Carol Crawford 312b; Paul Wyatt 155; Christine Stevens 542; Gerry Skerbitz 313b; Laura Wolden 72b; Steve Copeland 454; Bonnie Ambrosi 84; John Neiber and Kristine Peterson 497; Melissa Kelley 472; Joe Lindgren 33b; Noelle Copeland 535; Anna Pfau 328; Steve Luttinen 448t; Karen Swenson 216; Tivey 49t; Leslie Williamson White 29t.

RECESS

Steven T. Schmidgall led 68b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Hans Guttmann 335; Lorraine Turner 65; Charles Wells 143; Mary Crawford 444; Claudia Egelhoff 485; Krista Twu 53; Cynthia Martz 45t; Joel Setterholm 274t; Jane Wells 455; Cathy Lutz 99; Alexa Copeland 349; Denise Kania 500; Valerie Stoehr 532; Nathan Berry 290; Jeanette Nelson 384; Matt Wells 323t.

The treasurer reported that expenses were met. The secretary reported that 77 songs were led by 22 leaders.

Leslie Williamson White led 62 as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand. Bonnie Ambrosi offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

The Duluth Sacred Harp All-Day Singing is held the second Saturday in October of each year.

Chairperson—Leslie Williamson White; Secretary—Lawrence Spears

EXETER RESTORATION ALL-DAY SINGING **Douglassville, Pennsylvania** **Saturday, October 8, 2011**

The Exeter Restoration All-Day Sacred Harp singing was held at the Exeter Friends Meetinghouse on Saturday before the second Sunday in October. Ted Stokes called the class to order by leading 131b. Leon Pulsinelle offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Ted Stokes; Vice Chairman—Oliver Kindig-Stokes; Secretary—Hal Kunkel; Treasurer—Tom Stokes. Leaders: Oliver Kindig-Stokes 33b; Bethany Towne 446; Rachel Hall 313t; Leon Pulsinelle 37b; Barbara Hohenstein 77b; Becky Wright 61; Dan Hunter 48t; Ina Shea 341; Hal Kunkel 500; Laura Densmore 522; Ames Bielenberg 196; Guy Bankes 176b; Lamar Matthew 163b; Tom Stokes 186; Jesse Krikorian 71; Sue Hanson 523; Lorah Hopkins 40; John delRe 96; Terry Ryan 358; Rachel Speer 106.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Dan Hunter leading 42. Leaders: Bethany Towne 128; Jim Strube 332; Dean Jens 126; Kelly Macklin 97; Molly Sayvetz 49b; Maura Burns 312b; Becky Wright 326; Steve Hoyt 333; Leon Pulsinelle 171; Lamar Matthew 344; Rachel Hall 153; John delRe 360; Rachel Speer 68t; Forrest Moyer 63; Ina Shea 115; Guy Bankes 117; Dan Hunter 184; Barbara Hohenstein 361; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 158; Lorah Hopkins 323t; Ted Stokes 197; Hal Kunkel 193; Ames Bielenberg 192; Kimberly Haas 148. Lamar Matthew offered the blessing for the meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Rachel Hall leading 32t. Leaders: Dan Hunter 76t; Jim Strube 510; Jesse Krikorian 53; Louise Cobbs 472; John Stokes 430; Douglas Bugel 138b; Tom Stokes 300; Kelly Macklin 218; Tina Vanderbosch 315; Cindy Wasson 354t; Elizabeth Stokes 349; David Graff and Vickie Graff 65; Dean Jens 377; Hal Kunkel 434; Rose Chiango 108t; Maura Burns 271t; Leon Pulsinelle 157; John delRe 165; Ina Shea 560; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 296; Rachel Hall 573; Ted Stokes 425 (for Frank Evans).

RECESS

The class was called back together by Bethany Towne and Becky Wright leading 123b. Leaders: Guy Bankes 362; Douglas Bugel and Oliver Kindig-Stokes 242; Terry Ryan 334; Cindy Wasson and Barbara Hohenstein 448t; Jim Strube 268; Dan Hunter 324; Kimberly Haas 542; Jerusha Vanderbosch 59; Rachel Speer 133; Sue Hanson 203; Lorah Hopkins 182; Elizabeth Stokes 278b; Louise Cobbs and Rose Chiango 298; Tina Vanderbosch 376; Kelly Macklin 505; Dean Jens 225t. Announcements were made. Ted Stokes led 62 as the closing song. Cindy Wasson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Ted Stokes; Vice Chairman—Oliver Kindig-Stokes; Secretary—Hal Kunkel

TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION

Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church, near Five Points, Tennessee Sunday, October 9, 2011

The 17th annual session of the Tennessee State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church on the second Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Tim Reynolds leading 34b. Phil Summerlin offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Eddie Mash; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Clayton Ezell.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 135, 107; Clayton Ezell 66, 119, 108b; Eddie Mash 91, 263; David Carlton 276, 118; Doris Littrell 358, 490; Caleb Dillehay 68b, 440; Judy Caudle 108t, 36b, 61.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds led 63 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Angela Myers 155, 148, 479; Gravis Ballinger 74b, 78, 120; Michele Cull 39t, 39b, 128; Phil Summerlin 35, 460.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Eddie Mash leading 96. Leaders: Lucy Heidorn 88t, 30t, 89 (for Harrison Creel); Tom Robinson and Tim Reynolds 45t; Larry Ballinger 72b, 93; Arlene Richardson 405, 168, 143; Nelda Buie 335. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Eddie Mash.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Tim Reynolds leading 200. Leaders: Vella B. Gillespie 380; Phil Summerlin 350; Michele Cull 58; Clayton Ezell 236. The memorial lesson was conducted by Phil Summerlin and Eddie Mash. Phil spoke and led 285t in memory of the following deceased: Travis Keeton, Marie Ivey, and Clarence McCool—Alabama; Bob Meek—Kentucky.

Eddie Mash spoke and led 472 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Lonnie Rogers, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Willodean Barton, Johnnie Chafin, Julietta Haynes, Harrison Creel, Kerene Box, Josie Hyde, Thelma Elliott, and Dorothy Ezell. Tim Reynolds offered prayer to close the memorial session.

Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 410t; Angela Myers 345b; Larry Ballinger 345t; Judy Caudle 177; Doris Littrell 100; Clayton Ezell, Vella B. Gillespie, Arlene Richardson, Iris Jean Durham, Reva Lee, Franklin Lee, Laris Ezell, Mina Belle Gillespie, and Nelda Buie 340, 358, 294, 135; David Carlton 176b; Caleb Dillehay 112, 111b (by request).

Announcements were made. Tim Reynolds led 209 as the closing song. Phil Summerlin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Eddie Mash; Secretary—Judy Caudle

TAYLOR SINGING
Lafayette County, Mississippi
Sunday, October 9, 2011

The 24th annual Sacred Harp singing at Taylor United Methodist Church (formerly held at Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church) was called to order, after the preaching service, by Warren Steel leading 48t and 270. John Van Horn offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Van Horn 523, 28t; Anne Steel 171, 39t; Brenda Chafin 29t, 81t; Cliff Hall 47b, 277; Chuck Howell 155, 49b; George Easley 34b, 438; Arlon Gardner 67, 201; John Wall 66, 542; Warren Steel 280.

LUNCH

Warren Steel called the class together leading 179 and 335 (in memory of Bernice Embry and Benny Walls). Leaders: Price Walden 128, 129; Vicki Neyman 117; Bobby Neyman 479, 163b; Will Ingraham 197, 196; Kathleen Brown 282, 285b; Devon Newburn 285t; Clay Terry 200, 198; Jack Barbera 268, 269; Matt Bell 276, 230; Andy Paney 112, 113; John Van Horn 236.

RECESS

Matt Bell brought the class together leading 384. Leaders: John Van Horn 86 (for Hugh Bill McGuire); Julie Heeren 354b, 454; Anne Steel 348b; Brenda Chafin 97; Cliff Hall 159; George Easley 313t; Arlon Gardner 313b; John Wall 312b; Price Walden 45t; Vicki Neyman 94; Tracy Neyman 59; Bobby Neyman 142; Kathleen Brown 457; Clay Terry 224.

Following announcements, Warren Steel led 345b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Matt Bell.

Chairman/Secretary—Warren Steel

CATES-BROWN MEMORIAL SINGING
Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama
Sunday, October 9, 2011

The annual Sacred Harp singing in memory of Walker Cates and Herbert Brown was held on the second Sunday in October. Jeff Sheppard called the class to order leading 75. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 87; Cecil Roberts 35, 81t; Pam Nunn 186; Margie Smith 512; Robert Chambless 145b; Donna Bell 441.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Arranging Committee/Secretary—Pam Nunn. This is a memorial singing and everyone is encouraged to remember fellow singers as they lead.

Leaders: Virginia Dyer 63, 454; Karen Rollins 297, 298; Glenda Collins and Burt Collins 101t, 335; Judy Chambless 348t, 472.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 36b. Leaders: Buell Cobb 462, 439; Mark Godfrey 39b, 82t; Riley Lee 276, 287; Steve Warner 86, 475; Charlene Wallace 155, 177; Oscar Brown 147t, 317; B. M. Smith 204, 34t; Leigh Cooper 37b, 39t; Scott Kennedy 31t, 455; Jeannette DePoy 362; Jeff Sheppard 349. Riley Lee offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Cecil Roberts called the afternoon session to order leading 32t. Leaders: Lauren Bock 109, 187; Reba Windom 300, 196; Blake Sisemore 392, 192; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 511, 316; David Brodeur 112, 143; Anne Heider 47t, 532; Aldo Ceresa 550, 197; John Plunkett 104, 94; Cory Noel 48t, 456; Bridgett Kennedy 391, 411;

Fallon Cook, Rene Greene, and Pam Nunn 269, 146; Shelbie Sheppard and Bridgett Kennedy 440, 448t; Buell Cobb, John Martin, and Carolyn Martin 312b; Aldo Ceresa and Cory Noel 182; Blake Sisemore and Reba Windom 216; Anne Heider and Steve Warner 171, 125; Riley Lee and B. M. Smith 225t; Lauren Bock and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 43; Bill Windom and Reba Windom 28b; Leigh Cooper and Mark Godfrey 217; Bridgett Kennedy and Scott Kennedy 448b; David Brodeur and Jeannette DePoy 565; Rene Greene and Jimmy Moore 436.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard led 46 as the closing song. Robert Chambless offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Pam Nunn

CHESTNUT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ider, Alabama

Sunday, October 9, 2011

The 85th 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 37b. Billy Thompson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Loretta Smith 39t; David Killingsworth 120, 235; Tom George 459, 435; Cindy Tanner 297, 276; Billy Thompson and Rodney Ivey 76b, 448b; Jonathon Smith 74b, 30b; Susan Cherones 40, 107; Nathan Rees 44, 217; Ed Thacker 284, 182; Kelsey Sunderland 82t, 403; Jackie Tanner 89, 73t; Dennis George 86, 375; Marty Wootten 166, 123t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Loretta Smith; Secretary—Amy Smith.

RECESS

Loretta Smith and Amy Smith reconvened the singing leading 274t and 68b.

Leaders: Cheyenne Ivey 222; Cheyenne Ivey and Richard Ivey 384; Jamey Wootten 36b, 138t; Hayden Wootten 101t, 29t; Jared Wootten 475.

Loretta Smith and Amy Smith conducted the memorial lesson and led 348b for the following deceased: Marie Ivey, Leonard Smith, and Troy Ott; and for the following sick and shut-ins: Betty Wright, Willard Wright, Henry Johnson, Bill Tanner, Harrison Creel, Patricia Wootten, Sheila Wootten, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, and Winnie Blevins.

Leaders: David Ivey 492(WB) (by request); Rodney Ivey 129, 347. Ed Thacker offered the noon blessing.

LUNCH

Loretta Smith brought the afternoon session to order leading 452. Leaders: Nate Green and Norma Green 71, 205; Marlon Wootten 31b; Karen Ivey 32t, 171; Daniel Wootten 59; Eloise Wootten 108t, 186; Rodney Ivey 517 (WB) (for Aunt Toby Hulgán); Loyd Ivey 482, 204; Susan Harcrow 35; David Ivey 136 (for Aunt Winnie Blevins); Teresa Parker, David Ivey, and Rodney Ivey 39b.

Following announcements, Loretta Smith and Amy Smith led 317. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Dennis George.

Chairman—Loretta Smith; Secretary—Amy Smith

The following letter is included on behalf of the Smith family:

Dear Sacred Harp Family,

This is an open letter to the individuals who sent gift cards to me in my time of need. I was overcome by the out pouring of your generosity and caring. Some of you put your names on the cards, but many did not. I felt that writing this [letter] was the best way to acknowledge everyone. I know many of you prayed for us, because we felt them. They carried us through very dark times. Please continue to pray for all those impacted by this event [the tornadoes that hit the area on April 27, 2011]. I

have used, and will use, the cards to purchase items I need in the recovery. May the Lord bless each and every one.

Sincerely,

Miss Janie Loretta Smith

NEW YORK STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Unity Hall, Barneveld, New York

October 15-16, 2011

Saturday, October 15

The 23rd annual New York State Sacred Harp Singing Convention took place in Unity Hall, Barneveld, New York, on the third Sunday in October and Saturday before. Thom Metzger called the class to order leading 48t. Katie White offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Barbara Swetman 31b; Ron Bornick 454; Margaret Bornick 276; Katherine Collett 84; Joanne Fuller 82t; Gerry Hoffman 42; Scott Luscombe 110; Leon Pulsinelle 86; Melody Johnson 72b; Sally Langendorf 106; Eileen Metzger 129; Ines Lüttgen 215; Ryan Lockwood 547; Lucy Roberts 101t; Patricia Geritz 523; Michael Kaye 28b; Mary Skidmore 299; Virginia Huszagh and Jennifer Phelan 228; Dan Adams 270; Katie White 171; Gillian Inksetter, Judy Simon, and Hannah Harvester 504.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Barbara Swetman; Vice Chairman—Margaret Bornick; Treasurer—Ron Bornick; Secretary—Katherine Collett.

RECESS

Margaret Bornick called the class back together by leading 497. Leaders: Jean Seiler and Zoë Carpentieri 34b; Dennis Leipold 189; Terry Ryan 198; Paula Picton 269; Chris Haller 267; Susan Bingham 542; Heather Osowiecki 38b; Brian Collett 254; Ron Bornick 63; Stephen Rogers 68b; Bob Wheeler 532; Patricia Callahan 546; Jeffrey Francom 148; Dan Hertzler 505; Anne Kazlauskas 125; Ian Quinn 234; Jacob Hefele 436; Laura Densmore 383. Dan Adams offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Barbara Swetman called the class to order by leading 35. Leaders: Guy Banks 137; Eric Bean 324; Hallie Hugues 159; Jerusha Wheeler 361; Jeffrey Francom and students 47b; Thom Metzger 274t; Katherine Collett 40; Joanne Fuller 439; Gerry Hoffman 348t; Scott Luscombe 481; Leon Pulsinelle and Mary Capron 319; Melody Johnson 121; Sally Langendorf 73b; Eileen Metzger 522; Ines Lüttgen 441; Stephen Rogers 328; Ryan Lockwood 184; Lucy Roberts 306; Patricia Geritz 47t; Michael Kaye 178; Mary Skidmore 282.

RECESS

Leaders: Scott Luscombe 56b; Virginia Huszagh, Hallie Hugues, and Jennifer Phelan 344; Dan Adams 179; Katie White 142; Terry Ryan 193; Susan Bingham 168; Heather Osowiecki 455; Ron Bornick 87; Laura Densmore 430; Patricia Callahan 474; Dan Hertzler 475; Gillian Inksetter 548; Guy Banks 549; Paula Picton 550; Jean Seiler 209; Ian Quinn 447; Anne Kazlauskas 218; Bob Wheeler 147t.

RECESS

Dan Adams led 448b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Margaret Bornick 236; Dennis Leipold and James Hayes 503; Zoë Carpentieri 107; Chris Haller 351; Elizabeth Morgan and Lucy Roberts 186; Barbara Swetman and students from the Utica Singing School 146, 45t; Gerry Hoffman 71; Barbara Swetman 347.

Virginia Huszagh offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, October 16

The Sunday session of the New York State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Barbara Swetman leading 59. Dan Adams offered an opening prayer.

Leaders: Barbara Swetman 480; Margaret Bornick 313b; Katherine Collett 315; Ron Bornick 63; Joanne Fuller 29t; Dan Adams 504; Mary Skidmore 472; Terry Ryan 192; Michael Kaye 340; Patricia Callahan 77t; Scott Luscombe and Ines Lüttgen 506; Jerusha Wheeler 196; Lucy Roberts 330t; Jeffrey Francom 433; Jennifer Phelan and Virginia Huszagh 66; Jean Seiler 217; Stephen Rogers 485; Susan Bingham 335; Jacob Hefele 457.

RECESS

Stephen Rogers brought the class back to order by leading 452. Leaders: Chris Haller 191; Hallie Hugues 49b; Katie White 449; Leon Pulsinelle 70b; Dan Hertzler 153; Ryan Lockwood 27; Jerusha Wheeler 387; Gillian Inksetter 352; Dennis Leipold 300; Gerry Hoffman 279; Melody Johnson 379; Guy Bankes 556; Lucy Roberts 268; Ian Quinn 123b; Sydney Hutchinson Mengel and Paula Picton 377; Anne Kazlauskas 562.

RECESS

Laura Densmore led 106 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Eric Bean 285t; Ines Lüttgen 302; Katherine Collett 155.

Melody Johnson and Dan Hertzler conducted the memorial lesson. Melody Johnson spoke and led 143 for the following sick and shut-ins: Joe Ost, Donna Wecera, Theresa Thewes, Aubrey Reese, Marlys Swetman, Shirley Bean, Dot Wornock, John Merritt, Lynda Hambourger, Jim Govola, Doug Lawton, Jessica, Irene Clark, Calvin Schmidt, Sophie Gach, Lou Rosenberg, Al Socolov, Dave Minott, Lawrence Singer, and Lonnie Rogers.

Dan Hertzler spoke and led 229 in memory of the following deceased: Paul T. Metzger, Pearl Kay, Judith Socolov, Virginia Luscombe, Fred Goldhaber, Elnora Tracy, Ruth Morgan, and Hazard Gillespie—New York; Tom Maher and Melinda Bell—Pennsylvania; Geoffrey Liswell—Maryland; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Katherine Keater and Joanne Bowman—Massachusetts; Cecile Lyr—Quebec, Canada; Jane Williamson MacDonald—Maine; Zack Frates—Vermont; Randy Sheppard—Washington; Gonzalo Cienfuegos—Barcelona, Spain; Marie Ivey and Travis Keeton—Alabama; Pat Bishop—Trinidad and Tobago; Eunice Luscombe—New Hampshire; Frank Evans—Virginia. Katie White offered prayer.

Leaders: Joanne Fuller 146; Susan Bingham 311; Mary Skidmore 324; Laura Densmore 163t; Dan Adams 73t; Scott Luscombe 569b. Susan Bingham offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Barbara Swetman brought the afternoon session to order by leading 312b. Leaders: Michael Kaye 553; Patricia Callahan 451; Jean Seiler 448t; Jeffrey Francom 85; Jason Law 122; Katie White 128; Stephen Rogers 436; Terry Ryan 182; Virginia Huszagh 163b; Ron Bornick 481; Leon Pulsinelle 408; Laura Densmore 384; Gerry Hoffman 216; Gillian Inksetter 200; Ian Quinn 507; Anne Kazlauskas 68t; Guy Bankes 569t.

RECESS

Leaders: Dan Adams 290; Ryan Lockwood 49t; Melody Johnson 50b; Ines Lüttgen 208; Dennis Leipold 373; Dan Hertzler 445; Elizabeth Morgan and Paula Picton 111t; Margaret Bornick 334; Mary Skidmore 567; Chris Haller 183; Eric Bean 277; Joanne Fuller and Sydney Hutchinson Mengel 176b; Hallie Hugues 278t; Jason Law 34b; Jeffrey Francom and Crane School students 35.

A business meeting was held. The class sang a total of 173 songs over the two days.

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

Chairman—Barbara Swetman; Vice Chairman—Margaret Bornick; Secretary—Katherine Collett

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION-OREGON

The Laurelhurst Club, Portland, Oregon

October 15-16, 2011

Saturday, October 15

The 20th annual Pacific Northwest Convention was held at The Laurelhurst Club, Portland, Oregon, on the third Sunday and Saturday before in October. Lyle Lindsey called the class to order leading 448b. Steve Tarr offered the opening prayer.

A brief business meeting was held, and the following officers were elected to serve: Chairperson—Lyle Lindsey; Vice Chairperson—Chris Cotter; Treasurer—Dan Thoma; Secretary—Heather Ikeler.

Elene Stovall was introduced as the singing school teacher. Ms. Stovall spoke of her lifetime of experiences within the Sacred Harp tradition and her ties to the singers and composers of generations past. She spoke of how the memorial lesson ties us all to these people and one another, making us all part of the Sacred Harp heritage. She led 36b, a song her father liked to lead, and 564, her favorite song written by her friend, John Hocutt. Elene touched on the rudiments of leading and encouraged us to sing from the heart, then selected 99 to demonstrate leading in four beats. She encouraged anyone who had never stood in the center of the square to join her in leading 129, and then assisted Melissa Stephenson and Amber Smith in leading 362 and 455, respectively. Ms. Stovall concluded by inviting all of us to come and sing with her in Alabama, an invitation which will, no doubt, be taken up by many.

RECESS

David Wright called the class back together leading 207. Leaders: Lyle Lindsey 84; Chris Cotter 56t; Dan Thoma 216; Heather Ikeler 202; Steve Tarr 347; Dorothy Robinson 349; Tom McTighe 384; Elene Stovall 142; Thom Fahrbach 573; Carolyn Deacy 430; Steve Cackley 184; Kristie Powell 203; Hal Eisen 422; Steve Helwig 277; Deidra Montgomery and Sei Harris 234; Gaylon Powell 165; Erik Schwab 391; Kevin Barrans 379; Tamara Harris 131b; Jane Grant 373; Jack Lofton 196; Jonathan Levy-Wolins 318; Mark Miller 266; Leyland delRe 486. Steve Tarr offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was brought back together by Heather Ikeler leading 146. Leaders: Erika Wilson 411; David Wright 304; Daniel Hunter 342; Gregory Mulkern and Jessica Hahl 360; Mimi Stevens 183; Karen Willard 483; Eric Xu 47b; Sarah West 498; Jenn Dolan 365; Bob Schinske 550; Phyllis Gonigam 128; Ethan Hardy 320; Shelby Sampson 297; Betsy Jeronen 112; Linda Booth 198; Jean Murphy 86; Bruce Rowland 480; Anna Stoerch 485; Kathy Vlach 40; Greg Saeu 178.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Kevin Barrans leading 388. Leaders: Ethan Hardy and Rachel Hardy 34t; Cornelia Stanton 87; Reed Schilbach and Anne Huckins 171; Marla Elliott 77t; Peter Schinske 268; Lucinda Saeu 163b; Martha Sherwood 163t; Nell Whitman 148; Caleb Hardy 179; Kate Fine 452; Evan Palmer 556; Anne Huckins 448t; Jessica Hahl 333; Sarah West 80t; Elene Stovall and Deidra Montgomery 200; Leyland delRe and Gregory Mulkern 68t.

Lyle Lindsey made a few brief announcements. Steve Tarr offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed for the day.

Sunday, October 16

The Sunday session of the Pacific Northwest Convention was brought to order by Lyle Lindsey leading 276. The opening prayer was offered by Dorothy Robinson. Leaders: Lyle Lindsey 107; Chris Cotter 48t; Dan Thoma 569b; Heather Ikeler 77b; Dorothy Robinson 34b; Thom Fahrbach and Katy Kanfer 225t; Carolyn Deacy 456; Steve Cackley 72t; Betsy Jeronen 460; Leyland delRe 208; Jessica Hahl 335; Eric Xu 442; Nell Whitman 504; Tom McTighe 454; Deidra Montgomery 377; Meg Larson 147b; Anna Stoerch 69t; Peter Schinske 198; Gaylon Powell 542; Kevin Barrans 106; Rosie Lindsey 111b; Phyllis Gonigam 66; Bruce Rowland 82t; Anne Huckins 99; Philip Haines 282; Kramer Klein 455; Kate Fine 72b; Erik Schwab 181; Mimi Stevens and Phyllis Gonigam 546; Jonathan Levy-Wolins 300.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Heather Ikeler leading 155. Leaders: Emily Lash 547; Hazel Rickard and Lynnae Griffiths 162; Tamara Harris 222.

Heather Ikeler led 70t for the following sick and shut-ins: John Dolan, Suzanne Denker, Linda Laing, Shirley Flatley, Pam Maben, Kathleen Brophy, Diane Dugas, John Merritt, Janice Newell, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Barbara Willard, Rodney Willard, Jeanine Maynard, Jean Williams, and Rita Mayne.

Dan Thoma conducted the memorial lesson for the deceased and led 285t in memory of the following: Carol, Mark Brey and Becky Wenk—California; Frank Evans—Virginia; David McKinley, Dede Sullivan, John Bancroft, Barbara Conde, Kathryn Cramer and Bob Strayer—Oregon; Tom Maher—Pennsylvania; Wayne Barrans, Eileen Barrans and Charley Rawls—Washington; Leo Barrans—Alaska; Alice Whitford—Wisconsin; Marie Ivey, Travis Keeton and Cecil Sanders—Alabama; George Jones and Edwin Reed—Texas; Waltraut Stoerch—Germany; Alexander Lucas Lofton—South Carolina; Barbara Gold—New York; Mike Waterson and Peter Scott—England.

Leaders: David Wright 214; Steve Helwig 528; Greg Saue 490; Linda Booth and Gaylon Powell 269; Robert Norman 31t; Cornelia Stanton 344; Melissa Stephenson 144; Erika Wilson 370; Bob Schinske 500; Jack Lofton 218; Kathy Vlach 565; Solomon Ossa 448t; Marla Elliott 341. Noon grace was offered by Dorothy Robinson.

LUNCH

Erik Schwab brought the class back together leading 30b. Leaders: Deidra Montgomery, Sei Harris, and Sam McKinstry 145t; Kristie Powell 505; Elene Stovall 392; Mark Miller 315; Daniel Hunter 306; Emily Winokur 339; Hal Eisen 436; Sarah West 153; Gregory Stockert 122; Karen Willard 543; Shelby Sampson 30b; Clarissa Fetrow 40; Karl Oswald 179; Reed Schilbach 318; Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey 503; Ethan Hardy 195; Lucinda Saue 532; Eric Xu 444; Dan Thoma 53; Heather Ikeler 492; Leyland delRe 280; Steve Cackley 185; Chris Cotter 192; Carolyn Deacy 29t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Sarah Hauser leading 452. Leaders: Dan Thoma 85; Liz Bryant 384; Caleb Hardy 63; Elene Stovall 189; Daniel Hunter 383; Steve Helwig and Karen Willard 245; Gaylon Powell 236; Tamara Harris 402; Tom McTighe 324; David Wright 168; Bob Schinske 32t; Erika Wilson 215; Betsy Jeronen 440; Solomon Ossa 472; Jack Lofton 274t; Hal Eisen 95; Steve Tarr 311; Kramer Klein 312b; Jonathan Levy-Wolins 86; Kevin Barrans 206.

Lyle Lindsey called a business meeting to order. Committee reports were given as follows: Treasury announced that all expenses had been met; Registration announced that 186 registered with 166 songs led by 76 leaders over the two days; Resolutions were given by Kristie Powell and Cornelia Stanton thanking travelers and all others

who participated in making the convention a success. A gift was presented to Elene Stovall in appreciation for her fine singing school. Announcements were made. Lyle Lindsey led 36b as all who wished took the parting hand. Dorothy Robinson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairperson—Lyle Lindsey; Vice Chairperson—Chris Cotter; Secretary—Heather Ikeler

REID MEMORIAL
County Line Church, Corner, Alabama
Sunday, October 16, 2011

The 92nd session of the Reid Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Danny Creel leading 37b. Richard Mauldin offered the opening prayer. Danny Creel led 269.

The officers were appointed as follows: Honorary Chairman—Harrison Creel; Honorary Vice Chairperson—Kathleen Robbins; Acting Chairman—Danny Creel; Acting Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Arranging Officer—Cindy Tanner; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn.

Leaders: Lucy Heidorn 460 (in memory of the Reid family); Sarah Beasley 340; Richard Mauldin 358; Don Keeton 498; Henry Johnson 425; Judy Caudle 301; Joyce Walton 192; Anna Pfau 532; Buell Cobb 398; Faye Donaldson 430; Terry Hullett 222; Sharon DuPriest 189; Lomax Ballinger 99; Gary Smith 171; Cheyenne Ivey 182; Eugene Forbes 280; Jonathon Smith 106.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Ken Tate leading 73b. Leaders: Kathy Robinson 546 (for Kathleen Robbins); Max Berueffy 386; Larry Ballinger 195; Linda Sides 328; Jim Pfau 480; Reba Windom 318 (in memory of Pauline Childers); Marlin Beasley 336; Susan Cherones 107; Nate Green 49t; Sandra Spradlin 276; Michael Thompson 207; Virginia Watts 274t; Dennis George 240; Henry Schuman 377; Otis Sides 530.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Cassie Allen leading 100. Leaders: Glenn Keeton, Elizabeth Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Isabella Keeton 30t; Lisa Geist 528; Yancey Jett 440; Bailey Jett 59; Hannah Tate 486; SuNell Ellis 89; Amber Davis, Clarissa Springfield, and Paula Springfield 380 (in memory of Cecil Sanders); Nathan Rees 225b; Bea Carnathan 568; Gravis Ballinger 112; Denise Kania 500; Henry Guthery 456; Betty Baccus 499; Earl Ballinger 331; Scott Kennedy 551; Jackie Tanner 36b. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Rev. Charles Creel.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 145t. Leaders: Cindy Tanner 436; Brenda Chafin 542; Emily Burleson 383; Chris Ballinger 270; Rodney Ivey and Cassie Allen 411; Charles Creel 396; Jim Carnes 209; Ann Jett 327; Jerry Ryan 335; Steve Adams 378t; Harrison Creel and Cassie Allen 512; Robert DuPree 569b; Kermit Adams 296; Angela Myers 442; Velton Chafin 419; David Heidorn and Lucy Heidorn 146; Emma Hayden Calvert, Amelia Jett, and Ella Brook King 124; Brett King and Ken Tate 162; Wanda Capps 142; Ken Tate 228; Cassie Allen 196; Kathy Robinson 434 (by request); Teresa Watkins and Cindy Tanner 72b; Harrison Creel, Ann Jett, Danny Creel, Wanda Capps, and Cindy Tanner 342; Jim Pfau, Denise Kania, and Anna Pfau 300; Henry Schuman 426b.

After announcements, Danny Creel and Ken Tate led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin, and the class was dismissed. Acting Chairman—Danny Creel; Acting Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn

ANDREW'S CHAPEL SINGING
Andrew's Chapel/Schoolhouse, Upson County, Georgia
Sunday, October 16, 2011

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Andrew's Chapel on the third Sunday in October. Wes Haley called the class to order leading 59. Wayne Watson offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Wes Haley; Secretaries and Arranging Committee—Mary Brownlee and Lauren Bock. Leaders: Billy Hollingsworth 37b; Wayne Watson 112; Rita Haley 268; Mary Brownlee 556; John Plunkett 492; Erica Hinton 288; Dave Richardson 385t; Lauren Bock 69b; Riley Lee 171; Karen Clark 70t (for Floy Wilder); Robert Kelley 482; Charlene Wallace 373; Matt Hinton 73t; Shannon Primm 540.

RECESS

Wes Haley called the class back together leading 73b. Leaders: Rosemund Watson 503; B.M. Smith 284; Sharon Hamrick 276; Jesse Karlsberg 486; Lela Crowder 391; Mark Godfrey 83t; Lauren Harrison and Charity Kauffman 138b; Trent Peachey 338; Martha Harrell 74b; Robert Chambless 77t; Leigh Cooper 42; John Hollingsworth 186; Judy Chambless 432; Oscar McGuire 441; Margie Smith 225t; Molly Ellis 370. The blessing for lunch was offered by John Hollingsworth.

LUNCH

Wes Haley called the class back to order by leading 34b and then passed a basket for the collection. Leaders: Riley Lee 163b; Judy Chambless and Robert Chambless 527; Shannon Primm 500; Karen Clark 569t; B.M. Smith and Margie Smith 149; Dave Richardson 473; Trent Peachey 318; Billy Hollingsworth 236; Lauren Bock and Jesse Karlsberg 195 (requested by Raymond Hamrick); Robert Kelley 489; Molly Ellis 477; Martha Harrell, Rosemund Watson, and Mary Brownlee 94; Mark Godfrey and Leigh Cooper 384; Lauren Harrison and Charity Kauffman 282; Oscar McGuire 229; Anna Hinton 40; John Plunkett 297; Jesse Karlsberg 225b (requested by Charlene Wallace); Matt Hinton 228; Dave Richardson 335; Erica Hinton 108t. Following announcements, Rosemund Watson closed the singing leading 347. The closing prayer was offered by John Hollingsworth.

Chairman—Wes Haley; Secretaries—Mary Brownlee and Lauren Bock

ALASKA SACRED HARP CONVENTION
The Loft, Sitka, Alaska
October 21-22, 2011
Friday, October 21

Dr. Thomas B. Malone conducted a singing school focusing on the elements of time, tune, and accent. Songs were led to demonstrate the seven modes of time. Leaders were selected from the class to demonstrate how to begin and end a song, and how to set the tempo and accent correctly.

Saturday, October 22

The 4th annual Alaska Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Kari Lundgren leading 171. Bill Davis offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Charlotte Basham 34b; David Kreiss Tomkins 313b, 189; Sylvia Friske 45t; Nancy Davis 49t; Tom Malone 97, 371; Ken Hallock 70t, 65; Robert Sullivan 66,

217; Steve Helwig 138t, 176t; Kathy Kyle 159, 49b; Denise Klingler 107; Iris Klingler 354b; Karen Willard 274t, 26; Hal Eisen 323b, 384; Nick Lazipone 455; Erika Wilson 73t, 315; Cornelia Stanton 535, 473; Kari Lundgren 276.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Kari Lundgren; Secretary—Steve Helwig.

RECESS

Erika Wilson called the class back to order leading 489. Leaders: Lynn Basham 173, 528; Sara Beaber-Fujioka 31t, 501; Anna Stoerch 215, 37b; Kari Lundgren 312b, 344; Sylvia Friske 40; Charlotte Basham 515, 454; David Kreiss Tomkins 81t, 410t; Tom Malone 411, 278t; Ken Hallock 566, 448t.

Cornelia Stanton conducted the memorial lesson, leading 34t for the following people on the sick and shut-in list: Bob Griffin, Jane Campbell, Rodney Willard, Barbara Willard, and Niilo Kolonen.

Cornelia Stanton spoke for the recently deceased and led 77t for the following: Trina Krazer—Wisconsin; Marie Ivey—Alabama; Ola Perycz—Poland; Barbara Gold—New York; Marvin McDonald—Texas; Waltrout Stoerch—Germany.

Leaders: Robert Sullivan 479; Steve Helwig 79. Bill Davis offered the noon blessing.

LUNCH

Anna Stoerch called the class back to order leading 72b. Leaders: Denise Klingler 63, 82t; Karen Willard 140, 550; Hal Eisen 193, 183; Nick Lazipone 564, 282; Erika Wilson 230, 70b; Cornelia Stanton 67, 504; Kari Lundgren 335, 288; Lynn Basham 99, 186; David Kreiss Tomkins 236; Sara Beaber- Fujioka 163b; Anna Stoerch 143, 523; Kari Lundgren 146.

RECESS

Karen Willard called the class back to order leading 80t. Leaders: Sylvia Friske 268; Charlotte Basham 273, 497; Tom Malone 178, 61, 318; Robert Sullivan 569b; Ken Hallock 373, 142; Steve Helwig 426b, 475; Denise Klingler 31b, 277; Karen Willard 424, 349; Hal Eisen 425, 105; Nick Lazipone 47b, 38b; Erika Wilson 285t.

Announcements were made. Kari Lundgren led 122 as the closing song. Bill Davis offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Kari Lundgren; Secretary—Steve Helwig

BOILING SPRINGS CONVENTION **Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Ashland, Alabama** **Saturday, October 22, 2011**

The 145th session of the Boiling Springs Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Ashland, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Eugene Forbes leading 32t and 75. The morning prayer was offered by Elder J.D. Morris.

A business session was held, with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Blake Sisemore; Vice Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Jenny Acton; Arranging Officer—Myrline Redmon.

Leaders: Blake Sisemore 371, 82t; Nathan Rees 359, 186; Stacey Berkheimer 72b, 297; Gerry Skerbitz 34b, 38t; Henry Guthery 58, 549; Judy Caudle 389, 403; Angela Myers 448b, 540; Mark Godfrey 29t, 114; B.M. Smith 556, 141; Marilyn Bradley and Stanly Edwards 340, 208; Carol Duvau 209; Robert Chambless 317, 163b.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Blake Sisemore leading 101t. Leaders: Ladora Morris 36b, 282; Jenny Acton 146 (in memory of Lora Kelly), 229 (CB) (by request); Jacob Acton 53, 294; Tori Gundlach 344; Ann Webb 142; Jonathan Smith 198, 123b; Scott Kennedy 162, 229; Eugene Forbes, Carol Roberta Stewart, and

Jackson McCallough 45t (for the B.B. Finley family); Eugene Forbes 218 (in memory of his mother).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Henry Guthery. He spoke and led 420 in memory of the following deceased: Marie Ivey, Myrtle Wootten, Betty Carnes, Travis Keeton, Cecil Sanders, Howard McGuire, and Barbara Futral Crozier—Alabama; Johny Kelso—Georgia.

Henry spoke and read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Audress Gurley, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Lonnie Rogers, Julietta Haynes, Terry Maher, Joyce Walton, and Floy Wilder. He led 343 in their honor. John Kelso offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Bridgett Kennedy 225t, 277; Judy Chambless 339, 501; Jack Nelson 504, 318; John Kelso 517, 292.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Blake Sisemore leading 145t.

Leaders: Reba Windom 192, 373; Bea Carnathan 438, 204; Paul Landskroener 232, 230; Valerie Stoehr 47t, 350; Hubert Nall and Bridgett Kennedy 119; Hubert Nall 421; Blake Sisemore 454; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 456, 546; Henry Johnson 409, 439; Jim Aaron 178, 503.

A business session was held, and the locating committee reported that the next session of the Boiling Springs Convention would be held at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Ashland, Alabama, on a date to be announced later. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Leigh Cooper 349, 34t; Lori Hinesley 172 (for her grandfather), 358 (for Chester Forbes); Wendy Futral 35, 283; Angie Payne 31t, 31b; Myrlene Redmon 569b, 452.

Following announcements, Blake Sisemore and Eugene Forbes led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Henry Guthery, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Blake Sisemore; Vice Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Jenny Acton

PRATT-WOODARD MEMORIAL SINGING

Houston Congregational Church, Houston, Winston County, Alabama Saturday, October 22, 2011

The 4th annual Pratt-Woodard Memorial Sacred Harp 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 59. The morning prayer was offered by Glenn Keeton.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Lena Keeton.

Leaders: Richard Mauldin 72b; Isabella Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Glenn Keeton 30t, 47b; Josie Hyde 48t; Margaret Keeton 88t, 78; Isabella Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Lena Keeton 89, 63; Seth Poston 276b, 358; Stella Pratt 147t, 460; Carol Fannin 145b, 399b; Lisa Geist 47t, 489; Kermit Adams 39b, 99; Faye Donaldson 129, 225t.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton led 274t to call the class back together. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 274b, 75 (in memory of Travis Keeton); Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 331, 378t; Kenneth Fannin 340, 441; Josie Hyde 43. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Kenneth Fannin.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Richard Mauldin leading 32t. Leaders: Josie Hyde 234; Dylan Feezell and Carly Westmoreland 435, 445; Kenneth Fannin 235; Steve Adams and Richard Mauldin 309; Seth Allred 29b, 31t; Roma Rice 155, 475; Faye Donaldson 406; Larry Ballinger 164; Seth Allred 86; Roma Rice 565; Kermit Adams 390 (in memory of Cecil Sanders); Lisa Geist 472; Carol Fannin 125; Stella Pratt, Kasey Cutchen, Denise McCullar, Pam Dunning and her mother, Ann, and Zula Robertson 335; Seth Poston 124; Margaret Keeton 313t; Lena Keeton 546. Richard Mauldin led 487 as the closing song. Kenneth Fannin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS SHILOH SINGING FALL SESSION Mt. Comfort Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas Saturday, October 22, 2011

The Northwest Arkansas Shiloh Singing, Fall Session, was called to order by Dan Brittain. Syd Caldwell led 321. Rev. Randi Henderson welcomed everyone and offered prayer.

Leaders: Syd Caldwell 291; Bill Caldwell 49t, 49b; Katy Black 384, 217; Dan Brittain 209, 278b; Shannon Seyler 142, 302; Alexis Walker 294, 282; Andrew Albers 107, 76b; Anita Buswell 523, 143.

Dan Brittain reported on the singing school he conducted at this church on October 20th and 21st, and then led 113 (MH) and 160.

A business session was held, and the following officers were appointed by acclamation: Chairman—Syd Caldwell; Vice Chairman—Bill Caldwell; Secretary—Katy Black. The business session was closed.

RECESS

Syd Caldwell called the class back together leading 389 and 340. Leaders: Andrew Albers 547, 127 (MH); Bill Caldwell 138 (MH), 135 (MH); Randi Henderson 45t; Shannon Seyler 56b, 276; Syd Caldwell 277, 283 (for Don Bowen); Alexis Walker 99, 106; Katy Black 177 (MH), 11 (MH); Anita Buswell 84, 51 (MH); Caye Mott 75 (MH), 268; Dan Brittain 125 (MH), 11 (MH); Syd Caldwell 121 (MH), 175 (MH). Syd Caldwell then led 164 as our blessing song, and Pastor Randi Henderson offered prayer.

LUNCH

Syd Caldwell brought the class back into session leading 313t and 63. Leaders: Shannon Seyler 35, 144; Anita Buswell 145b, 496; Andrew Albers 269, 362.

Dan Brittain conducted the memorial lesson, leading 326 for the following sick and shut-ins: Richard DeLong, John Grant, Carlene Griffin, Nick Griffin, Lonnie Rogers, Jeff Sheppard, Mary Ellen Wilkinson, Jewell Wootten, and Andy Worthington.

Dan Brittain then spoke and led 235 for the following deceased: Marie Ivey, Ernestine Pipkin, Travis Keeton, and Cecil Sanders—Alabama; Virginia Cowart, Elder Roland Green, and Marie Wolf—Arkansas.

Leaders: Bill Caldwell 556, 538; Alexis Walker 354b, 451.

RECESS

Alexis Walker led 274t and 178 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Andrew Albers 222, 63, 117; Syd Caldwell 393, 497.

Announcements were made. Syd Caldwell led 62, and the class was dismissed with a prayer offered by Bill Caldwell.

Chairman—Syd Caldwell; Vice Chairman—Bill Caldwell; Secretary—Katy Black

SEED AND FEED SACRED HARP SINGING
Emory Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia
Saturday, October 22, 2011

The 35th annual Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by John Plunkett leading 59. Jonathan Wood offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 52t; Malinda Snow 155, 496; Bob Goodman 452, 34b; Susan Firestone 504, 475; David Brodeur 178, 203; Debora Grosse 222, 318; Jonathan Wood 186, 209; Martha Ann Stegar 40, 63; Charles Woods 77b, 82t.

A business session was held, and the following officers elected: Chairman—Susan Firestone; Vice Chairman—Jonathan Wood; Secretary—Laura Akerman.

RECESS

Susan Firestone led 84 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Kelly Morris 49b, 159; Molly Ellis 27, 399b; George Burnette III and George Burnette V 163b, 76b; Marcia Klenbort 47b, 31t; Scott DePoy 274t, 179; Charlene Wallace 167, 283; John Whittemore 268, 34t, Karen Morris 77t, 114; Laura Akerman 448t, 149.

LUNCH

The class was brought back to order by Jonathan Wood leading 32t. Leaders: Lauren Bock 87, 371; Elizabeth Carroll 198, 148; Malinda Snow 455, 454; Bob Goodman 145b; David Brodeur 276; Debora Grosse 66; Martha Ann Stegar 277; Charles Woods 569b; Kelly Morris 535; George Burnette III and George Burnette V 81t, 223; Molly Ellis 133; Hayden Arp 206, 187; Karen Morris 299; Laura Akerman 499; Lauren Bock 153; Elizabeth Carroll 107; John Plunkett 130; John Whittemore 147t.

Susan Firestone led 323t as the closing song. Malinda Snow offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Susan Firestone; Vice Chairman—Jonathan Wood; Secretary—Laura Akerman

SADSBURY TWO BOOK SINGING (COOPER AND DENSON)
Sadsbury Friends Meeting, Christiana, Pennsylvania
Saturday, October 22, 2011

The Sadsbury Two Book Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Sadsbury Friends Meetinghouse in Christiana, Pennsylvania. Guy Bankes brought the class to order leading 350. Steve Hoyt offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Guy Bankes 30t (CB); Lamar Matthew 60 (CB); Gina Balestracci 38t (CB); Laura Densmore 210 (CB); Steve Hoyt 105; Barbara Hohenstein 567 (CB); Carl Baron 551; Lorah Hopkins 392 (CB); Ted Stokes 268b (CB); Carol Stevens 463 (CB); Roland Hutchinson 242; Tristan Cleveland 455; Ben Cocchiaro 454; Kimberly Haas 312t; Harry Scott 497; Erin Kelly 199 (CB).

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Guy Bankes; Treasurer—Gina Balestracci; Secretaries—Doron Henkin and Laura Densmore.

RECESS

Terry Ryan called the class back to order by leading 32t. Leaders: Terry Ryan 508 (CB); Mairi Quodomine 158 (CB); Doron Henkin 357 (CB); Rachel Hall 411 (CB); David Graff 398b (CB); Ina Shea 176b (CB); Jim Strube 409; Liz Richner 140 (CB); Jessica Hostetler 186; Guy Bankes 494; Lamar Matthew 507t (CB); Gina Balestracci 486; Laura Densmore 482 (CB); Steve Hoyt 488b (CB); Barbara Hohenstein 45b (CB); Carl Baron 315; Lorah Hopkins 173; Ted Stokes 559 (CB); Carol Stevens 549; Roland Hutchinson 376; Tristan Cleveland 282; Ben Cocchiaro 112; Kimberly Haas 42 (CB).

LUNCH

Laura Densmore led 511t (CB) to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Harry Scott 178; Erin Kelly 391 (CB); Dick Guest 192 (CB); Terry Ryan 183 (CB); Mairi Quodomine 170 (CB); Doron Henkin 86 (CB); Rachel Hall 357 (CB); Ina Shea 98 (CB); Jim Strube 236; Liz Richner 87 (CB); Jessica Hostetler 333; Guy Banks 410 (CB); Lamar Matthew 385t (CB); Gina Balestracci 574 (CB); Laura Densmore 133 (CB); Steve Hoyt 571 (CB); Barbara Hohenstein 524 (CB); Carl Baron 208; Harry Scott 36b.

RECESS

Lamar Matthew called the class back together by leading 163b. Leaders: Lorah Hopkins 381t (CB); Roland Hutchinson 479; Ted Stokes 541 (CB); Tristan Cleveland 457; Ben Cocchiario 327; Kimberly Haas 68t (CB); Dick Guest 318 (CB); Erin Kelly 50t (CB); Terry Ryan 522 (CB); Mairi Quodomine 388 (CB); Doron Henkin 446t (CB); Liz Richner 505 (CB); Jim Strube 332; Ina Shea 416t (CB); Harry Scott 117; Mairi Quodomine 177 (CB); Terry Ryan 193; Erin Kelly 518 (CB); Tristan Cleveland 38b; Roland Hutchinson 473; Gina Balestracci 137 (CB).

The class took the parting hand while singing 347. Steve Hoyt offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Guy Banks; Secretaries—Doron Henkin and Laura Densmore

IRELAND ALL-DAY SINGING

Camden Palace Hotel, Camden Quay, Cork City, Ireland Saturday, October 22, 2011

The 1st Ireland All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Eimear O'Donovan leading 33b. The opening prayer was offered by Hugh McKenna.

Leaders: Robert Wedgbury, Sadhbh O'Flynn, and Sinéad Hanrahan 318; Michael Morrisroe, Declan Synnott, and Dara Desmond 430; Eamonn O'Neill, Lisa O'Grady, and Amanda Parkes 300; Daire O'Sullivan and Niamh O'Sullivan 268; Pauline Hyde 31t; Joseph McGilloway 313b; Lisa O'Grady 284; Barry Twomey 245 (dedicated to Juniper Hill); Áine Uí Cheallaigh 39t; Kevin Kennedy 39b; Niamh O'Sullivan 503; Ewan Paterson and Aldo Ceresa 49b; Rebecca Over 283; Barton Creeth 142; Magdalena Grysko 542; Al McCready 282; Jennifer Barry and Sadhbh O'Flynn 383; Michael Walker 421; Emer Hewson 378b; Hugh McKenna 86; Aldo Ceresa 56t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chair people—Sadhbh O'Flynn, Eimear O'Donovan, Robert Wedgbury; Treasurer—Declan Synnott; Secretary—Sinéad Hanrahan.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Sinéad Hanrahan leading 84. Leaders: Colleen Jones 46; Garrett Blake and Dara Desmond 107; Daire O'Sullivan 65; Robert Wedgbury 440; Sadhbh O'Flynn 59; Michael Morrisroe 320; Eimear O'Donovan 317; Declan Synnott 288 (for his father); Eamonn O'Neill 236 (for Rodrigo Francisco); Amanda Parkes 48b; Pauline Hyde 547; Ewan Paterson 47t; Rebecca Over 567; Barry Twomey 569t; Barton Creeth 122; Treasurer's address and collection by Declan Synnott leading 68b; Al McCready 452; Michael Walker 67; Mark Cosgrave 267; Kevin Kennedy 126; Magdalena Grysko 551. The prayer before lunch was offered by Joseph McGilloway.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Declan Synnott and Michael Morrisroe leading 106. Leaders: Colleen Jones 49t; Joseph McGilloway 163b.

The sick and housebound lesson was conducted by Eimear O'Donovan, leading 216.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Pauline Hyde and Al McCready leading 112. Prayer after the memorial lesson was offered by Al McCready. Leaders: Hugh McKenna 47b; Amanda Parkes 481; Aldo Ceresa 532 (by request); Niamh Collins and Trevor Moran 410t; Robert Wedgbury 148 (dedicated to Thom Fahrback); Sadhbh O'Flynn 507; Alessandro Bacchiega 87; Sinéad Hanrahan 186; Eamonn O'Neill 183; Áine Uí Cheallaigh 192; Eimear Cradock and Magdalena Grysko 277; Eimear O'Donovan, Mary Ryder, and Ronan O'Donovan 347; Niamh O'Sullivan 178; Emer Hewson 181; Lisa O'Grady 209; Rebecca Over 381; Michael Morrisroe 272.

RECESS

Mark Cosgrave brought the class back together leading 155. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 182; Magdalena Grysko, Kuba Choinski, and Alessandro Bacchiega 146; Barton Creeth 274t; Ewan Paterson 117; Colleen Jones 535; Daire O'Sullivan 335; Niamh Collins 168; Al McCready 417; Joseph McGilloway and Brigetta (from Switzerland) 70b; Kate O'Donovan and Eimear Cradock 29t; Michael Walker 145t; Jennifer Barry and Pauline Hyde 36t; Garrett Blake and Robert Wedgbury 203; Eimear O'Donovan and Mary Ryder 528; Eimear Cradock 99; Magdalena Grysko, Kuba Choinski, and Alessandro Bacchiega 448t; Dara Desmond and all first-time singers 455; all singers born in North America 454; Joseph McGilloway and Hugh McKenna 38b; Sadhbh O'Flynn, Robert Wedgbury, and Sinéad Hanrahan 29b; Dara Desmond, Michael Morrisroe, and Declan Synnott 504; Pauline Hyde and Eamonn O'Neill 271t; Al McCready, Áine Uí Cheallaigh, and Rebecca Over 145b. Closing statements of thanks were made by Eimear O'Donovan, followed by announcements of upcoming singings and events.

The Secretary's report was given by Sinéad Hanrahan, announcing that 90 songs had been sung, and that 70 singers had registered, (with many unregistered singers also present), representing the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, England, Scotland, Poland, Italy, USA, Germany, and Switzerland. The Treasurer's report was given by Declan Synnott, stating that expenses were met.

Eimear O'Donovan led 472 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Joseph McGilloway, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chair people—Sadhbh O'Flynn, Eimear O'Donovan, Robert Wedgbury; Secretary—Sinéad Hanrahan

BLOOMINGTON SINGING **Friends Meetinghouse, Bloomington, Indiana** **Saturday, October 22, 2011**

The 8th annual Bloomington, Indiana, all-day singing was held at the Friends Meetinghouse on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. William Shetter brought the class together by leading 34b. James Eldridge offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Hoerr; Arranging Committee—Rebecca Eldridge and Katherine Eldridge; Finance Officer—Wayne Dell; Secretary—Darrell Swarens.

Leaders: John Hoerr 33b; Darrell Swarens 36b, 203; Katherine Eldridge 274b, 87; Wayne Dell 278t, 277; William Shetter 59, 344; Rebecca Eldridge 111b, 168; Carol Munro Mosley 455, 392; Andy Morse 99, 472; Virginia Eldridge 546, 522; Brad Bahler 61, 29t.

RECESS

John Hoerr called the class back together leading 276. Leaders: Ray Rechenberg 300, 480; Peggy Brayfield 284, 473; Adrian Eldridge 314, 89; Bill Hayes 131b, 503; Michael Mosley 37b, 564; Randy Weber 107, 66; Karen Bahler 39t, 155; James

Eldridge 120, 110; Annaliza Cull 82t, 448t. Adrian Eldridge offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing resumed for the afternoon session with John Hoerr leading 332.

Leaders: Darrell Swarens 341 (in memory of Bob Meek), 192; Andy Morse 547, 347; Carol Munro Mosley 464, 540; Wayne Dell 271t, 49t; Randy Weber “Cincinnati”, 506; Katherine Eldridge 79, 58; Joan Aldridge 448b, 373; William Shetter 195, 454; Brad Bahler 77t, 550; Virginia Eldridge 440, 441.

RECESS

John Hoerr called the class back to order leading 163b. Leaders: Peggy Brayfield 551, 504; James Eldridge 546, 426t; Ray Rechenberg 40, 565; William Shetter 556, 269; Annaliza Cull 268; Adrian Eldridge 313b, 313t; Michael Mosley 67, 426b; Karen Bahler 56b, 117; Beth Garfinkel 146, 567.

Announcements were made. John Hoerr led 62 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Darrell Swarens, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Hoerr; Secretary—Darrell Swarens

PUTNAM, LIGHT, AND KING MEMORIAL SINGING

Mt. Oak Methodist Church, Arab, Alabama

Saturday, October 22, 2011

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.

Leaders: David Light 100, 176b; J.L. Hopper 145t, 145b; Eunice Kimbrell 129; Glenda Hopper 343, 425; Mary MacDonald-Lewis 86, 36b; J.C. Rutledge 45t.

RECESS

The class was called back together by David Light leading 143 (for Sandra Light) and 274t. Leaders: J.L. Hopper 274b, 275t; Mary MacDonald-Lewis 452, 49b; Glenda Hopper 90, 273; Eunice Kimbrell 74t. J.C. Rutledge offered the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was cancelled for this year only. This singing will be held again next year (2012) on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. Following announcements, the closing prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Light; Vice Chairman—J.C. Rutledge

SCHOOLHOUSE SINGING

Eldridge Farm, near Orleans, Indiana

Sunday, October 23, 2011

The 6th annual Eldridge Schoolhouse singing was held at the Eldridge farm, near Orleans, Indiana, on the fourth Sunday in October. Adrian Eldridge brought the class together by leading 32t, and offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Adrian Eldridge; Arranging Officer—Rebecca Eldridge; Secretary—Darrell Swarens.

Leaders: James Eldridge 48t, 47t; Carol Munro Mosley 142, 300; Darrell Swarens 49b, 72b; Virginia Eldridge 143, 328; Tim Morton 394, 270; John Hoerr 30b, 178; Peggy Brayfield 481, 338; Michael Mosley 350, 299; Wayne Dell 47b, 49t.

RECESS

Leaders: Katherine Eldridge 512, 294; Joel Deckard 64, 535; Lou Kujawinski 99, 216; Bill Hayes 163, 452; Annaliza Cull 268, 448t (both in memory of Bob Meek); Penny Kujawinski 77t, 500; Thomas Smith 122, 209; Tom Morton 503, 159; Joan Aldridge 282, 384; Bob Cull 82t, 547; James Vest 65, 123t. James Vest offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing resumed for the afternoon session with Adrian Eldridge leading 29t. Leaders: Randy Weber "Florida Storm" (by J. Jackson); Joan Aldridge and Darrell Swarens 217; James Eldridge 45t; Carol Munro Mosley 196; Rebecca Eldridge 318; Thomas Smith 84; Peggy Brayfield 335; Wayne Dell 496; Tim Morton 203; Virginia Eldridge 549; Michael Mosley 475; Penny Kujawinski 102; Joel Deckard 499; John Hoerr 163t; Katherine Eldridge and Annaliza Cull 162; James Vest 283; Bill Hayes 35.

RECESS

Leaders: Adrian Eldridge 277; Lou Kujawinski 344; Bob Cull 569b; Randy Weber 524; Rebecca Eldridge 507; Barb Lund and Darrell Swarens 236; Thomas Smith and Carol Munro Mosley 532 (for Janet Fraembs).

Announcements were made. Adrian Eldridge 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—Adrian Eldridge; Secretary—Darrell Swarens

JORDAN CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH **Newell, Randolph County, Alabama** **Sunday, October 23, 2011**

The annual singing at Jordan Chapel Methodist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Karen Rollins leading 32t and 36b. Blake Sisemore offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Karen Rollins; Vice Chairman—Jack Nelson; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: B. M. Smith 101t, 30b, 47t; Judy Chambless 82t, 565, 142; Blake Sisemore 37b, 497, 436; Valerie Stoehr 354b, 176b, 133; Jack Nelson 560, 358, 551; Bert Collins, Glenda Collins, and Gary Creel 45t, 335, 340; Stacy Berkheimer 77b, 441, 100.

RECESS

Karen Rollins brought the class back to order leading 106. Leaders: Robert Chambless 452, 84; Paul Landskroener 155, 207, 217; John Kelso 203, 82b, 447; Gerry Skerbitz 300, 475, 218; Angie Payne 270, 535, 148; Henry Johnson 267, 375, 539; Cecil Roberts 31t, 35, 97.

Robert Chambless conducted the memorial lesson, leading 70t for the following sick and shut-ins: Lonnie Rogers, Dr. Julietta Haynes, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Mona Nelson, Lois Bowmen, and Louis Hughes.

He spoke and led 163b for the following deceased: Marie Ivey, Wayne Morgan, and Susan Payne Munroe. Jack Nelson closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Jack Nelson brought the class back to order by leading 480. Leaders: Margie Smith 31b, 34b; Evelyn Harris 503, 303; Nell Estes 112, 313t, 192; Ruth Daniel 278t, 127; Nellie Mae White 119, 312b; Evelyn Harris, Ruth Daniel, and Nellie Mae White

159; Angie Payne 472; Stacy Berkheimer 215; Valerie Stoehr 49b; Gerry Skerbitz 473; Paul Landskroener 500; Henry Johnson, John Kelso, and Blake Sisemore 325; Jack Nelson and Nell Estes 165; Karen Rollins and Cecil Roberts 178; B.M. Smith and Margie Smith 225t; Robert Chambless and Judy Chambless 384.

After announcements, Karen Rollins and Jack Nelson led 46 as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Karen Rollins; Vice Chairman—Jack Nelson; 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 23, 2011

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 Church in Walker County, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Ronald Gilmore.

The class organized by retaining the following officers: Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Nora Parker; Arranging Officer—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Richard Mauldin 147t, 147b; Scott Kennedy 228, 347; Faye Donaldson 40, 168; Angela Myers 63, 155; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 235, 348b.

RECESS

Marlin Beasley led 294 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Bea Carnathan 64, 145t; Margaret Keeton 340, 336; Judy Caudle 43 (for Josie Hyde), 212 (in memory of Monroe Tidwell). The class sang 222, 373, 99, 217, 383, and 77t in memory of W.A. Parker. The class sang 282 and 276 for Bud Oliver. The class sang 192 and 224 in memory of Elsie Beasley.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Marlin Beasley leading 317. Velton Chafin led 318, 177, and 146. The class sang 358 (by request), 460 (by request), 342 (for Harrison Creel), 111b (for Harrison Creel), 512 (for Harrison Creel), 426t, 349 (in memory of Clarence McCool), 313t (in memory of Ted Godsey), 394, 124 (in memory of Teddy Creel), 278t (in memory of Travis Keeton), 186, 187, 297 (in memory of John Hyde), and 143.

Marlin Beasley led 323t as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Nora Parker

SAINTS REST ALL-DAY SINGING Grinnell Art Center, Grinnell, Iowa Saturday, October 29, 2011

The Saints Rest Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth fifth Sunday at the Grinnell Art Center, Grinnell, Iowa. Richard Cleaver called the morning session to order leading 49t, and then offered a blessing.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Richard Cleaver; Secretary—Annie Grieshop.

Leaders: Annie Grieshop 36b; Bryan Davis 496; Jeff Nayadley 270; Francis Gurtz 128; Eleanor Haase 274t; Paul Landskroener 155; Colette Miller 501; Elizabeth

Dobbs 159; James Page 117; Gaile Gallatin 335; Martha Pinder 107; Bruce Western 30b; Corinne Prince 178.

RECESS

Richard Cleaver called the class back together by leading 268. Leaders: Annie Grieshop 47t; Paul Landskroener 29t; Martha Pinder 293; Jeff Nayadley 481; Eleanor Haase 32t; Bryan Davis 106; Colette Miller 503; Elizabeth Dobbs 338; Bruce Western 150; Gaile Gallatin 79; Francis Gurtz 448t; James Page 193; Corinne Prince 33b; Deanna Jens 532.

LUNCH

Richard Cleaver called the afternoon session to order leading 40. Leaders: Annie Grieshop 186; Alex Nothern 430; Francis Gurtz 45t; Bryan Davis 47b; Martha Pinder 61; Bruce Western 56b; Colette Miller 436; Eleanor Haase 383; James Page 284; Jeff Nayadley 203; Corinne Prince 46; Paul Landskroener 232.

RECESS

Richard Cleaver led 59 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Annie Grieshop 34b; Jeff Nayadley 455; Alex Nothern 276; Bryan Davis 86; Martha Pinder 161; Paul Landskroener 162; Colette Miller 348b; James Page 334; Eleanor Haase 352; Bruce Western 127; Francis Gurtz 34t; Alex Nothern 547; Corinne Prince 546; Dora Miller 340; Alex Nothern 163.

Richard Cleaver led 347 as the closing song, and dismissed the class with a blessing. Chairman—Richard Cleaver; Secretary—Annie Grieshop

INDIANA COOPER BOOK SINGING

Carroll County Fairgrounds Community Center, Flora, Indiana Saturday, October 29, 2011

The 4th annual Indiana *Cooper Book* Singing was called to order by Brad Bahler and John Bahler leading 68b. David Bahler offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Brad Bahler; Vice Chairman—John Bahler; Secretary—Rob Bahler.

Leaders: Brad Bahler and John Bahler 575; Holly Hauck 87, 286t; Samuel Sommers 544, 486; David Bahler 38b, 559; Claudene Townson 540, 541; Karen Bahler 293b, 274t; Syble Adams 47b, 282; Jan May 511t, 505; Rob Bahler 68t, 77t.

RECESS

John Bahler called the class back to order leading 101t. Leaders: John Bahler 567; David Bahler 87, 398b; Ray Rechenberg and Syble Adams 430; Ray Rechenberg 138t; Karen Bahler 553, 155; John Hoerr 270, 163t; Ruth Dolby 38t, 63; Syble Adams 543, 421; Jim Helke 571, 229; Rod Helmuth 64, 507b; Evelyn Lamb 182, 477; Roger Crabtree 49b, 31t; Brad Bahler and John Bahler 574 (in memory of Bob Meek). David Bahler offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Rob Bahler called the class back to order by leading 370. Leaders: Rob Bahler 30b; Samuel Sommers 350; Claudene Townson 463; Claudene Townson, Syble Adams, and Larry Wootten 376; Holly Hauck 337, 336t; Jan May 448, 46; John Hoerr 276, 300; Evelyn Lamb 140, 156; Jim Helke 199, 55; Ruth Dolby 146, 515.

RECESS

Brad Bahler led 478 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Susan Holsinger 573, 563; Roger Crabtree 392, 29t; Rod Helmuth and John Bahler 84; Ray Rechenberg 277, 47t; Ed Walton and Ray Rechenberg 488b, 112; Evelyn Lamb and Keith Wolf 483; Brian Newell 163b.

Following announcements, Brad Bahler and John Bahler led 95b as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Brother Dallas Meador.

Chairman—Brad Bahler; Vice Chairman—John Bahler; Secretary—Rob Bahler

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP CONVENTION FALL SESSION (COOPER BOOK)

Waldorf School, Austin, Texas

October 29-30, 2011

Saturday, October 29

The Fall Session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Convention was called to order on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October by Gary Rogan leading 49t. After a welcome to all, he led 418, and prayer was offered by Curtis Owen.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Gary Rogan; Vice Chairman—Bill Bailey; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates.

Leaders: Bill Bailey 293t; Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates 36b; Rich Lee 264b; Al Rogers 63; Jane Goforth 393t; Donald Ross 393b; Cornelia Stanton 73t; Morris Nelms 68t; Eddie Mash 464; Jackson Owen 401; Becky Henricks 59; Riley Owen 32t; Rebecca Edwards 356; Lindsey Wiggins 182; Silas Huckaby 421; Ben Copenhaver 210; Ainslie Allen 76b; Paul Wilson 122; Ryan Young 414; Cheryl Foreman 66; Kyle Hearn 268t.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Gary Rogan leading 330t. Leaders: Diane Ross and Findley Ross 78; Dan Velleman 543; Catherine Rogan 168; Tammie Powell 142; Reed Coates 35; Janie Short 196; Sonny Erwin 516; Jessica Garris and Vivian Garris 140; Jo Pendleton 447t; Kris Wiggins 85; Cassie Allen 292b; Tom Owen 465; Tamara Harris 57; Rick Foreman 273; Liz Owen 106; Robert Vaughn 95t; Sarah Huckaby 98; Scott Curran 567; Kristie Powell 132; Zach Rogan 30b; Katie Mahoney 186; Vivian Rogan 559; Mike Hinton 146; Gaylon Powell 524; Chris Nicholson 558; Alexa Gilmore 282; Leon Ballinger 297; Kevin Powell 138t.

LUNCH

Bill Bailey brought the singers back to order leading 406. Leaders: Kyle Hearn 383; Linda Booker 38t; Rich Lee 110; Cheryl Foreman 380t; Al Rogers 500; Robert Vaughn 411; Jane Goforth 501; Donald Ross 381t; Daniel Allcock 422b; Cornelia Stanton 449; Morris Nelms 128; Eddie Mash 199; Becky Henricks 564; Jackson Owen 401; Rebecca Edwards 69; Riley Owen 572; Lindsey Wiggins and Vergie Toller 563; Silas Huckaby 388; Olivia Powell 171; Ben Copenhaver 184b; Paul Wilson 144; Ryan Young 213.

RECESS

Bill Bailey opened the last session of the day by leading 115. Leaders: Curtis Owen 442t; Diane Ross and Findley Ross 95b; Elizabeth Rollins 422t; Dan Velleman 82; Catherine Rogan 39; Reed Coates 416b; Tammie Powell 137; Janie Short 99; Sonny Erwin 198; Cassie Allen 419; Kris Wiggins 230; Liz Owen 203; Chris Nicholson 513t; Tom Owen 336b; Sarah Huckaby 299; Mike Hinton 544; Leon Ballinger 424; Vivian Rogan 463.

Gary Rogan led 553 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Tom Owen.

Sunday, October 30

The Sunday session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention, Fall Session, was opened by Gary Rogan leading 48t and 331t. The opening prayer was offered by Donald Ross.

Leaders: Bill Bailey 54t; Bruce Coates 133; Katie Mahoney 51; Gaylon Powell 53; Alexa Gilmore 217; Billy Huckaby 47b; Zach Rogan 49b; Tamara Harris 109; Kevin Powell 200; Kristie Powell 156; Scott Curran 376; Scott McCown 122; Garrett Powell 85; Rebecca Edwards 108b; Jeb Owen 225t; Ainslie Allen 142; Sonny Huckaby 450; Michele Rogan 39; Carter Cook 268t; Silas Huckaby 421.

RECESS

Bill Bailey led 145t to open the second morning session. Leaders: Vivian Rogan 392; Ryan Young 390; Jackson Owen 32t; Becky Henricks 564; Eddie Mash 96; Cornelia Stanton 410; Riley Owen 500; Amy Peveto 427; Paul Wilson 68b; Jane Goforth 367; Sonny Erwin 336t; Cassie Allen 497; Kris Wiggins 507t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Michele Rogan and Bill Bailey. Michele Rogan read the names of the sick and homebound and gave an update on the recuperations of Aaron Shirazi and Zach Rogan. She led 68b for the following people: Thomas Robinson, Leland Owen, Aaron Shirazi, Jo Redmon Miller, Anthony Blevins, Doris Hanks, Lonnie Rogers, Harrison Creel, and John Merritt. Bill Bailey led 558 in memory of the following deceased: Maurel Conway, Larry Cade, George Jones, Edwin Reed, and Harold Blevins—Texas; Marie Ivey, Travis Keeton, Clarence McCool, and Ernestine Pipkin—Alabama; Holly Dale Wilson—British Columbia; Bob Meek—Kentucky.

Scott Curran read several scriptures and made remarks about several of the deceased. The memorial lesson closed with prayer by Elder Sonny Huckaby.

Leaders: Beverly Coates 155; Chris Nicholson 264t; Diane Ross and Findley Ross 348t; Mike Hinton 434; Janie Short 404; Donald Ross 373; Ben Copenhaver 174; Leon Ballinger 383; Liz Owen 408; Reed Coates 511b; Catherine Rogan 192; Tom Owen 369; Sarah Huckaby 522; Alex Hawk 398b. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Billy Huckaby.

LUNCH

Gary Rogan opened the afternoon session by leading 288. Leaders: Dan Velleman 36b; Linda Booker 444t; Al Rogers 575; Cornelia Stanton 507b; Ron Bernucho 463; Rebecca Edwards 402; Rich Lee 289; Olivia Powell 101t; Eddie Mash 196; Daniel Allcock 224; Lindsey Wiggins 216; Paul Wilson 411; Vickie Cook 335; Bill Bailey, with Waldorf School monitor, Vivian 332; Morris Nelms 59; Tammy Powell 189; Kris Wiggins and Lindsey Wiggins 215; Carter Cook 63; Diane Ross and Findley Ross 300; Garrett Powell 277; Chris Nicholson 175; Riley Owen 58; Janie Short and Jane Goforth 235; Donald Ross 123b; Mike Hinton 384; Amy Peveto 489; Leon Ballinger 120; Sonny Huckaby 395b; Michele Rogan 68t; Jeb Owen 67; Ben Copenhaver 239.

Following announcements, the officers led 62. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Sonny Huckaby.

Chairman—Gary Rogan; Vice Chairman—Bill Bailey; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates

UNION MUSICAL SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia** **October 29-30, 2011** **Saturday, October 29**

The 143rd session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia, on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in October. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by John Plunkett leading 39b. The opening prayer was offered by Charles Woods. Nathan Rees conducted the introductory lesson leading songs on pages 79, 300, 77b, 271t, 275b, 360, and 250.

Leaders: Helen Bryson 172; Jeannette DePoy 475; Darrell Swarens 215; Judy Mincey 474; Jesse Karlsberg 158; Tony Hammock 102; Faye Holbrook 380 (for her father, James Tolbert); John Hollingsworth 37b; Sharon Strong 195; Buck Lea 522.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Jeannette DePoy; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson; Arranging Committee—Jesse Karlsberg, Leigh Cooper, and Mark Godfrey; Memorial Committee—Scott DePoy and Darrell Swarens; Finance Committee—Hayden Arp and Oscar McGuire; Resolutions Committee—Judy Mincey and Nathan Rees; Chaplains—Blake Sisemore and Tony Hammock.

RECESS

Jeannette DePoy called the class to order leading 129. Leaders: Scott DePoy 448t; Judy Chambless 348t; Charlene Wallace 388; B.M. Smith 389; Robert Chambless 100; Eric Tweedy 78; Faye Hollis 182; George Burnette 101t; Charles Woods 494; Leigh Cooper 225t; Oscar McGuire 573; Ellen Lea 200; Billy Hollingsworth 36t; Tom Ivey 242; Hayden Arp 384; Mark Godfrey 142; Margie Smith 512; Blake Sisemore 498; Mike Castleberry 354b; Reba Windom 276.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by John Plunkett leading 120. Leaders: Judy Mincey 367; Buck Lea 428; Blake Sisemore 567; Molly Ellis 328; Darrell Swarens 341; Sharon Strong 227; Ellen Lea 187; Nathan Rees 398; B. M. Smith 548; Reba Windom 283; Tom Ivey 340; Charlene Wallace 155 (for Carlene, Deke, and Danny Griffin); Violet Thomason 112, 189, 343, 207; Eric Tweedy 442; Robert Chambless 303; George Burnette 117; Faye Holbrook 549; Oscar McGuire 336.

RECESS

Jeannette DePoy called the class to order leading 99. Leaders: Billy Hollingsworth 236; Judy Chambless 540; Tony Hammock 83b; Faye Hollis 168; John Hollingsworth 186; Helen Bryson 213t; Jesse Karlsberg 69b; Hayden Arp 530; Leigh Cooper 318; Mark Godfrey 319; Molly Ellis 133; John Plunkett and Joe Plunkett 45t.

Announcements were made. John Plunkett led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Blake Sisemore.

Sunday, October 30

The Sunday session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention was brought to order by John Plunkett leading 467. Blake Sisemore offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 176t; Helen Bryson 101b; Tony Hammock 60; Leigh Cooper 77t; Scott DePoy 201; Jesse Karlsberg 83t; Judy Mincey 274t; Hayden Arp 426t; Blake Sisemore 278t; Nathan Rees 285b; Mark Godfrey 49b; Oscar McGuire 481; Darrell Swarens 36b; Faye Holbrook 455; Jonathan Woods 299; John Kelso 90; Malinda Snow 77b; Billy Hollingsworth 365; Judy Chambless 28t; Charlene Wallace 171.

RECESS

Jeannette DePoy called the class to order leading 89. Leaders: B. M. Smith 143; Robert Chambless 49t; Sandra Wilkinson 170; Sharon Strong 352; John Hollingsworth 460; Shannon Primm 213t; Tom Ivey 269; Jesse Karlsberg 392; Faye Holbrook 67; Scott DePoy 179; John Kelso 52t; Helen Bryson 546; Margie Dietz 34b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Scott DePoy and Darrell Swarens. Scott DePoy led 72t for the following sick and shut-ins: Lonnie Rogers, Lula Bradford, Raymond Hamrick, Dot Garrison, Violet Thomason, Reuban Ball, James Tolbert,

Carlene Griffin, Deke Griffin, Danny Griffin, Joyce Walton, Bud Oliver, S.T. Reed, Rene Greene, Gertrude DeLong, and Pam Nunn.

Darrell Swarens led 267 for the following deceased: Bob Meek—Kentucky; Marie Ivey, Travis Keeton, Myrtle Wootten, Wayne Morgan—Alabama; Sammy Harlan, Mary Florence Smith—Georgia. Blake Sisemore offered prayer.

LUNCH

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 167. Leaders: Hayden Arp 408; Matt Hinton 472; Nathan Rees 193; Sharon Strong 327; Blake Sisemore 550; Anna Hinton 300; Judy Mincey 538; Tom Ivey 254; Darrell Swarens 507; Shannon Primm 250; B.M. Smith 318; John Hollingsworth 164; Erika Hinton 332; Molly Ellis 114; Billy Hollingsworth 376; Tony Hammock 148; Robert Chambless 503; Eli Hinton 268; Oscar McGuire 344; Judy Chambless 531; Sandra Wilkinson 542; John Kelso 397; Mark Godfrey 203; Margie Dietz 276; Johnathan Woods 168; Malinda Snow and friend, Sarah 33t; Matt Hinton 176b.

The convention entered into a business session for the purpose of hearing reports. The Resolutions Committee reported the following: The Committee, on behalf of the Convention, hereby submits the following: We thank our Almighty God for the grace and privilege of meeting in this, the 143rd annual Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention. We thank Big Creek

Primitive Baptist Church for its hospitality, and the officers and committee members for their diligence. We thank the singers, both local and travelers, for each of you has enriched our own pleasure and has improved the praise we have strived to lift to our Creator and Sustainer. We therefore resolve to meet again September 30 and October 1, 2012 [Editor's note: Saturday, September 29 and Sunday, September 30, 2012.] at Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia, for the 144th session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention.

The Finance Committee reported that convention expenses were met. The reports were approved, and the business session was closed.

Announcements were made. John Plunkett and Jeannette DePoy led 56t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by John Hollingsworth.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Jeannette DePoy; Secretary—Helen Bryson

HYDE PARK ALL-DAY SINGING

Augustana Lutheran Church, Hyde Park, Chicago, Illinois Saturday, November 5, 2011

The 13th annual University of Chicago/Hyde Park All-Day Singing was brought to order at 9:32 a.m. by Rachel Adelstein and Ginny Landgraf leading 171. Dave Barford offered the opening prayer. This singing uses both the 1991 edition of the Sacred Harp and the *Missouri Harmony* (MH).

Leaders: Michael Mosley 99; Susan Geil 31t; Nick Pasqual 173; Ryan Wheeler 67; Jim Helke 142 (MH); Pleasance Crawford 172; Jim Swanson 362; Carol Munro Mosley 192; Bill Beverly 191; Chuck Crawford 480; Peggy Mistak 45 (MH); Martha Beverly 189; Darrell Swarens 341 (in memory of Bob Meek); Berkley Moore 152 (MH); Dave Barford 228.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Co-Chairmen—Jim Swanson and Cathryn Bearov (in absentia); Secretary—Ginny Landgraf.

RECESS

Jim Swanson brought the class back together by leading 29t. Leaders: Pete Ellertsen 32t; James Page 34 (MH); Judy Hauff 80 (MH); Debbie Barford 302; Rachel Adelstein 84 (MH); Jo Dell Albi 270; Mark Dawson 377; Grace Scrimgeour 216,

Jeannine Oakes 277; Melanie Hauff 68 (MH); Ted Mercer 62 (MH); Petrina Patti 217; Ginny Landgraf 378b (in memory of R.J. Landgraf and Charles W. Landgraf, Jr.); Michael Mosley 185; Susan Geil 177 (MH).

RECESS

Ryan Wheeler led 33b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Nick Pasqual 139 (MH); Jim Helke 48 (MH); Michael Appert 312t (in memory of Benjamin H. Cohen); Pleasance Crawford 51 (MH); Carol Munro Mosley 464; Bill Beverly 297; Chuck Crawford 300; Peggy Mistak 496; Martha Beverly 138 (MH); Darrell Swarens 169 (MH); Ryan Wheeler 29 (MH); Berkley Moore 290; Dave Barford 344; Pete Ellertsen 510. Dave Barford offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

James Page began the afternoon session by leading 205. Leaders: Debbie Barford 212; Judy Hauff 98 (MH); Rachel Adelstein 72 (MH); Steve Warner 125; Jo Dell Albi 179; Anne Heider 474; Mark Dawson 299; Ted Johnson 383; Jim Swanson 148 (MH); Jim Helke 26; Lisa Grayson 112; Ted Mercer 163t; Grace Scrimgeour 142; Melanie Hauff 421; Jeannine Oakes 384; Petrina Patti 155; Ginny Landgraf 134 (MH); Michael Mosley 475; Susan Geil 220.

RECESS

Anne Heider and Steve Warner brought the class back to order by leading 40. Leaders: Nick Pasqual 116; Lisa Grayson 131 (MH); Ted Johnson 101b; James Page 41 (MH); Martha Beverly and Annie Minoff 146; Chuck Crawford 492; Darrell Swarens 507; Carol Munro Mosley 368; Pleasance Crawford 571; Jim Helke 20 (MH); Berkley Moore 113 (MH); Peggy Mistak 178 (MH); Ryan Wheeler 186. Announcements were made. The following committee reports were submitted: the Finance Committee reported that expenses had been met; the Secretary reported that eighty-two songs were led by thirty-four leaders from four states and one Canadian province.

Jim Swanson led 347 as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand. Dave Barford offered the closing prayer.

Co-Chairmen—Jim Swanson and Cathryn Bearov (in absentia); Secretary—Ginny Landgraf

DENNEY MEMORIAL
Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia
Saturday, November 5, 2011

The Denney Memorial was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Tony Hammock leading 59. Phillip Denney offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Phillip Denney 73t, 40; Judy Chambless 28t; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 303, 470; Karen Rollins 354t, 327; Jeff Sheppard 325, 313t; Henry Johnson 29b, 375; Emma Rose Brown 89, 208; Karlene Williams 146, 405; Blake Sisemore 77b, 426b; Ellen Lea 250, 504.

RECESS

Tony Hammock brought the class back to order by leading 321. Karen Rollins presented a plaque from the Sacred Harp Publishing Company in honor of Felton Denney for his devotion to and love for Sacred Harp music. The plaque was given to Mr. Denney's wife, Josephine.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Tony Hammock; Vice Chairman—Phillip Denney; Secretary/Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Robert Chambless 312b, 225t; Rene Greene 192, 276; Rodney Ivey 472, 91; John Plunkett 324, 275t; Sherry Lovvorn 373, 454; Nathan Rees 406, 374; Annaliza Cull 268, 448t; Kelsey Sunderland 72b, 403; Buck Lea 102, 447.

LUNCH

Tony Hammock brought the class back to order leading 569t. Leaders: Cecil Roberts 82t; Richard Ivey 458; Reba Windom 389; Hayden Arp 382; John Kelso 165; Virginia Dyer 112; B.M. Smith 111b; Donna Bell 503; Michele Cull 76b; George Burdette 129; Cheyenne Ivey 77t; Charlene Wallace 79; Susan Cheronos 107; Shelbie Sheppard 372; Shelbie Sheppard and Daphne Causey 434; Kelly Kennedy 318; Sharon DuPriest 222; singers 30 years of age and under 500.

After announcements, Tony Hammock led 56t as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Tony Hammock; Vice Chairman—Phillip Denney; Secretary—Judy Chambless

VELTON CHAFIN BIRTHDAY SINGING

Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Alabama Saturday, November 5, 2011

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 225t. The opening prayer was offered by Danny Creel.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Secretary—Brenda Chafin; Arranging Committee—Wanda Capps and Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 225t (CB), 511t (CB); Eugene Forbes 505 (CB), 216; Jim Aaron 68b, 178; Ottis Sides 571 (CB); Linda Sides 559 (CB); Scott Kennedy 336t (CB), 463 (CB); Don Keeton 317, 58; Beth Branscome 61, 313t; Faye Donaldson 78, 48t.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Velton Chafin leading 464 (CB). Leaders: Betty Baccus 329, 418; Danny Creel 432, 473; Bridgett Kennedy 448b, 101t; Seth Poston 275b, 124; Ken Tate 367 (CB), 522 (CB); Wanda Capps 299, 217; Margaret Keeton 181, 300; Richard Mauldin 312b, 378t; Harrison Creel 111b, 355 (CB).

LUNCH

Velton Chafin brought the afternoon session to order by leading 54t (CB) and 98 (CB). Leaders: Eugene Forbes 39t; Jim Aaron 503; Ottis Sides 530; Linda Sides 76b; Brenda Chafin 563 (CB), 572 (CB); Scott Kennedy 49t; Don Keeton 454; Beth Branscome 347; Faye Donaldson 410t; Betty Baccus 499; Danny Creel 472; Seth Poston 358; Ken Tate 33b; Richard Mauldin 133; Wanda Capps 133 (CB); Harrison Creel 512; Danny Creel 477 (for Josie Hyde); Brenda Chafin 460 (in memory of Travis Keeton and Cecil Sanders).

The class decided to change the date of this singing to the last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving beginning in 2012. The location will remain at Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Alabama.

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

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Secretary—Brenda Chafin

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH South of Bremen, Georgia Sunday, November 6, 2011

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church on the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Blake Sisemore.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 284; Henry Johnson 88b; Karen Rollins 97 (for her father); Jane Spencer 478; Mark Godfrey 114; Ellen Lea 36b; Michael Thompson 376; Louis Hughes 540; Buck Lea 193; Eddie Mash 38b; Donna Bell 383; Buell Cobb 127; Robert Chambless 73b; Jeff Sheppard 121; Cheyenne Ivey 76b; Jeannette DePoy 448t; Joyce Walton 192; Rodney Ivey 439; Daphene Causey 269; Robert Kelley 390; Judy Caudle 564; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Janice Jordan 455.

RECESS

Phillip Denney brought the class back to order leading 163b. The following officers were elected: Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman—Judy Henry; Secretary/Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Judy Chambless 142; Shelbie Sheppard 106; Emma Rose Brown 527; Ed Thacker 498; Lauren Bock 153; David Brodeur 47b; Judy Mincey 468; Kelsey Sunderland 336; Leigh Cooper 217; Cecil Roberts 229; Charles Woods 453 (in memory of his grandfather); Michael Spencer 420; Blake Sisemore 532; Helen Bryson 492; John Hollingsworth 50b; Scott DePoy 440; Tony Hammock 303; Nathan Rees 442; Angela Myers 100; Loyd Ivey 426b; Louise Holland 147t; Bill Hollingsworth 56b; Rene Greene 441; Richard Ivey 135; Tommy McGraw 542; Molly Ellis 359; Earlis McGraw 475; Shannon Primm 562; Hayden Arp 384; John Plunkett 54; Virginia Dyer 314; Lela Crowder 274t.

LUNCH

Charlene Wallace brought the class back to order leading 155. Leaders: Erica Hinton 73t; Phillip Langley 110; Susan Cheronos 107; Anna Hinton 40; John Kelso 130; Fallon Cook 146; Blake Sisemore and Jennie (Whitt Denson's granddaughter) 422; Evelyn Harris 378t; Reba Windom 411 (in memory of her parents and Loyd Reading); Christian Webb 46; Malinda Snow 474; Sharon DuPriest and Judy Caudle 436 (in memory of LaRue Allen); Oscar McGuire 485 (for Rosemund Watson); Sheri Taylor 209; Jason Stanford 49t; Matt Hinton 460; Annaliza Cull 82t; Michele Cull 143; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 419; Jane Spencer 382; Richard Ivey and Kelsey Sunderland 371; Michael Spencer 386; Eddie Mash 279; Emma Rose Brown 144; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 480; Tony Hammock 493; Louis Hughes 421 (for Bud Oliver); Robert Kelley 316; Rodney Ivey and Matt Hinton 294 (by request); David Brodeur 186; singers 30 years of age and under 187.

After announcements, Charlene Wallace led 347 as the closing song. Elder Patterson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman—Judy Henry; Secretary—Judy Chambless

MT. EBRON CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING **Near Double Springs, Alabama** **Sunday, November 6, 2011**

The 106th session of the Mt. Ebron Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Richard Mauldin leading 50b. The opening prayer was offered by Danny Creel.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Don Keeton; Secretary—Jayne Fulmer; Arranging Officer—Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: Richard Mauldin 420; Seth Poston 27, 358; Don Keeton 77t, 101t; Roma Rice 229, 297; Doyce Bailey 565, 34t; Danny Creel 145t, 271t; Betty Baccus 134, 100; Matthew Cook 274t, 294; Gravis Ballinger 120, 36b; Ottis Sides 475, 322; Elizabeth Keeton, Isabella Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Glenn Keeton 30t, 497; Stella Pratt 480, 155.

RECESS

Don Keeton led 498 and 89 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Scott Kennedy 228, 31t; Jayne Fulmer 209 (for Dr. Julietta Haynes), 454; Linda Sides 215, 148; Kermit Adams 329, 349; Lisa Geist 171, 192; Lena Keeton 373 (in memory of Travis Keeton), 472; Larry Ballinger 540, 300; Julie Tate and Hannah Tate 496, 410t; Amber Davis and Claire Davis 391; Ken Tate 201, 86.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Don Keeton leading 35. Leaders: Faye Donaldson 371, 225t; Glenn Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Isabella Keeton 178, 64; Josie Hyde 236, 234; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 378t, 331; Julie Tate 198; Hannah Tate 39b; Seth Poston 124; Matthew Cook and Richard Mauldin 235 (for Ann); Doyce Bailey 147t; Scott Kennedy 549; Larry Ballinger 389; Gravis Ballinger 430; Linda Sides 270; Lisa Geist 273; Ken Tate 147b (in memory of Edith Tate); Jayne Fulmer 63; Amber Davis 479; Josie Hyde 224; Richard Mauldin 143 (in memory of his mother).

Announcements were made. Richard Mauldin and Don Keeton led 347 as the closing song. Glenn Keeton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Vice Chairman—Don Keeton; Secretary—Jayne Fulmer

JAMES RIVER CONVENTION **Historic St. John's Church, Richmond, Virginia** **Saturday, November 12, 2011**

The 20th annual James River Convention was held on 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 Leyland delRe leading 72b. The opening prayer was offered by Ben Hartland.

Leaders: Matt Ference 384; Adrienne Robertson 63; Shelley Campbell 121; Marie Martinelli 145b; Mary Wright 108t; Pat Temple 34b; Jim Strube 196; Zach Bullock 101t; John Alexander 179; Clare Chapin 532; Jim Glaser 322; John delRe 59; Mary Helen Dupree 35; Kathy Kaiser 212; Frank DeBolt 569b; Tim Slattery 344; Kelly Macklin 505; Bev Yaeger 142; John Feddersen 306; Martha Burns 147t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Sandra Polaski; Vice Chairman—Matt Ference; Treasurer—Shelley Campbell; Secretary—Mary Wright; Arranging Committee—Leyland delRe and Kelly Macklin.

The class resumed singing with Sandra Polaski leading 146.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order. Leaders: Erin Gum 47b; Richard Green 475; Hannah Polaski 159; Mona Lewandoski 385b; Clare Maher 300; Don Polaski 112; Liz Meitzler 215; Cathy Manning 337; Joan Aldridge 228; Derek Lane 38b; Susan Green 182; Leyland delRe 96; Zach Bullock 73t; Shelley Campbell 178; Kathy Kaiser 368; Matt Ference 268; Adrienne Robertson 457; Marie Martinelli 127; Pat Temple 373; Jim Glaser 462; John Alexander 354t; Jim Strube 409; Clare Chapin 273; John delRe 102; Mary Helen Dupree 53; Kelly Macklin 57. Sandra Polaski offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Feddersen called the afternoon session together by leading 528. Leaders: Frank DeBolt 515; Mary Wright 546; Tim Slattery 217; Sandra Polaski 198; Hannah Polaski 354b; Joan Aldridge 472; Mona Lewandoski 294; Blake Morris 442; John Feddersen 477; Bev Yaeger 210; Richard Green 163t; Clare Maher 191; Liz Meitzler 496; Susan Green 551; Kathy Manning 527; Don Polaski 183.

Leyland delRe conducted the memorial lesson in which she, as a cardiac nurse, observed the various ways dying patients handled their conditions. The following deceased were remembered: Tom Maher—Pennsylvania; Frank Evans—Virginia; Henry Bizzell—North Carolina; Marie Ivey, Travis Keeton, Clarence McCool, Cecil Sanders, Ernestine Pipkin—Alabama; Mary Florence Smith—Georgia; Bob Meek—Kentucky; and Beverly Rees—West Virginia.

The sick and shut-ins honored were Evan Duncan, Scott Brownson, George Peapples, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed and Dr. Julietta Haynes. The song on page 162 was led. Kelly Macklin offered prayer.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order. Leaders: Shelley Campbell 86; Clare Chapin 40; Martha Burns 47t; Ben Hartland 448b; Derek Lane 335; Zach Bullock 499; Kathy Kaiser 29t; Blake Morris 141; Jim Glaser 396; John Alexander 29b; Matt Ference 186; John delRe 481; Jim Strube 480; Leyland delRe 187; John Feddersen 254; Mona Lewandoski 30b; Clare Maher 288; Liz Meitzler 455; Susan Green 350; Tim Slattery 497; Pat Temple 232; Kathy Manning 161; Bev Yaeger 351; Sandra Polaski and Don Polaski 454; Mary Wright 405; Erin Gum 274t.

Zach Bullock thanked all who had a part in putting on the convention and all who participated.

Sandra Polaski led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Don Polaski, and the class was dismissed.

The James River Convention will meet next year on Saturday before the second Sunday in November, November 10, 2012.

Chairman—Sandra Polaski; Vice Chairman—Matt Ference; Secretary—Mary Wright

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH Nashville, Tennessee Saturday, November 12, 2011

The 26th annual Sacred Harp singing at Immanuel Baptist Church was called to order by Tim Reynolds leading 34b. Bob Simmons offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 58; David Carlton 144, 540; Sandie Scott 503, 274t; Bob Simmons 49b, 40; Fay Thompson 53, 128; Laurens Blankers 155, 72b; Caleb Dillehay 37b, 472.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Secretary—Sandie Scott.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds called the class back to order leading 148. Leaders: Randy Webber “Cincinnati”, “Florida Storm” (*The Colored Sacred Harp*); Gail Doss 440, 542; Max Berueffy 217, 182; Rick Fretter 350, 470.

RECESS

David Carlton brought the class back to order by leading 421. Leaders: William Ralph Paris 31t, 89; John Wendt 63, 141; Marilyn Burchett 490, 201; Lewis Frost 479, 515; Carol Wendt 59, 100. William Ralph Paris offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class came to order again with Tim Reynolds leading 312b. Leaders: David Carlton 332; Caleb Dillehay 77t; Bob Simmons 532; Sandie Scott 424; Lewis Frost 535; Gail Doss 408; Rick Hoffman 178, 504, 66; Randy Weber 218; Carol Wendt 345t, 569b; Laurens Blankers 334; Byron Burchett 108t, 192; William Ralph Paris 36b, 47t; Rick Fretter 84; John Wendt 338; Marilyn Burchett 551. Randy Webber then repeated leading “Cincinnati”.

Announcements were made. David Carlton led 225t as the closing song. Bob Simmons offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Secretary—Sandie Scott

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL-DAY SINGING

Plum Grove Church, Folklore Village Farm, Dodgeville, Wisconsin Saturday, November 12, 2011

The 25th 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 Marjorie Matthews leading 34b. Carl Houtman offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Dick Dunagan and Val Dunagan 217; Carl Houtman 171; Chelsea Myers 276; Jan Ketelle 168; Julie Vea 218; Martha Beverly 197 (for Nancy Yeager); Randy Neufeld 38b; Bob Sullivan 503; Kim Bahmer 480; Lori Graber 368; Anne Drexler 335; Gillian Inksetter 352; Midge Olsen 454; Jeannine Oakes 163b; Bill Beverly 547; Paul Wyatt 207; Roberta Strauss 436.

A business meeting was held with the following officer elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Daniel Myers; Arranging Officer—Jim Page; Chaplains—Carl Houtman and David Hoffelt; Finance Committee—Johanna Fabke and Chelsea Myers; Secretary—Val Dunagan.

RECESS

Johanna Fabke called the class to order leading 148. Leaders: Susan Geil 52t; Jan May 474; Peggy Mistak 496; Janet Fraembs 532; Hans Guttmann 282; Ryan Wheeler 417; Colette Miller and Francis Gurtz 472; Peggy Brayfield 28t; Gordon Olsen 277.

Julie Vea and Jim Page conducted the memorial lesson. Julie Vea led 430 for the following sick and shut-ins: Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, Mark Crawford, Mary Sutherland, Stacey Berkheimer, Meg Stauffer, Jim Hearne, Coy Ivey, and John Merritt.

Jim Page led 209 for the following deceased: Joyce Anderson, Robert E. McKee, and Robert Crawford—Wisconsin; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Dennis Murphy—Vermont; Mary Florence Smith and Colonel George Stapleton—Georgia; George Jones—Texas; Ernestine Pipkin, Marie Ivey, Travis Keeton, Cecil Sanders—Alabama; Joanne Bowman—Massachusetts; Tom Keith—Minnesota; John Blattner—Maryland; Ed Hinderberger—Missouri; Robbie Nichols—California; Beth Kirby—Michigan. Carl Houtman closed the memorial service with prayer.

Becky Browne led 564. The lunch blessing was offered by Carl Houtman.

LUNCH

Daniel Myers called the class to order leading 49t. Leaders: Jeanette Nelson 272; Kit Canright 112; Martha Pinder 64; Claudia Egelhoff 556; Penny Kujawinski 200; Bruce Vogles 344; David Hoffelt 169; Steven Levine 350; Gary Gronau 384; Evelyn Lamb 33b; Noelle Copeland 228; Lou Kujawinski 216; Melissa Kelley 383; Sasha Maslanka and Judy Hauff 107; Will Gilman 421; Jim Helke 568; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 464; Michael Appert 84; Annie Grieshop 186; Johanna Fabke and Chelsea Myers 475.

RECESS

Daniel Myers and Carl Houtman called the class to order leading 178. Leaders: Nick Pascual 195; Denise Kania 500; Judy Hauff 411; Michael Moore 460; Daniel Myers 284; Jim Pfau 274t; Ted Mercer 372; Eleanor Haase 142; Karen Isbell 377; Anna Pfau 318; Carol Crawford 61; Cathy Lutz 99; Marjorie Matthews 198; Melanie Hauff 271t.

RECESS

Peter Bradley called the class to order leading 300. Leaders: Jim Page 189; Jim Crawford and Carol Crawford 546; Peter Bradley 351; Gillian Inksetter 34t; Janet Fraembs and Jim Helke 378b; Becky Browne and Gary Gronau 192; Jan May 146; Peggy Brayfield 319; Penny Kujawinski 39b; Lou Kujawinski 515. Daniel Myers led 347 as the closing song. David Hoffelt offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Daniel Myers; Secretary—Val Dunagan

DALLAS COUNTY SINGING **Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas** **Saturday, November 12, 2011**

The annual Dallas County Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Rick Foreman leading 59. Scott Buie offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 492; Sonny Erwin 171; Ben Brown 280; Diane Ross 209; Jerry Ryan 145t; Sarah Huckaby 475; Ron Ryan 213t; Linda Booker 34b; Donald Ross 550; Leon Ballinger 195; Stephanie Turney 159; Beverly Coates 107; Kris Wiggins 481; Catherine Rogan 318; Reed Coates 472; Cassie Allen 129; Tollie Lee 270; Alexa Gilmore 384; Esther Huckaby 358; Josh Rogan 434; Claudene Townson 29t; Ben Copenhaver 397; Lindsey Wiggins 383; John Beard 58.

RECESS

Rick Foreman called the class back together by leading 56t. Leaders: Priscilla Wiggins 344; Scott Curran 500; Syble Adams 300; Mike Hinton 480; Laurie Miller and Sadie Miller 29t; Vivian Rogan 163b; Jeff Miller 569b; Tamara Harris 228; Gaylon Powell 131t; Sadie Miller 45t.

Chloe Webb and Tollie Lee conducted the memorial lesson. Chloe Webb read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Leland Owen, Aaron Shirazi, John Merritt, Lonnie Rogers, Louise Miles, Kristie Powell, Susan Kerr, Harrison Creel, and Bud Oliver. She led 86.

Tollie Lee read the following names of the deceased: Marie Ivey, Ernestine Pipkin, Travis Keeton, and Clarence McCool—Alabama. He led 503 in their memory, and closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Sonny Erwin and Virginia Glass 143; Tammy Powell 454; Katie Mahoney 399b; Bruce Coates 313b; Janie Short 442; Chris Nicholson 314; Michelle Rogan 196. Bruce Coates offered a prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Rick Foreman called the class to order by leading 448t. Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 546; Sonny Erwin 568; Avon Miller 193; Sarah Huckaby 37b; Josh Rogan 410t; Linda Booker 490; Leon Ballinger 460; Catherine Rogan 299; Laurie Miller and Sadie Miller 388; John Beard 288; Alexa Gilmore 131b; Scott Curran 532; Lindsey Wiggins 222; Syble Adams 445; Reed Coates 327; Janie Short 330t; Claudene Townson, Syble Adams, Virginia Glass, and Larry Wootten 421; Mike Hinton 373; Tammy Powell 542; Chris Nicholson 39t; Katie Mahoney 72b; Bruce Coates 176b. A business session was held, and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rick Foreman; Vice Chairman—Kris Wiggins; Secretary—Cheryl Foreman.

RECESS

Rick Foreman called the class to order by leading 168. Leaders: Ron Ryan 368; Ben Copenhaver (original composition); Michelle Rogan 269; Priscilla Wiggins 284; Jerry Ryan 319; Lu Ann Thomas 63; Kris Wiggins 198; Cassie Allen 326; Diane Ross 350; Tollie Lee 68b; Tamara Harris 176t; Gaylon Powell 165; Vivian Rogan 47b; Donald Ross 225t; Beverly Coates 46.

Rick Foreman, Cheryl Foreman, and Sonny Erwin led 549 as the closing song. Mike Hinton dismissed the class with a prayer.

Chairman—Rick Foreman; Vice Chairman—Kris Wiggins; Secretary—Cheryl Foreman

STAPLEFORD ALL-DAY SACRED HARP SINGING
St Luke's Church, Stapleford, Nottingham, United Kingdom
Saturday, November 12, 2011

The annual Stapleford Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Helen Brown leading 52t. Michael Walker offered the opening prayer.

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

Leaders: Helen Brown 145t; Ian West 479; Margaret Gillanders 171; Ted Brown 225t; Sarah West 370; Chris Brown 138b; Ruth Steggles 48b; Michael McGuigan 108t; Judy Whiting 268b (CB); Michael Walker 303 (CB); Rebecca Over 422t (CB); Aldo Ceresa 68t; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 448t; Hannah Land 98 (CB); Steve Fletcher 376 (CB); David Moore 361; Helen Brown 208; Ian West 392 (CB); Margaret Gillanders 140 (CB); Sarah West 373.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Ted Brown leading 111b. Leaders: Judy Whiting 466; Michael Walker 456; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 82t; Chris Brown 298; Rebecca Over 172; Michael McGuigan 563 (CB); Ruth Steggles 572 (CB); Aldo Ceresa 101b; Hannah Land 367; Steve Fletcher 131t; David Moore 155; Helen Brown 77t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Michael Walker. The following deceased were remembered: John Champkin, Joan Sillitoe, Mike Waterson, Marie Ivey (USA), Travis Keeton (USA), Linda Champ, Barbara Crawford, Stan Reeve, Peter Scott, and Joyce Over.

The following sick and housebound were named: Lonnie Rogers, Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard, Rene Greene, Pam Nunn, Maureen Gamlin, Norma Waterson, Brian Butcher, Judy Chambless, Bill Whaley, Tony Parkinson, Maggie Watson, Bob and Jackie Patten, Kathy Armstrong, David Daykin, Anna Baldini, Eric, Elsie Batty, Sylvia Swann, Joe Reynolds, Peter Schoongans, Rachel Jordan, Joan Mattock, and Gordon Corrick.

Michael Walker led 229 for all those named. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Helen Brown.

Leaders: Ian West 54t (CB); Margaret Gillanders 187; Ted Brown 338; Sarah West 335; Chris Brown 269; Rebecca Over 544 (CB); Michael McGuigan 473 (CB); Judy Whiting 492. Jonathan Stanyon asked the blessing for the mid-day meal.

LUNCH

Hannah Land called the class to order by leading 47t. Leaders: Michael Walker 205; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 131b; Aldo Ceresa 182; Ruth Steggles 198; David Moore 236; Steve Fletcher 133 (CB); Ian West 500; Margaret Gillanders 556; Chris Brown 348t; Helen Brown 365; Rebecca Over 534; Ted Brown 176b; Judy Whiting 34t; Michael McGuigan 31t; Sarah West 421; Hannah Land 71; Aldo Ceresa 431; Ruth Steggles 430; Michael Walker 426b; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 141.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Ian West leading 575 (CB). Leaders: Steve Fletcher 38t (CB); David Moore 478 (CB); Margaret Gillanders 564; Chris Brown 211; Rebecca Over 340; Ted Brown 97(for Mr. Lonnie); Helen Brown 505 (CB); Judy Whiting 273; Michael McGuigan 68b; Hannah Land 500 (CB); Aldo Ceresa 274t

(for Dave Richardson); Sarah West 153; Michael Walker 69 (CB); Ruth Steggles 511t (CB); David Moore 189; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 267; Steve Fletcher 196; Ian West 501; Aldo Ceresa 565.

Following announcements and thanks, Helen Brown led 62 as the closing song. Ted Brown offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Helen Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders

**OAK HILL BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING AND
CALHOUN COUNTY CONVENTION
Oak Hill Baptist Church, Oxford, Alabama
Sunday, November 13, 2011**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Oak Hill Baptist Church on the second Sunday in November was called to order by B.M. Smith leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 82t; Judy Chambless 66, 148; Richard Mauldin 446, 72b; Pearl Guier 127, 32t; Rene Greene 192, 300; Henry Johnson 138t, 418; Jeff Sheppard 140, 177; Karen Rollins 350 (in memory of her Grandfather Denney), 454; Edna Ruth Phillips 452, 490; Reba Windom 217.

RECESS

B.M. Smith brought the class back to order leading 101t. Leaders: Robert Chambless 176b, 225t; Lou Cotney 218, 384; Buell Cobb 71, 92; Charlene Wallace 129, 141; Eugene Forbes 162, 434; Myrline Redmon 340, 569b; Scott Oliver 143; Sharon DuPriest 313t, 503; Paula Oliver 270, 222; Jack Nelson 513; Virginia Dyer 195, 546; Shannon Primm 83t, 103; Louis Hughes 201, 68b; Richard Ivey 317, 318; Fallon Cook 40, 63; Kathy Williams 276, 385b; Cecil Roberts 178t, 277.

LUNCH

B.M. Smith brought the class back to order leading 146. A business session was held with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary/Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes and Donna Callahan 274t, 45t; Kelsey Sunderland 77t, 142; Louise Holland 137, 43; Reba Windom 171; Virginia Dyer 193; Richard Mauldin 312b; Rene Greene 78; Richard Ivey 343; Karen Rollins 347; Buell Cobb 153; Edna Ruth Phillips 480; Sharon DuPriest 212; Robert Chambless 84; Shannon Primm 74b; Cecil Roberts 31t; Lou Cotney 358; Myrline Redmon 147t (in memory of her parents and brother); Kelsey Sunderland 283; Henry Johnson 87; Fallon Cook 294; Pearl Guier 448b; Paula Oliver 216; Kathy Williams 273; Louise Holland 35; Jeff Sheppard 336; Evelyn Harris 47t.

After announcements, B.M. Smith led 46 as the closing song. Louis Hughes offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Judy Chambless

**ELMORE COUNTY CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)
First Presbyterian Church, Wetumpka, Alabama
Saturday, November 19, 2011**

The 4th annual session of the Elmore County Convention was held at the First Presbyterian Church, Wetumpka, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in November. The class was brought to order by Bill Hogan leading 154b and 36b.

Rev. Jonathan Yarboro welcomed everyone, and offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Nancy Hogan 84; Don Clark 99; Judy Caudle 567; Morgan Bunch 230; Ken Kelly 522; Frank Strickland 100; Alice Sundberg 448; Russ Scholz 495; Susan Cheronos 392; Robert Handel 95b; Wanda Capps 505; Wayne Jones 116.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—Don Clark; Secretary/Arranging Officer—Judy Caudle.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Bill Hogan leading 210. Leaders: Scott Kennedy 38t; Sue Bunch 381t; Marion Patrick 358; Sarah Beasley 559; Royce Sellers 447t; Judy Chambless 244; Ken Tate 511b; Sarah Kahre 335; Jack Nelson 146; Jeri McIntyre 571; Eddie Pierce 282; Linda Westbrook 465.

RECESS

Don Clark led 145b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Billy Kelly 497; Ann Webb 276; Jim McIntyre 463; Barbara Jones 277; Ken Sundberg 137; Karen Clark 574; Lelon Phillips 30t; Vicki Aplin 270 (for her sister, Juanita Hill); Stanley Smith 393t (by request), 539; Wendy Futral 500; Robert DuPree 47b; Janet King 148; Eddie Mash 273. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Danny Creel.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Bill Hogan leading 494. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 563 (for Bud Oliver); Emily Burleson 86; Chip Westbrook 398b; Eva Padgett 120; Robert Chambless 384; Loretta Jones 138t; Cassie Allen 450; Carol Duvall 59; Lloyd Jones 45t; Jonathon Blakeley 133; Morgan Bunch and Sue Bunch 203; Russ Scholz 60; Wayne Jones and Rodney Ivey 464; Robert Handel 47t; Eddie Mash 411; Susan Cheronos 63; Scott Kennedy 287; Cassie Allen 380t; Emily Burleson 98.

Following announcements, Bill Hogan led 72 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Jonathon Blakeley, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—Don Clark; Secretary—Judy Caudle

WEST YORKSHIRE SACRED HARP DAY

Haworth Methodist Church

Haworth, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom

Saturday, November 19, 2011

The 9th annual West Yorkshire Sacred Harp Day was held at Haworth Methodist Church, in the United Kingdom, on Saturday before the third Sunday in November. Chris Brown began the day by leading 82t. John Hopkinson offered the opening prayer.

Aldo Ceresa gave a short singing school lesson for the new singers present.

Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 56t; Judy Whiting 77b; Sarah West 106; Michael Walker 60; Rebecca Over 131b; Phil Tyler 474; Sarah Hill 213t; Michael McGuigan 108t; Aine Ui Cheallaigh 198; Hannah Land 30t; Byron Tyler and Cath Tyler 61; Benny Ross 34t; Joe Vickers 49b; Helen Brown 313t; Ted Brown 81t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Chris Brown; Vice Chairman—Judy Whiting; Secretaries—Rebecca Over and Cath Ingham.

RECESS

Sarah West called the class to order by leading 77t. Leaders; Aldo Ceresa 214; Judy Whiting 515; Michael Walker 306; Carmel Wood 112; Phil Tyler 428; Rebecca Over 216; Sarah Hill 101b; Chris Brown 102; Aine Ui Cheallaigh 39t; Michael McGuigan 28b; Hannah Land 30b; Benny Ross 143; Helen Brown 103; Joe Vickers 52t; Ted Brown 290; Cath Tyler 48t; Chris Brown 31t; Sarah West 432; Michael Walker 422; Judy Whiting 569t; Aldo Ceresa 280; Carmel Wood 472; Phil Tyler

56b; Rebecca Over 567; Michael McGuigan 569b; Sarah Hill 270; Benny Ross 203; Hannah Land 340; Ted Brown 35. Michael Walker gave thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Chris Brown led 277 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Joe Vickers 45t; Helen Brown 327; Michael Walker 436; Cath Tyler 250; Aldo Ceresa 311; Judy Whiting 71; Aine Ui Cheallaigh 481; Carmel Wood 383; Michael McGuigan 156; Sarah West 101.

Aldo Ceresa spoke for the following sick and housebound: Peter Schoongaus, Norma Waterson, Brian Butcher, Judy Chambless, Tony Parkinson, Maggie Watson, Bob Patton, Jackie Patton, Joe Reynolds, Anna Baldini, Connor McDougall, Kathy Armstrong, Maureen Gamlin, Lonnie Rogers, Alex Cowan, and Joan Mattock. He also conducted the memorial lesson and read the following names of the deceased: Joyce Over of Camberley, John Champkin of Tenbury Wells, Joan Sillitoe of Raglan, Mike Waterson of Robin Hoods Bay, Linda Champ of Winchester, Barbara Crawford and Philip Higgins of Oldham—United Kingdom; Marie Ivey and Travis Keeton—Alabama, USA; Frances Ceresa—Michigan, USA. He led 499.

Michael Walker offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Hannah Land 399t; Rebecca Over 530; Benny Ross 421; Sarah Hill 288; Ted Brown 445; Helen Brown 505.

RECESS

Carmel Wood called the class to order by leading 276. Leaders: Judy Whiting 492; Michael Walker 302; Chris Brown 294; Aldo Ceresa 480; Aine Ui Cheallaigh 107; Michael McGuigan 448b; Cath Tyler 531; Sarah West 80t; Phil Tyler 157; Joe Vickers 68b; Hannah Land 440; Helen Brown 300; Aine Ui Cheallaigh 65; Carmel Wood 53; Ted Brown 339; Aldo Ceresa 521.

Chris Brown and Judy Whiting led 323t as the closing song. John Hopkinson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Brown; Vice Chairman—Judy Whiting; Secretaries—Rebecca Over and Cath Ingham

CROSSROADS CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING

North of Tallapoosa, Georgia

Saturday, November 19, 2011

The 44th session of the Crossroads Church Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in November. Cecil Roberts called the class to order leading 59. James Hughes offered the opening prayer. Cecil Roberts welcomed everyone, and then led 63.

Leaders: Miranel Swafford 32t (in memory of her aunt, Martha Williams); Donna Bell, Jolaine Sims, and Chad Sims 155 (in memory of Marvin McElroy), 283; B.M. Smith 380, 350.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Margie Smith.

Leaders: Fallon Cook 146, 401; Eddie Mash 47t, 163b; Charlene Wallace 49t, 49b; Eschol Hughes 88t, 282; Virginia Dyer 37b, 314; Hayden Arp 318, 340; George Garner 186.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Donna Bell and Martha Harden leading 82t and 503 (by request). Leaders: Robert Handel 68b, 39t; Will Dover and Carolyn Streetman 45t; Will Dover 47b; Jason Stanford 335, 35; Chad Sims 159, 235; Sarah Roberts 75, 323b; B.M. Smith 490 (in memory of Ceford Wood and Euzeal Wood), 491 (by

request); Hayden Arp and Constance Bowman 162; Cecil Roberts 457 (in memory of Fay Wood).

After announcements were made, Cecil Roberts and Miranel Swafford led 46 as the closing song. Dorsey Newman offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

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 20, 2011

The 41st session of the Wakefield Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Don Keeton leading 147t. The opening prayer was offered by Don Keeton. The class organized by electing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Debbie Hall; Arranging Officer—Faye Donaldson.

Leaders: Don Keeton 335; Glenn Keeton 300, 542; Danny Creel 76b, 77t; Linda Sides 42, 328; Andrew Farris 503, 66; Bridgett Kennedy 299, 228; Kermit Adams 229, 288; Judy Caudle 73t (for Bud Oliver), 392; Ken Tate 114, 215; Ottis Sides 530, 475; Scott Kennedy 455, 178; Gravis Ballinger 120, 112.

RECESS

Don Keeton led 322 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Roma Rice 490, 390; Julie Tate 37b, 445; Glenn Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Isabella Keeton 30t; Amber Davis 448b, 291; Earl Ballinger 439; Richard Mauldin 168, 312b; Lisa Geist 532, 528; Wesley, Logan, Jacob, Seth, Julie, Matthew, Kathy, Lisa, Elle, Lynn, Tammy, Peyton, and Debbie (grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Sim and Catherine Wakefield) 183, 59; Wendell Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Faye Donaldson, Nadine Willis, Julie Poston, Betty Baccus, Clara Stults, and Wayne Wakefield 333, 339, 391 (in memory of the Wakefield family).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Don Keeton leading 35. Leaders: Hannah Tate and Zoey 159, 496; Larry Ballinger 384, 151; Lena Keeton 454; Chris Ballinger 424, 170 (for Bud Oliver); Jeanette Tidwell 196, 222; Wayne Horton and Jana Horton 388, 294; Steve Adams and Gwen Cornelius 331, 378t; Jane Fulmer 373, 273; Gwen Cornelius and Jana Horton 480, 498; Larry Ballinger 68b (for Velton and Johnnie Chafin); Wendell Wakefield and Peyton 143, 282; Debbie Hall 432, 546; Scott Kennedy 344; Judy Caudle 421; Linda Sides 148; Amber Davis 49b; Glen Keeton 231; Don Keeton 408.

Don Keeton led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Ottis Sides, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Debbie Hall

ELDER AND MRS. JASON DAVIS SINGING
Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, Calhoun, Georgia
Sunday, November 20, 2011

The annual Elder and Mrs. Jason Davis singing was held at Harmony Primitive Baptist Church in Calhoun, Georgia, on the third Sunday in November. Judy Mincey brought the class to order leading the traditional 59. Elder Bob Mitchell offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 68b; Nathan Rees 60, 109; Ed Smith 101t, 288; Hayden Arp 32t, 49t; Leigh Cooper 225t, 176b; Charlene Wallace 63, 105; Eschol Hughes 348b, 340; Billy Hollingsworth 460, 354t; Jesse Karlsberg 274b, 167; Tony Hammock 321, 475.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Ed Smith; Secretary—Helen Bryson; Chaplain—Elder Bob Mitchell.

RECESS

Judy Mincey called the class to order leading 48t. Leaders: John Hollingsworth 186, 291; David Smith 176t, 301; B.M. Smith 64, 66; Eddie Mash 65 (for Bud Oliver), 151; Helen Bryson 81b, 112 (for Violet Thomason); Mark Godfrey 37b, 39b; Margie Smith 108t, 317; Fallon Cook 155, 146.

LUNCH

Judy Mincey called the class to order leading 178. Leaders: Coy Coggins 274t, 159; John Plunkett 154, 175; Hayden Arp 177, 408; Tony Hammock 55 (in memory of Mary Florence Smith); Judy Mincey and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Broye 45t; Leigh Cooper 203; Eschol Hughes 480, 58; Billy Hollingsworth 236; Jesse Karlsberg 345b, 275t; Nathan Rees 82b; B. M. Smith 275b; Eddie Mash 425; Helen Bryson 313b; Mark Godfrey 209; Fallon Cook 354b; Coy Coggins 100; Bob Mitchell 235, 75; Nathan Rees and Fallon Cook 130.

Announcements were made. Judy Mincey led 62 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Bob Mitchell.

Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Ed Smith; Secretary—Helen Bryson

THANKSGIVING SACRED HARP SINGING

Jordans Village Hall, Jordans, Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom Saturday, November 26, 2011

The 3rd session of the Thanksgiving Singing Day was held in the Village Hall of Jordans, the Quaker Village, and burial place of William Penn. The class was called to order by Sheila Girling Macadam leading 34b. David Chantler offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Nick Hall 28b; Tony Singleton 128; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 282; Sofi Mogensen 52t; Rachel Jordan 47t; Rebecca Over 101t; Edwin Macadam 84; Ed Long 504 (for Jean Barton); Steve Welch 503; Adrian Bolge 68b; Sheila Girling Macadam 189; Nick Hall 560; Tony Singleton 277; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 143; Sofi Mogensen 276; Rachel Jordan 171; Rebecca Over 328; Edwin Macadam 466; Ed Long 306.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sheila Girling Macadam; Secretaries—Edwin Macadam and Sofi Mogensen; Pitchers—Rachel Jordan and Elspeth Hannen; Arranging Committee—Nick Hall; Chaplain—Rev. David Chantler.

RECESS

Steve Welch brought the class back together leading 40. Leaders: Adrian Bolge 228; Sheila Girling Macadam 142; Nick Hall 217; Tony Singleton 86; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 70t; Sofi Mogensen 135; Rachel Jordan 300; Rebecca Over 464; Edwin Macadam 183; Ed Long 501; Steve Welch 32t; Adrian Bolge 49b; Sheila Girling Macadam 330b; Nick Hall 287.

Dilwyn Scott conducted the memorial lesson, reading Sir Henry Newbolt's poem 'Vitai Lampada' and led 268 in memory of Joyce Over—Camberley, Alan Cooper—Seaford, Herb Bilinkoff—Florida, USA, Sharon Stratton—Alberta, Canada, and Lisbeth Poulsen—Denmark.

Mary Welch, assisted by Ed Long, gave the lesson for the sick and housebound, reading 'I am Unsure', by David Adam. We remembered David Bullen, Jean Barton,

Gillian Ford, Mary Wray, Katherine Atkinson, Jon Lusk, Jan Fairley, Linty Davison, Ian Murdo MacDonald, and Jackie Patten. Steve Welch led 452. David Chantler closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Tony Singleton 457; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 131b; Sofi Mogensen 448t; Rachel Jordan 538; Rebecca Over 378b. Mary Bolge offered thanks for the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session commenced with Nick Hall leading 147t. Leaders: Ed Long 481; Edwin Macadam and Thom Bonneville 236; Steve Welch 49t; Elspeth Hannen 474; Adrian Bolge 370; Sheila Girling Macadam 480; Tony Singleton 99; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 134; Sofi Mogensen 65; Rachel Jordan 269; Nick Hall 497; Rebecca Over 532; Edwin Macadam 550; Ed Long 294; Steve Welch 186; Adrian Bolge 156; Elspeth Hannen 299; Sheila Girling Macadam 168; Tony Singleton 148; Nick Hall 273.

RECESS

The class was reconvened for the final session by Jacqui Selby-Macleod leading 82t. Leaders: Sofi Mogensen 274t; Rachel Jordan 192; Ed Long 66; Rebecca Over 460; Steve Welch 473; Edwin Macadam 534; Elspeth Hannen 146; Adrian Bolge 72b; Sheila Girling Macadam and Thom Bonneville 198; Tony Singleton 31t; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 270; Sofi Mogensen and John Taylor 209; Rebecca Over 542; Ed Long 410t; Steve Welch 155; Adrian Bolge and Matthew Bolge 31b; Elspeth Hannen 28t; Nick Hall 73b; Rachel Jordan 566; Edwin Macadam 454.

Announcements were made. After expenses had been met, the surplus from the day's donations would again be passed to the Quakers for their use. Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam led 347 as the closing song. David Chantler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sheila Girling Macadam; Secretaries—Edwin Macadam and Sofi Mogensen

SACRED HARP MUSICAL HERITAGE ASSOCIATION **Annual Meeting** **Saturday, November 26, 2011**

The annual meeting of the Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA) was held at Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham, Alabama, on Saturday, November 26, 2011. Approximately 30 members were present.

David Ivey, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p. m. David welcomed the assembly and thanked the members for their support this year. David shared a handout with a brief history of SHMHA and its purpose. David also provided a summary of the 2010 financial statement provide to the IRS. He stated that as a non-profit organization, each year SHMHA files a 990 with the IRS each year.

For the past four years SHMHA has offered both Adult and Youth sessions of camp. In 2011, our Adult numbers remained the same but our Youth numbers were up by about 15-20 people from 2010. The bulk of the expenses for camp are paid for food and lodging. The teachers accept a small stipend for the wonderful work they do. In 2012, there will be three sessions of Camp Fasola: Adult Camp to be held at Camp McDowell June 10-14; Youth Camp to be held at Camp Lee July 2-6; and for the first time, SHMHA will hold a Camp Fasola Europe session at the Wichrowe Facility near Gdansk, Poland, on September 17-21. Also, David stated that SHMHA has received grant funding from the Alabama Council for the Arts each year, and has again received money from the Sacred Harp Publishing Company for Camp Fasola. Jeannette DePoy, Camp Registrar, shared a summary of feedback received from campers at the 2011 sessions. Michael Walker thanked SHMHA for its efforts to

extend Camp Fasola to Europe in 2012, and summarized the current Sacred Harp singings happening in Europe.

Pam Nunn gave a report on finances and stated that a complete report for 2011 would be available in February, 2012. Judy Caudle provided a report on the Minutes Book. She also stated that this year, secretaries have done better in turning their minutes on time, and that the minute book is on track for publication. As discussed last year, there were now 40 singings that requested no books as they occur late in the year when most singers have a copy already. Judy thanked Joan Aldridge for her proofreading of the minutes, and Angela Myers for her work on the camp minutes. There being no further business, Secretary David Ivey adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm. The meeting was dismissed with prayer offered by Eddie Mash.

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

ALABAMA SACRED HARP MUSICAL CONVENTION
Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham, Alabama
November 26-27, 2011
Saturday, November 26

The 112th session of the Alabama State Sacred Harp Musical Convention met at Jefferson State Community College on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in November. Richard Mauldin called the class to order at 9:00 a.m. leading 34b. The morning prayer was offered by Blake Sisemore.

Leaders: Dennis George 155; Elene Stovall 186; Judy Caudle 540; Blake Sisemore 564; Richard Ivey 65; Rodney Ivey 275b; Darrell Swarens 208; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 212; Danny Creel 498; B.M. Smith 475; Sarah Beasley 340; Jim Aaron 503; Steve Cackley 483; Robert Chambless 225t; Gail Doss 137; John Wright 230; Louis Hughes 472; Emily Burleson 318; Steve Adams and Emily Creel 378t; Jack Nelson 165; Judy Chambless 146.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Dennis George leading 145t. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 179; Bill Hogan 434; David Brodeur 178; Wendy Futral 569b (for her mother, Virginia Futral); Anslie Allen 217; Joseph Bearden 117; Gavin Blakeley 189; Arlon Gardner 277; Hubert Nall 47t; Kathy Williams 220; Kermit Adams 99; Leigh Cooper 168; Floy Wilder 142; Erica Hinton 432; Daniel Bearden 304; David Carlton 385b; Scott Kennedy 162; Gary Smith 66.

RECESS

Richard Ivey brought the class back together leading 345t. Leaders: Karen Rollins 445; Michael Walker 426; Mark Godfrey 203.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Dennis George; Vice Chairman—Richard Ivey; Chaplain—Hubert Nall; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner and Blake Sisemore; Resolutions Committee—Joan Aldridge and Linda Sides; Location Committee—Linda Thomas and David Ivey; Finance Committee—Rodney Ivey and Larry Ballinger; Memorial Committee—Bea Carnathan and Joyce Walton; Secretaries—Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall. After committees were appointed, the business session was closed. Leaders: Eddie Mash 140; Louise Holland 192; Karen Ivey 36b; Joyce Walton and Michael Thompson 456; David Ivey 329; Henry Johnson 55; Linton Ballinger 421 (for Bud Oliver); Jonathan Smith 77t; Jackie Tanner 477; Bea Carnathan 568;

Michael Thompson 102; Sandie Scott 29t (for Marilyn Burchett); Cassie Allen and Eddie Mash 444 (for Toney Smith); Tom George 141; Jeannette DePoy 392; Jeff Sheppard 325; Kelsey Sunderland 530; Judy Mincey 180; Linda Sides 82b; Rachael Rudi 406; Ian Quinn 177. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Hubert Nall.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Blake Sisemore leading 106. Leaders: Cindy Tanner, Wanda Capps, and Danny Creel 512 (for Harrison Creel); Sharon DuPriest 460; Reba Windom 216; Nathan Rees 172; Pam Nunn 200; Matt Hinton 542; Shelbie Sheppard 556; Eugene Forbes 551; Larry Ballinger 528; Daphene Causey 306; Nate Green and Norma Green 270; Steve Cackley 461; Kathy Williams 506; Michael Walker 225b; David Carlton 504; Ian Quinn 447.

Announcements were made. Hubert Nall offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, November 27

The Sunday morning session of the Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention began at 9:30 a.m. with Dennis George leading 82t. Blake Sisemore offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Richard Ivey 204; Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall 73t (for Bud Oliver); David Ivey 94; Joan Aldridge 166; Rodney Ivey 39b; Bea Carnathan 80b; Larry Ballinger 389; Joyce Walton 67; Cassie Allen 419; Blake Sisemore 411; Phil Summerlin 30t; Susan Chernes 481; Lomax Ballinger 277; Jerry Creason 163b (in memory of Marie Ivey); Judy Mincey 492; Eddie Mash 301; Louis Hughes 448t; Ann Webb 384; Tom George 476; Karen Rollins 297; David Brodeur 112; Mary Ruth Stiefel, Verlon Stiefel, and Joyce Whittington 47t.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Dennis George and Elene Stovall leading 192 (for Dr. Julietta Haynes). Leaders: Scott Kennedy 229; Marlin Beasley 380; Linton Ballinger 224.

Bea Carnathan and Joyce Walton conducted the memorial lesson. Bea Carnathan spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins, and read the names as follows: Dr. Julietta Haynes, Willodean Barton, Josie Hyde, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, S.T. Reed, Lessie Reed, Leona Haynes, Lonnie Rogers, Terry Hullett, Violet Thomason, Harrison Creel, Odie Horton, Marilyn Burchett, Dale Bruner, Bill Tanner, and Calvin Speer. She led 119 in their honor.

Joyce Walton spoke for the deceased. She led 403 in their memory. Bea Carnathan read the names as follows: Clarence McCool, Travis Keeton, Marie Ivey, Cecil Sanders, Myrtle Wootten, Ruby Brothers, Wayne Morgan, Corine Lacy, Ernestine Pipkin, Leonard Smith, Helen Langston, Christine Gandy, and Marshal Smith—Alabama; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Junie McNeil—Mississippi; Joanne Bowman—Massachusetts; Marvin McElroy—Georgia. Blake Sisemore closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 495; Nate Green and Norma Green 570; Charles Woods 283. David Ivey recognized Congressman Robert Aderholt and his family.

Congressman Aderholt addressed the class, and they led 47b.

Leaders: Leigh Cooper 42; Carol Duvall 154; Carly Westmoreland and Theresa Westmoreland 142; John Plunkett 409; Gravis Ballinger 430; Tori Gundlach and Karen Ivey 63; Judy Chambless 81b; Henry Johnson 88b; Gail Doss 501; B.M. Smith 284; Richard Mauldin 43; Sarah Beasley and Michael Walker 134; Theresa Westmoreland 220; Robert Chambless 84; Gary Smith 171; Erica Hinton 111b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Richard Ivey and Blake Sisemore leading 56t. Leaders: Bridgett Hill Kennedy 377; Ken Tate 147b; Kelsey Sunderland

454; Michael Thompson 89; Jewell Wootten and Rodney Ivey 129; Emily Burleson 532; Jeannette DePoy 328; Jonathan Smith 214; Reba Windom 436; Nathan Rees 442; Judy Caudle 500; Michael Walker 396; Drew Smith 183; Ian Quinn 518; Rachael Rudi 138t; Buell Cobb 92; Matt Hinton 422; Dillon Feezell 435; Darrell Swarens 507 (for Josie Hyde); Mark Godfrey 196; Beth Branscome 467; Seth Holloway 236 (for Josie Hyde); Steve Cackley 331; Hubert Nall 313t.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports. The Resolutions Committee thanked everyone who helped make the convention a success. The Finance Committee reported that expenses were met, and thanked everyone who contributed. The Secretary's report was given, stating that a total of 173 leaders from 11 states and United Kingdom attended. Announcements were made.

Dennis George and Richard Ivey led 46 as the closing song. Hubert Nall offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dennis George; Vice Chairman—Richard Ivey; Secretaries—Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall

RUTHERFORD COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING **King's Chapel, Arrington, Tennessee** **Saturday, December 3, 2011**

The 4th annual 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 99. Bob Simmons offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by appointing the following officers to serve: Co-Chairmen—Ron Harper and Jeff Adcock; Arranging Officer—Ron Harper; Chaplain—Bob Simmons; Secretary—Janie Harper.

Leaders: Ron Harper 370; Bob Simmons 108b, 532; Jeff Adcock 108t, 39t; Tim Reynolds 223, 503; Shane Wootten 37b, 306; Nathan Rees 285b, 144; Judy Caudle 86, 312b; Marlon Wootten 31t, 64; Rodney Ivey 61, 540; Sandie Scott 162, 472.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Ron Harper leading 492. Leaders: Gail Doss 493, 276, 277; Loyd Ivey 78, 34t; Carol Wendt 66, 313t; Lomax Ballinger 67, 168, 155; Laurens Blankers 193, 72b, 73b. Jeff Adcock offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Ron Harper leading 105.

Leaders: John Wendt 127, 147b; David Carlton 348t, 200, 134; Seth Holloway 274t, 236, 388; Annaliza Cull 448t, 268, 163b; Tammy Heinsohn 479, 178; Michele Cull 300, 501, 454; Nathan Rees 273; Shane Wootten 42; Lomax Ballinger 32t; Rodney Ivey 192; Judy Caudle 186; Loyd Ivey 283; Jeff Adcock 535; Tim Reynolds 81b.

Following announcements, Ron Harper led 62 as the closing song. Bob Simmons offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Ron Harper and Jeff Adcock; Secretary—Janie Harper

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION **Holiday Inn, Panama City, Florida** **December 3-4, 2011** **Saturday, December 3**

The 44th session of the Florida State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Nate Green leading 82. The opening prayer was offered by Johnny Lee.

Leaders: Nate Green 461; Wayne Jones 59; Mary Whitehurst 186; Victoria Aplin 421; Jewell Rowland 341; Aubrey Barfield 306; Karen Willard 570; David Ivey 398b; Nancy Hogan 543; Chris Noren 96; Ann Barnett 72; Ken Sundberg 42; Wynette

Smith 174; Riley Lee 361; Cheryl Foreman 86; Larry Ballinger 224; Elene Stovall 140. Riley Lee and Mary Whitehurst were appointed as the memorial committee.

RECESS

B.M. Smith led 507t to bring the class to order. Leaders: Steve Cackley 55; Kathy Folsom 274t; Paul Figura 73t; Loretta Jones 380t; Sonny Erwin 464; Judy Chambless 367; Leland Phillips 572; Reba Windom 505; Will Reilly 343; Linda Thomas 84; Bill Aplin 166.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Morgan Bunch leading 99. Leaders: Ben Smith 411; Roberta Strauss 218; Royce Sellers 503; Sara Kahre 143; John Kelley 405; Annette Lanham 277; Lloyd Jones 45t; Geraldine Sharpton 393t; Robert Walker 38t; Shirley Figura 176t; Rick Foreman 225t; Sue Bunch 395b; Bill Hogan 414; Norma Green 244. Nate Green led 369, and Royce Sellers offered prayer before the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Russ Scholz. Leaders: Johnny Lee 46; Linda Westbrook 229; Robert Chambless 451; Shelbie Sheppard 217; Kennon Smith 189; Sharon DuPriest 434; Daphene Causey 137; Tim Lanham 146; Shannan Guinn 162; Billy Kelley 100; Ellen Gwynn 76b; Jeff Sheppard 497; Beverly Dayton 122; Alice Sundberg 336t.

RECESS

The class continued singing with Larry Ballinger leading 39. Leaders: Morgan Bunch 230; Ernest Cockcroft 553; Chip Westbrook 336b; Joe Nall 345t; Patrick McKenzie 488b; Russ Scholz 478; Emma Leigh Curtis 348t; Tommie Spurlock 98; Stanley Smith 235.

Announcements were made. Nate Green led 527 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Bill Aplin.

Sunday, December 4

The Sunday session of the Florida State Convention was called to order by Nate Green leading 31b. The opening prayer was offered by Bill Hogan.

Leaders: Nate Green 30t; Wayne Jones 513t; Mary Whitehurst 155; Jewell Rowland 186; Victoria Aplin 278t; Aubrey Barfield 522; Larry Ballinger 54t; Roberta Strauss 300; Coy Ivey 465; Cheryl Foreman 511b; Steve Cackley 412; Karen Willard 494; Chris Noren 463; Geraldine Sharpton 340; Sonny Erwin 430; Shirley Figura 28b; Riley Lee 170.

RECESS

Wayne Jones led 156 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Rick Foreman 273; Paul Figura 392; Sharon DuPriest and Daphene Causey 192, 414.

Riley Lee and Mary Whitehurst conducted the memorial session. The names of the sick and shut-ins were read by Riley Lee. He said it was a time to stop and remember our friends and loved ones who could not join us. He led 546 in their honor.

Mary Whitehurst then read the names of the deceased. She said at this time as we talk about the holidays we talk about going home. Our friends and loved ones have already gone home, and some day we hope to join them. She led 386 in their memory. The session was closed with prayer offered by Johnny Lee.

The class continued singing with Jeff Sheppard and Shelbie Sheppard leading 211 and 507b. Leaders: David Ivey 567; Judy Chambless 138t; Johnny Lee 95b; Sue Bunch 276; Tim Jones 310; B.M. Smith 471; Elene Stovall 559. The class sang 369, and Roberta Strauss offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Tim Jones leading 63. Leaders: Russ Scholz 313; Bill Hogan 356; Eva Padgett 77t; Wynette Smith 49b; Morgan Bunch

280; Nancy Hogan 145b; Bill Aplin 106; Alice Sundberg 59; Joe Nall 543; Norma Green 455t; Ken Sundberg 533; Ernest Cockcroft 553; Shannan Guinn 540; Patrick McKenzie 274t; Stanley Smith 282 (for the Chafins), 358 (for Irma Shirah); Tommie Spurlock 299; Karen Willard 128 (for her father).

The officers were appointed, and those who served this year were thanked for their contribution to help make this singing a success. The officers for the 2012 session of the Florida State Convention are as follows: Chairman—Wayne Jones; 1st Vice Chairman—Mary Whitehurst; 2nd Vice Chairman—Aubrey Barfield.

Announcements were made. Tommie Spurlock led 183.

The officers led 62 as the closing song. Bill Aplin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Nate Green; Vice Chairman—Wayne Jones; Secretary—Jewell Rowland

JOE BEASLEY MEMORIAL SINGING **Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama** **December 10-11, 2011**

Saturday, December 10

The 17th annual Joe Beasley Memorial Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by John Beasley leading 47t. Velton Chafin offered the morning prayer. John Beasley led 47b.

A business meeting was held re-electing the current officers as follows: Chairman—John Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Schmeidler; Secretary—Sandie Scott.

Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 34b, 66; Sandie Scott 571 (CB), 408 (CB); Henry Schuman and Linda Hellerich 189 (CH); Don Keeton 59, 127; Mary Ellen Schrock 171, 505 (CB); Seth Poston 358, 275b; Cora Sweatt 155, 111b (for Harrison Creel); Doug Fower 87, 479; Juanita Beasley 61, 31b; Sarah Smith 23b (CH), 76b (CH); Marlin Beasley 129 (in memory of Travis Keeton), 512 (for Harrison Creel).

RECESS

John Beasley brought the class back together by leading 570 (LD). The class sang the following songs from the *Lloyd's Hymnal*: 333, 3, 5, 411, 298, 420, 204, and 336.

LUNCH

Don Keeton led 145t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Don Keeton 270; Charlotte Ehrman 157, 518 (CB); Bea Carnathan 100, 131 (CH); Velton Chafin 86t (CH), 93 (CH); Gary Smith 54t (CB), 484 (CB); Becky Briggs 81t, 108t; Hugh Bill McGuire 274t; Chug Beasley and Ruth Nix 33b, 235; Brenda Pena 229 (CB), 511t (CB); Jim Aaron 503, 569b; Betty Baccus 168, 421; Henry Guthery 81t (CH) (for John Merritt), 547 (CH); Seth Holloway 98 (CB), 369 (CH).

Announcements were made. John Beasley and Richard Schmeidler led 46 as the closing song. Don Keeton dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, December 11

The Sunday session of the Joe Beasley Memorial Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Henry Schuman leading 30t. Danny Creel offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 84; Sandie Scott 186; Henry Schuman 318; Lisa Geist 273; Gravis Ballinger 120; Danica Thornton 401; Hugh Bill McGuire 472; Zena Tucker 47t; Chug Beasley and Ruth Nix 457; Mary Ellen Schrock 171; Kermit Adams 322; Doug Fower 385b; Linda Sides 328; Seth Poston 275b; Becky Briggs 384; Ken Tate 385t; Charlotte Ehrman 383; Warren Steel 74t; Betty Baccus 161.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Richard Schmeidler leading 313t. Leaders: Don Keeton 498; Lena Keeton 276; Gary Smith and Richard Mauldin 66; Jacob Donaldson 183; Joan Aldridge 182; Buell Cobb 52t; Sarah Beasley 129; Ottis Sides

475; Linda Thomas 81b; Paul Godsey 75; Faye Donaldson 371; Brenda Pena 480; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 378t; Dorothea Maynard 218; Henry McGuire 448t; Cora Sweatt 159.

Buell Cobb and Judy Caudle conducted the memorial lesson. Judy spoke for those who are sick and homebound. Buell and Judy led 56t for the following: Willodean Barton, Virginia Carter, Johnny Chafin, Harrison Creel, Julietta Haynes, Leona Haynes, Charlotte Keeton Gober, John Merritt, Bud and Sammie Oliver, Pernie Pelfrey, Stella Pratt, S.T. and Lessie Reed, and Lonnie Rogers.

Buell spoke on behalf of the deceased and led 153 in memory of the following: Marie Ivey, Travis Keeton, Helen Wakefield Langston, Clarence McCool, and Cecil Sanders—Alabama; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Joanne Bowman—Massachusetts; Bernice Embry—Mississippi. The memorial session was closed. Henry Schuman led 340.

LUNCH

Richard Schmeidler brought the class to order by leading 31b. Leaders: Zena Tucker 268; Danny Creel 111b; Charlotte Ehrman 490; Richard Mauldin 410t; Mary Ellen Schrock 448b; Juanita Beasley 61; Glenn Keeton 163b; Doug Fower 178; Judy Caudle 411; Larry Ballinger 412; Brenda Pena 549; Marlin Beasley, Justin Beasley, and Jing Beasley 460 (in memory of Cecil Sanders and Travis Keeton); Ottis Sides 530; Henry Schuman 507 (for Josie Hyde); John Beasley 285t; Hugh Bill McGuire and Larry Ballinger 528; Freddie Briggs 388; Seth Poston and Jacob Donaldson 124; Ann Ballard, Becky Briggs, Bunk Beasley, Dorothea Maynard, John Beasley, Sarah Beasley, Marlin Beasley, and Justin Beasley 146.

Announcements were made. John Beasley and Richard Schmeidler led 62 as the closing song. Don Keeton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—John Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Schmeidler; Secretary—Sandie Scott

SACRED HARP SINGERS HISTORICAL MEMORIAL PROJECT

This is an ongoing project to document the names of prominent, lifelong Sacred Harp singers and supporters with their dates of birth and death and location of burial. Please send your contributions to minutes@fasola.org. Please note that this historical project is not extended to family members and friends who are not Sacred Harp singers and supporters. Also note that all entries in this year's book are new. Please see the earlier books for all names submitted prior to this year.

Ruby Mae (wife of Carmen) Brothers

b. October 12, 1923
d. October 26, 2011
Mt. Moriah Cemetery
Snead, Alabama

Bernice Easley Embry

b. September 25, 1914
d. March 30, 2011
Bruce Cemetery
Bruce, Mississippi

Marie Jones (wife of Coy) Ivey

b. August 30, 1934
d. September 1, 2011
Liberty Baptist Church
Cemetery
Henagar, Alabama

Travis Keeton

b. October 24,
d. September 5, 2011
Keeton Cemetery
Nauvoo, Alabama

Robert Arthur (Bob) Meek

b. April 21, 1949
d. January 12, 2011
Vine Grove Cemetery
Vine Grove, Kentucky

Rhoda Mae Norris

b. December 3, 1917
d. December 5, 2010
Brookwood Cemetery
Arab, Alabama

Ernestine Barfield Pipkin

b. September 7, 1932
d. May 14, 2011
Bethel Primitive Baptist
Church Cemetery
Bonifay, Florida

2011 DEATHS

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 2011 minutes.

Listed by Date

01-12-11	Robert Arthur (Bob) Meek	Kentucky
02-04-11	Barbara Giffen Swain	Maryland
02-06-11	Myrtle Wootten	Alabama
02-08-11	George Jones	Texas
03-11-11	Joanne Gaye Bowman	Massachusetts
03-14-11	Helen Wakefield Langston	Alabama
03-15-11	Shirley Basch	New York
03-30-11	Bernice Easley Embry	Mississippi
04-11-11	Virginia Cowart	Arkansas
04-21-11	Larry Basch	New York
04-27-11	Leonard Smith	Alabama
05-12-11	Corine Lacy	Alabama
05-15-11	Ernestine Pipkin	Alabama
07-21-11	Wayne Morgan	Alabama
08-24-11	Clarence McCool	Alabama
08-31-11	Benny Ray Walls	Mississippi
09-01-11	Marie Jones Ivey	Alabama
09-05-11	Travis Keeton	Alabama
10-11-11	Cecil Sanders	Alabama
10-13-11	Frank Evans	Virginia
10-26-11	Ruby Mae Brothers	Alabama

Listed by State (* — see above list for date)

Alabama

Kathy Adams	Earl Green	Jordan Richards
Lucy Allums	William Hartley	Pat Rigdon
Elsie Nall Ancelet	*Marie Jones Ivey	Emogene Lunsford
Everett Aaron	Demetrius Jones	Roberts
Ruth Aaron	*Travis Keeton	*Cecil Sanders
James Baccus	Fay Nall Klienschmidt	Richard Ken Sherrett
Eulene Bates	*Corine Lacy	Alberdean Smith
*Ruby Mae Brothers	*Helen Wakefield	*Leonard Smith
Jim Brown	Langston	Marshall Smith
Ruth Burleson	Ricky Lester	Leroy Spears
Velma Byrd	Jean Lindsey	Polly Spears
David Cagle	Thurmond Lovvorn	Edith Swindle
Noble W. Caudle	*Clarence McCool	Jane Velasquex
Cohen Chafin	Ron McDaniell	Lee Williamson
Mae Conwill	Howard McGuire	*Myrtle Wootten
Barbara Futral Crozier	Dorothy Nall McWhite	
John Darling	Susan Payne Monroe	<i>Alaska</i>
Donald Dollar	*Wayne Morgan	Leo Barrans
Edna Dollar	Mildred Newton	<i>Arizona</i>
Reba Edwards	Troy Ott	Joshua Heller
Ruby Freeman	Ethellene Nall Patrick	
Bobby Galbreath	Ernest Phillips	
Christine Gandy	Julius Phillips	
	*Ernestine Pipkin	

Arkansas

*Virginia Cowart
Elder Ronald Green
Marie Wolf

California

Amy Ayotte
Florence Berg
Mark Brey
Betty Browder
Edward M. Cansino III
Mary Chamberlain
Gail Dolgin
Rene Duke
Herbert Enderton
Matthew F. Foster
Elaine Friedrich
George Griffith
Mary Jannard
John F. Leicester
Sara Mansfield
Robbie Nichols
Sande Gardenbring
Ogren
Jose Rosas
Kathy Schultz
Geraldine Simon
Mary Tominaga
Bettine Wallin
Becky Wenk

Colorado

Leota Emigh
Marie Louise Knospe
Bev Krebs
Mary Anne Wehr
Livingston
Margaret Mitchell
Ted Stewart

Connecticut

Julia Aller
Sharon Hill

Florida

Craig Allen
William Borden, Jr.
James Flynn
Robert Hansen
William Kreig
Rev. Glenn Muncy
George Rutherford

Ethel Ryals
Laverne Schweitzer
Claire Sullivan

Georgia

Holland Adair
Doyle Ashley
Eulene Bates
John Henry Blake
William Forrester Blake
Emily Calhoun
Deputy Willie Cammon
Bobby Cole
Mary Cole
Euna DeLong
Dorsey Denney
Lloyd Garrison
William Greenhaw
Sammy Harlan
Mildred Holcombe
George Holland
Virginia Maxwell
Marvin McElroy
Howard McGuire
Marcia Prince
Ray Richards
Bernice Rogers
Janet Sammons
Reba Sims
Verna Smith
James Tolbert

Illinois

Robert Barford
Leslie Dennis
Carolyn Douma
Rose Edwards
Helen Hogg
Linda Lehman
Goldie Gonigam
McKelvey
Joseph Sleeva
Paul Streeter
Harvey Walden
Lillian Walden
Betty Zinzer
Zoie Zurawski

Indiana

Barbara Shores

Iowa

Mamma Cunningham
Elizabeth Bass
Irene Bass
Peter Bass
Electa Coleman
John Coleman
Thomas J. Graham
Leroy E. Moore

Kansas

Katherine L. Barnes

Kentucky

Tommy Bishop
Joyce Freeman
*Bob Meek
Alvina Worsham

Louisiana

Charlotte Kamiya

Maine

Jane Williamson
McDonald
Pam Mount
Paula Roberts

Maryland

John Blattner
Geoffrey Liswell
*Barbara Giffen Swain

Massachusetts

Avery Anderson
Florence Angley
Thomas Babbins
*Joanne Gaye Bowman
Robert Fosdick, Jr.
Katherine Keators
Corinne Myer Lewis
Theresa Morris
Omar Shapli
Dillon Tyree
Mary Lee Yatchak

Michigan

Kathy Dahlberg
Mary Domino
Parker Fairey
Charles Gorder
Viola Smith
Cecilia Valdin

Minnesota

Caroline Ehler
 Ethan Johnson
 Warren Loud
 Bob Mattila
 Tom Poole
 John Sawyer
 Pat Schneider
 Cactus Stoehr

Mississippi

*Bernice Easley Embry
 Jim Patton, Jr.
 *Benny Ray Walls

Missouri

Janet Boyer
 John Boyer
 Patty Cunningham
 Dorothy Fisher
 Laura Hearne
 Ed Hinderberger
 Jenny Whitman
 Dianna Wright
 Joe Wright

New Hampshire

Clifford Eriksen
 Eunice Luscombe
 Christopher Sekinsky

New York

Genia Albrect
 *Larry Basch
 *Shirley Basch
 Marguerite Bowen
 Frances L. Garrow IV
 Hazard Gillespie
 Barbara Gold
 Fred Goldhaber
 Pearl Kay
 Fran Lipman
 Eunice Luscombe
 Virginia Luscombe
 Richard Martin
 Paul T. Metzger
 Ruth Morgan
 George Pickow
 Judith Coplon Socolov
 Elnora Tracy
 Tim Yohn

North Carolina

Henry Bizzell
 Hugh Eggan
 Roy Morse
 Doris Newell
 Doug Newell
 Barbara Stoddard
 Frances Wright

North Dakota

Esther Lang

Ohio

Joan Alderfer
 Koby Black
 Frank Boettcher
 Robert John Landgraf
 Jeanette Rechenberg
 Virginia Roush
 Eddy Snedaker
 Lucille Snedaker

Oregon

Connor Ausland
 John Bancroft
 Barbara Conde
 Kathryn Cramer
 Arthur Denker
 Gerhard Forstner
 Jack Harnsongram
 David McKinley
 Cathy Oswald
 Bob Strayer
 Dede Sullivan
 David Willard

Pennsylvania

Melinda Bell
 Georghina Ingold
 Tom Maher
 John Peters

South Carolina

Nancy Davis
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 Henry Zitterouer

Tennessee

Kathy Jones
 Lady Corrine Meyer
 Lewis
 Jackson Taylor

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Lenette Dalton
 *George Jones
 Marvin McDonald
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Vermont

Dora Benson
 Edward Boettiger
 William Clayton Bradley
 Elise Barash
 Catherine Ferre
 Zack Frates
 Jane James
 Dennis Murphy
 Bob Nichols
 John Vautier
 Pat Voss

Virginia

Tom Barker
 James DeMarce
 *Frank Evans
 James Graham
 Leila Goodman
 Elizabeth Lindau
 Bob Loddenguard
 Van Scott
 Kit Stearns
 David Willingham

West Virginia

Beverly Rees

Washington

Eileen Barrans
 Wayne Barrans
 Peter Bennett
 Chris Compston
 Howard Hallock
 Ian Krieg
 Steve Lewis
 Kim Loofburrow
 Michael Nutt
 June Phelps
 Charley Rawls
 Randy Sheppard

Wisconsin

Joyce Anderson
Ed Burgess
Trina Krazer
Robert McKee
Helen May Olsen
Vernon Stepp
Alice Whitford

State Unknown

Warren Argo
Nash Basom
Harry Brendle
Mary Hendra Fouch
Raymond Frates
Kathryn Gough
Sue Hinger
Stanley Johnson
Wally Jones
Dorothy Jean Kuhlmeier
Lillian Lea
Todd Leam
John Leuck
Sunny McHale
Betty Moomaw
Jack Pearson
Paul Prenskey
Bob Schuiteman
Lynda Czajkowska-
Thompson
Amy Winehouse

Brazil

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Canada

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Jack Layton
Cecile Lyr
Linda Thomson

Denmark

Lisbeth Poulsen

France

Henri Martinot

Germany

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India

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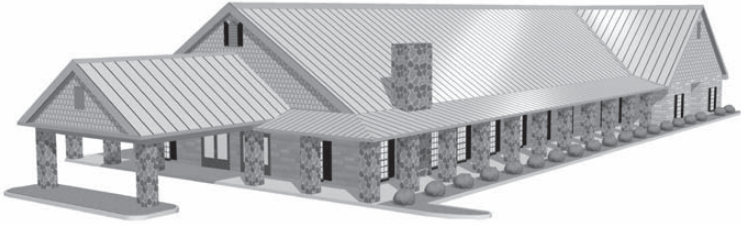
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Pauline Anderson
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Mike Atkinson
Frank Bennett
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Bill Boyd
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Linda Champ
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Steward Chorley
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Jan Cuttle
Muriel De Freyne
Hazel Dickens
Kathleen Dunne
Ray Fisher
Canon Gordon Geddis
Oliver Gill
Helen Gillis
Iona Glover
Ivan Grant
Joe Hall
Keith Hammond
Brian Haw
Phillip Higgins
Phillip Hill
Maddy Hobson
Michael Hyde
Linda Jackson
Sarah Jeshmukh
Garry Jenkins
Martin Jenkins
Joyce Jew
Gordon Jones
Mike Keily
Elizbeth Leinart
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Carel Anne Milne
Ivy Moore
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Peter Nock
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Elizabeth O'Kelly
Danjoe O'Sullivan
Steven Otyehel
Joyce Over
Lisbeth Poulsen
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Miriam Reidy
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