

# *Sacred Harp Sings*

## *2015 & 2016*

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## *Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association*

The Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose purpose is the perpetuation and preservation of Sacred Harp singing and its traditions. SHMHA's interests include singing schools, singings/conventions, traditional singing practices, and the history and traditions of Sacred Harp. SHMHA publishes the *Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings*, sponsors Camp Fasola, hosts the <http://fasola.org> web site, and facilitates other projects to promote Sacred Harp singing. SHMHA's annual meeting takes place on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in November.

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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 44.
- **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](mailto: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.

## 2016 CALENDAR

January	February	March	April
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# SACRED HARP SINGINGS

## 2016 DIRECTORY

### ANNUAL SINGINGS

✦ This symbol indicates that directions to the singing are found on page 41. Fifth Sunday singings are included here by their dates, and, in addition, are listed in a separate section starting on page 27, with explanations of the formulas for determining their dates.

#### *January*

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

**Fri., 1st**—New Year's Day Singing—Cincinnati, Ohio—Always on New Year's Day—Location varies—Info: <http://ohiosacredharp.ej345.com> or John Bealle

**Fri., 1st**—New Year's Day Singing—First Christian Church, 2723 King St., Alexandria, Virginia—12:00—5:00 p.m.—Potluck—Multiple Books—Info: Mary Ann Daly

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

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

**Fri., 1st**—Dominic Ciavonne Ziegler Memorial Singing—Old Felta Schoolhouse, Healdsburg, California—Info: Lindy Groening

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

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

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

**Sun., 10th**—Uncle Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr Memorial—Camp Ground Methodist Church, 24581 County Road 49, Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Fruithurst—Turn north onto County Road 49—Dutch Treat Singing—Meals are served at the church for a very reasonable price.

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

**Sun., 10th**—Cork, Ireland—New Compositions, Christian Harmony, and Cooper Book singing—Info: [corksacredharp.com](http://corksacredharp.com)

**Sun., 10th**—Helms-Bayne Memorial—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Ozark, Alabama—Cooper Book—Info: Tommie Spurlock or Stanley Smith

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

**Sat., 16th**—Auburn Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.—St. Dunstons Episcopal Church, 136 E. Magnolia Ave, Auburn, Alabama—Info: Karen Clark

**Sat., 16th & Sun., 17th**—All-California Sacred Harp Convention—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Convention rotates: San Diego (2016); Los Angeles (2017); San Francisco (2018);—Info: Laura Boyd Russell (Los Angeles), Jennie Brown (San Francisco) and Carla Smith (San Diego)

**Sun., 17th**—Creel Memorial Christian Harmony Singing—Old County Line Church—near Corner, (Jefferson County), Alabama +

**Sun., 17th**—Faircloth Memorial—Union Hill Singing Hall, Hwy 177, 9 miles from Hwy 79, Millers Crossroads, Bonifay, Florida—Cooper Book—Info: Aubrey Barfield

#### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 23rd**—Digswell Sacred Harp Singing—10:30 a.m.—Digswell Village Church, Warren Way, Digswell, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire—

Info: Steve Fletcher or Martin Williams

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

**Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th**—Keystone Convention—Location rotates and will be announced, Pennsylvania—10:00 a.m.—

Info: Pennsylvania Sacred Harp website or Rachel Hall

#### *Fifth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 30th**—Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, South Matthews St., Roberta, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett

**Sat., 30th**—Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Jefferson County, Alabama—Saturday before the first fifth Sunday of year—Info: Velton Chafin +

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

**Sun., 31st**—Ivey Memorial—9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—First fifth Sunday of year—Info: David Ivey or Rodney Ivey +

**Sun., 31st**—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

## *February*

#### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 6th**—Rotunda Singing—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Alabama Department of Archives and History—between Adams and Washington streets, Montgomery, Alabama—Lunch provided with \$5.00 donation—Four books used: *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book/Christian Harmony/Colored Sacred Harp*—

Info: Bill Hogan / Joey Brackner

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

Info: Pearl Guier

**Sun., 7th**—Central Music Convention—Cooper Book—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—Info: Wayne Jones

**Sun., 7th**—J.D. Starnes Memorial—Discontinued

#### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 13th**—Minnesota State Midwinter Singing—9:30 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Location to be announced—Info: Matt Wells or mnfasola.org

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

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

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

**Sat., 13th**—Sanders Memorial—9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Jefferson County, Alabama—Info: Velton Chafin +

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

**Sat., 13th**—Home Counties Mid-Winter Sacred Harp Singing Day—Digswell Village Church, Warren Way, Digswell, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire—  
Info: Steve Fletcher

**Sun., 14th**—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., 14th**—Elder Roy Avery Memorial Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Tallapoosa County, Alabama +

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 20th**—Alabama Collegiate Singing—9:30 a.m.—Canterbury Episcopal Chapel and Student Center, 812 5th Ave, Tuscaloosa, Alabama—Info: Nikos Pappas

**Sat., 20th**—Panhandle Pioneer Museum—Cooper Book—Blountstown, Florida—  
Info: Russ Scholz

**Sat., 20th & Sun., 21st**—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., 21st**—State University of West Georgia Singing—10:00 a.m.—Food Service Building (Z-6), 1061 Maple St, Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia

### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

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

**Sat., 27th**—South Yorkshire Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:30 a.m.—Wood Lane Countryside Centre, Wood Lane, Stannington, Sheffield, United Kingdom—  
Info: Sarah West

**Sat., 27th**—Troy All-Day Singing—Cooper Book—Pioneer Museum, north of Troy on west side of Hwy 231, Troy, Alabama—Info: Ken S. Sundberg

**Sat 27th**—Catskills Singing, Upstate New York, Location TBA—  
Info: Julia Reischel or sacredharpcatskills@gmail.com

**Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th**—Texas State Convention—9:30 a.m.—Coker United Methodist Church, 231 E. North Loop Road, San Antonio, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Mike Hinton, Janie Short

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

## **March**

### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Fri., 4th—Sun. Mar. 6th**—Ireland Sacred Harp Convention—Friday evening singing school—Saturday and Sunday singing—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Cork, Ireland—Info: [www.corksacredharp.com/convention](http://www.corksacredharp.com/convention)



**Sat., 5th**—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., 5th**—Elmore Center Singing—10:00 a.m.—Elmore Center United Methodist Church, 1165 County Road 21, Gordo, Pickens County, Alabama—4 miles south of Gordo on County Roads 9 and 21—Info: Jack Pate

**Sat., 5th**—North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention—Pullen Memorial Baptist Chapel, 1801 Hillsborough St., Raleigh, North Carolina—Info: Kathy Kaiser

**Sat., 5th**—Arie and Mona Galloway Memorial—Cooper Book—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama

**Sat., 5th & Sun., 6th**—Ohio State Convention—Saturday 10:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—First Sunday and Saturday before in March—Convention usually alternates between Dayton (2016), Cincinnati (2017), Columbus (2018)—Info: <http://ohiosacredharp.ej345.com> or John Bealle

**Sat., 5th & Sun., 6th**—Elder Gerald Hand Memorial and Tucson Singing—9:30 a.m.—rotates between Tucson, Arizona (2016) and Las Cruces, New Mexico (2017)—1991 Edition—Info: Paige Winslett

**Sun., 6th**—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., 12th**—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*—Info: Gaylon Powell

**Sat., 12th**—Olympia All-Day Singing—Olympia, Washington—Info: Marla Beth Elliott

**Sat., 12th**—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, Tim Jones

**Sat., 12th**—Sussex Shape Note Singing—Staplefield Village Hall, Crawley, West Sussex, UK—Info: Tony Singleton/Jill Thompson

**Sat., 12th & Sun., 13th**—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 or Paul Figura

**Sat., 12th & Sun., 13th**—Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention—9:30 a.m.—Location to be announced, Northampton, Massachusetts—Info: Linda Shea or Christine Andrews

**Sun., 13th**—Oxford Singing—Oxford (Lafayette County), Mississippi—Powerhouse Community Arts Center, University Ave. at South 14th Street—9:45 a.m.—Info: Warren Steel

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 19th**—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., 19th**—South Carolina State Singing in Memory of William Walker—10:00 a.m.—Second Presbyterian Church—across from Wofford College—Spartanburg,

South Carolina—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony*—Lunch on your own.—Info: Robert Kelley

**Sat., 19th, 6:00 p.m.**—Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial Singing—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Boldo (Walker County), Alabama †

**Sat., 19th**—Vermont All-Day Singing—Weybridge Elementary School Common Room, 210 Quaker Village Road, Weybridge, Vermont—Note: Singing is on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March, unless it's Easter, then it's a week earlier.—Info: Debby Moody

**Sun., 20th**—Robbins Memorial—Cooper Book—Opp, Alabama—11 miles south of Opp on Hwy 331, turn on County Road 20, 1 mile west to church.—Info: Mike Jones

**Sun., 20th**—Godsey Sisters Memorial (Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams)—10:00 a.m.—Shady Grove Church—Double Springs (Winston County), Alabama †

**Sun., 20th**—Palm Sunday Singing—10:30 a.m.—Cumnor Village Hall—Leys Road—Oxford—United Kingdom—Info: Mandy Townsend

### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

#### *Easter Sunday*

**Sat., 26th**—Holmfirth Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Wooddale Community Centre, Robert Lane, Wooddale, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire—United Kingdom—Info: Cath Ingham

**Sat., 26th**—Higher Ground Singing—10:00 a.m.—United Campus Ministries, 321 N 7th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana—Info: Darrell Swarens

**Sat., 26th**—Pittsburgh Regional All-Day Singing—Wilkins School Community Center, 7604 Charleston Ave, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—Info: Gerald Hoffman or Penny Anderson

**Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th**—Georgia State Convention—9:30 a.m.—Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, 4490 State Bridge Way, Alpharetta, Georgia—Exit GA400 N at exit 10—Go east for 2.6 miles—turn left at traffic light on to Kimbell Bridge Road (just past Chick Fil'a)—take second left into parking lot—Info: John Plunkett/Matt Hinton

**Sun., 27th**—Tom Woodham—Ezzie Hartzog Memorial—Cooper Book—Union Hill Singing Hall, Hwy 177, Millers Crossroads, Bonifay, Florida—Info: Russ Scholz

## *April*

### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 2nd**—Iowa All-Day Singing—Blue Point Church at the Poweshiek County Fairgrounds, 425 East Street, South, Grinnell, Iowa—Singing held on Saturday before the first Sunday in April—Info: Eric Saylor

**Sat., 2nd**—Jones Memorial Singing—Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Opp (Covington County), Alabama—0.5 miles west of Hwy 299 (Martin Luther King Expressway) on Hwy. 84—from North on Hwy 299, turn right on Hwy 84, from South, turn left—Info: Mike Jones, Wayne Jones

**Sat., 2nd**—Harpeth Valley—Priestley Miller Memorial Singing—9:30 a.m.—Radnor Primitive Baptist Church, 503 Brewer Drive, Nashville (Davidson County), Tennessee—From I-65—take Exit 74A (Old Hickory Blvd. east) turn left onto Edmondson Pike (2.2 mi.), turn right on McMurray Dr. (1.1 mi.), turn left on Brewer Dr. From I-24, take Exit 59 and go left on Bell Rd, turn right on Nolensville Rd. (3.3 mi.), turn left on Brewer Dr. (.5 mi.) Church (.6 mi.) Signs will be posted. Saturday before the first Sunday in April—Info: Tim Reynolds

**Sat., 2nd**—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., 2nd**—FaSoLa Omaha All-Day Singing—10:00 a.m.—St. Vincent of Lerin's Orthodox Church, 2502 N 51st St, Omaha, Nebraska—Info: Cindy Miserez

**Sat., 2nd**—Sacramento All-Day Singing—St. Clements Episcopal Church, 2376 Zinfandel Dr., Rancho Cordova, California 95670—from US 50 take exit 17 to Zinfandel Drive, then north about 1 mile—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition—Info: Patrick Coghlan

**Sat., 2nd & Sun., 3rd**—Potomac River Convention—Saturday and Sunday—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *Sbenandoab Harmony*—The Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, Virginia 22066—Info: John delRe

**Sun., 3rd**—Hugh Bill McGuire Memorial--Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—Hwy. 9—one mile north of Bruce—Church is on the right

**Sun., 3rd**—Edwardsville Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Edwardsville (Cleburne County), Alabama—Six miles east of Heflin—Just off U.S. Hwy. 78

### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Fri., 8th 6:30 p.m. ET**—Elder Homer Benefield, Katherine Benefield, and Mildred Johnson Memorial—Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, 225 Shiloh Church Rd, Waco, Georgia—Friday night before the second Sunday in April

**Sat., 9th**—Oxted Sacred Harp Singing—10:30 a.m.—United Reformed Church, 21 Bluehouse Lane, Oxted, Surrey, UK—Info: Martin Williams

**Sat., 9th**—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 second road on the right (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—Info: Pam Nunn

**Sat., 9th**—New York Regional (Spring)—10:00 a.m.—Rochester Mennonite Meetinghouse, 111 Hillside Avenue, Rochester, New York—Info: Chris Haller, Thom/Eileen Metzger

**Sat., 9th**—Barfield Memorial—Cooper Book—Seminole Community Center, 5 miles east of Niceville on Hwy 20—1470 Cedar Street, Niceville, Florida—Info: Aubrey Barfield

**Sun., 10th**—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., 10th**—County Line Church—near Corner, (Jefferson County), Alabama +

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 16th**—Middle Georgia Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Union Primitive Baptist Church, Goggans, Georgia—Johnstonville Road between I-75 and Barnesville—Info: Harry Eskew

**Sat., 16th**—Rhode Island All-Day Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Providence Friends Meeting House, 99 Morris Ave, Providence, Rhode Island—Info: Charles Coffone

**Sat., 16th**—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., 16th**—Futral, Nelson, and Henry Memorial Singing—9:30 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., 16th**—Jackson, Tennessee Singing—10:00 a.m.—Casey Jones Village, 56 Casey Jones Lane, Jackson, Tennessee—Just south of I-40 at Exit 80A—Info: Michael Penney

**Sun., 17th**—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—Chickasaw County, Mississippi—Dinner at noon with singing beginning at 1:00 p.m.—South of Hwy. 8—8 miles east of Houston—From Hwy. 8—Turn south on County Road 190—Church is on the left

**Sun., 17th**—Old Harmony—9:30 a.m.—Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, 3490 County Road 60, Heflin, 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., 17th**—New Haven Singing—New Haven, Connecticut—Info: Ian Quinn

**Sun., 17th**—Pine Grove Church—9:30 a.m.—Lookout Mountain—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Info: Rodney Ivey +

#### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 23rd**—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

**Sat., 23rd**—York All-Day Singing—York Friends Meetinghouse, 135 W. Philadelphia St, York, Pennsylvania—Info: Lamar Matthew or Erin Kelly

**Sat., 23rd**—Pike's Peak Sacred Harp Singing—9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Location to be announced, Colorado Springs, Colorado—Denson and Cooper Books—Info: Pete Mathewson

**Sat., 23rd**—Golden Gate Singing—San Francisco Bay Area—Location TBD—<http://fasola.org/sf/goldengate/>—Info: [chair@bayareasacredharp.org](mailto:chair@bayareasacredharp.org)

**Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th**—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 **NOTE: This singing will move to the 5th Sunday and Saturday before in April 2017 and 2018.**

**Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th**—Rusk County Convention—Saturday—*Christian Harmony*—Sunday—*Cooper Book*, Old Pine Grove Church, Henderson, Texas—Fourth weekend in April unless falls on Easter, then third weekend in April—Info: Robert Vaughn or Gaylon Powell

**Sun., 24th**—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., 24th**—Alewine-Laminack Memorial—9:30 a.m. CT—St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2213 County Road 14, Muscadine, 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., 24th**—Alabama State Cooper Book Convention—Semi-Annual Session—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—Info: Victoria Aplin

## May

### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., Apr. 30th**—Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.—Burritt on the Mountain, Huntsville, (Madison County), Alabama—Singing held on Saturday before the first Sunday in May—Info: David Ivey

**Sat., Apr. 30th**—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., Apr. 30th**—Augusta Sacred Harp Singing—Augusta Old Line Primitive Baptist Church, Martinez, Georgia—Info: Diane Goldman

**Sat., Apr. 30th & Sun., May 1st**—Portland Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—The Little Church—5138 NE 23rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon—Saturday singing from the Sacred Harp and Sunday singing from the Christian Harmony—Info: Anna Stoerch

**Sat., Apr. 30th & Sun., May 1st**—Bob Meek Memorial/Harrod's Creek Shape Note Convention—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Harrod's Creek Baptist Church—Brownsboro, Kentucky—Held on the weekend before the first Saturday in May (because of Derby weekend). *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, Southern Harmony, and Cooper Book*—From Louisville—Take I-71 North—Go to exit 14—Turn left—Go 1.5 miles past Christian Church on right—Church will be on left—Info: Michele Cull

**Sun., 1st**—Heath Memorial—Cooper Book—Mabson Church, Ozark, Alabama—5 miles east of Ozark on Hwy 36—Info: Tommie Spurlock or Stanley Smith

**Sun., 1st**—Shady Grove Baptist Church—Dutton (Jackson County), Alabama—Info: Syble Adams +

**Sun., 1st**—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama—Info: Glenn Keeton +

**Sun., 1st**—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church—Clay County, Alabama—Info: Eugene Forbes +

**Tues., 3rd**—Coffee Springs Singing—Cooper Book—Senior Citizens Building, Coffee Springs, Alabama—First Tuesday in May each year

### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 7th**—Memphis Singing—Grace Chapel Primitive Baptist Church, 838 Berclair Road, Memphis, Tennessee—Info: Matt Bell

**Sat., 7th**—Furman University *Sacred Harp/Christian Harmony* Singing—Herring Pavilion, Furman Campus—Greenville, South Carolina

**Sat., 7th**—Boston Singing—10:00 a.m.—Newton Highlands Congregational Church, 54 Lincoln St—Info: Joanna Lampert

**Sat., 7th**—Mid-Michigan Singing—Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos, Michigan—Info: Bob Borcharding/Anne Missavage

**Sat., 7th**—Bristol Singing—10:00 a.m.—Shirehampton Public Hall, Station Road, Shirehampton, Bristol, UK—Info: Matthew Parkinson/bristolsacredharp@gmail.com

**Sat., 7th**—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—Nauvoo, Alabama—Info: Jimmie Gilmore

**Sat., 7th**—J.W. Bassett Memorial and Stockholders Meeting—Cooper Book—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—Info: Tommie Spurlock or Wayne Jones

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Fri., 13th p.m., & Sat., 14th**—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., 14th**—Los Angeles Regional Singing—Angels Gate Cultural Center, Building H, San Pedro, California—Info: homepage.smc.edu/russell\_richard/fasola/

**Sat., 14th**—Mentone Rhododendron Festival—St. Joseph's Church, Mentone, Alabama—Info: Susan Cheronos

**Sat., 14th**—Providence Singing—10:00 a.m.-Cullman County, Alabama—Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church at Providence—Located on eastern side of Cullman County Road 1435.

**Sat., 14th**—Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention—Pisgah Presbyterian Church—Versailles, Kentucky—Near Lexington—Info: Charles Coulston

**Sat., 14th**—Goodshaw Sacred Harp Singing—10:30 a.m.—Goodshaw Baptist Church, Chapel Street, Goodshaw, Rossendale, Lancashire, UK—  
Info: Chris Brown/Judy Whiting

**Sat., 14th**—Piney Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Headland, Alabama—Cooper Book—Hwy 173, 2 miles north of Headland—Info: Kathy Folsom

**Sun., 15th**—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., 15th**—Liberty Hill Church—Lamar County, Georgia—Please bring a dish to share +

**Sun., 15th**—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.

### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 21st**—Mount Pisgah Singing Society—9:00 a.m.—31040 US Hwy 431, Five Points, Chambers County, Alabama 36855—*Cooper Book*—14 miles north of Lafayette and 7 miles south of Roanoke on U.S. Hwy. 431 at Stroud

**Sat., 21st**—The Piccolo Spoleto Singing—10:00 a.m.—Charleston, South Carolina—Gage Hall, 4 Archdale Street—Info: Michael Walker

**Sat., 21st**—Gum Pond Singing—9:45 a.m.—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, 2086 Gum Pond Rd., Eva, (Morgan County), Alabama—Singing moved from Sunday—Info: Judy Caudle +

**Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd**—John Merritt Memorial Singing—Old Courthouse Museum, 1008 Cherry Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi—The Sacred Harp, White Book, Cooper Book, and Christian Harmony—Info: Mark Davis or Henry McGuire

**Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd**—Germany Sacred Harp Convention—10:30 a.m.—Location to be announced—Berlin, Germany—  
Info: Andreas Manz or www.sacredharpberlin.de

**Sun., 22nd**—The Big Singing—10:00 a.m.—*Southern Harmony*—Marshall County Courthouse on the Square, Benton, Kentucky—Info: Tim Reynolds

**Sun., 22nd**—Rocky Mount Homecoming—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Daviston, Tallapoosa County, Alabama +

**Sun., 22nd**—Beda Church Singing—Cooper Book—20 miles southwest of Andalusia, Alabama, on Hwy 137 north of Wing, Alabama—Info: Billy Kelley

### *Fifth Sunday and Saturday before*

**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—Chicago, Illinois—Info: Ted Mercer or [www.chicagosingsings.org](http://www.chicagosingsings.org)

**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 +

**Mon., 30th**—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., 4th**—Lamar and Pickens County Convention—Zion Primitive Baptist Church—Pickens County, Alabama +

**Sat., 4th**—Shaker Meetinghouse and Francis Bliss Birthday singing—Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village Meetinghouse, New Gloucester, Maine—Info: Barb Ames

**Sat., 4th**—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Elba, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—approximately 7 miles north of Elba on Hwy 87 just past CR315 (dirt road circles back to Hwy 87). Church is on left going north—Info: Chip Westbrook

**Sat., 4th & Sun., 5th**—Newcastle upon Tyne Singing—10:00 a.m.-St. Bartholomew's Church Hall—Station Road, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom—Saturday—Sacred Harp and Sunday—Shenandoah Harmony—Singing held on Saturday following the last Monday in May—Info: Phil and Cath Tyler

**Sat., 4th & Sun., 5th**—Northern Shenandoah Valley Double All-Day Singing—10:00 a.m.—singing from the 1991 Edition on Saturday—singing from the Shenandoah Harmony on Sunday—Location to be announced—Info: John delRe or Kelly Macklin

**Sat., 4th & Sun., 5th**—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Near Bremen, Carroll County, Georgia +

**Sun., 5th**—Hill Roane Memorial—Sherman Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—On Hwy. 32, 10 miles west of Bruce—Dutch treat: singers bring lunch.

**Sun., 5th**—Liberty Decoration Day Singing—9:30 a.m.—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—Info: David Ivey +

**Sun., 5th**—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., 5th**—Homecoming Singing—*Cooper Book*—Shady Hill Church—Andalusia, Alabama—Info: Edd Bass

#### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 11th**—Shapers Sacred Harp Singing Day—Tilehouse Street Baptist Church, Upper Tilehouse Street, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, United Kingdom—Info: Steve Fletcher

**Sat., 11th**—New York State Regional Singing—10:00 a.m.—Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main Street, Voorheesville—Info: Jean Seiler

**Sat., 11th**—Raymond Hamrick Memorial Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, South Matthews Street, Roberta, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett

**Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th**—Hopewell Homecoming—9:00 a.m.—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—3596 Airport Road, Altoona, Blount County, Alabama—Info: Nate Green +

**Sun., 12th**—Alpharetta Singing—10:00 a.m.—Alpharetta City Hall Building, 2 Plaza Park, Alpharetta, Georgia—from Atlanta, exit GA400 North at Haynes Bridge—turn left—go to Old Milton Parkway—turn left—turn right on GA9—City Hall/Courthouse ¼ mile on right—Info: Helen Bryson

**Sun., 12th**—Oak Springs Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—3 miles north of Derma—Dinner at noon, singing at 1:00 p.m.

**Sun., 12th**—Aldridge Memorial—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—Fayette County, Alabama—Info: Elene Stovall, Bridgett Kennedy, or Joan Aldridge +

**Sun., 12th (4:00 p.m.) - Thu., 16th (8:30 a.m.)**—Camp Fasola—Adult Session—Camp McDowell—Double Springs, Alabama—Community Singing (all are invited) on Wed., June 15th—7:00 p.m.—Info: David Ivey—<http://fasola.org/camp>

*Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Thurs., 16th, Fri., 17th & Sat., 18th**—National Sacred Harp Singing Convention—9:30 a.m.—First Christian Church of Birmingham, 4954 Valleydale Road, Birmingham, Alabama—Info: Mark Davis

**Sat., 18th**—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., 18th**—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

**Sat., 18th**—Mt. Adams All-Day Singing—Trout Lake, Washington—The Trout Lake Grange Hall, 2390 Highway 141—Friday night social in Trout Lake—Take I84 east, cross the river at Hood River, drive north on Hwy. 141 about 25 minutes—Info: Melissa Stephenson

**Sun., 19th**—Zion Hill Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church—Brachfield (Rusk County), Texas—*Cooper Book*—About 12 miles southeast of Henderson—Take Farm to Market Road 840 toward Brachfield from Henderson—Turn right at the Welch Cemetery on County Road 368—Church is on the left—Always held on Father's Day—Info: Robert Vaughn

**Sun., 19th**—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., 19th**—Clifford Wakefield Memorial—King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church)—Winston County, Alabama +

**Sun., 19th**—Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church—10:00 a.m.—Macedonia Community (Jackson County), Alabama—4 miles south of Section—7 miles northwest of Fyffe on county road to Section—Info: Dennis George

**Sun., 19th**—Pleasant Home Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—6107 Eagle Road, Andalusia, Alabama 36420—*Cooper Book*—Info: Ken Kelley



### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 25th**—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., 25th**—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama +

**Sat., 25th**—Leeds All-Day Singing—South Parade Baptist Church, Kirkstall Lane, Headingley, Leeds, UK—Info: Arja and John Copperwheat

**Sat., 25th**—Live Oak Annual Singing—Cooper Book—South of Vernon, Florida, 5211 Miller Ferry Road—Info: Tim Lanham

**Sat., 25th**—Oxford Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Seacourt Hall—Botley, Oxford, England—Info: Edwin/Sheila Macadam

**Sun., 26th**—DeLong-Roberts Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, 4490 State Bridge Way, Alpharetta, Georgia—Exit GA400 N at exit 10—Go east for 2.6 miles—turn left at traffic light on to Kimbell Bridge Road (past Chick Fil'a)—take second left into parking lot—Info: Jesse Roberts

**Sun., 26th**—New Hope Church—Cullman County, Alabama—Five miles south of Jones Chapel off Hwy. 278, turn south onto County Road 940—Church is on the right

**Sun., 26th**—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—Fayette County, Alabama +

## *July*

### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 2nd**—Pioneer Valley Singing—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—First Congregational Church Chapel, Sunderland, Massachusetts—Info: [www.wmshc.org](http://www.wmshc.org) or Linda Shea

**Sat., 2nd**—Lewes Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:00 a.m.—South Malling Parish Church, Church Lane, Lewes, E. Sussex, United Kingdom—Info: Rachel Jordan

**Sat., 2nd & Sun., 3rd**—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., 3rd**—Cross Roads Baptist Church—9:30 a.m. EDT—North of Tallapoosa—Haralson County, Georgia +

**Mon., July 4th**—Independence Day

**Mon., 4th**—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—Lunch is Dutch Treat \$8.00 each

**Mon., July 4th (4:00 p.m.) - Fri., July 8th (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>

### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Fri., 8th & Sat., 9th**—Mountain View Singing—Old Mountain View High School, Mountain View, Arkansas—Held on Friday and Saturday following July 4—Info: Dan Brittain

**Fri. p.m., 8th & Sat., 9th**—Quebec Convention—Location TBA—Quebec, Canada—Info: Chuck Neville

**Sat., 9th**—Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church Singing—Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church—2052 Fairview Road, Stockbridge, Georgia—Info: Jesse Roberts

**Sat., 9th**—Santa Cruz Singing—Live Oak Grange, Santa Cruz, California—Info: Edward Rice

**Sat., 9th**—Norwich All-Day Singing—10:30 a.m.—St. George's Church Hall, Sprowston Rd., Norwich, UK—Info: Cath Saunt/Fynn Titford-Mock

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

**Sun., 10th**—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* +

**Sun., 10th**—Rutherford Memorial—Cooper Book—Union Hill Singing Hall, Millers Crossroads, Bonifay, Florida—Info: Russ Scholz

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 16th**—Walker County Convention—Boldo United Methodist Church, 55 Gray Street, Boldo, Alabama 35504—Info: Velton Chafin or Glenn Keeton

**Sat., 16th p.m.**—Elder Bernard Moon Memorial—Dorsey Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Bremen, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Hwy. 69

**Sat., 16th**—Spivey Hall Singing—Spivey Hall—Clayton College and State University—Morrow, Georgia

**Sat., 16th**—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 approximately 1/8 mile on right—Info: Samuel Sommers

**Sat., 16th**—Melbourne All-Day Singing—Melbourne, Australia—Info: Shawn Whelan/Natalie Sims/sacred\_harp@yahoo.com.au

**Sat., 16th**—Gwehelog Sacred Harp Singing—Saturday 10:00 a.m.—Gwehelog Methodist Chapel, nr Usk, United Kingdom—Info: Liam Kirby

**Sun., 17th**—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., 17th**—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., 17th**—Hillabee Convention—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Daviston (Tallapoosa County), Alabama +

**Thurs., 21st**—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., 23rd**—Cotaco Convention—10:00 a.m.—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—2086 Gum Pond Rd. (Morgan County) Eva, Alabama—Info: Judy Caudle +

**Sat., 23rd**—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

**Sat., 23rd**—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., 23rd**—Sydney All-Day Singing—Sydney, Australia—Info: Eimear Cradock/eimearcradock@gmail.com

**Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th**—Saturday—Central Pennsylvania Sacred Harp Singing—Sunday—Central Pennsylvania Shenandoah Harmony Singing—Progress Grange

Hall, 217 South Pennsylvania Ave, Centre Hall, Pennsylvania—about 8 miles east of State College—Info: Hal Kunkel

**Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th**—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

**Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th**—Lunsford and Jolly Memorial—Saturday—Trinity Episcopal Church, Escondido, California—Sunday—Adobe Chapel, Old Town San Diego—Info: Carla Smith

### *Fifth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 30th**—Young People's Singing—9:30 a.m.—Atlanta, Georgia—Info: Hayden Arp/John Kelso/Faith Riley

**Sun., 31st**—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., 31st**—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., 31st**—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Mary Ellen Schrock +

## *August*

### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 6th**—Eugene Singing—9:30 a.m.—Eugene, Oregon area—Location to be announced—First Saturday in August—Info: Karen Stingle

**Sat., 6th & Sun., 7th**—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

**Sun., 7th**—Fayette County Convention—9:30 a.m.—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—Fayette County, Alabama +

**Sun., 7th**—Bulgar-Cockcroft Memorial—*Cooper Book*—Red Oak Church, Hwy 55 between Andalusia and Floral, Alabama—Info: Billy Kelley

### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 13th**—Calhoun County Convention—9:30 a.m.—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Highway 9, one mile north of Bruce, Mississippi—church is on the right.

**Sat., 13th & Sun., 14th**—East Texas Sacred Harp Convention—Henderson Civic Center, 1005 Hwy 64, Henderson (Rusk County), Texas—*Cooper Book*—Info: Robert Vaughn

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 20th**—Mt. Rainier Singing—*Cooper Book*—Buckley Hall, 127 N. River Ave., (between Main St. and Cottage St. N, Buckley, Washington—Info: Karen Willard

**Sat., 20th**—*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

**Sat., 20th**—Rome Primitive Baptist Church Singing—10:00 a.m.—5585 Martha Berry Hwy, NE, Armuchee, Georgia—Eight miles north of Rome on US 27—Info: B.M. Smith

**Sat., 20th**—Kitchens Memorial—Zion Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Jasper, Alabama—Info: Linda Sides

**Sat., 20th**—Central New Jersey Singing (formerly Princeton All-Day Singing)—Reformed Church of Highland Park, 19 S. 2nd Ave., Highland Park, New Jersey—Info: Rachel Speer or Leon Pulsinelle

**Sat., 20th**—Glasgow Singing—Hillhead Parish Church Hall, Glasgow, Scotland—Info: shapenotesscotland@gmail.com

**Sun., 21st**—Willard Birthday Singing—Buckley Hall, 127 N. River Ave., (between Main St. and Cottage St. N, Buckley, Washington—Info: Karen Willard

**Sun., 21st**—Cleburne County Convention—9:30 a.m.—Edwardsville Baptist Church—Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama—Info: Cecil Roberts

**Sun., 21st**—Emma Beasley, Belton Beasley, and Phillip Lee, III Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—Info: Sarah Beasley †

**Sun., 21st**—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., 27th**—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., 27th**—Palo Alto Singing—UU Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Rd., Palo Alto, California—Info: Dan Harper

**Sat., 27th**—Cork All-Day Singing—St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, Dean Street, Cork, Ireland—Info: corksacredharp@gmail.com

**Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th**—Mississippi State Convention—9:30 a.m.—Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Near Forest (Scott County) Mississippi—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, Cooper Book, White Book, and Christian Harmony*—Info: Mark Davis

**Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th**—Lookout Mountain Convention—9:30 a.m.—Pine Grove Church—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Info: Rodney Ivey †

## **September**

### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 3rd**—New Providence Primitive Baptist Church—Ringgold, Louisiana—1991 Edition and Cooper books—Info: Robert Vaughn

**Sat., 3rd**—Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, South Matthews Street, Roberta, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett or Oscar McGuire

**Sat., 3rd**—Maidencreek Friends Meetinghouse—Near Leesport—Berks County, Pennsylvania—Saturday of Labor Day Weekend—Info: Ted Stokes

**Sat., 3rd**—Covington County Convention—Cooper Book—Pleasant Home Baptist Church, County Road 14 (Eagle Road), Andalusia, Alabama—Singing held at various locations—Info: Wayne Jones

**Sun., 4th**—Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing—11:30 a.m.—Island Park—Geneva, Illinois—Always the Sunday before Labor Day.

**Sun., 4th**—Clear Creek West Convention/Mulberry River Convention—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., 4th**—Shiloh-Littlevine Singing—10:00 a.m.—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., 4th**—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.

**Mon., 5th (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: B.M. Smith

### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 10th**—*Cooper Book* Singing—Little Flock Church, Molino, Florida—3218 Molino Road—1.5 miles West of US Hwy. 29—Info: Hubert Nall

**Sat., 10th**—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., 10th**—Cape Meares Singing—Community Schoolhouse, Cape Meares, Oregon—Singing held on Saturday following Labor Day—Info: Betsy Jeronen

**Sat., 10th**—Rivanna River Sacred Harp Singing—10:00 a.m.—Friends Meeting House, 1104 Forest St., Charlottesville, Virginia—Info: john@virginia.edu

**Sat., 10th & Sun., 11th**—United Sacred Harp Musical Association (United Sacred Harp Singing Convention)—Camp McDowell, Double Springs, Alabama—Info: Jesse P. Karlsberg/Kathy Williams

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 17th**—New York City All Day Singing—9:30 a.m.—Location TBA—Info: Aldo Ceresa

**Sat., 17th**—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., 17th**—Illinois State Convention—Texas Christian Church between Clinton and Decatur, Illinois—Saturday before the third Sunday in September—Info: Mark Graber or Terry Hogg

**Sat., 17th**—Middle Creek Convention—Cooper Book—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Ozark, Alabama—Info: Tommie Spurlock or Stanley Smith

**Sat., 17th & Sun., 18th**—United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention—UK—Info: www.ukshc.org

**Sun., 18th**—Cornelius Benjamin Keeton and Travis Keeton Memorial Singing—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama ✚

**Sun., 18th**—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., 18th**—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., 19th–Fri., 23rd**—Camp Fasola Europe—Wichrowe Wzgorze, Chmeilno, Poland—Info: David Ivey or <http://fasola.org/camp>

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

**Sat., 24th**—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., 24th**—West Texas Singing—Crosbyton Primitive Baptist Church, 401 S. Emerald St., Crosbyton, Texas—10:00 a.m.—*1991 Edition*—Info: Kathy Taylor

**Sat., 24th**—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—10:00 a.m.—2086 Gum Pond Rd., Eva, Morgan County, Alabama—Info: Judy Caudle +

**Sat., 24th**—West Florida Convention—Cooper Book—Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Glendale, Florida—4 miles east of Glendale on County Road 183—Info: Aubrey Barfield or Joe Nall

**Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th**—Minnesota State Convention—9:30 a.m.—Saturday—Location TBA—Sunday—Shakopee, Minnesota—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before—Info: Matt Wells

**Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th**—Rocky Mountain Convention—9:30 a.m.—New Mexico—Convention alternates between Colorado and New Mexico.

**Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th**—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 Creel

**Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th**—Poland Convention—Warsaw, Poland—Info: [www.sacredharp86.org](http://www.sacredharp86.org)

**Sun., 25th**—Winston County Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama +

## ***October***

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

**Fri., Sep. 30th & Sat., Oct. 1st — or — Sat., 1st & Sun., 2nd**—New England Convention—9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.—Location to be announced—Date for this singing is selected by the host singers—Hosted by Yale-New Haven Singers, Connecticut, on Saturday and Sunday before the first Monday in October—Info: Ian Quinn or [info@neconvention.net](mailto:info@neconvention.net)

**Sat., 1st**—*Cooper Book* Singing—Shady Grove Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Between Dutton and Section—Jackson County, Alabama—Info: Syble Adams +

**Sat., 1st**—Vancouver All-Day Singing—Grandview Calvary Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia—Info: Kevin Beirne

**Sun., 2nd**—South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Liberty Hill Community House—Lamar County, Georgia—Info: Oscar McGuire

**Sun., 2nd**—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., 8th**—Tallahassee Singing—9:30 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science—Tallahassee, Florida—Info: Alice/Tor Bejnar

- Sat., 8th**—Savannah All Day Singing—Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church—50 Diamond Causeway, Savannah, Georgia—Saturday before the second Sunday—Info: Gene Pinion
- Sat., 8th**—Columbia Singing—Dripping Springs Christian Church—2701 Dripping Springs Rd., Columbia, Missouri—Info: Wendy Hofmann or Lou/Penny Kujawinski
- Sat., 8th**—Taylor United Methodist Church—Taylor (Lafayette County), Mississippi—8 miles south of Oxford—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*
- Sat., 8th**—Northwest Pennsylvania Singing—First Universalist Church of Girard, 107 Myrtle St, Girard, Pennsylvania—Info: Gerald Hoffman
- Sat., 8th**—Duluth Singing—St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 1710 E Superior Street, Duluth, Minnesota—10:00 a.m.—Info: Bonnie Ambrosi
- Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th**—Sheffield Sacred Harp Singing Day—11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Our Lady and St. Thomas Church, Meadowhead, Woodseats, Sheffield, United Kingdom—Saturday—Sacred Harp and Sunday—Alternative Sources—Info: Carmel Wood
- Sun., 9th**—Cates, Brown, and Sheppard 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.
- Third Sunday and Saturday before*
- Sat., 15th**—Shapers Sacred Harp Singing Day—10:30 a.m.—Tilehouse Street Baptist Church, Upper Tilehouse Street, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, United Kingdom—Info: Steve Fletcher
- Sat., 15th**—Tri-State Convention—9:00 a.m.—(Florida 2016), (Alabama 2017), (Georgia 2018)—Location to be Announced—*Cooper Book*—Info: Aubrey Barfield, Morgan Bunch, Mary Whitehurst, Russ Scholz
- Sat., 15th**—New Echota Days Singing—New Echota Historic Site—10:00 a.m.—Supreme Courthouse—Hwy 225, Calhoun, Georgia—Singing held on third Saturday in October—Info: Judy Mincey
- Sat., 15th**—Tennessee State Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.—Christ Family Church, 7575 Nolensville Road, Nolensville, Tennessee 37135—Info: Ron Harper or Tim Reynolds
- Sat., 15th and Sun. 16th**—New York State Convention—Ithaca area—Location TBA—Info: Barbara Swetman or Margaret Bornick
- Sat., 15th & Sun., 16th**—Pacific Northwest Convention, Oregon—9:30 a.m., both days—Milwaukie Community Club Center, 10666 Southeast 42nd Ave, Milwaukie, Oregon—Saturday a.m. devoted to singing school. Regular singing Saturday afternoon and all day singing on Sunday—Info: Dan Thoma
- Sun., 16th**—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., 16th**—Reid Memorial Singing—County Line Church—Jefferson County, Alabama +
- Sun., 16th**—Rhodes Memorial—Cooper Book—Darien Church, Laverne, Alabama—Info: Mike Jones

*Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

- Fri., 21st and Sat., 22nd**—Alaska Sacred Harp Convention—United Methodist Church, Sitka, Alaska—Info: Kari Lundgren
- Sat., 22nd**—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., 22nd**—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., 22nd**—Bloomington All-Day Singing—10:00 a.m.—Fairview Methodist Church, 600 West 6th St, Bloomington, Indiana—

Info: John Hoerr or William Shetter

**Sat., 22nd**—Northwest Arkansas Fall Singing—9:30 a.m.—Chapel, First United Methodist Church, 206 W. Johnson, Springdale, Arkansas—

Info: Holly Childs, Sydney Caldwell

**Sat., 22nd**—Sadsbury Cooper Book Singing—Old Sadsbury Friends Meeting House, Christiana, Pennsylvania—Info: Laura Densmore

**Sat., 22nd**—Newton Singing—10:00 a.m.—Norumbega Harmony and the Sacred Harp—Church of the Redeemer, 379 Hammond Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02467—Info: Sylvia Martin

**Sat., 22nd**—Spring Hill Convention—Cooper Book—Union Hill Singing Hall, Millers Crossroads, Bonifay, Florida—Info: Aubrey Barfield

**Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd**—London Singing—10:30 a.m.—Saturday-Sacred Harp—Highgate United Reformed Church, Pond Square Chapel, South Grove, London—and Sunday—Christian Harmony—Heath Street Baptist Church basement, 84 Heath Street, London—Info: Michael Walker

**Sun., 23rd**—Coweta County Courthouse Singing—Newnan, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Info: John Plunkett

### *Fifth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 29th**—Kelly Day Memorial *Cooper Book* Singing—Flora, Indiana—Singing held on last fifth Sunday of the year, unless last fifth Sunday falls in December—

Info: Brad Bahler

**Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th**—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—10:00 a.m.—Location to be announced—Info: Helen Bryson, Scott DePoy

**Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th**—Southwest Texas Convention—Griffin School, 5001 Evans Ave., Austin, Texas—Fall Session—*Cooper Book*—(August, September, or October)—Last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving—

Info: Bill Bailey or Gaylon Powell

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

## *November*

### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 5th**—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., 5th**—Velton Chafin Birthday Singing—Liberty Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Jefferson County, Alabama +. 1991 Edition and *Cooper Book*—Info: Velton Chafin

**Sat., 5th**—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., 5th**—University of Chicago/Hyde Park Sacred Harp Anniversary Singing—  
9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.—Chicago, Illinois—Augustana Lutheran Church, on 55th St.  
between University and Woodlawn—Always Saturday before the first Sunday in  
November—Info: Cathryn Bearov

**Sat., 5th**—Oxted Sacred Harp Singing—10:30 a.m.—United Reformed Church, 21  
Bluehouse Lane, Oxted, Surrey, UK—Info: Martin Williams

**Sun., 6th**—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—9:30 a.m.—Near Bremen—  
Carroll County, Georgia—Info: Phillip Langley +

**Sun., 6th**—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

**Sun., 6th**—Southeast Convention—Cooper Book—Pleasant Grove (Carroll  
Church), Ozark, Alabama—Info: Tommie Spurlock or Stanley Smith

### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 12th**—Immanuel Baptist Church—222 Belle Meade Boulevard—Nashville,  
Tennessee—Between Harding Road, U.S. 70, and Harding Place

**Sat., 12th**—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., 12th**—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., 12th**—Stapleford Sacred Harp Singing—St. Luke's Church—Moorbridge  
Lane, Stapleford, Nottingham, United Kingdom—Info: Helen Brown

**Sat., 12th**—James River Convention—Richmond, Virginia—Saturday before the  
second Sunday in November—Info: Bridget Camden

**Sat., 12th**—Berkshire Foothills Singing—10:00 a.m.—Lenox Community Center,  
65 Walker Street, Lenox, MA, see WMSHC.org—  
Info: Sally Langendorf or Joanne Fuller

**Sat., 12th**—Boiling Springs Convention—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Clay  
County, near Ashland, Alabama—Info: Eugene Forbes +

**Sun., 13th**—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

**Sun., 13th**—The Cooper Book Convention—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson,  
Alabama—Info: Wayne Jones

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 19th**—Tri-County Sacred Harp Singing—9:30 a.m.—1991 Edition and *Cooper  
Book*—Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 8790 Vaughn Road, Montgomery,  
Alabama—Info: Bill Hogan

**Sat., 19th**—West Yorkshire Sacred Harp Day—West Lane Methodist Chapel—  
Haworth, United Kingdom—Info: Chris Brown/Judy Whiting

**Sat., 19th**—Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, South Matthews  
Street, Roberta, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett or Oscar McGuire

**Sat., 19th—7:00 p.m.**—Cross Roads Church—North of Tallapoosa—Haralson County, Georgia—Saturday night before the third Sunday in November—  
Info: Donna Bell / Cecil Roberts †

**Sun., 20th**—Davis Memorial—10:00 a.m.—Sugar Valley Baptist Church, 2845 Sugar Valley Road, Sugar Valley, Georgia (GPS N34 34,469 W 85 1.487)—  
Info: Judy Mincey

**Sun., 20th**—Wakefield Memorial—King School House (Mt. Vernon)—near Lynn, Winston County, Alabama †

#### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Thurs., 24th**—Thanksgiving Day

**Sat., 26th**—Thanksgiving Sacred Harp Singing—10:30 a.m.—Jordans Village Hall, Green Road West, Jordans, Buckinghamshire—UK—Info: Sheila/Edwin Macadam

**Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th**—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., 26th—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., 3rd**—Sacred Harp Singing—Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4930 West Bellfort Avenue, Houston, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book*—  
Info: Crystal Meadows

**Sat., 3rd**—Lehigh Valley All-Day Singing (Shenandoah Harmony)—10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Bethlehem, PA, location TBA—First Saturday in December—  
Info: Daniel Hunter

**Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th**—Florida State Sacred Harp Convention—Holiday Inn—2001 Cove Boulevard—Panama City, Florida—*Cooper Book*—For reservations call 850.769.0000

**Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th**—Georgia State Christian Harmony Convention—9:30 a.m.—Georgia—Info: John Plunkett

#### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 10th & Sun., 11th**—Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—Info: John Beasley †

#### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 17th**—Christmas Singing—Cooper Book—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—Info: Kevin Eddins

**Sun., 18th**—No listings

#### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 24th and Sun., 25th**—Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

**Mon., 26th**—Barrett's Singing—5:30 p.m.—Patton Home, Henagar, Alabama—  
Info: Barrett Patton

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

**Sat., 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

<b>First Fifth Weekend</b>	Saturday, January 30 Sunday, January 31
<b>Second Fifth Weekend</b>	Saturday, May 28 Sunday, May 29
<b>Third Fifth Weekend</b>	Saturday, July 30 Sunday, July 31
<b>Fourth Fifth Weekend</b>	Saturday, October 29 Sunday, October 30

### *First Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)*

**Ivey Memorial**—Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama—First fifth Sunday of year

**Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial**—Liberty (McCormick)—Sumiton, Alabama—Saturday before the first fifth Sunday each year

**Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church**—Bethlehem Rd. (between Hwy 37 and Hwy 39—one mile north of Hwy 674—five miles east of Fort Lonesome) 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

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

### *Third Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)*

**Young People's Singing**—Atlanta, Georgia—Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4th

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

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

### *Fourth Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)*

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

**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

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

## LOCAL SINGINGS

### *Alabama*

**Auburn**—First and third Monday—7:00-8:30 p.m.—St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church—136 E. Magnolia Avenue (downtown, ½ block east of Toomer's Corner)—Info: Karen Clark

**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**: Monday Night—February 1, April 4, August 1, and November 7—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**: Third Tuesday (except November and December)—5:30-7:00 p.m.—1991 edition and Cooper revision—Jubilee Center, 432 S Goldthwaite St, Montgomery, AL—Info: Bill Hogan

### *Alaska*

**Anchorage**: Second and fourth Sundays—7:00 p.m.—call or email for location—Info: John David Thacker

**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

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

## *California*

- 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
- Davis:** Second and fourth Fridays—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Email or call for location—Info: Matthew Lawson, mmlawson@ucdavis.edu
- Fresno:** Second Sunday—Location varies—Info: Linda Booth, lbooth@comcast.net
- Healdsburg:** First Sundays—1:00-3:00—Old Felta Schoolhouse, 1034 Felta Rd.—Info: Mary Anne Ciavonne, ciavonne@sonic.net
- 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
- Los Angeles (Santa Monica):** Saturday before fourth Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—Learners Workshop style—Info: Laura Boyd Russell
- Monterey:** Third Sunday—3:00-6:00 p.m.—Info: Michael Armstrong or Jack and Kathy Herbig
- San Diego:** First Sundays—3:00—5:00 p.m.—Adobe Chapel, 3950 Conde St, in Old Town San Diego—Info: Jerry Schreiber
- San Diego:** Second Sundays—4:00—6:00 p.m.—First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4190 Front Street, in Hillcrest, San Diego—Info: Jerry Schreiber
- San Diego:** Third Sundays—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Adobe Chapel, 3950 Conde St, in Old Town San Diego—Info: Jerry Schreiber
- San Diego:** Fourth Sundays—4:00-6:00 p.m.—Various locations—Info: www.sdfasola.org
- San Francisco:** Third Sundays except Jan.—1:30—4:30 p.m.—St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 101 Gold Mine Dr.—Info: Carolyn Deacy
- 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: Lindy Groening
- 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:** Second and fourth Thursday—7:00 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Edward Rice

## *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 Grimmatt

## **Connecticut**

**New Haven:** Every Tuesday (except late December when Yale is closed)—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Room 204, W.L. Harkness Hall (corner of College Street and Wall Street—Info: Ian Quinn

**New Haven:** First Saturday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—alternative book singing—Stoeckel Hall, 469 College St. (corner of College and Wall streets)—Info: Angharad Davis

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

## **District of Columbia**

**Downtown:** First and third Tuesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St. SE—Info: DC Shape note facebook page

**Metropolitan area:** Fourth Sunday, except December—4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.—Potluck 6:00 p.m.—First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia—Info: Mary Ann Daly [www.fsgw.org](http://www.fsgw.org)

## **Florida**

**Gainesville:** Sunday after third Saturday (except December)—3:30-5:30 p.m.—Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 401 NE Chokolka Boulevard, Micanopy—Info: Pat Morse

**Jacksonville:** Fourth Monday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—All Saints Episcopal Church, 4171 Hendricks Ave. (in the music room adjoining the parish hall)—Info: Tarik Wareh

**Pensacola:** Second Friday—5:30-7:30 p.m.—Governor Perry Home, 6 E Wright Street—Cooper Revision—Date and location subject to change—Info: Ryan Bowman

**Tallahassee:** Monday after fourth Sunday—7:00 p.m.—Tallahassee Friends Meetinghouse, 2001 S. Magnolia Dr—Multiple Books—Info: Morgan Bunch

**Tallahassee:** Friday before third Sunday—7:00 p.m.—Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 2015 Fleischmann Rd—Info: Alice Bejnar

## **Georgia**

**Albany:** Third Saturday except December—6:00-8:00 p.m.—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 212 N. Jefferson St. (enter through bell tower doors)—Info: Laurin Harrison

**Atlanta:** Second and fourth Wednesday—7:00 p.m.—Saint John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church, 543 Cherokee Ave., SE—

Info: Matt Hinton or John Kelso or Jesse P. Karlsberg

**Atlanta:** Third Sunday—6:00 p.m. Singing School—6:30 p.m. singing—Church of Our Saviour, 1068 North Highland Ave., NE—

Info: Amy Armstrong Wells or Jesse P. Karlsberg

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

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

Info: John Hollingsworth

**Bremen:** Third Thursday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church

**Decatur:** First Thursday (Except for December)—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Emory Presbyterian Church—1886 North Decatur Road,—

Info: David Brodeur or 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—1:00-4:00 p.m.—Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church, 50 Diamond Causeway—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

**Decatur:** Third Sunday in February, May, August and November—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Rock Springs Nature Center—Info: Terry Hogg

**Fox Valley:** First and third Tuesday—7:00—9:00 p.m.—Cornerstone Church, 41W170 Russell Rd, Elgin—Info: Ryan Wheeler

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

**Urbana:** Third Sunday during the school year (except September)—3:00-6:00 p.m.—First Mennonite Church—Info: Tom Anderson or Terry Hogg

## *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:** Third Saturday—1:00-3:00 p.m.—Kenwood Park United Methodist Church, 175 34th St. NE (entrance and parking on north side)—Info: Bryan Davis

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

**Grinnell:** Second 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:** First and third Sunday—1:30-3:00 p.m.—Union Church—Corner of Main and Prospect (enter from parking lot by ramp—Info: Kent Gilbert

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

**Louisville:** Third Sunday—2:30-4:30 p.m.—Ohio Valley Shape Note Singers—Vine Street Baptist Church—Info: Michele Cull

## **Louisiana**

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

**New Orleans:** Bi-Weekly Practice Singings—Time and location varies—Info: Ateven (504.371.2352) or atevenp@gmail.com

## **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:** Every Thursday night—7:00—9:30 p.m.—Peace Chapel of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, 4 E. University Pkwy—Info: Kevin Griffin Moreno

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

## **Massachusetts**

**Amherst:** First Sundays—2:00—4:30 p.m.—The Octagon on the Amherst College Campus—Multiple Books—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 Elizabeth Stoddard or [www.wmshc.org](http://www.wmshc.org)

**Greenfield:** Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Time and location varies—Info: Wendy Sibbison or Eliza Cavanaugh

**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

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

**Newburyport:** Third Sunday—3:00-5:30 p.m.—Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High St.—1991 edition and Cooper revision—Info: Chris Noren

**Northampton:** Every Tuesday—7:00-10:00 p.m.—Helen Hills Chapel, Smith College—Info: Linda Shea

## **Michigan**

**Ann Arbor:** Second Sunday—1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—The Ark Coffeehouse—316 S. Main—(734.761.1800)—Info: Charlotte Wolfe

**Detroit:** Fourth Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Jamie Yeats



**East Lansing:** First & third Mondays—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Edgewood United Church, 469 North Hagadorn Rd—Info: Bob Borchering  
**Grand Rapids:** First Saturdays—9:30-11:15 a.m.—Christ Church, 2500 Breton Rd, SE—Info: Susan Guerra  
**Kalamazoo:** Third Sunday—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Pot luck dinner following—529 Pinehurst Blvd.—Info: Bill and Martha Beverly

## ***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: Matt Wells  
**Minneapolis (Dinkytown):** Fourth Sundays—5:00-7:00 p.m.—University Baptist Church—1219 University Ave. SE—near the campus of the University of Minnesota—Info: Matt Wells  
**Minneapolis (Saint Paul):** Second Sundays—5:00-7:00 p.m.—Saint Sahag's Armenian Church, 203 N. Howell Street—Info: Matt Wells mnfasola.org

## ***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  
**Jackson:** Second Wednesday—6:00-8:00 p.m.—Beit Ha Torah Messianic Synagogue, Florence. Call for directions—Info: Mark Davis / Henry McGuire

## ***Missouri***

**Columbia:** Second and Fourth Tuesdays—7:30 p.m.—Trinity Presbyterian Church—Rollins Rd.—Info: Wendy Hofmann or Penny/Lou Kujawinski  
**Hannibal:** Second Sunday—2:30-5:00 p.m.—location varies—Info: Amy Foreman or Thomas Schultz  
**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: Paul Figura / Dave Ressler

## ***Montana***

**Billings:** Third Sundays—Cooper Book—3:30-5:00 p.m.—St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 180 24th Street W—Info: Gayla Bradberry  
**Missoula:** Occasional singings—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—1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.—St. Vincent's Orthodox Church—2502 North 51st Street—Info: Cindy Miserez

## ***New Hampshire***

**Berlin:** Third Saturdays—6:00-9:00 p.m.—WREN Makers' Space, 117 Main Street—Please call or email ahead as the location occasionally changes—Info: Carly Goss  
**Hanover:** Second Thursdays—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Hanover Friends Meetinghouse—Info: Dan Hertzler  
**Nelson:** Second Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Nelson Congregational Church (on the green)—Info: Eric and Sara Sandberg

**Nelson:** First and third Thursdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—820 Nelson Rd. (across from church)—Info: Eric and Sara Sandberg

## *New Jersey*

**Princeton:** Third Sunday—1:30-3:30 p.m.—October-July (no singing in August and September)—Lawrenceville School Chapel, Craven Lane at Rt. 206 in

Lawrenceville—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

**Las Cruces:** Second and fourth Tuesday—7:00 p.m.—Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive—Info: Eric Morgan or Donna Sewell

**Las Cruces:** First Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Hallmark at the Village community room, 2880 N Roadrunner Pkwy—Info: Eric Morgan or Donna Sewell

## *New York*

**Albany (Clifton Park):** Saturday after Labor Day 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

**Bovina:** Second Tuesday—6:00-8:30 p.m.—United Presbyterian Church, Bovina Center—Info: sacredharpcatskills@gmail.com

**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:** First Wednesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—St. James Episcopal Church—9 Williams St.—Info: Barbara Swetman or Margaret and Ron Bornick

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

**Ithaca:** Third 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 (14610 between Winton Road and Norris Drive, next to School #1)—Info: Chris Haller or Thom Metzger or Sue Hengelsberg  
**Syracuse:** Fourth Sunday—2:00—4:00 p.m.—Location varies—

Info: <http://sacredharp.wix.com/syracuse>

**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

**Woodstock:** Fourth Wednesday—6:00—8:30 p.m.—Edwina and Tom Unrath, 57 Harmati Lane, Shady, NY, 845-679-1273

## ***North Carolina***

**Asheville:** Second Monday—7:00 p.m.—First Congregational Church, 20 Oak St.—Info: [avlshapenote@gmail.com](mailto:avlshapenote@gmail.com)

**Durham:** Second Sundays—2:00-4:00 p.m.—First Presbyterian Church, 305 E. Main St.—Info: [ncshapenote.org](http://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](http://ncshapenote.org)

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

**Wilmington:** Last Sunday of the month—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Beginner's instruction at 1:30—Cameron Art Museum, 3201 S. 17th St—Info: 910.599.0398

**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](http://tinyurl.com/CincinnatiSacredHarp)

**Columbus:** Second Sundays—4:00-6:00 p.m.—St. James Episcopal Church, 3400 Calumet St—Info: Michael Darby / Laura Russell [columbussacredharp.org](http://columbussacredharp.org)

**Dayton:** Fourth Sundays (September—May)—3:00—6:00 p.m.—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition and Shenandoah Harmony—(June, July, and August)—The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition—Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 155 East Thruston Blvd (Oakwood)—Info: John Bayer

## ***Oklahoma***

**Edmond:** Fourth Thursdays—6:30-8:30 p.m.—2624 Sunflower Dr—Info: Nancy Price or [OKCSacredHarpSingers@gmail.com](mailto:OKCSacredHarpSingers@gmail.com)

## ***Oregon***

**Eugene:** Second and fourth Thursdays—7:30-9:00 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Jean Murphy / Karen Stingle

**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: Anna Stoerch

**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: Anna Stoerch

**Portland:** Every first Friday—5:00-7:00 p.m.—People's Co-op, 3029 SE 21st Ave, Community Room—Christian Harmony

**Salem:** Every Monday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—  
Info: Melissa Stephenson or [www.salemsacredharp.org](http://www.salemsacredharp.org)

## ***Pennsylvania***

**Douglassville (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 (University City):** Second Sundays—5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—Parish Hall, St. Mary's Church, 3916 Locust Walk (on University of Pennsylvania Campus)Potluck at 6:30 p.m.—Info: Rachel Hall

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

**Pittsburgh:** Second Saturday—1:30—4:30 p.m.—St. Andrew Lutheran Church—  
Info: Penny 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](http://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](http://ri-sacredharp.net/singings.html)

## ***South Carolina***

**Charleston:** Fourth Saturdays (occasionally Third)—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Circular Church, 150 Meeting Street—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***

**Chattanooga:** Third Thursday—7:00 p.m.—St. Elmo Fire Hall, 4501 St. Elmo Ave, Chattanooga—Info: Rachel Rudi or Judy Mincey

**Cleveland/Chattanooga:** Second Saturday, except June and July—2:30-4:30 p.m.—Location TBA—Info: Daryl Chesney  
**Johnson City:** Third Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—St. John's Episcopal Church, 500 North Roan Street—Christian Harmony 2010—Info: Don Wiley  
**Knoxville:** (New Harp of Columbia)—Info: Sara Baskin  
**Memphis:** Third Thursday—8:00-9:30 p.m.—Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese Rd—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  
**East Texas:** First Monday—6:00—8:00 p.m.—Cooper and Denson—Rotates among three churches—Westminster at Nacogdoches, Smyrna near Mt. Enterprise, and Zion Hill near Henderson—Info: David Rousseau or Robert Vaughn  
**Fort Worth:** Second Saturday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—King of Glory Lutheran Church, 1659 Sandy Lane—(1991 Edition)—Info: Chloe Webb  
**Houston:** First Sunday afternoon—2:00-4:00 p.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book*—Spring Woods Baptist Church, 10131 Emnora Lane (Emnora just east of Gessner in Activity Bldg)—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  
**San Antonio:** First Saturdays (except December)—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Coker United Methodist Church, Gibbs Bldg, 1st floor, 231 E. North Loop Road—Info: Mike Hinton or Janie Short

## *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:** First and Third Sundays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—KidsPlayce, 20 Elliot St—Info: Cuvv Lever  
**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:** Second Sundays—1:00-3:00 p.m.—Middlebury College Mahaney Center for the Arts, Room 221—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 Ann Flight

## *Virginia*

**Alexandria:** See District of Columbia

**Charlottesville:** Fourth Saturday—4:00-7:30 p.m.—Charlottesville Friends Meeting House, 1104 Forest St—Info: Diane Ober or John Alexander

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

**Floyd:** Second and fourth Tuesday—5:30-8:00 p.m.—Floyd Country Store, 206 S. Locust St—Info: Chris Wolf

**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:** First and Third Tuesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Info: Leyland delRe

## *Washington*

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

**Olympia:**—Second and third Sundays—5:00-7:00 p.m.—and Friday before fourth Sunday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Info: Marla Beth Elliott

**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 (except May)—1:30-4:00 p.m.—Good Samaritan Center, 17121 E. 8th Avenue, Spokane Valley—Info: Greg Saue

**Whidbey Island:** First Sundays—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Langley Methodist Fellowship Hall, Anthes Street—Info: Bruce Rowland

## *Wisconsin*

**Madison:** First and third Sundays—3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—usually at the Guild Hall, Grace Episcopal Church—116 West Washington Avenue—Info: Jim Page or Julie Veal

## *Australia*

**Blackwood:** Usually Third Sunday—1:00-2:00 p.m.—Blackwood Uniting Church, Martin Street

**Canberra:** First and third Wednesday (except December and January)—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Friends Meetinghouse, corner of Bent and Condamine Streets, Turner—Info: Dianne Porter

**Melbourne:** First Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—Brunswick Uniting Church, Sydney Road (opposite the Town Hall)—

Info: Natalie Sims/Shawn Whelan, sacred\_harp@yahoo.com.au

**Sydney:** Second Sundays—3:00-6:00 p.m.—Dickson Street Space in Newtown—Info: Eimear Cradock

## *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—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Priory Park Baptist Church, 8 Torch Lane, Location may change, call to confirm—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  
**Cowichan Valley, Vancouver Island, BC:** First Saturday—10:00 a.m.-noon—location varies—Info: shapenotecowichan@gmail.com  
**Vancouver, BC:** Every Thursday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Grandview Calvary Baptist Church—Info: <https://vancouvershapedharp.wordpress.com/>

## *Germany*

**Berlin:** Thursday weekly—Info: Deborah Bowen  
**Bremen:** Thursday weekly—Info: Harald Grundner  
**Frankfurt am Main:** Second Sunday—Kloster Liebfrauen, Scharfengachen 3, 60311 Frankfurt am Main—Info: [sacredharpfrankfurt.de](mailto:sacredharpfrankfurt.de)  
**Hamburg:** Tuesday—8:00 p.m.—Anglican Church of St. Thomas Becket, Zeughausmarkt, 20459 Hamburg—Info: [sacredharp-hamburg.weebly.com](http://sacredharp-hamburg.weebly.com)

## *Ireland*

**Cork:** Every Thursday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Unitarian Church, Princes Street, Cork—Info: [corksacredharp.com](http://corksacredharp.com)  
**Dublin:** Every Friday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Exchange Dublin, Exchange Street Upper, Temple Bar—Info: [corksacredharp.com](http://corksacredharp.com)

## *Japan*

**Tokyo:** Third Tuesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Ikebukuro Anglican Church, 5-24-5, Nishi-Ikebukuro, Toshima Ward—Info: Peter Evan or Tim Cook, [Tokyo.sacred.harp@gmail.com](mailto:Tokyo.sacred.harp@gmail.com)

## *Korea*

**Seoul:** Every Saturday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Seoul Anglican Cathedral—Info: Brian Sears/Phillipa Gowdy-Jaehnig/Tyler Rasch

## *Norway*

**Oslo:** First Sunday—2:00 p.m.—American Lutheran Church—Info: Jessica Sligter  
**Oslo:** Thursday before third Sunday—7:00 p.m.—Uranienborgveien 2 (location varies)—Info: Jessica Sligter

## *Poland*

**Warsaw:** Every Monday—7:30 p.m.—Freta 10, Dominicans friary—Info: Magdalena Gryszko—Facebook (search for “Sacred Harp Poland”)

## *United Kingdom*

**Belfast:** Every Sunday—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Corrymeela House, 8 Upper Crescent—Info: [www.belfastsacredharp.com](http://www.belfastsacredharp.com)  
**Birmingham:** Fourth Thursday monthly—Info: Ian West  
**Brighton:** Last Wednesday monthly—Info: [www.brightonshapenote.weebly.com](http://www.brightonshapenote.weebly.com)  
**Bristol:** Tuesday weekly—Info: Matthew Parkinson  
**Derby:** First Friday monthly—Info: Helen Brown  
**Edinburgh:** Third Friday monthly—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Info: [shapenotescotland.weebly.com/](http://shapenotescotland.weebly.com/)  
**Gateshead:** Second Sunday—Info: Helen Barbour

**Glasgow:** First Friday monthly—7:00-9:30 p.m. Info:  
shapenotescotland.weebly.com/  
**Herts:** First Friday monthly—7:30-10:00 p.m.—Info: Steve/Mary Welch  
**Leeds:** Third Monday—Info: Susan Carr  
**Lewes:** Second Monday—Info: Rachel Jordan/Nick Hall  
**London:** Weekly singings—Info: londonsacredharp.org or Michael Walker  
**Manchester:** Last Monday—7:00 p.m.—Sacred Trinity Church, Chapel Street,  
Salford—Info: Hannah Land  
**Newcastle upon Tyne:** Tuesday weekly—7:30 p.m.—Coleman Education Centre,  
St. Oswald's Hospice, Regent Avenue, Gosforth—Info: Cath Tyler  
**Norwich:** Every Monday—7:00 p.m.—Octagon Unitarian Chapel, Colegate—  
Info: Fynn Titford-Mock  
**Scarborough:** First Tuesday—Info: Sally Greaves-Lord  
**Sheffield:** First Monday—Info: Carmel Wood



## 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 on County Road 357 between mile markers 30 and 31, 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—In Ashland, turn south on AL Hwy. 9, turn right, west, on County Road 5 North. The church is a little over a mile on the left

**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—**4413 County Road 79, Daviston, 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



## *How other singing books appear in the Minutes*

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

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

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

# SACRED HARP SINGINGS

## 2015 MINUTES

### BARRETT PATTON'S CHRISTMAS SINGING

Henagar, Alabama

Friday, December 26, 2014

The 8th annual Christmas Singing was held at the Patton home in Henagar, Alabama. The class was called to order by Barrett Patton. He led 34b, and then offered an opening prayer.

Leaders: Barrett Patton 523; Rodney Ivey 56t; Tony Ivey 57; Loyd Ivey 108t; Judy Caudle 27; Nate Green and Norma Green 482; B. M Smith 66; Nicholas Thompson 192; Chris Coughlin 97; Lauren Bock 273; Eloise Wootten 222; Cheyenne Ivey 77t; Susan Cheronos 186; Sierra Saylor 117; Cassie Allen 213t; Scott Ivey 492; David Saylor 203; Cindy Tanner 220; Ricky Harcrow 37b; Jesse P. Karlsberg 39b; Teresa Saylor 277; Lilly Underwood 61; Sandy Ivey 201; Jared Wootten and Marty Wootten 42; Claudene Townson 68b; Barrett Patton and Rilla Greeson 106; Barrett Patton and Cheyenne Ivey 358; Barrett Patton 59 (for Lou); Rodney Ivey and Chris Coughlin 73t (in memory of Bud Oliver), 384 (for Coy Ivey), 465 (CB); Jesse P. Karlsberg 503 (in memory of Raymond Hamrick); Cassie Allen 490 (in memory of Aunt Bob Greeson); Scott Ivey 572 (CB) (in memory of Granddaddy Greeson). Barrett Patton led 62 as the closing song, and then offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Barrett Patton; Secretary—Judy Caudle

### AMERICAN CHRISTMAS HARP SINGING

Olympia, Washington

Saturday, December 27, 2014

The second Christmas Harp All-Day Singing was held on Saturday after Christmas at the Organic Farmhouse at The Evergreen State College. Songs were selected from *An American Christmas Harp*, as well as from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. The class was called to order by Solomon Ossa and Marla Elliott leading 46. A prayer was offered by Kate Fortin.

Leaders: Anna Stoersch 125 (ACH); Kathy Vlach 60 (ACH); Miranda Elliott Rader 90 (ACH); Bob Schinske 89 (ACH); Kate Fortin 62 (ACH); Nick Taylor 448b; Clarissa Fetrow 280; Thom Fahrback 306; Darlene Simpson-Brown 72 (ACH); Erik Schwab 32 (ACH); Dezi Fendel 424; Kevin Barrans 102 (ACH); Susan Helf 10 (ACH); Peter Schinske 3 (ACH); Anne Huckins 104 (ACH); Jack Lofton 74 (ACH); Cornelia Stanton 113 (ACH); Dan Thoma 88 (ACH); Ana Tighe 61 (ACH); Steve Cackley 130 (ACH); Kate Coxon 78 (ACH).

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Solomon Ossa; Secretary/Treasurer—Marla Elliott; Chaplain—Kate Fortin.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Solomon Ossa leading 9 (ACH). Leaders: Susan Helf 30 (ACH); Peter Schinske 143; Ana Tighe 46 (ACH); Kate Fortin 122 (ACH); Bob Schinske 279; Anne Huckins 159; Marla Elliott 48 (ACH); Steve Cackley 103 (ACH); Clarissa Fetrow 174; Matt Ebarb 344; Thom Fahrback 225b; Darlene Simpson-Brown and Berta Binns 50 (ACH); Nick Taylor 38t; Anna Stoersch 98 (ACH); Kathy Vlach 126 (ACH); Miranda Elliott Rader 36 (ACH); Kate Coxon 2 (ACH); Dan Thoma 430; Jack Lofton 19 (ACH); Dezi Fendel 431; Kevin Barrans

402; Cornelia Stanton 39 (ACH); Erik Schwab 44 (ACH). Kate Fortin offered the noon prayer.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Miranda Elliott Rader and Gaea Singer leading 82 (ACH). Leaders: Dan Thoma 81 (ACH); Clarissa Fetrow 200; Steve Cackley 110 (ACH); Kate Coxon 474; Thom Fahrback 106 (ACH); Kate Fortin 419; Kevin Barrans 124; Kathy Vlach 31 (ACH); Jack Lofton 84 (ACH); Cornelia Stanton 318; Solomon Ossa 125; Anna Stoerch 28 (ACH); Erik Schwab 56 (ACH); Darlene Simpson-Brown 26 (ACH); Matt Ebarb and Jennifer Cariaso 63 (ACH); Ana Tighe 85 (ACH).

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Kate Fortin leading 166. Leaders: Dezi Fendel 323b; Carmen Doerge 76b; Marla Elliott 162; Peter Schinske 165; Nick Taylor 107; Anne Huckins 217; Susan Helf 303; Thom Fahrback 388; Kathy Vlach 100 (ACH); Kevin Barrans 418; Anna Stoerch 96; Erik Schwab 1 (ACH); Miranda Elliott Rader 41 (ACH); Clarissa Fetrow 503; Dan Thoma 274t; Jack Lofton 86 (ACH); Kate Coxon 425; Matt Ebarb 36b; Ana Tighe 107 (ACH); Steve Cackley 489; Darlene Simpson Brown 179.

Announcements were made. The class resolved to repeat this event on Sunday, December 27, 2015. Solomon Ossa led 267 as the closing song. Kate Fortin dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Solomon Ossa; Secretary—Marla Elliott

## WOOTTEN FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

Ider, Alabama

December 31, 2014-January 1, 2015

The 53rd session of the Wootten Family New Year's Eve Singing held at Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama, was called to order by Terry Wootten leading 48t and 53. The opening prayer was offered by Chris Boggs.

Leaders: Terry Wootten and Chris Boggs 277; Hayden Wootten and David Saylor 313t, 203; Chris Coughlin 39t; Aaron Wootten 445; Boyd Scott 358; Darrell Swarens 208; Judy Caudle 542 (for Bill and Reba Windom); Kennedy Wootten, Raven Townson, and Dani Townson 31b, 32t, 448t; Levon Wootten 348b; Jenny Mann, Karalina Mann, KayLee Mann, and Karlie Mann 186, 45t; Syble Adams 472; Louis Hughes 34t; Chris Holley and Kathe Pilibosian 83t; Dean Jens 276; Max Berueffy and Karin Covi 155, 68b; Sam Wright 99; Rachel Speer 187; Joanne Fuller 73t.

#### RECESS

David Saylor and Hayden Wootten led 108t to bring the class back to order.

Leaders: Phil Townson and Danette Townson 511b (CB); Shelby Castillo 299; B.M. Smith 475; James Eldridge 217; Loyd Ivey and Eloise Wootten 426b, 318; David Carlton 98 (CB); David Hufstetler 457; Phil Summerlin 515; Adrian Eldridge 499; Daniel Bearden 286; Katherine Eldridge 33b; Tony Ivey and Lorrie Wootten 454; Nate Green and Norma Green 495; Brenda Carroll 300. Louis Hughes offered prayer before the meal.

#### Supper

The class was brought back together by Hayden Wootten and David Saylor leading 76b. Leaders: Jared Wootten 441; Cheyenne Ivey 172; Shane Wootten 106 (in memory of Hobert Ivey, Olivia Allen, Donna Ruth Durden, and Phillip Wootten), 97; Scott Ivey 290; Susan Cheronos 564; Rodney Ivey 133 (CB); Daniel Williams 123b; Marty Wootten 546; Betty Shepherd 101t; Sierra Saylor 481; Claudene Townson 572 (CB) (for Laura Densmore); Tammy Hohenstein 547; Gail Doss 148;

Teresa Saylor and Amber Saylor 215; Sarah Vaughn 460; Virginia Eldridge 531; Sandy Ivey 225t; Jamey Wootten 440.

#### RECESS

David Saylor and Hayden Wootten led 56t to bring the class to order. Leaders: Jeffrey Wootten 286b (CB); Cole Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten 40; Coy Ivey 465 (CB); Mark Irick 74b; Chris Boggs, Jamey Wootten, Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, Cole Wootten, and Aaron Wootten 82t; Dean Jens, Rachel Speer, and Calvin Jens 421; Daniel Williams 309; Vicki See and Billy See 312b; Lorrie Wootten and Linda Thomas 47t (in memory of Hobert Ivey); Terry Wootten 526 (WB), 527 (WB), "Where the Soul Never Dies", 518 (CB); Rodney Ivey 490 (by request). Terry Wootten led 515 (CB) as the closing song. Shane Wootten offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Terry Wootten; Secretary—Judy Caudle

### **CINCINNATI NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING** **Harriet Beecher Stowe House, Cincinnati, Ohio** **Thursday, January 1, 2015**

The 24th annual Cincinnati New Year's Day Singing was held at the historic home of Harriet Beecher Stowe in Cincinnati, Ohio, beginning with Kay Huener leading 48t. Beth Huener offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Linda Coppock 535; John Bealle 108t; Debbie Hall 362; Rich Overturf 100; Michael Domino 235; Karen Arnett 479; Jim Coppock 91; Nada Huron 146; Conner Wilburn 291; Ray Rechenberg 277; Steve Angell 178; Lois Hurt 81b; Bob French 223; Beth Huener 454; Ruth Wampler 209; Stacey Latimer 503.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back to order by John Bealle leading 87. Leaders: Randy Webber "Mt. Zion"; Rich Kern 496; Eloise Clark 163t; Carol Medicott 148; Daniel Coppock 193; Anne Missavage 66; Cecelia Kramer 131t; Debbie Hall 273; Linda Coppock 196; Jim Coppock 556; Kay Huener 269; Michael Domino 232; Conner Wilburn 84; Rich Overturf 49b; Ruth Wampler 268; Stacey Lattimer 56b; Karen Arnett 142; Lois Hurt 145b; Ray Rechenberg 480; Beth Huener 86; Carol Medicott 276; Steve Angell 358; Bob French 180. Ed Walton asked the blessing on the mid-day meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was brought together by Kay Huener leading 313b. Leaders: John Bealle 175; Dorsey Stebbins and John Bealle 30t; Nada Huron 162; Nathan Coppock 117; Daniel Coppock 474; Randy Webber 236.

Beth Huener conducted a memorial lesson, leading 163b in memory of David Wampler and Carol Hammer—Pennsylvania; Laurel Sherer—Indiana; Raymond Hamrick—Georgia; Ann Weaver and Bob Hutchison—Kentucky; Ruth Overturf and Amy Luxemburger—Ohio. She then offered a prayer.

The singing continued with the following leaders: Anne Missavage 528; Cecelia Kramer 328; Eloise Clark 36b; Lois Hurt 355; Stacey Latimer 31t; Ruth Wampler, Ray Rechenberg, and VaLinda Latham 43; Beth Huener 547; Bob French 338.

#### RECESS

John Bealle called the class to order by leading 388. Leaders: Carol Medicott 192; Michael Domino 172; Cecelia Kramer 71; Steve Angell 159; Randy Webber 173; Anne Missavage 430; Daniel Coppock 512; Jim Coppock 546; Lind Coppock 299; Ray Rechenberg 477; Kay Huener 234; Rich Overturf "Land of Beulah"; Debbie Hall 497; Karen Arnett 218; Eloise Clark 300; John Bealle 434; Anne Missavage and Cecelia Kramer 39t; Ruth Wampler 394; Lois Hurt 200.

Following announcements, Kay Huener led 347. Beth Huener offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Kay Huener; Secretary—Linda Coppock

## **NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING**

### **Holy Trinity Church, Mapperley, Derbyshire, United Kingdom Thursday, January 1, 2015**

The annual New Year's Day Singing was held at Holy Trinity Church, Mapperley, Derbyshire, United Kingdom. The class was called to order by Helen Brown leading 52t. Erin Johnson-Hill offered the opening prayer.

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

Leaders: Ted Brown 511t (CB); Margaret Gillanders 350; Chris Brown 229; Michael Walker 45t (CB); Mark Wardlaw 336t (CB); Erin Johnson-Hill 411 (CB); Ruth Steggle 171; Lin James 85; Joe Vickers 63; Rosalind Oldham 84; Ed Richardson 52b; Ian West 182; Hannah Land 98 (CB); Richard Percival 573 (CB); Ed Paton-Williams 559 (CB); Cath Ingham 155; Karen Turner 73t; Benny Ross 441; Chris Brown 31t; Steve Fletcher 392 (CB); Julie Russell 30t; Judy Whiting 268b (CB); Mark Wardlaw 114 (CB); Hannah Land 383; Michael Walker 99. Grace for the mid-day meal was offered by Jonathan Stanyon.

#### **LUNCH**

Judy Whiting reconvened the class leading 176t. Leaders: Richard Mayers 141; Helen Brown 349; Ed Paton-Williams 587 (CB); Lin James 571 (CB); Ted Brown 133 (CB); Sarah West 572 (CB); Scott Lewin 569b; Rosalind Oldham 575 (CB); Joe Vickers 505 (CB); Karen Turner 270; Ed Richardson 222 (CB); Erin Johnson-Hill 340.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Gillian White. The following sick and housebound were named: Madge and family, Sister Pippa, Sue Dann, George Player, Anna Rigby-Wild, Shelby Sampson, Steve Harrison, Ian McDougall, Stewart Morris, and Alison Mitchell Zunkle. The following deceased were remembered and honored: Flo Charles, Mick Finney, Maggie Boyle, Dorothy Williams, Raymond Hamrick, Jim Vickers, Geoffrey Nathan, Dave Howes, Bill Kerridge, Danny Arms, and Margaret Long. Michael Walker led 482 for all the above named, and closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Margaret Gillanders 546; Ian West 384; Steve Fletcher 87; Cath Ingham 148; Benny Ross 476 (CB).

#### **RECESS**

Joe Vickers led 497 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Richard Mayers 82b; Sarah West 82t; Scott Lewin 162; Margaret Gillanders 500 (CB); Ruth Steggle 411; Mark Wardlaw 408; Erin Johnson-Hill 426t; Chris Brown 163t; Hannah Land 392; Karen Turner 38t (CB); Ed Paton-Williams 428 (CB); Benny Ross 318; Ed Richardson 502; Michael Walker 486 (CB); Rosalind Oldham 488; Ian West 140 (CB).

Helen Brown and Ted Brown led 347 as the closing song. Simon White dismissed the class with prayer.

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



**DOMINIC CIAVONNE ZIEGLER MEMORIAL SINGING**  
**Felta Schoolhouse, Healdsburg, California**  
**Thursday, January 1, 2015**

The 3rd annual Dominic Ciavonne Ziegler Memorial All-Day Singing was held at the Felta Schoolhouse, Healdsburg, California, on New Year's Day. The singing was opened by Lindy Groening leading 47t. David Fetcho offered the opening prayer. Mary Ann Ciavonne, Dominic's mother, welcomed the class and made announcements.

The following served as officers: Chairman—Mary Ann Ciavonne; Vice Chairman—Caroline Bonnet; Secretary—Betty Marvin.  
Leaders: Shani Aviram 297; Susan Fetcho 270; Vicki Chung 569b; Erika Wilson 171; Dan Harper 183; Caroline Bonnet 277; David Fetcho 128; Betty Marvin 184; Susan Lindner 217; Linda Selph 146 (for Janelle Davis and her mother, Virginia); Pat Coghlan 38t; Jennie Brown 283; Jack Ziegler 294; Phil Jensen 474.

**RECESS**

The class was called back together by Patrick Ziegler and Lindy Groening leading 72b. Leaders: Terry Moore 334; Brendan Gaffney 282; Susan Willis-Powers 538; Cindy Willard Danner and Karen Willard 82t (in memory of Nadine Willard); Linda Domholt 70b; Mary Gowins 65; Jeff Begley 70t; Terry Barber 42; Karen Willard and Ken Hallock 368; Hody Wilson 457; Mary Ann Ciavonne 56b.

**RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Dan Harper leading 39t. Leaders: Allegra Wilson 448b; Rebecca Edwards 336; Ken Hallock 354t; Caroline Bonnet 284; Terry Moore 193; Susan Lindner 192; Brendan Gaffney 47b; Vicki Chung 99; Linda Domholt 348t; Mary Gowins 187; Betty Marvin 202; Jack Ziegler 339; Mary Ann Ciavonne 114; Lindy Groening 389. Mary Ann Ciavonne offered the prayer before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The class was called to order by Karen Willard leading 30t. Leaders: Rebecca Edwards 32t; Jeff Begley 111b; Linda Selph 430; Susan Willis-Powers 436; Erika Wilson 564; Shani Aviram 440; Phil Jensen 503; Terry Barber 142; Dan Harper 268; David Fetcho 218; Jennie Brown 456; Karen Willard 542; Mary Ann Ciavonne 178; Mary Gowins 534; Pat Coghlan 228; Susan Lindner 200; Allegra Wilson 504; Terry Moore 556; Linda Domholt 122.

**RECESS**

Mary Gowins led 159. Leaders: Shani Aviram 285t; Peter Ross 344; Susan Fetcho 401 (for her father and his parents, who were missionaries in Cuba); Terry Barber 107; Jennie Brown 383; Jeff Begley 330b; Jack Ziegler 335; Rebecca Edwards 402; Vicki Chung 57; Betty Marvin 309; Linda Selph 384; Pat Coghlan 501; Susan Willis-Powers 497; Caroline Bonnet 148; Karen Willard and Erika Wilson 48t; Patrick Ziegler and Jack Ziegler 45t.

Announcements were made and thanks were given. Mary Ann Ciavonne led 347 as the closing song. David Fetcho offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mary Ann Ciavonne; Vice Chairman—Caroline Bonnet; Secretary—Betty Marvin

## SHADY GROVE ANNUAL SINGING

**Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama  
Sunday, January 4, 2015**

The Shady Grove Annual Singing was held on the first Sunday in January. Don Keeton called the class to order leading 317. The morning prayer was offered by Don Keeton, and then he led 335.

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

Leaders: Don Keeton 100; Marlin Beasley 31t, 318; Yancey Jett 440, 89; Jerry Kitchens 74b, 421; Warren Steel 283, 134, 411; Anne Steel 371, 378b, 480; Earl Ballinger 439, 217 (for his daughter, Beth); Gravis Ballinger 300, 182; Danny Creel 389, 269, 383; Ken Tate 295, 336, 475; Chris Ballinger 84, 350, 528.

### RECESS

Don Keeton and Shirley Tidwell called the class back to order by leading 457.

Leaders: Loretta Whitman 81t, 426t, 274t; Jim Goetz 312b, 503, 52t; Richard Mauldin 101t (for Steve Adams), 388 (for his sister), 146 (in memory of Big Mama); Lisa Geist 276, 540, 273; Janelle Davis 171, 178, 148; Glenn Keeton 385b, 163b, 86.

### LUNCH

Don Keeton and Avalene Dutton called the class back to order by leading 235.

Leaders: Parnell Berry 306; Roma Rice 66, 68b (for Dawson and Edith Adams, Velton and Johnie Chafin, and Odie Horton), 225t; Larry Ballinger 224, 490 (in memory of Jean Ballinger); Ann Jett 319; Amber Davis 214, 142, 542; Jack Pate 75, 282, 535; Jayne Fulmer 460, 454; Alvin Beasley and Linda Beasley 72b, 354b; Janelle Davis 107; Jim Goetz 159, 47b; Anne Steel 46; Warren Steel 278b; Marlin Beasley 278t.

Don Keeton led 62 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Vice Chairman—Don Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice

## LILLIAN CALVERT AND IRENE WOODLEY

### MEMORIAL SINGING

**Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama  
Saturday Night, January 10, 2015**

The 61st session of the Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley Memorial Singing was held at Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama, on Saturday night before the second Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Yancey Jett and Elsie Moon leading 166 and 77t. The opening prayer was offered by Glenn Keeton.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Yancey Jett; Secretary—Wanda Capps; Arranging Officer—Ann Jett.

Leaders: Yancey Jett 440; Emma Calvert 388, 176t; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 517 (WB), 378b; Ottis Sides 530; Steve Adams 331; Eugene Forbes 328; Velton Chafin 495; Butch White 49b; Jetty Lawson 358; Richard Mauldin 446; Jerry Kitchens 71; Lisa Geist 527; Rodney Ivey 65; Emily Brown 67; Hubert Nall 168; Jerry Aaron 426b; Earl Ballinger 418; Julianna Jett 142; Judy Caudle 234; Don Keeton 406; Elsie Moon, Danny Creel, Ann Jett, Cindy Tanner, Sue Freeman, and Wanda Capps 45t.

### RECESS

Emily Brown led 312b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Amber Davis 110; Glenn Keeton 504; Jim Aaron 47b; Marlin Beasley 512; Brenda Chafin 441; Loretta Whitman 101t; Jackie Tanner 477; Henry Guthery 548; Elene Stovall 411; Sarah Beasley 129; Kim Naramore and Faye Naramore 335; Larry Ballinger 402; Wanda Capps 546; Ken Tate 547; Ann Jett 327; Danny Creel 131b; Cindy Tanner 198 (for Aunt Elsie), 269.

Announcements were made. Yancey Jett and Emily Brown led 56t as the closing song. Glenn Keeton offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Yancey Jett; Secretary—Wanda Capps

## **CHICAGO ANNIVERSARY SINGING** **Kilbourn Park Fieldhouse, Chicago, Illinois** **Sunday, January 11, 2015**

The 30th Chicago Anniversary Singing was held at the Kilbourn Park Fieldhouse, Chicago, Illinois, on the second Sunday in January. Anne Heider called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. and led 171. Susan Geil offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Lisa Grayson 178; Eileen Ferguson 84; Orwin Youngquist 153; Mary Rogel 556; Jan Ketelle 36b; Carol Ann Munro 392; Lori Graber 328.

In a business meeting, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairpersons—Lisa Grayson and Ann Sleeva; Vice Chairpersons—Dave Barford and Debbie Barford; Secretary—Eileen Ferguson.

Leaders: Gary Plazyck 159; Rochelle Lodder 276; Katy Kanfer 155; Jim Swanson 560; Jim Helke 399t; Daniel Hunter 398; Leon Pulsinelle 384; Ann Miczulski 361; Doug Stapleton 485; James Gingerich 455; Alec Jenkins-White 383; Shaun Fenton 47t; Ginnie Landgraf 125; David Barford 540. Ann Sleeva announced the Memorial Committee: Marcia Johnson and Nathan Rees.

### **RECESS**

Debbie Barford called the class to order leading 29t. Leaders: Susan Geil 31t; Megan Dunning 373; James Page 272; Terry Cunningham 146; Sam Singleton-Freeman 268; Jeff Breting 448t; Cecelia Kramer 430; Melanie Hauff and Judy Hauff 216; Nathan Berry 401; Randy Neufeld 47b; Carol V. Crawford 306; Jerry Gripshover and Jim Helke 87; Ann Missavage 280; Aldo Ceresa 431; Michael Mosley 434; Marian Mitchell 284.

### **RECESS**

David Barford brought the class back together by leading 37b. Leaders: Cathryn Bearov 372; AnnaLeigh Smith 505; Larry Nothwehr 547; Dan Nickel 39t.

Nathan Rees spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins and read the following list of names: David Buchanan, Lonnie Hurst, Melody Brown, Julie Uea, Johanna Fabke, Joe Harrington, Linda Borucki, Anne Wallingford, August Roeser, Steven Anthony, Mary Owen, Judith Klein, Bernice Harvey, John Seaton, Beverly Rose Enright, Marianne Eberhardt, Bob Scorgie, Loraine Bayer, Lee Dexheimer, Eileen Buchanan, Evelyn Harris, Bill Windom, Shirley Holley, Bob Sullivan, Toney Smith, and Lavoy Smith. Nathan Rees led 39b.

Marcia Johnson gave the memorial lesson, and read the following list of names of the deceased: Stanly Edwards—Alabama/Oregon; Raymond Hamrick, Mary Hamilton—Georgia; Joanne Grande, Brenda Overton, Kristi Symons—Illinois; Odis Abbott, Gideon Fryer, Virginia Lea Tolley Duke—Tennessee; Sandra Zeiset Richardson—Washington. Marcia Johnson led 288. Carol Ann Munro offered prayer.

Leaders: Steve Warner 474; Jonathan Smith 444; Daniel Braithwaite 531; Anna Pfau 564; Ted Johnson and Jim Sanabria 222. Ginnie Landgraf led the class in prayer to offer grace before the noon meal.

### **LUNCH**

Lisa Grayson brought the class back to order by leading 192. Leaders: Ted Mercer 53; Michael Apert 107; Jim Crawford 228; Petrina Patti 217; Judy Hauff 275t; Anne Heider 394; Nathan Rees 380; Marcia Johnson 368; Debbie Barford and Angela Rosis 282; Laura May Noble 504; Mark Dawson 236; Jan Ketelle 212; Daniel Hunter 370; James Gingerich 448b; James Page 168; Randy Neufeld 270; Jonathan Smith 202. Larry Nothwehr gave the founders lesson. Founders Ted and Marcia Johnson, Kris Richardson, Ginny Warren, Terry Cunningham, Ted Mercer, and Judy Hauff joined him in the square to lead 189.

#### RECESS

Nathan Berry and Dan Hunter led 79 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Anna Missavage and Cecelia Kramer 77t; Aldo Ceresa 522; Ryan Hill 338; Jeff Guhin and Steve Warner 49t; AnnaLeigh Smith 477; Leon Pulsinelle 341; Katy Kanfer 542; Shawn Fenton 428; Alec Jenkins-White 99; Marian Mitchell 335; Ann Miczulski 30t; Carol V. Crawford 535; Sam Singleton-Freeman 122; Nathan Berry 185. Lisa Grayson and Ann Sleeva thanked the committees and singers. The finance committee announced that we almost met our financial needs. Illinois Arts Council made a grant to us.

Lisa Grayson and Ann Sleeva led 347 as the closing song. Jeanine Oakes Daugherty dismissed the class with a prayer.

Chairpersons—Lisa Grayson and Ann Sleeva; Vice Chairpersons—Dave Barford and Debbie Barford; Secretary—Eileen Ferguson

### **UNCLE JACK KERR AND UNCLE HENRY KERR MEMORIAL Camp Ground Methodist Church, Cleburne County, Alabama Sunday, January 11, 2015**

The annual Sacred Harp singing honoring the memory of Uncle Jack Kerr and Uncle Henry Kerr was held on the second Sunday in January, at Camp Ground Methodist Church, north of Fruithurst, Alabama. Henry Johnson welcomed everyone, called the class to order by leading 59, and then offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers retained: Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Ed Thacker; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 230; Ed Thacker 503 (in memory of Raymond Hamrick), 511; Donna Bell 426b, 63; Judy Chambless 28t, 29t; Winfred Kerr 282, 89; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 101t, 340; Cecil Roberts 138b, 56t; Robby Rivers 480, 384; Margaret Thacker 39b, 303; Kacey Askin 40, 178; Robert Chambless 354t, 166.

#### RECESS

Henry Johnson brought the class back to order leading 138t. Leader: Samuel Williams 349, 224.

Members of the Kerr Family conducted the memorial lesson. Winfred Kerr (son of Uncle Henry Kerr) stated that many of the Kerr Family were absent this year. He welcomed everyone to the singing, then thanked them for coming and making this a special day. Jolene Loescher (a granddaughter of Uncle Jack Kerr) said “the Bible didn’t say anything about preaching, but it did say there would be singing.

Granddaddy lived to be 97 or 98. Went to singings up till a year or two before he died.” Mrs. Irene Snow, age 97, daughter of Uncle Jack Kerr, was also in attendance. The Kerr family led 45t in memory of Uncle Jack Kerr and Uncle Henry Kerr. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Wyatt Denney 77t, 65; Rene Greene 436 (for Hester Edwards), 454 (for Virginia Dyer); Richard DeLong 104 (in memory of Alice Edwards and for Hester Edwards), 44; Karen Rollins 168 (in memory of Henry Kerr); Tony Hammock 105;

314; B.M. Smith 350; Charlene Wallace 283. Henry Johnson offered the blessing of the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing began with Ed Thacker and Daniel Williams leading 48t. Leaders: Daniel Williams 35, 500; Lisa Bennett 102, 42; Philip Denney and Alex Denney 61, 142; David Brodeur 300, 209; Jack Nelson 540 (in memory of Raymond Hamrick), 312t; John Plunkett 572, 216 (for Bill and Reba Windom); Oscar McGuire 229, 336; David Smead 119, 403; Rene Greene and Richard DeLong 551; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 452; Samuel Williams and Daniel Williams 74t; Lisa Bennett and David Smead 313t; Oscar McGuire and Jack Nelson 560; Henry Johnson and Karen Rollins 556; Philip Denney, Wyatt Denney, Alex Denney, and Kacey Askin 268; David Brodeur, Charlene Wallace, and B.M. Smith 498; Tony Hammock and Donna Bell 464; Cecil Roberts and Winfred Kerr 97; Robert Chambless and Judy Chambless 347.

Announcements were made. Henry Johnson and Ed Thacker led 521 as the closing song. Rev. Joey Ray, pastor of the church, offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

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

### FYN(N)GING

#### Windmill Road / Quaker Meeting House, Cork, Ireland Sunday, January 11, 2015

Sixteen singers gathered for the first singing from the Fynn Harmony (First Edition), organized by the Sacred Harp Singers of Cork to celebrate the compositions of Fynn Titford-Mock. The class was brought to order by Fynn Titford-Mock leading “Neat” (major) and “Neat” (minor).

Leaders: Cath Saunt “Octagon Chapel”; Amanda Parkes “Elsworthy Road”; Fynn Titford-Mock “Lee”; Lisa O’Grady “Mousehold Heath”; Fynn Titford-Mock “Rumination”; Cath Saunt “Fahrbach”; Bryan Seale “Bradshaw”; Fynn Titford-Mock “Camden Palace”; Fynn Titford-Mock “Wordsley”; Cath Saunt “Ilzetzki”; Lisa O’Grady “Story”; Fynn Titford-Mock “Woods”; Lisa O’Grady “Nos Galan”; Lisa O’Grady “Easton”.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing in the Quaker Meeting House with Fynn Titford-Mock leading “Elation”. Leaders: Lisa O’Grady “Bensham”; Cath Saunt “Opal Creek”; Fynn Titford-Mock “The Heart In Tune”; Fynn Titford-Mock “Becket”; Fynn Titford-Mock “Low Walker”; Sadhbh O’Flynn “Crane Lane”; Cath Saunt “Neat (major)”; Sadhbh O’Flynn “Rhydithon”; Bryan Seale “Macarte”; Cath Saunt “Fahrbach”.

#### RECESS

Cath Saunt brought the class back to order by leading “Heath Street”.

Leaders: Lisa O’Grady “Bremen”; Bryan Seale “Take Salvation”; Bryan Seale “Haworth”; Cath Saunt “Beacon Rock”; Cath Saunt “Dowland”; Cath Saunt “Declaration”; Fynn Titford-Mock “Malala”; Lisa O’Grady “Hauxley”; Fynn Titford-Mock “Wordsley”; Fynn Titford-Mock “Gratitude”; Cath Saunt “Cecelia”; Cath Saunt “Delmenhorst”; Cath Saunt “Generosity”; Cath Saunt “Laurel Hill”; Niamh O’Sullivan “Sarahville”; Cath Saunt “Iverley Edge”.

Secretary—Kevin Kennedy

**AUBURN SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Auburn, Alabama**  
**Saturday, January 17, 2015**

The 12th 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 Fred Hoerr leading 31t. Father John Wells Warren offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Fred Hoerr; Vice Chairman—Karen Clark; Arranging Committee—Cathy Love; Secretary—Marty Hoerr; Chaplain—Fr. John Wells Warren.

Leaders: Fred Hoerr 31b; Karen Clark 70t; Marty Hoerr and Fr. Wells Warren 28b; Robert Chambless 163b; Angie Conway and Karen Clark 503; Jack Nelson and Ken Milner 318; Bill Hogan 53; Lisa Geist and Larry Ballinger 528; Stanley Smith 142; Chris Ballinger 477; Stuart Ivey 440; Carolyn Thompson 280; Max Bruce 313t; Nate Green and Norma Green 540; Bea Aaron 175; David Ivey 168; Edna Phillips 354b; Shane Wootten 67; Jim Aaron 47b; Wendy Futral 457; Oscar McGuire 485; Philip Denney, Alex Denney, Wyatt Denny, and Slade Lathery 87.

**RECESS**

Karen Clark brought the class back to order by leading 421. Leaders: Karen Rollins 455; Richard Ivey, Allen Conradi, and Regina Conradi 131b; Mickey Edwards 310; Lisa Bennett 181; David Brodeur 91; Andy Ditzler 36b; Sharon DuPriest 216; David Smead 128; J.R. Hardman 227; Wyatt Denny 385b; Scott Depoy 179; Adam Brasich 38b; Jeannette DePoy 177; Phil Summerlin 112; Timothy Morton 369; Kelsey Ivey 492; Johanna Sims 32t; Phyllis Bickers, Philip Denney, Karen Rollins, and Karleen Williams 61; Janelle Davis 276; Samuel Sommers 431. Jack Nelson offered the blessing before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

Fred Hoerr brought the class back to order by leading 97. Leaders: Stuart Ivey and Nancy Vinson 295; Judy Chambless 527; Charlene Wallace 155; Jim Aaron and Bea Aaron 68b; Loyd Ivey 47t; Lisa Geist, Larry Ballinger, and Chris Ballinger 75; Stanley Smith 84; Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy 65; Karen Ivey 182; Timothy Morton 183; Lisa Bennett 344; David Smead 383; J.R. Hardman 270; Max Bruce 479; Janelle Davis and Samuel Sommers 448t; Shane Wootten and Kelsey Ivey 411; Philip Denney and Wyatt Denney 481; Sharon DuPriest 546; Adam Brasich 102; Carolyn Thompson 542; Bill Hogan 51; Phil Summerlin 378t; Karen Rollins 327; Jack Nelson and Ken Milner 45t; Mickey Edwards 77t; Samuel Sommers 54; Johanna Sims 209; Edna Phillips 490; David Ivey, Richard Ivey, Tamara Wright, and Joanna Nicovich 63; David Brodeur and Andy Ditzler 522; Oscar McGuire 515; Officers and Organizing Committee 547.

Announcements were made. Fred Hoerr led 62 as the closing song. Father John Wells Warren offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Fred Hoerr; Vice Chairman—Karen Clark; Secretary—Marty Hoerr

**ALL-CALIFORNIA SACRED HARP CONVENTION**  
**Harrison Recreation Center, Lincoln Park, Alameda, California**  
**January 17-18, 2015**  
**Saturday, January 17**

The 27th annual All-California Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Harrison Recreation Center, Lincoln Park, Alameda, California, on the third Sunday and Saturday before in January. The class was called to order by Jeff Begley leading 275t. Jim Friedrich offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Jennie Brown; Vice Chairman—Mairye Bates; Secretary—Betty Marvin; Treasurer—Terry Barber.

Leaders: Jennie Brown 101t; Betty Marvin 540; Greg Freed 339; Linda Selph 68b; Susan Fetcho 421; Leigh Cooper 418; Mary Gowins 135; Lindy Groening 498; Erika Wilson 201; David Fetcho 440; Tom Ayres 260; Rebecca Edwards 85; Linda Berkemeier 480; Mark Godfrey 277; Terry Barber 210; Edward Rice 48t; Dave Barber 362; Carolyn Deacy 224; Caroline Bonnet 401; Dan Harper 268; Matthew Lawson 312b.

#### RECESS

The class was called back together by Julian Damashek and Lucy O'Leary leading 36b. Leaders: Chris Thorman 269; Linnea Sablosky 285t; Will Fitzgerald 56b; Shani Aviram 377; Hannah Mae Blair 271t; Hugh McGuire 240; Linda Booth 198; Terry Moore 422; Colleen Dougher 442; James Welsch 436; Janet Herman 500; Esteban Veliz 228; Marilyn Murata 456; Pat Coghlan 272; Terry Barber and Mary Gowins 59.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Lindy Groening and Clarissa Fetrow leading 82t. Leaders: Phil Jensen 569b; Beth Fitzgerald and Will Fitzgerald 131t; Jeri Segal 411; Gordon Rees 539; Ruth Warkentin and Stephen O'Leary 49b; Jim Friedrich 300; Rick Russell 446; Dorothy Robinson 106; Steve Cackley 378t; Bob Jost and David Olson 535; Erik Schwab 538; Joanne Orengo and David McFarlane 472; Kate Coxon 344; Bruce Coates 150; Susan Willis-Powers 38b; Steve Warner and Betty Lou Bradshaw 474; Clarissa Fetrow 182; Sean Francis Conway 491; Nancy Price 107. Jim Friedrich offered the prayer before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with David Fetcho leading 105. Leaders: Steve Helwig 371; Karen Willard 485; Laura Boyd Russell 384; Paul Lindholm 187; Sally Langendorf 548; Mary Rose O'Leary 183; Sara Kostka 503; Betsy Jeronen 573; Beverly Coates 448t; Kevin Barrans 209; Cornelia Stanton 350; James Baumgartner 319; Stephanie Fida 400; Isaac O'Leary, Lucy O'Leary, and Rachel O'Leary 155; Anne Heider 546; Brad Knoke 153; Claire Singleton 455; Franziska Schmidt 131b; Thom Fahrback 531; David Hawes 365; Kate Fine 149; Leslie Alperin 163b.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Linda Domholt leading 70b. Leaders: David Wright 556; Maggie Dougher 133; Ana Tighe 200; Mary Taylor 532; Elaine Denny 270 (for Jerry Schreiber and Carla Smith); Ted Mercer 391; Clinton Davis 426t; Stephen O'Leary 497; Karen Stingle 203; John Wiens 95; Anna Stoerch 72b; Eleanor Glewwe 42; Bob Schinske 67; Peter Ross 99; Lu Zeng 489; Alison Fisher 122; Leland Kusmer 306; William Price 168; Shelley Phillips 86; Susan Turpin 33b; Robin Woolner 448b; Ellen Auriti 47t; Aaron Silverman 40; Peter Stenshoel and Eunice Stenshoel 313b; Annalise Perone 352; Bob Brylawski 236; Jane Hancock 335. Announcements were made. Jennie Brown led 176t as the closing song. Jim Friedrich offered the closing prayer.

#### Sunday, January 18

The Sunday session of the All-California Convention was called to order by Jennie Brown leading 276. Linda Selph offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Greg Freed 154; Mark Godfrey 37b; Dave Barber 164; Lindy Groening 61; Bob Brylawski 163t; Hannah Mae Blair 332; Laura Boyd Russell 298; Franziska Schmidt 30b; Tom Ayres 178; Kevin Barrans 34t; Terry Barber 32t; Kate Fine 77b; Rebecca Edwards 283; Chris Thorman 313b; Matthew Lawson 148; Caroline

Bonnet 101b; Cornelia Stanton 171; Gretchen Muller 565; Mary Rose O'Leary 379 (for her brother-in-law, Donald Clark); Mary Ann Ciavonne 146.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Leland Kusmer leading 71. Leaders: Thom Fahrback 432; Robin Woolner 315; Inder Khalsa 29t; Leah Coffin 268; Brad Knoke 348b; Jeri Segal 372; Susan Fetcho 474; David Olson 49t; Linda Berkemeier 471; Rachel O'Leary 290; Paul Lindholm 386; Anne Heider 192; Stephanie Fida 202; Edward Rice 273; Karen Stingle 475; Claire Singleton and Leslie Alperin 452 (for David McPherson's birthday); Carolyn Deacy 430; Jeff Begley 416; Betsy Jeronen 560; James Baumgartner 112.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Julian Damashek and Rebecca Edwards leading 82t. Leaders: Linda Domholt 235; Betty Marvin 274b; Lucy O'Leary 550; Erika Wilson 539; Leslie Alperin 504; Linda Booth 397; Sean Francis Conway 111b.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Will Fitzgerald spoke and led 147t for the following sick and shut-ins: Adrienne Papermaster, Tammy Ziola, Karen Mathews, Bernice Harvey, Donald Clark, Tom Ambrogi, Joe Harrington, Barry Phillips, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Rose Warnock, Shelby Sampson, Nan Budinger, Molly Fisher, Robert W. Jenson, Bea Friesth, Doris Magregor, Jerry Schreiber, Carla Smith, Duke Miller, Shisue Sugimoto, John Shaffer, John Fruin, Hilde Ward, and Andrew Robert Luke.

Pat Coghlan spoke and led 547 for the following deceased: Nadine Willard, Judy Roth, Lisa Moats, Michael Alsbury, Justin White, Sally J. Coghlan, Shirley Begley, Elijah Dymant, Andrew Olson, Fred Mercer May, Fumie Murata, Alfonso Schettini, Clautille Louis, Brenda Hansen, Mike Shields, John Messenger—California; Julie Rogers, Jerry Jeronen, Jack Berry, Ralph Smith, Michael Eichmann, Renee Windsor, Jack Fitch, Stanly Edwards—Oregon; Wayne Brumly, Doris Hanks, Wesley Nations—Texas; Eleanor Anderson, Timothy Florravit—Pennsylvania; David Rust, Janet Davis—Indiana; Gordon Willis—Massachusetts; Susan Smith—Colorado; Raymond Hamrick—Georgia; Liam Casement—Maine; Lisa Branson—New York; Carol Harper—New Mexico; Mary Friedlander—Washington; Richard Sterne—Utah; Don Ward—North Carolina; Virginia Lee Tolley Duke—Tennessee; Ursula Neinast—Germany; Barbara Ivan—Bali. By request, 503 was sung in memory of Raymond Hamrick. Linda Selph offered a prayer to close the memorial lesson. Leaders: David Fetcho 409; Karen Willard 532; Steve Helwig 311. Linda Selph offered the prayer before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Hannah Mae Blair leading 339. Leaders: Dan Harper 66 (in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.); Steve Warner 84; Ellen Lueck 377; Will Fitzgerald 300; Erik Schwab 543; Leland Kusmer 368; Evelyn Lamb 505; Bruce Coates 515; William Price 441; Clarissa Fetrow 174; Anna Stoerch 327; Bob Schinske 396; Ted Mercer 132; Beverly Coates 499 (for her parents); David Wright 47b; John Wiens 370; Kate Coxon 349; Greg Freemon 419; Steve Cackley 423; Nancy Price 31t.

#### RECESS

The class was called back together by Edward Rice leading 34b. Leaders: Jim Friedrich 347; Rick Russell 536; Annalise Perone 108b; Peter Stenshoel 426b; Marilyn Murata 506; Ana Tighe 428; James Welsch 260; Susan Willis-Powers 501; Stephen O'Leary, Rachel O'Leary, and Lucy O'Leary 77t; Lu Zeng 159; Eleanor Glewwe 162; Melissa Stephenson 144; Esteban Veliz 186; Mary Taylor 318; Alison Fisher 282; Peter Ross 38t; Elaine Denny 567; Colleen Dougher and Maggie Dougher 102; Terry Moore 218; Linda Selph 97; Cecil Godfrey and family 40.



A business meeting was held. The Treasurer reported that expenses were met. The Secretary reported that at least 212 people sang 209 songs with 114 leaders, and singers came from at least eleven US states and Germany. The Resolutions Committee, Claire Singleton and Alexander Cotton, thanked the officers and committees, chaplains, keyers, arrangers, registrars, cooks, and all others who made the singing possible, and resolved to meet next year in San Diego for the 28th All-California Sacred Harp Convention. Announcements were made.

The officers led 62 as the closing song. Linda Selph offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jennie Brown; Vice Chairman—Mairye Bates; Secretary—Betty Marvin

## **CREEL MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING** **Old County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama** **Sunday, January 18, 2015**

The annual *Christian Harmony* singing was held at Old County Line Church on the third Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Yancey Jett leading 338t and 31t. The opening prayer was offered by Danny Creel.

Leaders: Yancey Jett 281b; Cassie Allen 307 (in memory of Lucille Tolbert), 59b (for Ann Jett); Wanda Capps 264; Dennis George 241, 51; Sarah Beasley 117; Tim Cook 49, 507b; Bea Aaron 131, 189; Nancy Hogan 546b, 362; Nikos Pappas 339, 266; Stanley Smith 43, 54.

### **RECESS**

The class was brought back together by Yancey Jett leading 258. Leaders: Cindy Tanner 64, 342; Tim Taylor 322, 355; Jeff James 168b, 170; Ainslie Allen 23b, 93; Emma Calvert 323, 117; Janelle Davis 346, 175; Tom George 164b, 308; Samuel Sommers 255, 230b; Darrell Swarens 341, 107; Adam Brasich 354, 275; Bill Hogan 133, 138; Henry Johnson 125t, 281t; Ken Tate 462t, 432b; Eddie Mash 60, 61t. Bill Hogan offered prayer before the noon meal.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Cassie Allen leading 80. Leaders: Mako Cook 459t, 214; Loretta Whitman 135, 134; Danny Creel 166, 186; Mary Amelia Taylor 50, 372; Eddy Pierce 165, 82b; Seth Holloway 77, 369; Henry Guthery 149, 81t; Steve Aaron and Bea Aaron 47, 78b; Velton Chafin 281b, 332; Julianna Jett 110; SuNell Ellis 109, 303; Robert Dupree 121t, 86t; Cindy Tanner 180 (for Ann Jett); Cassie Allen 176 (by request of Samuel Sommers), 167b (for Elsie Moon and Ruth Wyers); Emily Brown 238 (in memory of Harrison Creel); Yancey Jett 287.

Yancey Jett and Cassie Allen led 40t as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairpersons—Yancey Jett and Cassie Allen; Secretary—Wanda Capps

## **FEAST AND FASOLA** **Home of Mark and Lori Graber, Delavan, Illinois** **Saturday, January 24, 2015**

The annual Feast and FaSoLa Singing held on the fourth Saturday of January was called to order by Lori Graber leading 59. Mark Graber offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Presley Barker 481; Mary Huffman 66; Don Bardsley 313b; Stephen Huffman 28t; Terry Hogg 523; Patti Sontag 28b; Les Sontag 31t; Paul Figura 31b; John Huffman 503; Troy Plattner 191; Peggy Brayfield 183; Lori Graber 155; Janet Fraembs 475; Presley Barker 8 (MH); Mary Huffman 147 (MH); Jonathan Smith 110; Sarah Day-O'Connell 30t.

### **RECESS**

Terry Hogg called the class back to order leading 535. Leaders: Don Bardsley 441; Stephen Huffman 216; Terry Hogg 135 (MH); Patti Sontag 180 (MH); Bob Hellenga 79; Troy Plattner 318; Les Sontag 127 (MH).

Peggy Brayfield made a brief presentation about Sacred Harp music, and the shapes that are used, for the benefit of people new to the singing. Leaders: Paul Figura 501; John Huffman 189; Jeremy Day-O'Connell 49t; Peggy Brayfield 159 (MH); Lori Graber 474 (in memory of Mark's mother, Viola Graber); Janet Fraembs 146; Presley Barker 472; Mary Huffman 365; Sarah Day-O'Connell and Micah Day-O'Connell 45t; Jonathan Smith 1 (MH); Don Bardsley 277; John Huffman 29t; Terry Hogg 142 (MH) (for Berkley Moore); Patti Sontag 86. The class sang 164 (MH) for table grace.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Presley Barker leading 276. Leaders: Les Sontag 178; John Huffman 163b; Jeremy Day-O'Connell 81t; Paul Figura 169. Mark Graber then brought out a birthday cake for Lori and the class joined him in singing birthday wishes. She blew out the candles in one breath! Leaders: Peggy Brayfield 172 (MH); Lori Graber 99; Mary Huffman 89 (MH); Jonathan Smith 391; Sarah Day-O'Connell 56b; Presley Barker 2 (MH); Don Bardsley 198; Stephen Huffman 569t; Terry Hogg 145 (MH); Patti Sontag 436; Troy Plattner 168; Les Sontag 268; John Huffman 291; Paul Figura 51 (MH); Lori Graber 334; Peggy Peryam 40; Peggy Brayfield 138 (MH).

#### RECESS

Jonathan Smith led 76b. Leaders: Mary Huffman 91 (MH); Sarah Day-O'Connell 159; Jonathan Smith 360; Presley Barker 448t; Donald Bardsley 504; Stephen Huffman 217; Patti Sontag 313t; Terry Hogg 112; Les Sontag 299; John Huffman 182; Paul Figura 19 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 175 (MH).

Lori Graber led 347 as the closing song. Terry Hogg closed the session with prayer. Chairman—Lori Graber; Secretary—Janet Fraembs

## **W.L. GREEN MEMORIAL AND BALDWIN COUNTY SACRED HARP CONVENTION (COOPER EDITION)**

**Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, Bay Minette, Alabama**

**January 24-25, 2015**

**Saturday, January 24**

The W. L. "Bill" Green Memorial and Baldwin County Sacred Harp Convention was held in Bay Minette, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January. Bill Hogan called the class to order by leading 59, and then gave a warm welcome to all in attendance. He led 36b, and offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: J.A. Mosley 491; Nicole Bowman 67; Mary Whitehurst 401 (in memory of Frank Hataway); Nancy Hogan 464; Alice Mosley 484; Nate Green and Norma Green 44; Rodney Ivey 98; B.M. Smith 287; Ken Kelley 497; Wynette Smith 282; Robert Chambless 145t; Wayne Jones 29b; Elam Eddins 288; Ryan Bowman and Farrell Stearns 518; Sue Bunch 585; Kevin Eddins 42.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back together by Bill Hogan leading 101b. Leaders: John Kelley 405; Elene Stovall 140; Evie Eddins and Dawn Van Iderstine 384; Tim Taylor 344; Morgan Bunch 504t; Eli Eddins 507t; Buna Mae Purvis and Willonease Webb Trauner 408; Billy Kelley 100; Nancy Van Dan Akker 168; Scott Ivey 514; Emily Eddins 184b; Jane Spencer 273; Carolyn Thompson 583; Lloyd Jones 45t. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairmen—J.A. Mosley and Nicole Bowman; Arranging Officer—Nancy

Hogan; Secretary—Mary Whitehurst; Memorial Committee—Ryan Bowman and Adam Brasich.

#### RECESS

Nicole Bowman led 63 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Adam Brasich 150; Shannon Primm 210 (in memory of Ernestine Pipkin); Sarah Beasley 572; Tim Royappa 77t; Regina Derstine 162; Samuel Wright 559; Russ Scholz 283. The Southwest Mobile County Vocal Choir led by Cleo Murphy sang “As for Me and My House” and “In the Days of Noah”.

The class sang 369. Adam Brasich offered the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Adrian Nall leading 96. Leaders: Jackson Fleder and Erica Martinez 450; Ezra Eddins 463; Judy Caudle 567; Willonease Webb Trauner 500; Loretta Jones 516; Ken Sundberg 116; Ewin Eddins 573; Adrian Nall 505; Anne Royappa 543; Tommie Spurlock 594; Becky Briggs 129; Alice Sundberg 501; Crystal Menas and J.A. Mosley 478; Ethan Eddins 146; Hubert Nall 212; Elizabeth Royappa 148; Nathan Bergmann-Dean and Katie Miller 272; Dana Eddins 99; Stanley Smith 120; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 38t; Bill Hogan and New Orleans visitors 155; Royappa family 380t; Eddins family 186, 30b; Seth Holloway 571; Victoria Aplin 76b.

Following announcements, Bill Hogan, Nicole Bowman, and J.A. Mosley led 72 as the closing song. Adam Brasich closed the session with prayer.

### Sunday, January 25

The Sunday session of the W.L. Green Memorial and Baldwin County Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Bill Hogan leading 383. Afterwards, he gave a short devotional reading from Ephesians 1. Bill then led 82. The opening prayer was offered by Danny Creel.

Leaders: J.A. Mosley 572; Nicole Bowman 211; Mary Whitehurst 356; Nancy Hogan 84; Alice Mosley 343; Nate Green and Norma Green 558; Rodney Ivey 133 (for Wilburn Ellison); B.M. Smith 573; Brian Kelley 112; Wayne Jones 513t (for the Sam Schofield family); Bridgett Hill Kennedy 276; Dana Eddins 31t; Danny Creel 404; Nathan Bergman-Dean 74b; Mary Amelia Taylor 385t; Ewin Eddins 484.

#### RECESS

Nicole Bowman brought the class back together by leading 49t. Leaders: Hubert Nall 563; Ethan Eddins 282; Ateven Snderson 504b; Tommie Spurlock 464; Jim Goetz 159; Adrian Nall 401; Stanley Smith 590; Gray Ipswitch and Mya Elliot 370; Ann Jett 503; Lloyd Jones 465; Syble Adams 541; Judy Caudle 355; Ben Fox 272.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Bill Hogan leading 189. Leaders: Regina Derstine 575; Becky Briggs 384; Jackson Fleder 400; Loretta Jones 497.

The memorial committee was recognized to present the memorial lesson. Ryan Bowman said it’s nice to be a part of a community that remembers those who are sick and shut-in. He read the following list of names: Aubrey Barfield, Jeanett Barfield, Evelyn Harris, Wilburn Ellison, Willodean Thrash, Joe Nall, S.T. Reed, Wayne Reed, Elsie Moon, Jane Tate, Floy Wilder, Reba Windom, and Bill Windom. Ryan then led 127 for the sick and shut-in.

Adam Brasich remembered the deceased, and read from Micah 7. He spoke of death as the last suffering act we have to go through as humans and we wonder sometimes why our loved ones are taken from us and we hear the accusation of Satan saying “where is God”? But God has given us the victory over death. We can rejoice that our loved ones see in fullness what we only see now by faith. He then read the following list of names of the deceased: Bill Aplin, Billy Hawthorne, Hobert Ivey, Olivia Wootten Allen, Donna Ruth Durdin, William R. Dixon, Betty Wright, Alicia

Williams, Philip Wootten, and Sammie Oliver—Alabama; Ben Smith and Helen Beadle—Florida; Raymond Hamrick—Georgia. He led 49b in their memory. Bill Hogan offered prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Singing continued with the following leaders: Nancy Van Dan Akker 494; Shannon Primm 357; Adam Brasich 375; Jane Spencer 78. The class sang 369. Nancy Hogan offered the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was called back to order for the afternoon session by Bill Hogan leading 216. Leaders: Scott Ivey 292b; Emily Eddins 277; Willonease Webb Trauner 367; Carolyn Thompson 578; Erica Martinez 522; Billy Kelley 442t; Mya Elliot 67; Eli Eddins 507t; Morgan Bunch 428; Katie Miller 300; Tim Taylor 131t; Evie Eddins 499; Elene Stovall 137 (in memory of Virgil Phillips); Kevin Eddins 65; Sue Bunch 269; Elam Eddins 348t; Wynette Smith 139; Ryan Bowman 432; Jim Goetz 132; Jane Spencer and Shannon Primm 336b; Nathan Bergman-Dean and Katie Miller 29t; Regina Derstine and Nancy Van Dan Akker 138t; Nancy Hogan, Mary Whitehurst and Stanley Smith 392.

Announcements were made. Bill Hogan, Nancy Hogan, Nicole Bowman, J.A. Mosley, and Mary Whitehurst led 331t as the closing song. Adam Brasich closed the convention with prayer.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairmen—J.A. Mosley and Nicole Bowman; Secretary—Mary Whitehurst

### **KEYSTONE SACRED HARP CONVENTION**

**The Rotunda, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

**January 24-25, 2015**

**Saturday, January 24**

The 17th annual Keystone Sacred Harp Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January at the Rotunda, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Ben Cocchiario called the class to order by leading 84. John Plunkett offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Lamar Matthew 35; Doug Kurtz 535; Kirsten Jensen 85; Barbara Hohenstein 232; Ben Fink 383; Mairi Quodomine 478; Joshua Barnett 336; Michael Sensor 162; Buck Wanner 81t; Nancy Mandel 70b; Gerald Clark 504; Lynne deBenedette 36b; Matt Roberts 542; Liz Cantrell 269; Jon Giles 511; Gerry Hoffman 315.

#### RECESS

Cheri Hardy called the class to order leading 47t. Claire Steiner led 472. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ben Cocchiario; Vice Chairman—Joel Bassett; Treasurer—Dan Hunter; State Convener—Elizabeth Pilar; Secretary—Kirsten Jensen.

Leaders: Myles Louis Dakan 300; Nancy Britton 173; Brian How 143; John D. delRe 71; Erin Kelly 309; Sophie Soloway 196; Lindsay Kruse 61; Cora Wareh 212; Lucas Husted 78; Wendy Sibbison 30t; Philippa Stoddard 548; Mary Andrews 176b; Graham DeZarn 539; Katie White 547; Linda Shea 475; Paula Picton 474.

#### RECESS

Rachel Speer called the class to order leading 53. Leaders: Ben Sachs-Hamilton 91; Dan Hunter 388; Elizabeth Stoddard 367; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 419; Dan Coppock 362; Jesse Polhemus 24b; Molly Merrett 406; Kelly Macklin 487; Mason Shefa 135; Anya Skibbie 340; Jason Steidl 40; Faiz Wareh 456; Emily Hale-Sills 270; Michael Nord 298; Robert Stoddard 567; Gwen Gethner 195; John Plunkett 492; Tarik Wareh 185; Christine Andrews 328. John Plunkett offered the noon blessing.

#### LUNCH

Ruth Wampler called the class to order leading 207. Leaders: Micah John Walter 426b; David Brodeur 216; Marilyn Murata 274t; Anna Leigh Smith 148; Thom Fahrbach 517; Kate Fortin 436; Mike Hinton 532; Nora Miller 564; Mike Richards 76b; Sasha Hsuczyk 330t; Alec Jenkins-White 282; Chris Coughlin 227; Ian Quinn 466; Jeff Begley 505; Chris Cotter 371; Ellen Lueck 132; Pattie Wareh 72b; Emma Rose Brown 556; John delRe 80t; Sonia Chin 318; Ben Bath 399b; Jordan Lewis 428; Lori Cabirac 201; Hal Kunkel 89; Barbara Swetman 454; Julia Seidenstein 284.  
RECESS

Oliver Kindig-Stokes called the class to order leading 67. Leaders: Jim Strube 268; Corinne Ducey 37b; Evan Druce 77t; Joel Miller 283; Charles Biada 294; Carol Huang 56b; Mary Helen Dupree 99; Bethany Towne 217; Mary Skidmore 198; Aldo Ceresa 430; Becky Wright 65; Douglas Fower 299; Laura Densmore 302; Terry Ryan 473; Gina Balestracci 524; Charlotte Ehrman 365; Tom Stokes 145t; Dean Jens 373; Harry Scott 497; Ben Cocchiario 347. John Plunkett offered the closing prayer.

### Sunday, January 25

The Sunday session of the Keystone Sacred Harp Convention was brought to order by Ben Cocchiario leading 48t. Thom Fahrbach offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Nancy Mandel 42; Dan Coppock 327; Ted Stokes 495; Katy Kanfer 57; Lamar Matthew 344; Katie White 38t; John delRe 501; Kirsten Jensen 276; Doron Henkin 192; Tarik Wareh 404; Barbara Hohenstein 277; Bethany Towne 418; Carol Stevens 350; Laura Densmore 313t; Anna Melton 156; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 314; Cheri Hardy 315; Gerry Hoffman 546.  
RECESS

Ian Quinn called the class to order leading 56t. Leaders: Julia Seidenstein 29t; Faiz Wareh 486; Chloe Mohr 34b; Elizabeth Pilar 112; Matt Roberts 460; Kelly Macklin 326; Guy Bankes 442; Anna Leigh Smith 417; Myles Louis Dakan 441; Dan Hunter 321; Barbara Swetman 485; Philippa Stoddard 424; Michael Nord 411; Molly Merrett 448t; Marilyn Murata 412; John D. delRe 354t.  
RECESS

Sonia Chin called the class to order leading 337. Leaders: Gina Balestracci 304; Graham DeZarn 131t; Christine Andrews 39t; Mason Shefa 48b; Kate Fortin 370; John Plunkett 459; Sasha Hsuczyk 440; Mike Hinton 534; Erin Gum 339. Ruth Wampler led 414 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Jessica Doe, John Adsith, Skip Trout, Mazher Jaweed, Katherine Glatter, Robin Gillespie, Annie Dawson, Steve Hoyt, Rose Warnock, Ron Bornick, Dwight Speer, Chelsea Balestracci, Bill Windom, Christine Nord, Shisue Sugimoto, John Shaffer Golden, John Fruin, Hilde Ward, David Strother, Toni Strother, Mr. Berguido, and Tom Tucker.

Ruth Wampler conducted the memorial lesson, and led 340 in memory of the following deceased: Noel Almeida, Ollie Shea, Jerry Shea—Massachusetts; Peggy Mister—Florida; David Wampler, Ruth Densmore, Sarah Lee Stokes, Eleanor Anderson, Timothy Florrarit, Ardyce Jensen, Michael Homan—Pennsylvania; Somen Goodman—Quebec; Jane Boal—Missouri; Walter Rufus Eagles—Louisiana; Janet Davis—Indiana; Raymond Hamrick—Georgia; Wilton Hartzler, Sharon Kellam—North Carolina; Robert How, Fred Mercer, Fumie Murata, Alfonso Schettini, Clautille Louis, Brenda Hansen, Mike Shields—California; Jerry Jeronen, Renee Windsor, Stan Edwards—Oregon; Doyle Brubaker—Iowa; Bill Aplin—Alabama; Eva Cocchiario—Connecticut.

Leaders: Robert Stoddard 338; Mary Andrews 168; Tom Stokes 187; Ian Quinn 310; Claire Steiner 410t; Becca Gibson 58. Thom Fahrbach offered the noon blessing.

LUNCH

Josh Barnett called the class to order leading 129. Leaders: Becky Wright 269; Thom Fahrback 402; Emma Rose Brown 325; Leon Pulsinelle 218; Suzan Greenberg 377; Linda Shea 30b; Chris Coughlin 88t; Elizabeth Stoddard and Charles Biada 165; Lucas Husted 178; Carol Huang 333; Rachel Hall 250; Scott Robinson 378t; Ben Bath 512; Thomas Ward 445; Gwen Gethner 182; Josh Barnett 480; Jeff Begley 545; Emily Hale-Sills 280; Gerald Clark and Corinne Ducey 30b; Jeff Gauthier 270; Mike Richards 87; Charles Biada 521; Sophie Soloway 95; Rachel Speer and Calvin Jens 530.

#### RECESS

Ted Stokes called the class to order leading 36b. Leaders: Ina Shea and Carol Stevens 479; Terry Ryan 550; Cora Wareh 489; Ellen Lueck 73t; David Brodeur 522; Jesse Polhemus 191; Nora Miller 193; Elizabeth Patton 472; Dean Jens 589; Evan Druce 228; Mary Skidmore 538; Harry Scott 260; Mary Helen Dupree 26t; Charlotte Ehrman 157; Jordan Lewis 106; Pattie Wareh 503; Douglas Fower 209; Jason Steidl 405; Sonia Chin 155; Aldo Ceresa and Sarah Weiss 500; Joel Miller 573. Treasurer Dan Hunter reported that all expenses had been met. Jesse Krikorian thanked everyone who made the convention possible and resolved to reconvene in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for the 18th annual session in January, 2016. Announcements were made. Ben Cocchiario led 62 as the closing song. Thom Fahrback offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Ben Cocchiario; Vice Chairman—Joel Bassett; Secretaries—Kirsten Jensen and Sonia Chin

### ROTUNDA SINGING

#### Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama Saturday, January 31, 2015

The 18th annual session of the Rotunda Singing was held in the foyer of the Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama. The following four songbooks were used: *The Colored Sacred Harp*; *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*; *The Christian Harmony*; and *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

The class was called to order by Bill Hogan leading 480 and 36b, followed by a warm welcome. Joey Brackner of the Alabama State Arts council offered words of welcome. Adam Brasich offered the opening prayer.

The first session of singing was from the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition. Nancy Hogan did the arranging. Leaders: Jim Carnes 207; Danny Creel 196; Nicole Bowman 240; Tim Taylor 474; Bea Aaron 456; Ryan Bowman 133; Judy Chambless 318; David Ivey 268; Hubert Nall 168.

The second session of singing was from the *Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Nancy Hogan 214; Adam Brasich 275; Mary Amelia Taylor 419b; Ken Sundberg 496b; Sarah Beasley 59b; Janelle Davis 107; Steve Grauberger 303; Gavin Blakely 287. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairmen—Joey Brackner and Jim Carnes; Arranging Officer—Nancy Hogan; Secretary—Nicole Bowman.

#### RECESS

The third session of singing was from the *B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*. The class was called to order by Jim Carnes leading 54t. Leaders: Chita Blakely 567; Evie Eddins 583; Adrian Nall 540; Ethan Eddins 282; Waylon Blakely 216; Kevin Eddins 85; Cathy Maddox 143; Tommie Spurlock 464; Emily Eddins 148; Ann Gray 393; Eli Eddins 47t; Richard Mauldin 392, 378t; Ezra Eddins 507t. Joey Brackner led 72b (SH) for the family and staff at the Archives and for Cynthia Luckie.

The fourth session of singing was from the *Colored Sacred Harp*. Leaders: Bill Hogan 4; Ken Sundberg 65b; David Ivey 3; Jim Carnes 24; Richard Mauldin 5; Steve Grauberger 19. Stanley Smith led “Lord, Give Me Just a Little More Time” and 87. The class sang 369 (CB), and Danny Creel offered the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The first afternoon session included selections from the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition. Leaders: Robert Chambless 84; Darlu Nall 277; Jim Aaron 47b; Amber Davis 142; Fred Hoerr 467; SuNell Ellis 35; Bea Aaron 175; Nicole Bowman 504; Jonathan Blakely 383; Judy Chambless 472; Hubert Nall 217; Ryan Bowman 189; Ann Gray 178; Sam Wright 198; David Ivey 269.

The second session of the afternoon was sung from the *Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Danny Creel 54; Tim Taylor 64; Robert Dupree 459t; Alice Sundberg 255; Margie Simmons 110, 142; Evie Eddins 326; Janelle Davis 346; Sam Wright 292; Ryan Bowman 184; Richard Mauldin 133.

The third afternoon session was sung from the *B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*. Leaders: David Ivey 492; Deb Boykin 319; Elam Eddins 113; Dana Eddins 276; Mary Amelia Taylor 590; Gavin Blakely 67; Adrian Nall 505; Adam Brasich 520; Richard Mauldin and Janelle Davis 384; Eric Eddins 99.

Following announcements, Nicole Bowman, Nancy Hogan, Joey Brackner, Jim Carnes, and Bill Hogan led 323t. Adam Brasich offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairmen—Joey Brackner and Jim Carnes;  
Secretary—Nicole Bowman

## OSLO SACRED HARP SINGING Uranienborgveien 2, Oslo, Norway Saturday, January 31, 2015

The first Oslo Sacred Harp All-Day singing was called to order by Michael Walker leading 31t. Paul Kirby welcomed the class to Norway, and introduced Michael Walker of London, U.K., as the singing school teacher. Michael gave an overview of the sound and style of Sacred Harp singing, and introduced the major scale by having the class sing the tenor line of 162. Next, Michael emphasized the importance of time, and the class sang 45t, 82t, 111b, and 270. Michael gave a brief background on some of the tune sources, and then introduced the minor scale, using 39t as an example. Michael led 209 to explain and demonstrate the concept of fusing tunes. To demonstrate the first and second modes of compound time, Michael led 146 and 134 respectively. Michael then invited all first time Sacred Harp attendees to join him in the hollow square, and the class sang 457. The singing school was closed with singing from page 445. Chaplain Zach Lindahl offered a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Paul Kirby called the class back to order leading 46. Leaders: Paul Kirby 89; Steve Helwig 117; Gosia Perycz 547; Zack Lindahl 65; Sarah West 106; Elin Marie Strand and Paul Kirby 335; Eva Striebeck 171; Heather Thompson 163b; Matthew Robley-Siemonsma 105; Ruth McNamara 38b; Edmund Richardson 351; Geoff Grainger 143; Chris Brown 77t; Andreas Manz 35; Bryan Seale 196; Michael Walker 182; Cath Saunt 48t; Amanda Parks 426b; Sinead Hanrahan 475; Beth Atkinson 73t; Judy Whiting 503; Pauline Hyde 63.

#### RECESS

Paul Kirby called the class back to order leading 105. Leaders: Steve Helwig 294; Chris Brown 313b; Edmund Richardson 310; Michael Walker 507; Sinead Hanrahan

500; Jessica Sligter 480; Bryan Seale 217; Ruth McNamara 49b; Judy Whiting 441; Amanda Parks 428; Geoff Grainger 523; Pauline Hyde 425; Heather Thompson 146; Zack Lindahl 282; Andreas Manz 350; Cath Saunt 276; Gosia Perycz and Sarah West 272; Matthew Robley-Siemonsma, Eva Striebeck, and Beth Atkinson 344. A business meeting was held in which it was reported that attendance for the first Oslo all-day singing included singers from 8 countries: Norway, Sweden, Poland, Germany, U.K., Ireland, Australia, and the United States. Organizers of the three socials and the two additional outreach singings over the weekend were thanked. Recognition was given to Jessica Sligter and Oskar Kvasnes for their organizational skills in making the weekend a great success. The business meeting was closed. Chaplain Zack Lindahl offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Paul Kirby; Secretary—Steve Helwig

**J.D. STARNES MEMORIAL**  
**Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Northeast of Sipsey, Alabama**  
**Sunday, February 1, 2015**

The annual J.D. Starnes Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Mt. Hope Baptist Church on the first Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Ken Tate leading 73b. The morning prayer was offered by Rev. Patrick Watson. The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Wanda Capps; Arranging Officer—Ann Jett.

Leaders: Ken Tate 166; Danny Creel 72b, 148; Betty Baccus 134, 73t; Don Keeton 58, 59; Amber Davis 206, 204; Ottis Sides 61, 530; Lisa Geist 472, 273; Richard Mauldin 77t, 168; Willodean Barton 480, 475, 498; Earl Ballinger 441, 448b.

**RECESS**

The class was brought to order by Ken Tate leading 114. Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 111b, 215; Linda Sides 170, 270; Steve Adams 99, 331; Loretta Whitman 399b, 301; Wanda Capps 299, 546; Larry Ballinger 217, 224; Ann Jett 440, 37b; Jerry Kitchens 300, 71. Rev. Patrick Watson welcomed everyone, took prayer requests, and then offered the blessing.

**LUNCH**

Ken Tate led 271t, and then a business session was held. The class discussed the future of this singing, and it was decided that the J.D. Starnes Memorial Singing would be discontinued.

Leaders: Danny Creel 234; Amber Davis 192; Don Keeton 482; Loretta Whitman 176b; Earl Ballinger 80b; Richard Mauldin 117; Lisa Geist 272; Ottis Sides 145t; Steve Adams 309; Larry Ballinger 268; Linda Sides 564; Jerry Kitchens 400; Velton Chafin 267, 573, 130; Shirley Tidwell 111t, 475; Ann Jett 410t; Gravis Ballinger 120; Wanda Capps 142. The class sang the following tunes by request: 454, 276, and 358. Announcements were made. Ken Tate led 56t as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

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

**BURNHAM AND BROWN MEMORIAL**  
**Wesley Foundation Student Center, Jacksonville, Alabama**  
**Sunday, February 1, 2015**

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 Pearl Guier leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Johnson.



Leaders: Pearl Guier 32t; Judy Caudle 61; Pam Nunn 186 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard); Cecil Roberts 37b; Margaret Thacker 33b; Judy Chambless 142; Loyd Ivey 31t; Henry Johnson 29b; Nicholas Thompson 530; Karen Rollins and Denney Rogers 389; Janelle Davis 171; Rodney Ivey 336; Ed Thacker 53; Susan Cheronos 300; Nate Green and Norma Green 43; Jared Wootten 40.

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

#### RECESS

Ed Thacker led 421 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Robert Chambless 503; John Kelso 123t; Kenneith Calvert 155; Cheyenne Ivey 168; Marilyn Bradley 159; Paula Oliver 222; Buell Cobb 230; Charlene Wallace 101t; Scott DePoy 48t; David Brodeur 318; Lauren Bock 343; Terry Wootten 83t; Sharon DuPriest 460; David Ivey 202; Virginia Dyer 340; Rene Greene 432; Jesse P. Karlsberg 454 (for Ron Bornick); Jeannette DePoy 335; Scot Oliver 313t; Richard Ivey 102; John Plunkett 88b.

#### RECESS

Pearl Guier led 448b. Leaders: Kathy Williams 297; Richard DeLong 116; Karen Freund 385t; Alanna Blanks and Arleigh Beard 405; Karen Ivey 475; Ann Simpson 445; Chris McKnight and Rene Greene 45t; Judy Caudle and Pam Nunn 542 (for Reba and Bill Windom), 216; Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy 128; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 129; Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 565; Robert Chambless and Judy Chambless 146; Nate Green and Norma Green 166; Jesse P. Karlsberg and Lauren Bock 167; Karen Rollins and Denney Rogers 143; Nicholas Thompson and Cheyenne Ivey 215; Scot Oliver, Paula Oliver, Alanna Blanks, and Arleigh Beard 546; Rodney Ivey and Loyd Ivey 337; John Kelso and Richard Ivey 90; John Plunkett and Kathy Williams 77t. Cecil Roberts offered the blessing.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Judy Mincey leading 468. Leaders: Fallon Cook, Cain Cook, and Chance Cook 192; Fallon Cook 47b; Cecil Roberts and Ann Simpson 477; Henry Johnson and Janelle Davis 164; David Brodeur and Susan Cheronos 228; Kenneith Calvert and Marilyn Bradley 63; Sara Michaels and Paula Oliver 354b; Terry Wootten and Jared Wootten 472; Richard DeLong and Rene Greene 140; Judy Mincey and Fallon Cook 112; Judy Mincey 283 (for Don Bowen); Sharon DuPriest and Pam Nunn 189.

Announcements were made. Pearl Guier led 46 as the closing song. David Ivey dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Pearl Guier; Vice Chairman—Ed Thacker; Secretary—Judy Caudle

### **SANDERS MEMORIAL**

#### **Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Alabama Saturday, February 7, 2015**

The annual Sanders Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 34b. Danny Creel offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized by retaining the same officers as follows: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Brenda Chafin.

Leaders: Danny Creel 34t, 131b, 112; Don Keeton 477, 35; Hubert Nall 421, 566; Earl Ballinger 439, 498; Ann Jett 167, 136; Richard Mauldin 100; Richard Mauldin and Steve Adams 101t; Bea Aaron 64, 176; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 331, 99 (for

Kermit Adams); Delone Cobbs 73t, 480; Jerry Kitchens 71, 74b; Betty Baccus 417, 391.

#### RECESS

Danny Creel led 76b. Leaders: Lisa Geist 197, 286; Matt Bell 70b, 419; Eugene Forbes 434; Loretta Whitman 72b, 75; Shirley Tidwell 457, 456; Judy Caudle 336 (for Marlin and Juanita Beasley), 371, 402 (by request); Mary Amelia Taylor 48t, 318; Linda Sides 276, 182; Emily Brown 56b, 228; Larry Ballinger 56t, 57; Logan Green 111b, 227; Brenda Chafin 119, 80b; Willodean Barton 111t, 454, 475.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Danny Creel leading 432. Leaders: Ottis Sides 322, 530; Don Keeton 390; Hubert Nall 448b; Earl Ballinger 389; Ann Jett 269; Richard Mauldin 94; Bea Aaron 438; Steve Adams 309; Delone Cobbs 347; Jerry Kitchens 499; Lisa Geist 224; Matt Bell 135; Loretta Williams 124; Eugene Forbes 185; Logan Green 464; Shirley Tidwell and Betty Baccus 127; Judy Caudle 104; Mary Amelia Taylor 546; Linda Sides 215; Emily Brown 216; Larry Ballinger 217; Mary Amelia Taylor 30b.

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led 570 as the closing song. Richard Mauldin dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Brenda Chafin

### **MINNESOTA MIDWINTER COOPER BOOK SINGING** **Triune Masonic Temple, St. Paul, Minnesota** **Saturday, February 7, 2015**

The 16th annual Minnesota Midwinter *Cooper Book* Singing was called to order by Stacey Berkheimer and Melissa Kelley leading 276. Dick Patterson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Denise Kania 55; Elise delMas 464; Tamara Harris 503; Jeanette Nelson 293b; Noelle Copeland 485; Eleanor Haase 575; Erik McDonald 157; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 38t; Matt Wells 269; Claudia Egelhoff 586; Joel Menk 277; Christine Gowdy-Jaehnig and Nathan Berry 299; Jeff Bell 68b; Kevin Bullock 511t; Barb Patterson 580; AnnaLeigh Smith 524.

#### RECESS

Steven T. Schmidgall called the class back to order leading 391. Leaders: Christine Stevens 159; Martha Henderson 212; Dick Patterson 30t; Kate Manning 587; Jim Pfau, Mark Rhoads, Marylin Rhoads, and a Bethel University student 478; Cathy Lutz with students from St. Thomas University 218; Alec Jenkins-White 574; Ann Sleeva 500; Michael L. Moore 436b; Eamonn O'Neill 203; Marcel LaFlamme 50b; Lorraine Turner 31t; William Gilman 123t; Angie Payne 393; Janelle Draper 109.

#### RECESS

Ben Copenhaver called the class back to order leading 558. Leaders: Paul Wyatt 442t; Laura Densmore 98; Les Sontag 239; Pop Wagner 99; Ben Fink 229; Richard Barnes 288; Leslie Williamson-White 38b; Micah Sommersmith 264t; Midge Olsen 210. Riley Lee offered prayer before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Steve Luttinen called the afternoon session to order leading 274t. Leaders: Joel Setterholm 505; Stephen Parker 32t; Mairi Quodomine 294; Guy Bankes 583; J.R. Hardman 408; John Wiens 424; Val Eng 217; Terry Hogg 569; Kristine Peterson 162; Paul Landskroener 571; Kit Canright 128; Jim Helke 41; Alexa Copeland 559; Ben Copenhaver 477; Karen Edwards 270; Nathan Berry 174; Erin Kelly 546; Riley Lee 504t; Steven T. Schmidgall 333.

#### RECESS

Denise Kania called the class back to order leading 155. Leaders: Gordon Olsen 47t; John Bankson 49b; Pattie Sontag 47b; Jim Goetz 133; Nancy Koester 72; Ray Cott-Meissel 146; Martha Henderson 205; Steve Lutinen 131b; Tamara Harris 213; John Wiens 67; Noelle Copeland 518; J.R. Hardman 573; Melissa Kelley 522; Riley Lee 182; Stacey Berkheimer 168.

Announcements were made. The Finance Committee reported that expenses were met. The Secretary reported that 60 leaders from 10 states led 79 songs.

Stacey Berkheimer and Melissa Kelley led 95b as the closing song. Dick Patterson offered the closing prayer.

Chairpersons—Stacey Berkheimer and Melissa Kelley; Secretary—Valerie Stoehr

## **BAYLOR UNIVERSITY SACRED HARP SINGING** **George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, Texas** **Saturday, February 7, 2015**

The 14th annual Baylor University Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Great Hall of the George W. Truett Theological Seminary on the Baylor University campus in Waco, Texas. Donald Ross gave a few introductory remarks about Sacred Harp, and conducted a singing school prior to the start of the singing. Dr. David Music called the class together leading 59t. Jacob Sensenig offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed: Chairman—Dr. David Music; Secretary—

Diane Ross.

Leaders: Diane Ross 209; Sonny Erwin 493; Sarah Huckaby 168; Carter Cook 142; Janie Short 426b; Bruce Coates 503; Vickie Cook 150; Tammy Powell 217; Dr. Randall Bradley 354b; Donald Ross 225t; Beverly Coates 171; Megan Talley 49t; Dr. Michelle Henry, Stephanie Bradley, and Amy McKinney 159; Jeremy Wallace and Jacob Angel 63; David Lunsford 163b; Rachael Gallegos 50t; Tyler Fox 457; Katie Tialia 38b; Landry Duvall 47b; Mollie Greenlee 34b; Giselle Vento, Briana Picard, and Brianna Busby 30t; Jill Sims 34b; Joslyn Henderson 135; Elina Cho 135; Chelsea Miller 178.

### **RECESS**

Jesse Latimer brought the class back together leading 170. Leaders: Linda Booker 490; Ben Brown 480; Lu Ann Thomas 32t; Jerry Ryan 145t; Leon Ballinger 300; Ron Bernucho 268; Dr. Gayle Avant 350; Jacob Garcia 107; Mike Hinton 400; Karl Utz 128; Jacob Sensenig 35; Scott Davis 45t; Robert Karns 21b; Kyle Hearne 39t. Dr. Randall Bradley led the grace prior to the meal.

### **LUNCH**

Dr. David Music brought the class back together by leading 99. Leaders: Kyle Hearne 312b; Mike Hinton 288; Ron Bernucho 282; Lu Ann Thomas 481; Karl Utz 72b; Vickie Cook 472; Scott Davis 447; Ben Brown 280; Carter Cook 430; Jacob Garcia 186; Tammy Powell 542; Sonny Erwin 441; Janie Short 196; Jerry Ryan 408; Donald Ross 546; Chelsea Miller 213t; Jesse Latimer 179; Diane Ross 354t; Jonathan Coffield 335; Davis Lunsford 454; Carter Cook 203; Leon Ballinger 195; Linda Booker 452; Chloe Webb 181; Jacob Garcia 56b; Jonathan Coffield 388; Scott Davis 40; Jesse Latimer 328; Karl Utz 31t; Chelsie Miller 58; Davis Lunsford 504; Tammy Powell 222; Mike Hinton and Sonny Erwin 111b; Ben Brown 551; Jerry Ryan 274t; Janie Short and Leon Ballinger 384; Kyle Hearne 133.

Dr. David Music dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Dr. David Music; Secretary—Diane Ross

**OLDHAM SACRED HARP SINGING DAY**  
**Oldham Baptist Church, Oldham, Lancashire, United Kingdom**  
**Saturday, February 7, 2015**

The class was called to order by Hannah Land. She welcomed the class and led 59. She then offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Ted Brown 225t; Vicki Elliott 89; Chris Brown 28b; Cath Ingham 148; Calum Woods 81t; Helen Brown 61; Edmund Richardson 503; Margaret Gillanders 72b; Michael Walker 492; Cath Tyler 171; Sarah West 73t; Mark Wardlaw 501; Phil Tyler 96; Geoff Grainger 31t; Ruth Steggles 535; Richard Mayers 294; Sharon Langridge 36b; Nigel Bowley 60; Rae Egglestone 268; Judy Whiting 466.

**RECESS**

Calum Woods called to order leading 56t. Leaders: Phil Tyler 451; Ruth Steggles 335; Nigel Bowley 76t; Margaret Gillanders 460; Judy Whiting 472; Richard Mayers 131t; Edmund Richardson 534; Chris Brown 106; Hannah Land 344; Mark Wardlaw 98; Sharon Langridge 107; Cath Ingham 473; Michael Walker 475; Sarah West 77b.

Calum Woods conducted the memorial lesson. He spoke in memory of the following deceased: Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, Kate Davis, Maggie Boyle, Geoffrey Nathan, Colin Jackson, Sassie Davidson, Stewart Thompson, Cyril Guy, Protag, Barbara Hudson, and Danny Arms. The following sick and housebound were remembered: Kathryn Golding, Peter Golding, Abigail Jones, Ann Aitlock, Steve Harrison, Sister Pippa, Diana Elliott, Marylin Faulkner, Delphine Guy, and Mary Newell. He led 435. Hannah Land closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Helen Brown 392; Cath Tyler 499. Simon Wright led the grace.

**LUNCH**

Judy Whiting called the class to order leading 68b. Leaders: Mark Wardlaw 214; Rae Egglestone 448t; Ted Brown 496; Geoff Grainger 313b; Eimear O'Donovan 299; Martyn Boddy 99; Vicki Elliot and Michael Faulkner 354t; Nigel Bowley 123b; Sarah West 90; Michael Walker 291; Hannah Land 400; Richard Mayers 455; Helen Brown 436; Edmund Richardson 546; Cath Tyler 419; Rosalind Woods and Calum Woods 111b; Margaret Gillanders 564; Sharon Langridge 457; Phil Tyler 136; Vicki Elliott 290; Ted Brown 391; Ruth Steggles 129; Cath Ingham 334.

**RECESS**

Rae Egglestone called the class to order leading 277. Leaders: Michael Faulkner 228; Eimear O'Donovan 217; Chris Brown 176t; Geoff Grainger 143; Martyn Boddy 547; Amanda Elliott and Judy Whiting 49b; Edmund Richardson 297; Phil Tyler 296; Richard Mayers 413; Michael Walker 373; Calum Woods 566; Margaret Gillanders 192; Sarah West 176b; Mark Wardlaw 365; Ruth Steggles 38b.

Hannah Land led 347 as the closing song. Rae Egglestone offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Hannah Land; Secretary—Cath Ingham

**PLYMOUTH/EAST SANDWICH SINGING**  
**East Sandwich Friends Meeting House, East Sandwich, Massachusetts**  
**Saturday, February 7, 2015**

The annual Plymouth/East Sandwich All-Day Singing met at the East Sandwich Friends Meeting House on Saturday before the second Sunday in February. Liz Cantrell greeted the class and opened the morning session by leading 32t. Alvaro Witt Duarte offered the opening prayer, reading Psalm 113 in thanks for creating praises together.

Ben Bath taught a singing school for new singers, covering the basics of melody, the moods of time, and accent. He also discussed the syncope, a rhythmic variation on the rule taught in rudiments sections previous to that of the 1911 James Edition, and occurring in 376 and other songs.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Chuck Micciche; Vice Chairman—Liz Cantrell; Secretary—Willis McCumber; Treasurer—John Travers; Chaplain—Alvaro Witt Duarte; Arranging Committee—Lynne deBenedette and Laura Hodges.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Chuck Micciche 68b; Liz Cantrell 52t; Willis McCumber 31t; Lynne deBenedette 36b; Laura Hodges 272; Chris Noren 503; John Hughes 268; Pat Callahan 300; Patrick Friesen 480; Eric Hildebrant 236; Alvaro Witt Duarte 384; John Travers 128; Keillor Mose 284; Jesse Polhemus 377; Noah Augustine and Willis McCumber 229; Mary Skidmore 428; Leon Pulsinelle 528; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 182; George Pomfret 299; Emily Hancock 198; Charles Biada 141. Chuck Micciche welcomed everyone, and announced that a tour of the historic Meeting House would be held during the noon recess. Liz Cantrell offered the blessing before lunch.

#### LUNCH

Alvaro Witt Duarte brought the first afternoon session to order leading 59. Leaders: Ian Quinn 411 (for Paula Picton); Elizabeth Stoddard 422; Mason Shefa 418; Chris Coughlin 29t; Bill Holt 430; Joanne Fuller 500; Ben Bath 396; Peter Golden 131t; Ines Luttgen 279; Aldo Ceresa 522; Philippa Stoddard 320; Chris Holley 348b; Sarah Underhill 155; Chris Noren 378t; Robert Stoddard 88t; Pat Callahan 269; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 71; Emily Hancock 112; Liz Cantrell 203 (for Joanna Lieberman); Laura Hodges 142; Leon Pulsinelle 354t; George Pomfret 556; Keillor Mose 58; Charles Biada 47t.

#### RECESS

Leon Pulsinelle called the class to order leading 40. Leaders: Willis McCumber 434; Ines Luttgen 419; Jesse Polhemus 351; Mary Skidmore 192; Eric Hildebrant 551; Philippa Stoddard 534; Chris Coughlin 73t; Patrick Friesen 318; Sarah Underhill 74b; Ian Quinn 234; Chuck Micciche 408; Aldo Ceresa 417; Bill Holt 550; Elizabeth Stoddard 569b (for Susan Williams); John Travers 455; Chris Holley 33t (for John Van Sorosin); Joanne Fuller 460; Ben Bath 477; Peter Golden 89; Mason Shefa 323t; Robert Stoddard 313b.

The Treasurer reported that expenses were met. The Secretary's report notes that 61 singers from 7 states registered, and that 35 leaders led 69 songs. Following announcements, Chuck Micciche, Liz Cantrell, and Willis McCumber led 62 as the closing song. Chris Holley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Chuck Micciche; Vice Chairman—Liz Cantrell; Secretary—Willis McCumber

### **H. R. AVERY MEMORIAL SINGING** **Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama** **Sunday, February 8, 2015**

The annual H.R. Avery Memorial Singing was held on the second Sunday in February. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Jack Nelson leading 32t and 120. Jack Nelson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Buell Cobb 37b; Sharon Whitehead 480, 143; Judy Chambless 146, 29t; Richard Mauldin 446, 410t; Robert Chambless 494, 303; Hubert Nall 39b, 147b; Oscar McGuire 34b, 229.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Arranging Officer—Jordan McGuire; Secretary—Sharon Whitehead.

#### RECESS

Jordan McGuire led 186 in memory of Elder H.R. Avery. Jack Nelson led 560 in memory of the Avery family. Leaders: Jack Nelson 165; Ted Price 42, 378b; Linda Fagan 335, 31t; Ben Keeble 490, 47b; Charlotte Bishop 284, 25 (JB); Jordan McGuire 100, 186.

#### LUNCH

Leaders: Jack Nelson 47t; Douglas Hubbard and Linda Fagan 159, 72b; Buell Cobb 325; Oscar McGuire 515; Richard Mauldin 43, 358; Hubert Nall 565; Robert Chambless 544; Judy Chambless 347; Jack Nelson 228; Linda Fagan 111t, 111b; Charlotte Bishop 236; Sharon Whitehead 274t.

Jack Nelson led 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Elder Ben Keeble.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Sharon Whitehead

### **EMORY SACRED HARP SINGING** **Cannon Chapel, Emory University** **Saturday, February 14, 2015**

The annual Emory Sacred Harp Singing was held at Cannon Chapel on the Emory University campus in Atlanta, Georgia, on Saturday before the third Sunday in February. Before the singing began, Jesse P. Karlsberg gave a lecture on the historical context and reception of the *Original Sacred Harp*, edited in 1911 by Joseph Stephen James, to mark the publication of the new *Original Sacred Harp, Centennial Edition*. The lecture and first hour of singing, which featured *Original Sacred Harp: Centennial Edition*, was a joint session of the Emory Singing and the Society for Christian Scholarship in Music. Lauren Bock led 59 (JB) to bring the class to order. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Megan Friddle 37b (JB); David Brodeur 47b (JB); Amy Wells 82t (JB); Robert Kelley 486 (JB); Jeannette DePoy 519 (JB); Karen Rollins 524 (JB); David Ivey 25 (JB); Phillip Langley 528 (JB); Wyatt Denney 42 (JB); Jesse P. Karlsberg, Joanna Smolko, and Joshua Waggener 155 (JB); Jesse P. Karlsberg, Allen Tullos, and Danielle Pitrone 508 (JB).

#### RECESS

Lauren Bock and Megan Friddle brought the class back to order by leading 40 (JB).

A business session was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Megan Friddle; Vice Chairman—Phillip Langley; Secretary—Laura Akerman. Leaders: Laura Akerman 303t (JB); John Plunkett 538 (JB); David Smead 433b (JB); Lela Crowder 545 (JB); Andy Morse 422t (JB); Phillip Denney 448t (JB); Robert Kelley 177 (JB); Bill Hollingsworth 32b (JB); J.R. Hardman and Mary Brownlee 238A (JB); Erin Fulton 114b (JB); John Hollingsworth 496 (JB).

The remainder of the singing featured *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Sandra Wilkinson 111t; Malinda Snow 527; Anders Wells 89; Joanna Nicovich and David Ivey 159; Holly Mixon and Kerala Morehouse 142; Mike Spencer 191; Jerusha Wheeler 192; Ann Riley Gray 178; Susan Firestone 551. Matt Hinton offered the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Megan Friddle and Phillip Langley leading 107. Leaders: Erin Johnson-Hill 99; Bob Goodman 145b; Debora Grosse 110; Dave Farmer 147t; Lisa Bennett 547; Jim Neal 339; Oscar McGuire 163b; Caelyn Treacy

34b; Eli Hinton 146; Rosemarie Yntema 209; Erica Hinton 391; Scott DePoy 67; Charlene Wallace, Sam Lawrence, and Megan Friddle 283; Michael Spencer 420; Matt Hinton 432; Jason Stanford 568; David Ivey 90; Holly Mixon 182; Karen Rollins 171; Wyatt Denney 215; Mary Brownlee 556.

#### RECESS

Phillip Langley brought the class back to order leading 172. Leaders: Ann Riley Gray 288; Erin Fulton 375; Erin Johnson-Hill 287; David Smead and Lisa Bennett 560; J.R. Hardman and Debora Grosse 129; David Brodeur and Anders Wells 383; Susan Firestone and Malinda Snow 540; Rosemarie Yntema and Joanna Nicovich 228.

Megan Friddle led 347 as the closing song. John Plunkett offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Megan Friddle; Vice Chairman—Phillip Langley; Secretary—Laura Akerman

### **ALABAMA COLLEGIATE SINGING** **University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama** **Saturday, February 14, 2015**

The 17th annual session of the Alabama Collegiate Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Student Center of Canterbury Episcopal Chapel on the campus of the University of Alabama on Saturday before the third Sunday in February. Nikos Pappas welcomed the class, and led 73b. Ed Thacker offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Stephen Smith 235; Gravis Ballinger 120; Amber Davis 192; Pamela Minor 34b; Nicholas Thompson 172; Margaret Thacker 178; Jack Pate 145b; Jan Herlinger 139; Elene Stovall 316; Nate Green and Norma Green 425; Warren Steel 396; Larry Ballinger 151; Matthew Edwards 40; Scott Ivey 48t; Judy Caudle 500; Steve Shearon 155; Hubert Nall 176b; Bea Aaron 568; Eugene Forbes 203; Shelby Castillo and Larry Ballinger 217; Richard Mauldin 168; Leslie Brady 31b; Lisa Geist 528.

#### RECESS

Nikos Pappas brought the class back to order, and led 223. Nikos then invited university students in attendance into the square and led 222. Leaders: Lucy Heidorn 460; Zilpha Cornett 122 (in memory of Charles Kitchens); Loyd Ivey 283; Ed Thacker 532; Shane Wootten 440; Susan Cheronos 300; Reba Windom 318; Sarah Beasley 340; Beth Branscome 208; Lomax Ballinger 67; Drew McGuire 477; Mary Amelia Taylor 474; Jim Aaron 47b; Eddie Pierce 282.

#### RECESS

Nikos Pappas brought the class back to order by leading 162. Leaders: Mike Richards 299; Bill Stewart 569b; Leslie Sheppard 303; Elene Stovall, Zilpha Cornett, Jerry Kitchens and Judy Caudle 385b (in memory of Mary Kitchens Gardner); Larry Ballinger 224 (in memory of Johnny Humber, Rena Humber, and Jean Ballinger); Nikos Pappas 503 (in memory of Raymond Hamrick); Richard Mauldin 43 (in memory of Stella Pratt); Scott Ivey and Loyd Ivey 47t (in memory of Hobert Ivey); Steve Shearon 159 (in memory of Katherine Hull). Ed Thacker offered the thanksgiving prayer before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Nikos Pappas brought the class back to order by leading 276. A business session was held in which the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Nikos Pappas; Vice Chairman—Tim Cook; Arranging Officer—Scott Ivey; Secretary—Stephen Smith.

Leaders: Seth Holloway 236; Elene Stovall 436; Scott Ivey 428; Amber Davis 391; Stephen Smith 319; Ed Thacker 89; Jack Pate 152; Nicholas Thompson and Reba Windom 216; Eugene Forbes 422; Warren Steel 320; Zilpha Cornett 480; Loyd Ivey

89; Lisa Geist 269; Lucy Heidorn and David Heidorn 146; Jim Aaron 68b; Bea Aaron 475; Hubert Nall 566; Richard Mauldin 551; Drew McGuire 33b; Judy Caudle 389; Jerry Kitchens 56t; Sarah Beasley 129; Mike Richards 189; Eddie Pierce 117; Beth Branscome 430; Shelby Castillo 273; Matthew Edwards 84; Reba Windom 186; Mary Amelia Taylor 270; Pamela Minor and Leslie Sheppard 63; Nikos Pappas 196.

Announcements were made. Nikos Pappas led 267 as the closing song. Ed Thacker offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Nikos Pappas; Vice Chairman—Tim Cook; Secretary—Stephen Smith

## **PACIFIC NORTHWEST SACRED HARP CONVENTION, WASHINGTON SESSION**

**Ballard Homestead, Seattle, Washington**

**February 14-15, 2015**

**Saturday, February 14**

The 24th annual Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Convention, Washington Session, was called to order by Susan Helf leading 49t. Nancy Price offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kate Coxon 114; Karen Willard 28t; Anne Huckins 39t; Darlene Simpson-Brown 391 (for Bill and Nancy Price, who are moving away).

The class held a business session, and the following officers were approved:

Chairman—Kevin Barrans; Rising Chairman—Clarissa Fetrow; Treasurer—Adam Berey; Secretary—Lu Zeng. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Bill Price 163b; Marcia Stedman 107; Bob Schinske 82b; Destiny Woods 347; Jim Friedrich 183; Roger Campbell 277; Erik Schwab 464; Jinx McGuire 171; Kevin Beirne 45t; John Wiens 89; Kate Fortin 315; Katharine Hough 47b.

**RECESS**

Jeff Begley called the class back to order by leading 82t. Leaders: Kathy Vlach 34b; Nicholas Taylor 421; Heidi Kissinger 30t; Aubrey Hemminger 142; Nancy Price 148; David Wright 272; David Hough, Lindsey Pisani, and Liz Minnix 53; Anna Stoerch 172; Greg Saue 147t; Shannon McGuire 196; Karl Oswald, Margaret Hardy Oswald, and Mercy Primrose Oswald 569b; Mary Rose O'Reilly 500; Jim Van Horn 454; Wing Mui 300; Kate Fine 369; Ana Tighe 362; Dan Harper 209; Bruce Rowland 270.

**RECESS**

Scott Kennedy led 228 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Lu Zeng 569t; Ethan Hardy 87; Karen Stingle 254; Reed Schilbach 297; Adam Berey 294; Scott Kennedy 549; Steve Cackley 489; Elizabeth Riggs 479; Mary Taylor 106; Marilyn Murata 105; Clarissa Fetrow 430; Linda Selph 349; Harrison Deadwood 535; Ginny Landgraf 419; Eva Striebeck 383. Nancy Price offered a blessing before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by William Price leading 111b. Leaders: Betsy Jeronen 112; Jennie Brown 460; Bethany Towne 279; Steve Helwig 352; Lindy Groening 472; Stephanie Fida 385t; Evelyn Lamb 370; Erika Wilson 275t; Pat Coghlan 38t; Mary Gowins 530; Mryka Hall-Beyer 135; Jack Lofton 475; Elaine Denny 378b; Thom Fahrbach 436; Jerry Creason 56b; Caroline Helmecci 440; Alberta Hardy 426t; Nell Whitman 42; Carolyn Gilkey and Laura Bentle 344; Sean MacPherson 235; Jean Murphy 335.

**RECESS**



Lindy Groening called the class back to order by leading 81t. Leaders: Melissa Stephenson 134; Jordan Singer 77t; Dorothy Robinson 506; Linda Berkemeier 145b; Kevin Barrans, Gaea Singer, and Bill Zuehl 108b; Adam Berey and Rebecca Allen 63; David Hough and Jack Caldwell 448t; Jennie Brown and Juniper Shuey 313b; Susan Helf 377; Eva Striebeck 102; Dan Harper 345b; Bill Walters 444; Nancy Price and Zoe Scofield 47t; Kate Coxon 58; Ginny Landgraf 433; Linda Selph 217; Stephanie Fida 399b; Lindy Groening 74b; Bethany Towne 351; Mary Gowins 318. Kevin Barrans and Clarissa Fetrow led 348b as the closing song. Nancy Price offered a closing prayer.

Much of the class retired for the evening, but Kevin Barrans presided over a small composium for those who wished to stay. Composers Adam Berey, Ethan Hardy, Kevin Barrans, and David Wright led the class in singing their compositions. The class was ample with feedback and admiration.

### **Sunday, February 15**

The Sunday session of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Convention, Washington Session, was called to order by Kevin Barrans leading 52t.

John Wiens offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Wiens 38b; Nancy Price and Alastair Pringle 350; Wing Mui 228; Clarissa Fetrow 101t; Lucinda Saue 178; David Hough 496; Elizabeth Riggs 497; Bill Walters 547; Matt Ebarb 344; Nicholas Taylor 294; Kathy Vlach 143; Nell Whitman 66; Jordan Singer 330b; Reed Schilbach 501; Greg Saue 99.

### **RECESS**

Thom Fahrback led 65 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Kate Fine and Alastair Pringle 282; Jake Hachey 312b; Students from the Evergreen State College 354b, 46; Bruce Rowland 551; Destiny Woods 328; Bob Schinske 320; Students from the Evergreen State College 268; Jim Friedrich 163t; Kari Lundgren 353; Elaine Denny 372; Students from the Evergreen State College 267, 45t; Adam Berey 159; Mryka Hall-Beyer and Anne Cowling 327; Jack Lofton 528; Karen Stingle 503.

### **RECESS**

Stephanie Fida called the class back to order by leading 445. Leaders: Betsy Jeronen 573; Carol Selleck 354t; Pat Coghlan 474.

Lucinda Saue read the list of names of the sick and shut-ins, followed by a prayer.

She led 171 for the following: Tammi Ziola, Hugh Clark, Cathryn Bearov, Sr., Wallace Bradberry, Adrienne Papermaster, Paul Brueggermeier, Mary Metzger, Tracy Jalbuena, Kirk Lundgren, Shisue Sugimoto, John Shaffer, John Fruin, Hilde Ward, Tom Bilbro, Bernice Harvey, and Carla Smith.

Bill Price shared a meditation on the bonds that connect our community and remembered those who have passed on, leading 347 in memory of Donald Glor, Sally Coghlan, Jean Williams, Boyd Dion, Fred Mercer, Fumie Murata, Alfonso Shettini, Clautille Louis, Brenda Hansen, Mike Shields, Joe Nishimura, Nadine Willard—California; Dean McMurray, Zander Whitman, Wilma Onan, Jerry Freundlich, Velma Southerland, Carol Parrish—Washington; Ruth Ross, Jeff Eaton, Julie Rogers, Jerry Jeronen, Renee Windwor—Oregon; David Wampler, Eleanor Anderson, Timothy Florravit—Pennsylvania; Bill Aplin, Sammie Oliver, Tom Maxwell—Alabama; David Rust, Janet Davis—Indiana; Bob Sullivan—Illinois; Susan Smith—Colorado; Wayne Brumley—Texas; Stanly Edwards—Oregon / Alabama; Raymond Hamrick—Georgia; Richard Brandt—Minnesota. John Wiens offered a prayer to close the memorial lesson.

The class resumed singing with the following leaders: Darlene Simpson-Brown 337; Jerry Creason, Ann Sibole, and Nikki Swingle 192; Sam Bennett 410t; Linda Berkemeier 566. John Wiens offered thanks for the meal.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Wing Mui leading 155. Leaders: David Wright 189; Kate Coxon 29t; Jen Rymut 89; Mary Gowins 546; Eva Striebeck 455; Kevin Barrans 465; Jennie Brown 505; Linda Selph 396; Bethany Towne 411; Erik Schwab 538; Jonathan Levy-Wolins and Micah Hull-Levy-Wolins 383; Ginny Landgraf 504; Evelyn Lamb 390; Lindy Groening 500; Caroline Helmecki and Tova Houpt 49b; Peter Schinske 272; Dan Harper 269; Jeff Begley 158; Kate Fortin 498; Mary Taylor 218; Jinx McGuire 148; Marilyn Murata 423; Scott Kennedy 162; Katharine Hough 236.

#### RECESS

Eva Striebeck led 37t. Leaders: Apollo Gott and Benjamin Smith 472; Rachael Ashley and Katharine Hough 376; Kevin Beirne 457; Ethan Hardy 138t; Stephanie Fida 486; Steve Helwig 227; Thom Fahrback 416; Kramer Klein 215; Karen Willard, Ken Hallock, and Dudley Willard 79; Ana Tighe 387; Steve Cackley 204; Robert Pavelchek and Molly Pumfrey 338; Marla Elliott 86; Shannon McGuire and Rachel Kessler 142; Karl Oswald 179; Susan Helf and Gayla Bradberry 72b; Alberta Hardy 425; Sean McPherson 348t; Anne Huckins 384; Elaine Denny 146.

A business session was held to hear reports. The Treasurer reported that all expenses were covered by the generous offering. The Arranging Committee reported 191 total attendees from 13 US states, 2 Canadian provinces, and 1 additional country (Germany), and that leaders called 165 songs. The Resolutions Committee (Kate Fortin and Stephanie Fida) thanked all who worked to make the convention a success. Announcements were made, and the business session was closed.

Kevin Barrans and Clarissa Fetrow led 62 as the closing song, and all who wished took the parting hand. John Wiens closed the convention with prayer.

Chairman—Kevin Barrans; Rising Chairman—Clarissa Fetrow; Secretary—Lu Zeng

### **UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA Food Services Building (Z-6), Carrollton, Georgia Sunday, February 15, 2015**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia, was held on the third Sunday in February. Myron House called the class to order, welcomed everyone, and then led 59. Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer. Myron House led 270.

Leaders: Jan House 148, 151; Donna Bell 490, 47t (for Evelyn Harris); Henry Johnson 87, 138t; Karen Rollins 36b, 35; Judy Chambless 37b, 82t.

A business session was held with the following officers retained: Chairman—Myron House; Vice Chairman—Jan House; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless; Memorial Lesson—Karen Rollins.

Leaders: Samuel Williams 38b, 183; Erin Johnson-Hill 30b, 276; Robert Chambless 77b, 225t (in memory of Raymond Hamrick).

#### RECESS

Jan House brought the class back to order leading 143. Leaders: Susan Klinefelter 114, 142; Richard DeLong 28t, 316; Philip Denney 61, 84; Rachel Rudi 132, 375; Earlis McGraw 284, 312b; Faith Riley 159, 72b; Denney Rogers 318, 345t; Lisa Bennett 130, 131b; Wyatt Denney 49b, 100; Charlene Wallace 99, 101t; Oscar McGuire 171, 350; Marilyn Bradley 448b, 81t; John Plunkett 435, 405; Mary Morris 45t, 335; Daniel Williams 30t, 74t. Henry Johnson offered the blessing of the noon meal at the table.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing began with Myron House leading 104. Leaders: Claudia Smigelski 68b, 503; Sheri Taylor and Christian Webb 294, 46.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Karen Rollins. She read a variation of page 450 from *The Sacred Harp*, stating that life can be slow or quick, and that we don't know how long life will be, but all tend to eternity. She explained the purpose of a memorial and reminded us to remember those gone on before us, not just for a year. She encouraged us to call or send a card to the singers on the sick and shut-in's list. Karen read the names of the deceased and sick and shut-ins. The deceased remembered were Josephine Denney, Betty Wright, Raymond Hamrick, Stanly Edwards, Sammie Oliver, and Joyce Harrison. The sick and shut-ins remembered were Evelyn Harris, Eugene Forbes, Floy Wilder, Bill Windom, George Garner, Lucy Garner, Lucille Gunnels, and Mary Fox. Karen Rollins then led 340. Philip Denney closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Gary Keaton 64, 507; B.M. Smith 155 (for Evelyn Harris), 204 (in memory of J.T. Pruitt); David Smead 111b, 310; Michael Spencer 289, 308; Cecil Roberts 229, 285t; Fred Eady 192; Rachel Rudi, Erin Johnson-Hill, and Henry Johnson 382; Susan Klinefelter and Faith Riley 448t; Daniel Williams and Samuel Williams 123b; Mary Morris and Gary Keaton 65; Karen Rollins, Denney Rogers, and Philip Denney 153; Earlis McGraw, Charlene Wallace, and Cecil Roberts 146; Lisa Bennett, David Smead, and Richard DeLong 211; Oscar McGuire, B.M. Smith, and John Plunkett 384; Sheri Taylor, Donna Bell, and Fred Eady 63; Marilyn Bradley, Robert Chambless, and Judy Chambless 176b (for Dr. Bill Davis and in memory of Lonnie Rogers).

A business session was held to change the starting time of this singing to 10:00 a.m. Next year's singing will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Following announcements, Myron House and Jan House led 323t as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

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

## **LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY SINGING** **University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois** **Sunday, February 15, 2015**

The 23rd annual Lincoln's Birthday singing was held on the third Sunday in February at Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago, in conjunction with the University of Chicago Folk Festival. The class was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Jim Swanson, who led 34b.

Since many people unfamiliar with Sacred Harp attend this singing, he welcomed everyone, encouraged all to participate, and announced that there would be a singing school lesson to help them understand the music.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jim Swanson; Secretary—Mary Rogel; Arranging Officer—Jim Swanson.

Leaders: Nick Pasqual 178; Ted Mercer 52b; Susan Matthews 84; Susan Geil 312b; Eileen Ferguson 344; Mary Rogel 217. Lisa Grayson presented a singing school lesson and led 45t. Leaders: Randy Neufeld 29t; Rochelle Lodder 171; Marian Neudel 117.

RECESS

Jim Swanson brought the class back together by leading 111b. Leaders: Lisa Grayson 110; Scott Lybrand and Jim Swanson 448t; Jerry Gripshover and Mary Rogel 268; Jim Helke 186; Michael Appert 47b; Nick Pasqual 61; Rafael Suarez 163b; Ted Mercer 503 (in memory of Bob Sullivan, who died on January 27); Susan Matthews 133; Susan Geil 369; Eileen Ferguson 36b; Mary Rogel 504; Randy Neufeld 501; Melanie Hauff 203.

RECESS

Mary Rogel brought the class to order by leading 148. Leaders: Marian Neudel 479; Rochelle Lodder 481; Scott Lybrand 448b; Lisa Grayson 269; Judy Hauff 82t; Jerry Gripshover and Mary Rogel 146; Jim Helke 496; Sally Youngquist 229; Ann Sleeva 569b; Michael Appert and Jeff Yonkus 313b; Jeff Yonkus 348b; Nick Pasqual 38t; Jim Swanson 300; Ted Mercer 297; Susan Matthews 52t; Susan Geil 474. Announcements were made. Jim Swanson led 347 as the class took the parting hand. Chairman—Jim Swanson; Secretary—Mary Rogel

**SOUTH YORKSHIRE SINGING**  
**Wood Lane Countryside Centre**  
**Stannington, South Yorkshire, United Kingdom**  
**Saturday, February 21, 2015**

The annual South Yorkshire All-Day Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Sarah West leading 31b. Benny Ross offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Sarah West; Arranging Committee—Ian West, Vicki Elliott, and Eimear O'Donovan; Secretary—Cath Ingham.

Leaders: Vicki Elliott 34b; Geoff Grainger 535; Eimear O'Donovan 48t; Benny Ross 166; Sue Lord 388; Duane Nasis 60; Liam Kirby 131b; Hannah Land 480; Ed Paton-Williams 229; Lin James 148; Steve Brett 119; Erin Johnson-Hill 217; Phil Tyler 184; Michael Walker 36t; Helen Brown 422; Calum Woods and Rosalind Woods 38b; Ted Brown 105; Margaret Gillanders 440; Ian West 106.

**RECESS**

Eimear O'Donovan called the class to order leading 171. Leaders: Vicki Elliott 277; Benny Ross 474; Nigel Bowley 113; Colin Higgins 29t; Liam Kirby and Maureen Kirby 282; Sarah West 112; Kate Kirwan 436.

Ted Brown conducted the memorial lesson and read the names of the following recently deceased: Bill Kerridge, Rina Rogers, Doris Leach, Geoffrey Nathan, John Selvey, Danny Arms, Sessie Davidson and Maggie Boyle. He also spoke for the following sick and housebound: Cath Tyler, Anna Pfau, Sister Pippa and Daphene Causey. Ted Brown led 77t and closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Erin Johnson-Hill 235; Hannah Land 475; Calum Woods 406; Phil Owen 383; Geoff Grainger 503; Duane Nasis 76b; Sue Lord 111b; Margaret Gillanders 534; Steve Brett 225t. Hannah Land offered the blessing for the midday meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Ed Paton-Williams leading 102.

Leaders: Ian West 415; Lin James 178; Michael Walker 522; Phil Tyler 442; Helen Brown and Ted Brown 426b; Kate Kirwan 532 (for Anna Pfau); Steve Brett 165; Eimear O'Donovan 278t; Erin Johnson-Hill 424; Hannah Land 280; Sarah West 201; Benny Ross 350; Liam Kirby 548; Nigel Bowley 513; Colin Higgins 313b; Duane Nasis 568; Phil Owen 542; Calum Woods 138t; Margaret Gillanders 556; Sue Lord 124.

**RECESS**

Vicki Elliott and Amanda Elliott called the class to order leading 47t. Leaders: Geoff Grainger 569b; Ted Brown 338; Steve Brett 491; Margaret Gillanders 391; Phil Tyler 477; Michael Walker 103; Colin Higgins 203; Liam Kirby 205; Erin Johnson-Hill and Ed Paton-Williams 314; Ian West 445; Sue Lord 381; Kate Kirwan 411; Benny Ross and Lin James 294; Calum Woods 83t; Nigel Bowley 565; Hannah Land 73t; Helen Brown and Ted Brown 187 (for Daphene Causey); Duane Nasis 79; Eimear O'Donovan 290.

Sarah West led 347 as the closing song. Helen Brown offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sarah West; Secretary—Cath Ingham

**TEXAS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION**  
**Coker United Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas**  
**February 21-22, 2015**

**Saturday, February 21**

The 23rd annual Texas State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the Coker United Methodist Church in San Antonio, Texas. Mike Hinton called the class to order leading 135. Danny Creel offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Mike Hinton 145t; Cassie Allen 138b; Tammy Powell 503; Carter Cook 142; Amy Peveto 183; Vickie Cook 171; Scott Curran 228; Don Ross 567; Richard Mauldin 168; Diane Ross 507; Mike Woinosli 345b; Sonny Erwin 489; Judy Whiting 222; Bill Bailey 95; David Brodeur 315; Robert Vaughn 224; Riley Owen 67; Danny Creel 383; Katie Mahoney 456; Jackson Owen 53; Christopher Nicholson 73b; Ken Tate 314.

RECESS

Cassie Allen called the class back to order by leading 100. Leaders: Janie Short 500; Lori Rodgers 379; Liz Owen 546; Hubert Nall 176b; Rick Cunningham 70b; Ben Copenhaver 71; Kathy Williams 217; Beverly Coates 547; Syd Caldwell and Mike Hinton 218; Kevin Powell 200; Kyle Hearn 39t; Linn Schmidt 38b; Linda Booker 569b; Rich Lee 37b; Paige Winslett 430; Becca Short 162; Jeb Owen 73t; Donna Sewell 63; Olivia Powell 480; Joy Spreadborough 452; Bruce Coates 30b; Steve Helwig 460; Michele Curran 269; Chris Brown 447.

The following committees were appointed: Memorial Committee—Richard Mauldin and Syd Caldwell; Nominating Committee—Sonny Erwin and Michele Curran. Danny Creel offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Mike Hinton called the class to order by leading 145b. Leaders: Tom Owen 512; Janet Morgan 77t; Rick Foreman 418; Rodney Ivey and Cassie Allen 432; Leon Ballinger 195; Dave Collette 350; Jesse Latimer 532; Zach Webb 40; Cheryl Foreman 472; Amanda Bowels 159; Abigail Webb 33t; Ron Bernucho 268; Susan Webb 178; Greg Bowels 300; Paige Winslett 181; Micah Rodgers and Cheyenne Ivey 31t; Kyle Hearn 454; Richard Mauldin 43; David Brodeur 450 (for Chloe Webb); Riley Owen and Girl Scouts 45t; Mike Woinosli 76b. Announcements were made.

RECESS

Danny Creel led 30t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Syd Caldwell 328; Kathy Williams 276; Hubert Nall 313t; Ken Tate 303; Jackson Owen 32t; Janet Morgan 89; Donna Sewell 448b; Judy Whiting and Chris Brown 176t; Joy Spreadborough 457; Steve Helwig 458.

Mike Hinton and Cassie Allen led 68b as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer.

**Sunday, February 22**

The Sunday session of the Texas State Convention was called to order by Mike Hinton leading 46. Danny Creel offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Cassie Allen 36b; Tammy Powell 142; Richard Mauldin 143; Bill Bailey 540; Joy Spreadborough 47b; Carter Cook 203; Danny Creel 428; Kristie Powell 110; Silas Huckaby 53; Mike Woinosli 189; Sarah Huckaby 542; Gaylon Powell

500; Kathy Williams 151; Jo Pendleton 34b; Crystal Meadows 183; Steve Helwig 133; Becky Hendricks 479; Chris Nicholson 49t; Ken Tate 535.

#### RECESS

Cassie Allen called the class together by leading 131b. Leaders: Sonny Erwin 111b; Robert Vaughn “Syd”; Syd Caldwell 234; Linda Booker 490; Beverly Coates 107; David Brodeur 306; Janie Short 543; Scott Curran 196; Katie Mahoney 399b; Chris Brown 206; Bruce Coates 235; Ben Copenhaver 338; Don Ross 475; Hubert Nall 287; Leon Ballinger 172; Olivia Powell 148; Linn Schmidt 128; Rick Foreman 426t. A memorial lesson was held at this time. Syd Caldwell and Kathy Williams led 155 for the following sick and shut-ins: Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Myrl Jones, Jimmy Foreman, Alexa Nichols, Don Huckaby, Jane Goforth, Liz Owen, the Taylor family, Beau Caldwell, Andy Worthington, Kermit Adams, S.T. Reed, Wayne Reed, Bill Windom, Willodean Barton, Evelyn Harris, and Daphene Causey.

Richard Mauldin led 339 in memory of the following deceased: Dawson Adams, Phillip Wootten, Sammie Oliver, Charles Kitchens, Hobert Ivey, Bill Aplin, Olivia Wootten Allen, Lewis Norton, and Stanly Edwards—Alabama; Dorothy Williams—UK; Raymond Hamrick, Josephine Denney, and Joyce Harrison—Georgia; Suzie Dickerson—Arkansas; Kate Davis—Ireland; Doris Hanks, Sallie Foreman, Jolene Crozker, John Kerr, and Casey Crawford—Texas. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer for the memorial service.

Leaders: Tom Owen 373; Cheryl Foreman 69b; Mike Hinton and the barbecue cooks 495; Cassie Allen 498; Rich Lee 425; Judy Whiting and Diane Ross 441. Danny Creel offered the noon prayer.

#### LUNCH

Scott Curran called the class to order by leading 448t. Leaders: Kevin Powell 86; Rodney Ivey and Silas Huckaby 300, 430; Ron Bernucho 408; Michele Curran 485; Lisa Bulawsky 531; Amanda Bowles 503; Amy Peveto 30b; Vickie Cook 150; Kristie Powell 383; Sarah Huckaby 168; Gaylon Powell 440; Crystal Meadows 481; Lori Rodgers 45t; Donna Sewell 146.

A business meeting was held. The following officers were elected to serve for next year: Chairman—Cassie Allen; Vice Chairman—Amy Peveto; Secretary—Tammy Powell; Treasurers—Rick Foreman and Cheryl Foreman.

Leaders: Tammy Powell 163b; Judy Whiting and Cheryl Foreman 521; Hubert Nall and Carter Cook 566; Kathy Williams and Beverly Coates 208; Richard Mauldin and Sonny Erwin 446; Chris Brown and Rick Foreman; David Brodeur and Tom Owen 336; Mike Woinoslsi and Bruce Coates 101b; Ben Copenhaver, Bill Bailey, and Rich Lee 451; Danny Creel and Gaylon Powell 112; Ken Tate and Leon Ballinger 84; Linn Schmidt and Katie Mahoney 323t; Steve Helwig and Crystal Meadows 492; Joy Spreadborough and Olivia Powell 354b; Michele Curran and Kristie Powell 186; Janie Short, Vickie Cook, and Amy Peveto 236.

Announcements were made. Mike Hinton, Cassie Allen, and Tammy Powell led 347 as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mike Hinton; Vice Chairperson—Cassie Allen; Secretary—Tammy Powell

### UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SINGING State Botanical Garden of Georgia, Athens, Georgia Sunday, February 22, 2015

The 42nd meeting of the University of Georgia Singing was held at the Visitor’s Center of the State Botanical Garden in Athens, Georgia, on the fourth Sunday in

February. This singing is notable as it is the only annual singing that uses *The Social Harp*, first published in 1855.

John Hollingsworth opened the session leading 119 (ScH), and offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held and the previous officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Michael Spencer; Secretary—Shannon Primm. Jane Spencer was appointed as the Arranging Officer.

Leaders: John Hollingsworth 250 (ScH); Michael Spencer 37 (ScH), 87 (ScH); Shannon Primm 61b (ScH), 183 (ScH); Jane Spencer 60 (ScH), 141 (ScH); Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 113 (ScH), 155 (ScH); Nathan Rees 61t (ScH), 184 (ScH); Lauren Bock 50 (ScH), 182 (ScH); Oscar McGuire 34 (ScH); Bill Hollingsworth 159 (ScH), 31 (ScH); Chris Wilhelm 154 (ScH), 22 (ScH); Mike Richards 28 (ScH), 44 (ScH); John Plunkett 134 (ScH), 82 (ScH); Jonathan Smith 107 (ScH), 170 (ScH); Margie Dietz 66 (ScH), 86 (ScH); Richard DeLong 228 (ScH), 23b (ScH); John Garst 51 (ScH), 35 (ScH); Robert Kelley 227 (ScH), 19 (ScH).

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Nathan Rees leading 194 (ScH). Leaders: Michael Spencer 200 (ScH); Karen Redwine 114 (ScH), 63 (ScH); Jane Spencer 53 (ScH); Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 49 (ScH); Lauren Bock 139 (ScH); Oscar McGuire 59b (ScH); Bill Hollingsworth 52t (ScH); Chris Wilhelm 135 (ScH); Mike Richards 99 (ScH); John Plunkett 218t (ScH); Jonathan Smith 216 (ScH); Margie Dietz 156 (ScH); Richard DeLong 137 (ScH); Robert Kelley 29 (ScH); Karen Redwine 219 (ScH).

LUNCH

During the afternoon session, the class sang from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

Leaders: John Hollingsworth 37b; Michael Spencer 166; Shannon Primm 186 (for Elsie Hollingsworth); Jane Spencer 75; Christy Sinksen 448t; Bill Hollingsworth 236; Jennifer McDaniel 59; Robert Kelley 470; Karen Redwine 312b; Kevin Kelley 195; Lauren Bock 296; Mike Richards 193; Nathan Rees 351; Oscar McGuire 276; Joanna Smolko 86; John Plunkett 160b; Richard DeLong 39b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 202.

RECESS

John Hollingsworth led 461 to call the class together. Leaders: Kate Friesen 277; Jane Spencer and Mike Richards 434; Christy Sinksen, Jennifer McDaniel, and Sage Woodroff 47b; Jonathan Smith and Nathan Rees 126; Scott Kemp and Robert Kelley 72b; Lauren Bock and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 77b. Following announcements, Lauren Bock led 347 as the closing song.

Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Michael Spencer; Secretary—Shannon Primm

## EMMAUS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING

Thomaston, Georgia  
Saturday, February 28, 2015

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church held on Saturday before the first Sunday in March was called to order by Wayne Watson leading 49b. Wayne Watson offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Wayne Watson; Secretaries—Mary Brownlee and Debora Grosse.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 34b; David Brodeur and Emily Wells 159, 452; John Brownlee 47b; Lisa Bennett 121, 229; David Grant 317, 546; David Smead 475, 564; Mary Brownlee 78, 84; Debora Grosse 460, 208; Susan Ford 68b.

RECESS

Oscar McGuire brought the class together by leading 59. Today's singing was dedicated to the memory of Raymond Hamrick because of what he meant to this singing, and a tribute was read as follows:

#### Memorial to Raymond Hamrick

Some of us knew Raymond Hamrick all our lives, some not as long, but to all of us he was a much loved teacher, mentor, author, and friend. We all enjoyed a social relationship with him. He was widely read and was a delightful conversationalist. He told us the backstory of many of the songs and their authors, including his own. His deep faith and spirituality were shown in his own songs of praise and adoration to our Redeemer and Heavenly Father. There is no finer tribute or memorial than the legacy of the beautiful songs he authored. We hope they will be sung by generations to come.

We knew Raymond through his nearly lifelong association with Sacred Harp, but he was known mainly in Macon as a master watch and clock repairman and jeweler. He often made house calls to repair clocks that could not be brought into his shop. I saw him often at his workbench, working with tiny parts and tools. Precision and time marked his professional life, and he instructed us, and sometimes admonished us, to pay attention to the time signature in our songs.

I have paraphrased some words taken from an epitaph of a master watch and clock maker who lived in the 1700s as an apt tribute and memorial to Raymond Hamrick: Integrity was the mainspring, and prudence the regulator of the actions of his life. He had the art of disposing of his time so well, that his hours glided by in harmony and dignity. He ran down November 24, 2014, in hopes of being taken in hand by his Maker, thoroughly cleaned, repaired, wound up, and set going in the world to come, when time shall be no more. Respectfully submitted by Mary Brownlee, Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church. The class sang 569t to conclude the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Faye Hollis 340; Martha Harrell 61, 178; Rosemund Watson 503, 282; Sandra Wilkinson 300, 274t; Philip Ford 49t, 63; Melvin Kersey 120, 565.

#### LUNCH

Leaders: Beth Brownlee Kerkhoff 147t; Abraham Hardy 56b, 297; Ethan Hardy 445, 567; John Hollingsworth 186, 182; Bill Hollingsworth 489, 236; Jonathon Kelso 499, 571; John Plunkett 94, 540; Emily Wells, Ethan Hardy, and Abraham Hardy 284, 268; David Brodeur 81t; Lisa Bennett 344; Bentley McGuire 149, 542; Wayne Watson 480, 112; David Smead 512; Mary Brownlee, Beth Brownlee Kerkhoff, John Brownlee, and Jason Brownlee 566; Debora Grosse 198; Susan Ford 45t; Faye Hollis 276; Martha Harrell 515; Sandra Wilkinson 177; Philip Ford 38b; Melvin Kersey 47t; Bill Hollingsworth 354t; David Grant 354b; John Plunkett and Bob Crawford 143; Bentley McGuire 505, 485; Oscar McGuire 50b.

Rosemund Watson led 347 as the closing song. Wayne Watson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Wayne Watson; Secretaries—Mary Brownlee and Debora Grosse

### **NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca, New York Saturday, February 28, 2015**

The first New York State Regional Singing of 2015 was held on the last Saturday in February at St. John's Episcopal Church in Ithaca, New York. The class was called to order by Ginny Huszagh leading 34b. The morning prayer was offered by Bob Wheeler.



The following officers were appointed: Chairman—Ginny Huszagh; Vice Chairman and Arranging Officer—Eric Bean; Secretary—Tarik Wareh; Treasurer—Jennifer Cook.

Leaders: Eric Bean 31t; Dennis Leipold 47t; Candis Bailey 39t; Faiz Wareh 35; Ginny Huszagh 99; Cora Wareh 163b; Tarik Wareh 111b; Bob Wheeler 171; Melody Johnson 86; Joanna Wheeler 68b; Sarah Underhill 155; Laurie Dempsey 268; Mary Skidmore 29t; Thom Metzger 277; Rebeka Radna-Crasta 142; Gracie Schell 282; Eric Bean 270; Dennis Leipold 192; Candis Bailey 106; Faiz Wareh 313t; Ginny Huszagh 180; Cora Wareh 313b; Tarik Wareh 295; Bob Wheeler 40; Melody Johnson 218; Barbara Swetman 230.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Ginny Huszagh leading 52t. Leaders: Joanna Wheeler 148; Sarah Underhill 38b; Laurie Dempsey 312b; Mary Skidmore 448t; Thom Metzger 522; Rebeka Radna-Crasta 47b; Gracie Schell led 107 (in honor of Ron Bornick); Eric Bean 324; Dennis Leipold 105; Candis Bailey 217; Faiz Wareh 187; Ginny Huszagh 228; Bob Wheeler 350; Cuba Ray 178; Cora Wareh 535; Tarik Wareh 306; Ben Bath 222; Melody Johnson 38t; Barbara Swetman 200; Joanna Wheeler 504; Sarah Underhill 56b; Laurie Dempsey 503; Mary Skidmore 432. Thom Metzger offered prayer before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Thom Metzger leading 112. Leaders: Candis Bailey 475; Ginny Huszagh 133; Bob Wheeler 36b; Ben Bath 42; Thom Metzger 423; Cuba Ray 569b; Eric Bean 285t; Tarik Wareh, Faiz Wareh, and Cora Wareh 566; Barbara Swetman 129; Melody Johnson 315; Joanna Wheeler 183; Mary Skidmore 567; Laurie Dempsey 276; Rebeka Radna-Crasta 122; Sarah Underhill 33b; Gracie Schell 159; Candis Bailey 294; Lucy Roberts 48b; Ginny Huszagh 65; Bob Wheeler 515; Ben Bath 186; Faiz Wareh 220; Thom Metzger 399t; Cuba Ray 63; Cora Wareh 431 (in memory of her great-grandmother, Nelle Norman); Barbara Swetman 474; Tarik Wareh 27; Melody Johnson 340. Announcements were made.

#### RECESS

Eric Bean called the class back to order leading 46. Leaders: Rebeka Radna-Crasta 49b; Sarah Underhill 73t; Ben Bath 384; Candis Bailey 203; Bob Wheeler 198; Ginny Huszagh 209; Eric Bean 335; Thom Metzger 319; Cuba Ray 147t; Barbara Swetman 454 (for Ron Bornick); Tarik Wareh 549; Melody Johnson 344.

Ginny Huszagh led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Bob Wheeler.

Chairman—Ginny Huszagh; Vice Chairman—Eric Bean; Secretary—Tarik Wareh

### ELMORE CENTER SINGING

#### Elmore Center United Methodist Church, Gordo, Alabama Saturday, February 28, 2015

The 171st session of the Elmore Center Sacred Harp singing was held at Elmore Center Methodist Church near Gordo, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Sunday in March. Jack Pate called the class to order by leading 145b. The pastor of the church, Rev. Jake Barrett, offered the morning prayer. Jack Pate welcomed everyone. The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Jack Pate; Vice Chairman—Amber Davis; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Wayne Baines.

Leaders: Jack Pate 39b; Chris Ballinger 145t, 339; Wendell Rinehart 31t, 31b; Betty Baccus 61, 168; Glenn Keeton 365, 378b; Gracie Barrett and Jack Pate 59, 282; Hubert Nall 87, 155; Isabella Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Glenn Keeton 235, 30t;

Mike Hankins 480, 527; Earl Ballinger 177, 176t; Rita Herron and Larry Ballinger 45t, 72b.

#### RECESS

Amber Davis led 82t and 391 to call the class to order. Leaders: Eugene Forbes 318, 434; Zilpha Cornett 143, 122 (in memory of Charles Kitchens); Nikos Pappas 182, 180; Lisa Geist 472, 304; Richard Mauldin 349, 208; Jerry Kitchens 400, 421; Brenda Chafin 192, 270; Gravis Ballinger 36b, 112; Velton Chafin 113, 231. Jack Pate offered the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jack Pate leading 335. Leaders: Loretta Whitman 176b, 337; Larry Ballinger 402, 528; Willodean Barton 418, 475; Steve Adams and Amber Davis 99, 331; Chris Kinard 455, 47b; Wayne Baines 340, 341; Chris Ballinger 178; Richard Mauldin 66; Hubert Nall 565; Wendell Rinehart 445; Eugene Forbes 405; Glenn Keeton 358, 571 (CB); Nikos Pappas 361; Larry Ballinger 291; Betty Baccus, Isabella Keeton, and Matthew Keeton 46; Chris Kinard 481; Zilpha Cornett 354b; Jerry Kitchens 86; Lisa Geist 540; Brenda Chafin 542; Earl Ballinger 500; Amber Davis 212.

Following announcements, Jack Pate led 503, and then dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jack Pate; Vice Chairman—Amber Davis; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

## OHIO STATE CONVENTION

**Jeffrey Mansion, Bexley, Ohio**

**February 28–March 1, 2015**

**Saturday, February 28**

The 23rd annual Ohio State Convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Jim Coppock leading 72b. The morning prayer was offered by Greg Creech.

A business session was held and Jim Coppock presented the slate of officers chalked on an old slate board. The 2015 officers, elected by unanimous vote, are as follows: Co-Chairpersons—Lia Mansfield and Laura Ann Russell; Co-Vice Chairpersons—Ray Rechenberg and Sheila Patterson; Treasurer—Lauralee Thompson; Secretary—Michael Darby; Arranging Committee—Laura Ann Russell, Beth Todd, Eloise Clark, John Bealle, and Ray Rechenberg. Lia Mansfield appointed Nigel Ewan as Chaplain, and Michael Darby to spearhead the Memorial Committee. She then asked the other committees to form, and the business session was closed.

Leaders: Lia Mansfield and Laura Ann Russell 178; Ray Rechenberg and Sheila Patterson 40; Michael Darby and Lauralee Thompson 31t; Greg Creech 127; Judith McDowell 30t; Claire Outten 481; Steve Duff 313t; Dan Coppock 479; David Casenhiser 99; Clara Herr 300; Sue Duff 110; Christopher Yoder 117; John Seaton 47t; Corey Sees 121; Debbie Hall 362; Bertha B. Buttner 421; Tim Morton 394; Beth Todd 501; Jim Herr 222; Linda Coppock 377.

#### RECESS

Sheila Patterson called the class back to order by leading 82t. Leaders: Marlene McIntire 62; Eloise Clark 348t; Lori Graber 548; Darrell Swarens 112 (in memory of David Rust); Nancy Hunter 472; Ted Mercer 468; Pleasance Crawford 464; Idy Kiser 313b; Samuel Sommers 476; Tom Kochan 81t; Will Fitzgerald 358; Brad Oglesby 145t; Janelle Davis 47b; Michele Raine 63; Jason Yoder 294; Phil DuPont 319; John Bealle 379; Gillian Inksetter 456; Cecelia Kramer 157; Shawn Fenton 70b; Ray Rechenberg 203; Jan May 474; Joel-Henry Mansfield 452; Sylvia Thomas 168; Marian Mitchell 163t; Michael Darby 361. Greg Creech offered a prayer before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Lia Mansfield leading 335. Leaders: Stephen Kasperick-Postellon 344; Allyson Plumberg 269; Nigel Ewan 276; Bonnie Spitzkeit 551; Ethan Mast 454; Mary Kay Quinn and Cecelia Kramer 39t; Grace Patterson and Jim Patterson 528; Teresa Kasperick-Postellon 277; Michael Domino 235; Michael Darby and Lauralee Thompson 369; Darrell Swarens 507; Julia Grawemeyer and Lia Mansfield 216; Ted Mercer 182; Jim Mace 105; Christopher Yoder 532; Steve Duff 475; Lori Graber 228; Lia Mansfield 65.

#### RECESS

Nigel Ewan led 146 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: John Seaton 34b; Corey Sees 336; Claire Outten 315; David Casenhiser 106; Janelle Davis 282; Tom Kochan 503; Will Fitzgerald 321; Sue Duff 141; Pleasance Crawford 297; Bertha B. Buttner 58; Gillian Inksetter 327; Michele Raine 209; Marian Mitchell 213b; Dan Coppock 320; Jan May 540; John Bealle 434; Cecelia Kramer 71; Linda Coppock 542; Beth Todd 457.

Announcements were made, including the social in the evening featuring Brad Oglesby's "Sacred Harp Jeopardy". Lia Mansfield led 347 as the closing song. Nigel Ewan offered the closing prayer.

### Sunday, March 1

March came in like a lion with a snow storm that began overnight and lasted throughout the Sunday singing session. Laura Ann Russell led 38t to bring the Sunday morning session to order. Nigel Ewan offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Marlene McIntire 72b; Judith McDowell 107; Nancy Hunter 312b; Michael Darby 48t; Teresa Kasperick-Postellon 420; Nigel Ewan 254; Greg Creech 33b; Allison Lindner 268; Marian Mitchell 163b; Jason Yoder 66; Lia Mansfield 515; Debbie Hall 497; Stephen Kasperick-Postellon 267.

#### RECESS

John Bealle called the class back to order by leading 108t. Leaders: Sylvia Thomas 372; Chuck Crawford 300; Joel-Henry Mansfield 448t; Jim Patterson 569b; Ray Rechenberg 426b; Clara Herr 564; Christopher Yoder 338; Jan May 189; Linda Coppock 180; Sheila Patterson 225t (for Loraine Bayer); Michael Darby and Laura Ann Russell 148; Ethan Mast 128; Jim Coppock 304; Tim Morton 29t; Will Fitzgerald 371; Jim Herr 546; Connor Allgood and Jim Herr 76b; Beth Todd 32t; Samuel Sommers 316; Pleasance Crawford 184; Dan Coppock 183; Cecelia Kramer 174; Gillian Inksetter 215.

#### RECESS

The class was called back together by Laura Ann Russell leading 81t. The Memorial Committee was asked to present their lesson. Michael Darby spoke of lessons learned as part of Sacred Harp singing, and reminded singers of the importance of community. He drew attention to two names on the memorial list, David Rust and Raymond Hamrick, speaking briefly of how each influenced Sacred Harp. Sheila Patterson read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Joe Fothergill, Gerry Hoffman, Erin Shaull, Loraine Bayer, Jean Hollingsworth, Timothy Carl, Laura Jo Mesa, Melanie Hauff, Nick Carelli, and Lucille Beaderstadt. She led 72b in their honor.

Michael Darby led 347 in memory of the following deceased: Martha W. Anderson and Virginia Duke—Tennessee; Marilyn Keehner Werner—Maryland; Rita Everts—New York; Raymond Hamrick—Georgia; Sister Martha Amann and Brian Webb—Ohio; Bob Sullivan—Illinois; Ann Weaver—Kentucky; Laurel Sherer, David Rust, and Arthur Hall—Indiana; David Wampler—Pennsylvania. The memorial lesson closed with prayer offered by Nigel Ewan. Laura Ann Russell and Nigel Ewan led 318.

#### LUNCH

Laura Ann Russell called the class back together by leading 133. Leaders: Gillian Inksetter and Idy Kiser 155; Brad Oglesby 192; Grace Patterson 38t; Michael Domino 172; John Bealle 442; Eloise Clark 44; Stephen Kasperick-Postellon 271t; Tim Morton 510; Teresa Kasperick-Postellon 178; Harriet Hart and Dan Coppock 38b; Phil DuPont 328; Allison Lindner 185; Samuel Sommers 188; Sheila Patterson 430; Chuck Crawford 324; Jim Coppock 542; Ethan Mast 40; Judith McDowell 146; Cecelia Kramer 48b; Dan Coppock 220; Debbie Hall 474; Michael Darby 142.  
RECESS

Lia Mansfield led 102. Leaders: Greg Creech 86; Christopher Yoder 260; Jan May 351; Ray Rechenberg 287; Jason Yoder 116.

John Bealle introduced the Columbus seven-shape singers *Harmony Force* from Trinity Baptist Church. The group, led by Daisy Crockron and Boyd Holliman, offered three songs with the class joining in.

Leaders: Linda Coppock 45t; Sylvia Thomas 504; Jim Herr 35; Marian Mitchell 191; Will Fitzgerald 452; Joel-Henry Mansfield 523.

Laura Ann Russell asked for committee reports. The Arranging Committee reported that eighty-eight songs were led on Saturday and seventy-seven on Sunday. There were 101 singers registered with another forty non-registered participants. Six states (Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, and Delaware) and one province of Canada (Ontario) were represented. Approximately 100 viewers watched the convention via the live streaming camera.

The Treasurer reported that expenses were met. The Resolutions Committee recognized, by name, all those who worked to make the convention happen and thanked them. It was resolved to meet again in March, 2016, in Dayton for the twenty-fourth session of the Ohio State Convention.

Announcements were made. All officers and workers led 62, and those who wished took the parting hand. Nigel Ewan offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Lia Mansfield and Laura Ann Russell; Co-Vice Chairpersons—Ray Rechenberg and Sheila Patterson; Secretary—Michael Darby

## **IRELAND SACRED HARP CONVENTION** **St. Maries of the Isle School, Cork, Ireland** **February 28-March 1, 2015**

**Saturday, February 28**

The 5th annual Ireland Sacred Harp Convention was held in St. Maries of the Isle School, Cork, Ireland, on the first Sunday and Saturday before in March. The class was called to order by Declan Synnott leading 171. Nancy Kulik offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Lisa O' Grady 30t; Kate Kirwan 28t; Bryan Seale 28b; Sinead Hanrahan 101t; Amanda Parkes 186; Ronan O' Donovan 545; Colleen Jones 84; Rob Wedgbury 111b; Kevin Kennedy 42; Leah Hearne 155; Sadhbh O' Flynn 187; Nancy Kulik 503; Kieran Murphy 29t; Ewan Paterson 277; Ross Harbison 318; Hugh McKenna 178; Fergal Malone 430.

RECESS

Daire O' Sullivan called the class back to order leading 89. Leaders: Elisabeth Schallwig 312b; Sarah West 498; Renata Pekowska 159; Clara Grimes 344; Florent Decherf 290; Emma Rock 567; Jo Ellis 474; Kevin Kennedy 486; Marjorie Brown 142; Ruth McNamara 34b; Edmund Richardson 415; Sue Lord 163b; Janos David Richard 65; Sam Carter 270; Guy Hayes 348t; Sarah Hill 200; Eimear O' Donovan 276 (for Rick Cunningham); Barry Parsons 145t; Al McCready 227; Ella Cumber

220; Martha Beverly 504; Amelia Osborn 445. The blessing before lunch was offered by Nancy Kulik.

#### LUNCH

Lisa O' Grady and Tivey called the class back to order leading 99. Leaders: Matthew Parkinson 460; Steve Brett 456; Gosia Perycz 174; Steven Levine 218; Joe Jones 113; Cath Tyler 189; Melissa Kelley 328; Thom Fahrback 553; Helen Brown 542; Jonathon Smith 411; Sam Kleinman 546; Eamonn O' Neill 532; Steve Helwig 302; Richard Ivey and Jacob Dobson 212; Dan Brittain 193; Fynn Titford-Mock 355; AnnaLeigh Smith 436; Erin Johnson-Hill 329; Paul Wyatt 464; Kelsey Ivey 500; Gideon Dresdner 340; Anne Missavage 280; Gabriel Kyne 428.

#### RECESS

Vicki Elliott and Chris Saywell called the class back to order leading 425. Leaders: Dick Patterson 466; Sheila Girling Macadam 173; Rebecca Over 378b; Lamar Matthew 35; Csaba Koymayer 73b; Bob Borcharding 34t; Jessica Slighter 404; Len VanderJagt 452; Zach Lindahl 73t; Carolyn Deacy 368; Duane Nasis 336; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 52t; Edwin Macadam 181; Myles Louis Dakan 72b; Joanna Bennett 122; Tom Macarte and Megan Macarte 410b; Kate Coxon 128; Barb VanderJagt and Chris Lyons 146; Jon Giles 182; Nick Hall and Rachel Jordan 273; Bill Beverly 547; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 472; Betsy Jeronen 560; Harry Scott 168; Declan Synnott 335. Marjorie Brown offered a prayer to close the day.

#### Sunday, March 1

The Sunday session of the Ireland Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Declan Synnott leading 37b. The morning prayer was offered by Hugh McKenna. Leaders: Lisa O' Grady 39t; Kate Kirwan 32t; Sinead Hanrahan 33b; Amanda Parkes 36b; Samantha Cole 224; Florent Decherf 133; Ewan Paterson 59; Teresa Maguire 106; Ted Brown 105; Kevin Kennedy 26; Richard Ivey 201; Leopoldine Guillaume and Tivey 49t; Jo Ellis 272; Sarah Hill 206; Magdalena Osthaus 30t; Zach Lindahl 306; Gosia Perycz 94; Megan Macarte 176t; Boyan Pohl 271t; Scott Lewin 383; Thom Fahrback and Cornelia Van Den Doel 107.

#### RECESS

Bryan Seale called the class back to order by leading 30b. Leaders: Joe Jones 473; Fynn Titford-Mock 491; Julie Heeran 45t; Tom Macarte 401; Geoff Grainger 535; Rachael Adelstein 268; Juniper Hill 269.

Colleen Jones gave the sick and housebound lesson, in which she spoke of the many extents to which illness can affect our lives. She read the names of the following people: Ethan Hurwitz, Ian Walker, Daphne Causey, Steve Hoyt, Carol Aitken, Madisson DeNiro, Fiona Griffin, Melanie Held, Sister Pippa, Sue Dann, Paula Mogensen, Anna Pfau, Lynda Allen Wyatt, Steve Harrison, Michelle Holding, James Joseph Kyne, Mary Lowry, Henry Lupo Archibald, Milton Ross Charles, Jow McPartland, Jim Helke, Aaron Milankovich, S.T. Reed, and Toney Smith.

The memorial lesson was then offered by Ted Brown, who spoke of community in the Sacred Harp tradition, drawing a distinction between "singing Sacred Harp" and "being a Sacred Harp Singer". Colleen and Ted led 566 together in honor of the sick and housebound and also in memory of the following deceased: Somen Goodman, R.J. Garside, and Yvonne Seaton—Canada; Sharon Kellam, Sean Hurley, and Danny Arms—North Carolina, USA; Bill Aplin, Hobert Ivey, Stanly Edwards, Sammie Oliver, Betty Wright, and Olivia Wootten Moore Allen—Alabama, USA; Doris Hanks—Texas, USA; Junie Wooten, Josephine Denney, Raymond Hamrick, and Joyce Harrison—Georgia, USA; David Rust—Indiana, USA; Bob Sullivan—Illinois, USA; David Wampler—Pennsylvania, USA; Jerry Jeronen—Oregon, USA; Liza Berry—Minnesota, USA; Peter Linwood—Florida, USA; Marko Van Der Horst—Rotterdam; Olga Dillaway and Anthony Pears—France; James Burgess—Inverness;

John Selviey and Doris Leach—Derby; Mary Goulding and Jane Prendergast—Cork; Geoffrey Natham—Essex; Bill Kerridge and Rina Rogers—London; Orla MacAnallen and Flo Charles—Wales; Alan Thomas—Coventry; Teresa Seale—Portlaoise; Seán Johnston—Thurles; Denis McKenna, Alan Shiel, Kay Clinton, and Kieran Kelly—Dublin; Sassie Davidson—Orkney; Maggie Boyle—Yorkshire; Sr. Bridie Berchmans—Ireland; Joanne MacQuarrie and Mister Metherell—Newcastle-Upon-Tyne; Ploon—Haarlem; Lisbeth—Stockholm; Patricia Price—Sutton; Harold Pigott—Barking.

Leaders: Kelsey Ivey 134; Dan Brittain 121; Helen Brown 475; Betsy Jeronen 564; Duane Nasis 376; Jon Giles 511. Hugh McKenna offered grace before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Sadhbh O' Flynn called the class back to order leading 204. Leaders: Eva Striebeck 372; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 148; Susannah Gill 327; Sam Kleinman 228; Ed Paton-Williams 314; Myles Louis Dakan 316; Anna Spruch 440; Kate Coxon 196; Phil Tyler 54; Harry Scott 524; Jonathon Smith 360; Jessica Slighter 209; Rebecca Over 470; Al McCready 153; Edwin Macadam and Sheila Girling-Macadam 236; Steve Helwig 400; Carolyn Deacy 288; Lamar Matthew 384; Sandy Semenoff 235; Rachel Jordan 550; Martha Beverly and Bill Beverly 481; Barb VanderJagt and Chris Lyons 496; Bob Borcherding 419; Steven Levine, Dick Patterson, Paul Wyatt, Tivey, Eamonn O' Neill, Melissa Kelley, AnnaLeigh Smith, and Donna Gunderson-Rogers 217.

#### RECESS

Cath Tyler called the class back to order leading 367. Leaders: Gabriel Kyne 67; Melissa Kelley 396; Gideon Dresdner 56b; Anne Missavage 137; Ella Cumber 222; Len VanderJagt 350; AnnaLeigh Smith 387; Nick Hall 151; Ruth McNamara 82t; Fynn Titford-Mock, Clare Williams, Alan Williams, Di Chittock, and Emma Rock 362; Gerben Vos and Rob Wedgbury 112; Sarah West 88t; Janos David Richard 315; Teresa Maguire, Amelia Osborn, Marjorie Brown, Josie Gunn and Erin Johnson-Hill 131b; Eamonn O' Neill 300; Joanna Bennett 69t; Guy Hayes 57; Sadhbh O' Flynn, Eimear O' Donovan, Jon Giles, Gideon Dresdner, Al McCready, and Sam Kleinman 216; Steve Brett, Barry Parsons, Samantha Cole, Sue Lord, Jacob Dobson, and Matthew Parkinson 129.

Declan Synnott made closing announcements, thanking all those involved in the organization and running of the day, and thanking visiting singers for travelling. Kate Kirwan reported that 174 songs had been sung by 165 registered singers, with 104 leaders. Thirteen countries were represented (Ireland, the U.K., the U.S. A., France, Hungary, Israel, Canada, Poland, Australia, Sweden, Norway, The Netherlands, and Germany). Twelve American states were represented (New York, Minnesota, Michigan, Pennsylvania, California, Oregon, Connecticut, Illinois, Washington, Massachusetts, Arkansas, and Tennessee). Kevin Kennedy gave the treasurer's report, stating that all expenses had been met.

Ted Brown offered the closing prayer. Declan Synnott and Lisa O' Grady led 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Declan Synnott; Vice Chairman—Lisa O' Grady; Secretary—Kate Kirwan

### **ROGERS MEMORIAL SINGING** **Ephesus School, Roopville, Georgia** **Sunday, March 1, 2015**

The annual Rogers Memorial Singing was held on the first Sunday in March. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Denney Rogers leading 101t. The opening

prayer was offered by Henry Johnson. Denney Rogers welcomed everyone to Ephesus.

A business session was held with the following officers elected: Chairman—Denney Rogers; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Karen Rollins; Memorial Committee—Sherry Lovvorn and B.M. Smith.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 318; Cecil Roberts 97; Eli Hinton 146; Betty Shepherd 216; Robbie Rivers 480; Winfred Kerr 282; David Brodeur and Trevor Goble 180; Cheyenne Ivey 186; Jack Nelson 47t; Kathy Williams 160; Loyd Ivey 34t; Jackie Tanner 89; Lauren Bock 88t; Bobby Watkins 460; Lela Crowder 39b; Louis Hughes 403.

#### RECESS

Leaders: B.M. Smith 389; Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, Paige Harrod, Sherry Lovvorn, and Denney Rogers 100; Larry Ballinger 224; John Kelso 423; Wyatt Denney 47b; Trevor Goble 128; Angela Myers 345t; Richard Mauldin 43; Jeannette DePoy 142; Buell Cobb 230; Jared Wootten 155; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 129; Oscar McGuire 573; Philip Denney and Karis Askin 457; Erica Hinton 527; Jesse P.

Karlsberg 572.

#### RECESS

Rodney Ivey and Pam Nunn brought the class back to order by leading 298. Leaders: Scott DePoy 114; Lisa Bennett 77b; Tommie Spurlock 475; Beverly Thompson, Randa Harris, and Barry Rollins 143; Marilyn Bradley 124; David Ivey 141; Malinda Snow 512; Matt Hinton 99; Reba Windom and Shelby Castillo 434; Mike Richards 66; Beverly Thompson and Jade Thompson 354b; Glenda Collins and Burt Collins 340; Earl Ballinger 162; Judy Caudle 422; Marty Wootten 312b.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Denney Rogers leading 32t. Henry Johnson led 435, and then the memorial lesson was held. Sherry Lovvorn spoke of being helped by prayers and cards when she was ill. She then read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: S.T. Reed, Wayne Reed, Floy Wilder, Evelyn Harris, Beau Caldwell, Myrline Redmon, Toney Smith, and Lavoy Smith. Denney Rogers and his sisters led 405 for them.

B.M. Smith then spoke of the deceased, and led 285t for the following: Inez Chandler, Josephine Denney, Sandra Yarbrough Graham, Charlotte Rogers Hester, Don Harris, JoAnne Cook, Bill Wilson, Raymond Hamrick, Gary Wiggins, Wayne Prince, Letha Parmer, and Joyce Harrison—Georgia; Stanly Edwards, Sammie Oliver, Hobert Ivey, Betty Wright, C.T. Williams, and Jean Ballinger—Alabama; Danny Arms—North Carolina; Suzie Dickerson—Arkansas; Herman Allen—Florida; and Jean Black.

Leaders: John Plunkett 136; April Watkins and Taylor Watkins 64; Cindy Tanner 436; Stanley Smith 546; Anna Hinton 40; David Smead 466; Sheri Taylor 227; Charlene Wallace 283; Reba Windom 195 (in memory of Shelbie Sheppard); Jason Stanford 229; Larry Ballinger and Earl Ballinger 528; Stanley Smith and Tommie Spurlock 273; Judy Caudle, Angela Myers, and Bridgett Kennedy 440; Louise Holland, Kathy Williams, Louis Hughes, and Oscar McGuire 472; Betty Shepherd, Reba Windom, and Shelby Castillo 299; Jared Wootten and David Ivey 495; Scott DePoy, Jeannette DePoy, and guests 448t; Lauren Bock, Jesse Karlsberg, and David Brodeur 432; John Kelso, Lisa Bennett, and David Smead 130; Lela Crowder, Loyd Ivey, Bobby Watkins, and Richard Mauldin 270; Cheyenne Ivey, Karis Askin, and Wyatt Denney 76b.

After announcements, Scott DePoy, Jeannette DePoy, and their guests led 59. The officers led 46 as the closing song. David Ivey dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Denney Rogers; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Karen Rollins

**CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN MUSIC**  
**Sacramento, California**  
**Thursday, March 5, 2015**

The 21st annual Society for American Music Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Ron Pen offering opening remarks and leading 73b. Song selections were from the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition.

Leaders: Deane Root 59; Jesse Karlsberg 31t; Rebecca Fulöp 47b; Mark Godfrey 472; Pat Coghlan 209; Dan Harper 183; Mark Clague 282; Leigh Cooper 32t; Stephen Shearon 40; Tim Smolko and Joanna Smolko 178; Kevin Kehrberg 373; Lindy Groening 370; Rachel Hall 77t; Gordon Rees 499; Matthew Lawson 163b; Sondra Howe 63; McKenna Milia 159. Announcements were made.

**RECESS**

The singing was reconvened by the chairman. Leaders: Ron Pen 455; Deane Root 358; Jesse Karlsberg 392; Rebecca Fulöp 186; Mark Godfrey 500; Pat Coghlan 272; Dan Harper 268; Leigh Cooper 35; Stephen Shearon 155; Tim Smolko and Joanna Smolko 34b; Kevin Kehrberg 300; Lindy Groening 505; Rachel Hall 57; Gordon Rees 48t; Matthew Lawson 270; Sondra Howe 152; Rachel Hall “Angel’s Song” (Songs of Zion); Rachel Hall “Broomsgrove” (Songs of Zion), Gretchen Muller 565; Ron Pen 146; Deane Root and Marsha Genensky 33b. Ron Pen led 267, while the parting hand was shared, after which the class was dismissed.

The Society for American Music Singing is scheduled in conjunction with the Society’s annual conference; the date and site of the meeting vary each year. The 2016 singing will be held in Boston, Massachusetts.

Chairman and Secretary—Ron Pen

**OLYMPIA SINGING**  
**Woman’s Club of Olympia, Olympia, Washington**  
**Saturday, March 7, 2015**

The 6th annual Olympia All-Day Singing was brought to order by Kate Fortin and Desirae Fendel leading 46. Kate Fortin made brief announcements, extended a welcome, and described the two-song lesson. The opening prayer was offered by Chandra Scheschy.

The class was organized by appointing the following officers: Chairman—Kate Fortin; Secretary—Rogan Campbell; Treasurer—Jen Cariaso; Arranging Officer—Solomon Ossa; Chaplain—Chandra Scheschy; Resolutions Committee—Matt Ebarb and Emily Bittrick; Kitchen Committee—Sam Bennett and Julian Davis.

Leaders: Anna Stoerch 70t; Kathy Vlach 472, 171; Rebecca Swingle 159; Destiny Woods 209, 302; Jonathon Levy-Wolins 272, 300; Wing Mui 168, 228; Matt Fearon 269, 149; Bill Price 344; Julian Davis 338; Susan Helf 114, 208; Connor Quisenberry 347.

**RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Marla Elliott leading 503. Leaders: Rogan Campbell 201; Sam Bennett 191; Steve Cackley 213b, 489; Nick Taylor 222, 448b; Ana Tighe 494, 556; Lu Zeng 150, 565; Jen Cariaso 68b; Desirae Fendel 332; Curtis Rhyner and Robert Pavelchek 268; Nancy Price 569b; Chandra Scheschy 45t, 117; John Berendzen 95, 506.



## RECESS

The class was called back to order by Matt Ebarb and Jereck Carmona leading 277. Leaders: Jereck Carmona 284; Kevin Beirne 108b, 457; Adam Berey 82b, 127; Conor Hernandez 481; Laura McMurray 39t, 49b; Dorothy Robinson 392, 330t; Pat Coghlan 77t; Clarissa Fetrow 97, 460; Cornelia Stanton 523, 143; Chase Arevalo 182, 34t. Chandra Scheschy offered prayer before the noon meal.

## LUNCH

The class was called back together by Erik Schwab leading 176t. Leaders: Kate Fine 47b, 111b; Bob Schinske 124, 546; John Wiens 328, 454; Kramer Klein 196, 63; Steve Helwig 568, 137; Karen Willard 545, 536; Jack Lofton 218, 220; Matt Ebarb 236; Thom Fahrback 367, 215; Solomon Ossa 474, 475; David Wright 416, 379; Jenna Bond-Tompkins 455, 532; Gillian Inksetter 195, 485.

## RECESS

The class was called to order by John Wiens and Lu Zeng leading 89. Leaders: Darlene Simpson-Brown 288; Kevin Barrans 303, 463; Emily Bittrick and Marla Elliott 254; Kate Fortin 183, 193; Erik Schwab 426t, 380; Kate Coxon 135, 333.

## RECESS

Leaders: Dorothy Robinson 29t; Steve Helwig 35; Kevin Beirne 348t; Anna Stoerch 512; Susan Helf 497; Gillian Inksetter 432; Cornelia Stanton 473; Kevin Barrans 566; David Wright 73t; Thom Fahrback 41; Jack Lofton 369; Karen Willard 348b; Bob Schinske 61; Erik Schwab 56b.

A business session was held in which the Treasurer and Secretary gave brief reports, and thanked the class for their generous donations. The Resolutions Committee thanked all for making the day a success, and resolved to meet again next year. Kate Fortin led 267 as the closing song, and those who chose to took the parting hand. Chandra Scheschy offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Kate Fortin; Secretary—Rogan Campbell

## **NORTH CAROLINA SACRED HARP SINGING Pullen Memorial Baptist Chapel, Raleigh, North Carolina Saturday, March 7, 2015**

The North Carolina All-Day Sacred Harp Singing took place at Pullen Memorial Baptist Chapel, Raleigh, North Carolina, on Saturday before the first Sunday in March. Derek Lane called the class to order leading 49t. Sally Owens offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected: Chairperson—Lynda Hambourger; Vice Chairperson—Kyle Johnston; Treasurer—Rick Motylinski; Secretary—Kathy Kaiser.

Leaders: Lynda Hambourger 63; John Fedderson 340; Kyle Johnston 99; Rich Hammer 38t; David Wilson 178; Rick Motylinski 155; Tim Hambourger 168; Lisa Brown 503; Les Updike 373; Chris Wolf 29t; Richard Stoddard 132; Claudia Engelhoff 556; Pat Ward 454; Ethan Hardy 296; Carol Selleck 179; Michael Spencer 289; Marlen Ruegg 196; Gene Anderson 480; Erin Newton 36t.

## RECESS

Lynda Hambourger began a Shenandoah Harmony session by leading 48 (ShH). Leaders: John Fedderson 305 (ShH); Kyle Johnston 140 (ShH); Tim Hambourger 254 (ShH); Rick Motylinski 6b (ShH); Les Updike 332 (ShH); Robert Stoddard 22b (ShH); Erin Newton 282 (ShH); Kathy Kaiser 242 (ShH); Ethan Hardy 35 (ShH); Pat Ward 358 (ShH); Michael Spencer 37 (ShH); Chris Wolf 260t (ShH); Claudia Engelhoff 221 (ShH).

## RECESS

Kyle Johnston called the class back to order leading 40. Leaders: Derek Lane 38b; Suzanne Newton 299; Gene Anderson 300; Carol Selleck 496; Lisa Brown 35; David Wilson 49b; Marlen Ruegg 33b; Rich Hammer 77b; Pat Ward 224; Rick Motylinski 277; Erin Newton 477; Eric Conrad 209; Ethan Hardy 73b. Sally Owens offered a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session included selections from both *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, and *The Shenandoah Harmony*. Leaders: Lynda Hambourger 192; Tim Hambourger 217; Les Updike 448b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Sally Owens to remember the following deceased: Don Ward and Don Rhodes—North Carolina, and Raymond Hamrick—Georgia. Suzanne Newton led 163b.

Kathy Kaiser led 86 for the following sick and shut-ins: Carole Kaiser and Robert Owens.

Leaders: Robert Stoddard 423; Will Begley and Thomas Begley 375; Pamela Minor 84; Kyle Johnston 276; Chris Wolf 274b; Michael Spencer 308; Claudia Egelhoff 569t; Derek Lane 313b; David Wilson 36b.

#### RECESS

Lynda Hambourger brought the class back together by leading 163t. Leaders: Carol Selleck 96b (ShH); Matthew Barbee 27 (ShH); Marlen Ruegg 108 (ShH); Gene Anderson and John Cardarelli 441; Erin Newton 573; Lisa Brown 334; Rick Motylinski 347; Eric Conrad 373 (ShH); Ethan Hardy 270; Tim Hambourger 430 (ShH); Suzanne Newton 350; Claudia Egelhoff 264b (ShH); Will Begley and Thomas Begley 31t.

#### RECESS

Lynda Hambourger led 300 (ShH) to begin the last session. Leaders: Lydia Llewellyn and Carol Selleck 47b; Deborah Brogden 178; Michael Spencer 278t; Ethan Hardy 108b; Robert Stoddard 364b (ShH); Chris Wolf 65t (ShH); Les Updike 296 (ShH); Gene Anderson 146; Mathew Barbee 147b; Suzanne Newton 532; Will Begley and Thomas Begley 66; Eric Conrad 72 (ShH); Claudia Egelhoff 12b (ShH); Lisa Brown 191; Lynda Hambourger 89.

Announcements were made, and reports were given. Sally Owens offered the closing prayer. Lynda Hambourger led 62, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Lynda Hambourger; Vice-Chairperson—Kyle Johnston; Secretary—Kathy Kaiser

### **SMITH MEMORIAL SACRED HARP SINGING (COOPER BOOK/THE SACRED HARP, 1991 REVISION) New Harmony Community Center, New Harmony, Texas Saturday March 7, 2015**

The 36th session of the Smith Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Curtis Jones leading 406 (CB). David Jones offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Curtis Jones 461 (CB); Tammy Powell 553 (CB), 142 (CB); Don Ross 67 (CB) (in memory of A.A. Smith), 148 (CB); Sonny Erwin 569 (CB), 464 (CB); Judy Whiting 268t (CB), 47t (CB); Olivia Powell 36b (CB), 171 (CB); Myrl Jones 491 (CB), 183 (CB); Tina Walston 571 (CB), 573 (CB); Chris Brown 411 (CB), 95b (CB); Diane Ross 168 (CB), 300 (CB).

#### RECESS

Tammy Powell called the class back together by leading 478 (CB). Committee appointments were made as follows: Nominations Committee—Sonny Erwin and Chris Brown; Memorial Committee—Don Ross and Robert Vaughn.

Leaders: Priscilla Wiggins 472, 574 (CB); Crystal Meadows 99 (CB), 505 (CB); Gaylon Powell 343 (CB), 384 (CB) (in memory of Lawson Smith); John Beard 58 (CB); 76b (CB).

The memorial lesson was conducted. Don Ross led 558 (CB) for the following sick and shut-ins: Mary Newell, Ann Lloyd-Davis, Leo Stanley, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Jane Goforth, Jimmy Foreman, Azalee Barnett, and Marcelene Hardy.

Robert Vaughn led 503 in memory of the following deceased: Kate Davis—Ireland; Cyril Guy—Wales; Dorothy Williams—United Kingdom; Wilton Leroy Wyatt—Minnesota; Raymond Hamrick and Joyce Harrison—Georgia; Sallie Foreman—Texas. Robert Vaughn closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Kevin Powell led 138t (CB) and 522 (CB) (in memory of Myra Palmer). David Jones offered the noon prayer.

#### LUNCH

Curtis Jones led 285t (CB) to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 511t (CB), 450 (CB); Sonya Kirkham 152 (CB), 54t (CB); Kristie Powell 210 (CB), 543 (CB); Peggy Ray 39 (CB), 507t (CB); Kris Wiggins 268b (CB), 192 (CB); David Jones 507b (CB) (in memory of Major Jones), 463 (CB) (in memory of Granny Smith); Robert Vaughn 42 (CB), 36t (CB); Margaret Rounsaval 112 (CB), 87 (CB); Gaylon Powell 232 (CB), 235 (CB) (by request).

A business meeting was held. The Treasurer reported that all expenses were met.

The Nomination Committee gave their recommendations as follows: Chairman—Rick Foreman; Vice Chairman—Crystal Meadows; Secretary—Tammy Powell; Treasurer—Barbara Smith; Assistant Treasurer—Sue Utz; and Chaplin—David Jones. The reports were approved, and the business session was closed.

Leaders: Chris Brown 133 (CB), 30t (CB); Judy Whiting 318, 72 (CB); Myrl Jones, David Jones, Curtis Jones, Sue Utz, and Debbie Wallace 189; Diane Ross 299 (CB); Priscilla Wiggins 408 (CB); Sonny Erwin 489; Kristie Powell 385b; Tina Walston 45t (CB); Kevin Powell 178; Don Ross 284; Olivia Powell 274t; Cheryl Foreman 101b (CB); Peggy Ray 32t (CB); Crystal Meadows 567 (CB); Sonya Kirkham 344; Gaylon Powell 313 (CB).

Curtis Jones led 62 (CB) as the closing song. David Jones offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Curtis Jones; Secretary—Tammy Powell

## **MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION** **St. John's United Church of Christ, Pinckney, Missouri** **March 7-8, 2015** **Saturday, March 7**

The 30th annual session of the Missouri State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ by Wendy Hofmann leading 148. Presley Barker offered the opening prayer.

The convention officers previously elected or appointed are as follows: Chairman—Wendy Hofmann; Secretary—Dave Ressler; Arranging Committee—Presley Barker and Daniel Gray; Finance Officer—Roberta Strauss; Memorial Committee—Jan Ketelle and Terry Hogg. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *The Missouri Harmony, 2005*.

Leaders: Barbara Uhlemann 66; Dave Ressler 203; Hollie Powell 163t; John Huffman 189; Anne Drexler 87; Karen Isbell 56b; Jo Dell Albi 65; Pattie Doss 344; Tommy Schulz 31t; Carla Bermudez 132 (MH); Stephen Huffman 297; Ted Mercer 71 (MH); Patti Sontag 162 (MH); Aldo Ceresa 472; Barb Patterson 153 (MH); Mort Whitman 143; Evangeline Schultz 383; Nathan Berry 135 (MH); Mark Bruns 475.

RECESS

Penny Kujawinski called the class to order leading 128. Leaders: Tullaia Powell 300; Mary Huffman "Hearne"; John Seaton 180 (MH); Jedidiah Schultz 284; Jan Ketelle 436; Ryan Hill 84; Cherry Hinderberger 312b; Paul Landskroener 218; Jubal Schultz 67; Donnie Simmet 421; Terry Hogg 147 (MH); Eleanor Haase 352; Jairus Schultz 59; Cory Winters 182; Lori Graber 174 (MH); Bill Caldwell 138 (MH); Tamara Harris 160 (MH); Jonathon Smith 172.

#### RECESS

Les Sontag led 178 to call the class together. Leaders: Rhonda Machlan 335; Melody Bringe 24 (MH); Daniel Bearden 77 (MH); Dave Barford 224; Meg Stauffer 49b; Darrell Swarens 222; Janelle Davis 276; James Page 45 (MH); Lisa Grayson 177 (MH); Theophilus Schultz 40. The class sang "Table Hymn" as the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Pattie Doss called the next session together by leading 76b. Leaders: Marcus Whitman 58; Dick Patterson 144 (MH); Becky Browne 75 (MH); LaMar Schlabach 47b; Paul Figura 127 (MH); Roberta Strauss 269; Nate Zweig 150 (MH); Cindy Burlison 117; John Uhlemann 564; Stephanie Argo 114; Dan Brittain 125 (MH); Jenny Whitman 86; Melanie Hauff 216; Tim Van Englen 503; AnnaLeigh Smith 410b; Charles Derleth 39t; Julie Thompson 163b.

#### RECESS

Karen Isbell began this session by leading 270. Leaders: David Lloyd 142; Shirley Figura 187; Elizabeth Schultz 277; Jean Neely 547; William Shetter 133 (MH); Dan Gray 147b; Becca Gibson 268; Ethan Schultz 101t; Presley Barker 505; Jeff Burlison 53; Jaison Ashbaugh 172 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 473; Peter Bringe 229; Wendy Hofmann 159; Dayle Black 146; Mary Huffman 228; Tullaia Powell 209; John Huffman 291; Aldo Ceresa 522; Stephen Huffman 448t.

Announcements were made. John Huffman closed the day with a prayer.

### **Sunday, March 8**

The Sunday session of the Missouri State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was brought to order at 9:30 a.m. by Wendy Hofmann leading 159. Becky Browne offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Marcus Whitman 109 (MH); Tullaia Powell 40; Roberta Strauss 440; Presley Barker 131 (MH); Karen Isbell 68 (MH); John Uhlemann 212; Holly Powell 426b; Darrell Swarens 341; Peggy Brayfield 159 (MH); Daniel Bearden 168 (MH); Debbie Barford 479; Mark Bruns 504; AnnaLeigh Smith 545; Mary E. Yeomans 481; Jaison Ashbaugh 180; William Shetter 167 (MH); Lisa Grayson 148 (MH); Bill Caldwell 89 (MH).

#### RECESS

Jim Page led 276 to call the class back together. Leaders: Elizabeth Schulz 38b; Tamara Harris 548; David Barford 378b; Dan Brittain 141 (MH); Lori Graber 549; Theophilus Schultz 56b; Jenny Whitman 455; Lou Kujawinski 137; Nate Zweig 134 (MH); Patti Sontag 457; Paul Landskroener 365; Ryan Hill 383; Barbara Uhlemann 299; Donnie Simmet 69t.

#### RECESS

Anne Drexler began this session by leading 335. Leaders: Judy Hauff 80 (MH); Wayne Smith 163b.

Jan Ketelle read the list of names of the sick and shut-ins as follows: Joan Aldridge, Daphene Causey, Beau Caldwell, Karen Hojnacki, Berkley Moore, Amy Devocelle, Bill Beverly, Bill Windom, Loraine Bayer, Jim Herr, Johanna Fabke, Bob Scorgie, and Julia Vea. She described the Sacred Harp singing community as a quilt, every singing slightly different but all bound together in love. Jan led 340 in their honor.

Terry Hogg then read the list of names of the deceased as follows: Bill Aplin, Hobert Ivey, Mike Nunn, Sammie Oliver, Stanly Edwards, and Betty Wright—Alabama; Josephine Denney and Raymond Hamrick—Georgia; Dorothy Amare, Charlie Davidson, John Kaeser, and Bob Sullivan—Illinois; Gale Clifton, Dorothy Glanzer, and David Rust—Indiana; Roy Wyatt—Minnesota; Jimmie Ruth Melvin and Tom Tschettar—Missouri; Jo Ellen Dolan—New Jersey; Joe Fothergill and John C. Landskroener—Ohio; David Wampler—Pennsylvania; Virginia Duke, Gid Fryer, and Leslie Phillips—Tennessee. He described the life of Charlie Davidson as a life of teaching by example, and living each moment fully. Terry led 62 (MH), and Dan Brittain closed the lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Dan Gray 68t; Melanie Hauff 411. The class sang “Table Hymn” as the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Lou Kujawinski led 523 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Dave Ressler 214; Jo Dell Albi 84 (MH); Aldo Ceresa 550; Becky Browne 362; Dick Patterson 240; Bill See and Vicky See 108b; Schultz children 178; Pattie Doss 532; Jim Page 139 (MH); Rob Bahler 536; Becca Gibson 106; Charles Derleth 66; LaMar Schlabach 68b; Penny Kujawinski 200; Gary Gronau 419; Janelle Davis 107.

#### RECESS

Shirley Figura led 30b. Leaders: Nathan Berry 406; Cory Winters 112; Ted Mercer 145 (MH); Terry Hogg 13 (MH); John Seaton 47t; Barb Patterson 58 (MH); Minnesota singers 426t; Wendy Hofmann 83t; Eleanor Haase 542; Jan Ketelle 113 (MH); Tommy Schultz and Donna Schultz 163t; Julie Thompson 314; Jubal Schultz 29t; Paul Figura 19 (MH); Les Sontag 122; Jaison Ashbaugh 278t.

The arranging committee reported that ninety songs were called on Saturday and seventy-two on Sunday, and that twelve states were represented by singers at this convention.

Announcements were made. Carole Briggs offered the closing prayer. The class sang 347, and was dismissed.

Chairman—Wendy Hofmann; Secretary—Dave Ressler

### OXFORD SINGING

#### **Powerhouse Community Arts Center, Oxford, Mississippi Sunday, March 8, 2015**

The 35th annual Oxford Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Powerhouse Community Arts Center on the second Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Warren Steel leading 138b. Earl Ballinger offered the morning prayer. Mark Davis led 29t, and the class entered into a business session. The following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Amber Davis; Arranging Committee—Mary Amelia Taylor and Ann Jett.

Leaders: Richard Mauldin 89, 59; Tim Taylor 326, 314; Larry Ballinger 313t, 312b; Jerry Kitchens 460, 108t; Mark Tew 101t, 139; Wanda Capps 36b, 187; John Van Horn 201, 300; Susan Karina Dickey 87, 128; Judy Caudle 432, 437; Betty Shepherd 299, 216; John Wall 217, 358; Earl Ballinger 177, 176t; Robert Raymond 335, 106.

#### RECESS

Warren Steel called the class to order leading 410b. Leaders: Sarah Beasley 340; Anne Steel 171, 271t; Dave Barber 272, 274t; Jan Murray 31b, 457; Becky Briggs 400, 405; Shelby Castillo 224, 215; Chuck Howell 452, 373; Nikos Pappas 444, 232; Dorothea Maynard 361, 442; Angela Myers 270, 142.

#### LUNCH

Warren Steel called the afternoon session to order leading 189. Leaders: Ann Jett 269, 327; Drew McGuire 472, 411; Mary Amelia Taylor 481, 47t. Richard Mauldin and Mark Davis conducted the memorial lesson. Mark Davis led 61 for the sick and homebound. Richard Mauldin read the following list of names of those deceased in the past year: Jimmie Ruth Melvin, Jerry Tidwell, Earl Yarber, Jean Ballinger, Johnny Humber, Rena Humber, Sammie Oliver, Charles Kitchens, Bill Aplin, Nadine Willis, Carroll Lunsford, Dennis Beasley, Stanly Edwards, Betty Wright, Josephine Denney, Raymond Hamrick, Eldagene Roberson, Stella Pratt, and Dawson Adams. He then led 341 in memory of the deceased. Elder Josh Winslett closed the memorial service with prayer. Leaders: Josh Winslett 33t, 127; Bridgett Kennedy 225t, 546; Lisa Geist 120, 273; Lisa Davis 200, 99; Jack Barbera 268; Danny Creel 485, 383; Kurt Davis 155, 276; Logan Green 227, 56b; Amber Davis 440, 500; Reba Windom 168; Mary Chrestman and Gina Sposto 82t; Dave Barber 362. Following announcements, Warren Steel led 76b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Sister Susan Karina Dickey. Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Amber Davis

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE SINGING  
IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM WALKER  
Second Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina  
Saturday, March 14, 2015**

The 21st session of the South Carolina State Singing in Memory of William Walker was held at the Second Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, on Saturday before the third Sunday in March.

The first morning session included song selections from *The Christian Harmony*, 2010 edition. Following a short singing school by Robert Kelley, Frances Carnell called the class to order by leading 323 (CH). Leon Carnell offered the opening prayer. Frances Carnell welcomed the singers and led 26b (CH). Leaders: Chris Wilhelm 325b (CH); Leon Carnell 257 (CH); Diane Eskenasy 51 (CH); Bill Burns 214 (CH); Dave Farmer 165 (CH); Mary Baumeister 440t (CH) (in memory of Beulah Freeman); Harry Eskew 159b (CH); Bobbi Albert 396t (CH); Lisa Bennett 206 (CH); David Smead 316 (CH); Leanne Carter 107 (CH).

In a business meeting, the following officers were elected for 2016: Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dave Farmer; Secretary—Mary Baumeister; Treasurer—Bobbi Albert.

**RECESS**

The second morning session included selections from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Frances Carnell 63; Robert Kelley 270; Shannon Primm 134; John Plunkett 312b; Mike Nichols 107; Frances Carnell 192; Chris Wilhelm 87; Leon Carnell 86; Diane Eskenasy 155; Bill Burns 40; Dave Farmer 473; Mary Baumeister 48t; Harry Eskew 35; Bobbi Albert 278t.

**LUNCH**

Leaders: Frances Carnell 171 (CH); Lisa Bennett 487 (CH); David Smead 146b (CH); David Libbey 172 (CH); Shannon Primm 164b (CH); Leanne Carter 255 (CH); Robert Kelley 207b (CH); John Plunkett 453t (CH); Mike Nichols 136 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 493b (CH); Leon Carnell 143 (CH); Diane Eskenasy 432b (CH); Dave Farmer 546b (CH); Mary Baumeister 436t (CH); Harry Eskew 537 (CH); Bobbi Albert 189 (CH).

**RECESS**

Leaders: Frances Carnell 146; Lisa Bennett 130; David Smead 315; Leanne Carter 56b; Bobbi Albert 503; Nick Gattis 276; Frances Carnell 143; Chris Wilhelm 423; Diane Eskenasy 180; Dave Farmer 207; Mary Baumeister 77b; Leon Carnell 38b; Robert Kelley 410b; Mike Nichols 29t; Shannon Prim 65.

Announcements were made. Frances Carnell led 347 as the closing song. Leon Carnell offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Frances Carnell; Acting Vice Chairman—Dave Farmer; Acting Secretary—Mary Baumeister

## **HOBOKEN SCHOOL SINGING (COOPER BOOK)**

**Hoboken, Georgia**

**Saturday, March 14, 2015**

The annual B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision, singing held at Hoboken School on Saturday before the third Sunday in March was called to order by David Lee leading 68b. The opening prayer was offered by Johnny Lee.

Leaders: Clarke Lee 74b; Kathy Lee and Julie Lee 55, 558; Amy Lee 571; James Williamson 500; Anna Strickland 323t; Joyce Gardenour 143; John Gentry 77t; Louis Hughes 225t; Tor Bejnar and Alice Bejnar 52t; Micah Roberts 148; Adam Brasich 273; Tim Miller 449; Tom Ivey 220.

RECESS

Clarke Lee led 329. Leaders: John Gardenour 518; Jason Deal 340; Sharon Strong 494; Wynette Smith 507b; Logan Green 331b; Tollie Lee 180; J.R. Hardeman 572; Sue Bunch 268b; Gail Doss 144; Jeffrey Wootten and Cole Wootten 470; Denise Kania 140; Gene Pinion 582; Trent Peachy 384; Cynthia Rogers 587.

RECESS

David Lee led 76b to bring the class together. Leaders: B.M. Smith 559; Kevin Barrons 337; Steven Levine 580; Amanda Parkes 393; Shane O'Neal and Mary Elizabeth O'Neal 287; Marcia Johnson 38t; Evie Eddins 514; Ashley Thompson 324.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Clarke Lee leading 430. Leaders: Matt Bell 551; Lee Bradley 463; Jared Wootten and Hayden Wootten 47t; Kevin Kennedy 133; David Lee family 176t; Edmond Richardson 279; Terry Wootten 68t; Johnathon Kelso 168; Joanne Fuller 129; Judy Whiting 95b; Chris Coughlin 376; Stephanie Carter 511t; Warren Steel 53; Hayden Arp 585; Emily Eddins 516; Jim Pfau 464; Reba Windom 478; Chris Holley and Kathe Pilibosian 101b; Laura Densmore 482.

RECESS

David Lee led 274t. Leaders: Kendra Strickland 336t; David Saylor family 71, 122; Morgan Bunch 98; Chris Brown 411; Ingrid Strickland 282; Tommy Spurlock 574; Karen Clark 520; Syble Adams 543; Jesse Roberts 155; Rexanna Lester 461; Stanley Smith 210; Thomas Smith 239; Frank DeBolt 323b; Kayd Asbury 348t; Tony Batten and Lynn Batten 63.

Announcements were made. David Lee led 207b. The closing prayer was offered by Tollie Lee, and the class was dismissed.

Secretary—Amy Lee

## **STEPHENSON, WALL, AND HOCUTT MEMORIAL Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama Saturday Night, March 14, 2015**

The annual Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial Sacred Harp singing held at Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama, on Saturday night before

the third Sunday in March was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 42. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Ronald Gilmore.

The class was organized and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Wanda Capps.

Velton Chafin welcomed the class and talked about the singers in whose memory this singing is held. He led 98. Leaders: Willodean Barton 454, 480; Hazel Gilmore and Ronald Gilmore 475, 111b; Emma Calvert 108t, 388; Judy Caudle 389, 111t; Eugene Forbes 213b; Betty Baccus 391; Jim Aaron 47b, 231; Amber Davis 299; Don Keeton 482, 373; Loretta Whitman 81t, 124; Henry Guthery 488, 534; Steve Adams and Amber Davis 99, 101t; Julianna Jett 88t; Jerry Kitchens 108b, 146.

#### RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class back to order by leading 184. Leaders: Ottis Sides 530, 61; Rebecca Over 349, 564; Ann Jett 546; Richard Mauldin 77t, 168; Linda Sides 270, 225t; Emily Brown 106, 278t; Lisa Geist 527, 269; Earl Ballinger 97; Bea Aaron 426b, 175; Larry Ballinger 34b; Angela Myers 500; Yancey Jett 144; Glenn Keeton 365; Brenda Chafin 171; Wanda Capps, Emma Calvert, Emily Brown, Reece Brown, Ann Jett, Yancey Jett, and Julianna Jett 342 (in memory of Harrison Creel); Emma Calvert 119.

Following announcements, Velton Chafin led 521 as the closing song. Glenn Keeton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

### **SUSSEX SHAPE NOTE SINGING**

#### **Staplefield Village Hall, Near Crawley, Sussex, United Kingdom Saturday, March 14, 2015**

The 17th annual 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 and Jill Thompson leading 276.

Leaders: Rachel Jordan 52t; Sarah Hill 49t; Tom Gerber 70b; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 34b; Edwin Macadam 527; Toby Goss 86; Steve Fletcher 99; Guy Hayes 101b; Steve Welch 147b; Una Nicholson 314; Nick Hall 231; Sheila Girling Macadam 157; Tony Singleton 163b; Jill Thompson 299; Rachel Jordan 50t; Tom Gerber 159; Sarah Hill 135; Toby Goss 210; Cath Saunt 171; Guy Hayes 285t; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 47t; Steve Welch 489; Steve Fletcher 216; Adrian Bolge 107; Sheila Girling Macadam 151.

#### RECESS

Tony Singleton called the class to order leading 496. Leaders: Edwin Macadam 550; Una Nicholson 515; Nick Hall 546; Jill Thompson 178; Tom Gerber 236; Sarah Hill 187; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 134; Toby Goss 547; Cath Saunt 350; Guy Hayes 511; Steve Fletcher 189; Rachel Jordan 391; Adrian Bolge 40; Nick Hall 455; Steve Welch 50b; Sheila Girling Macadam 500; Una Nicholson 155; Edwin Macadam 528; Tony Singleton 198.

#### LUNCH

Toby Goss called the class to order leading 288. Leaders: Jill Thompson 504; Tom Gerber 503; Steve Fletcher "Immensity" (AltH); Guy Hayes 436; Adrian Bolge 501. Jill Thompson conducted the memorial lesson. Tony Singleton led 457 in memory of the deceased. Steve Fletcher read the following list of names: Gill Povey and Roy Jones—Old Marston; Patricia Price—Sutton, Surrey; Peter Linwood—Florida, USA; Harold Pigott—Barking, Essex; Cherry Welch—Gomshall; Edith May Wiggins (age



100)—Lewes; Sir Terry Pratchett—Broad Chalk; Flo Charles—Port Talbot; Joyce Denevers—Dorking; Marjorie Franks—Chandlers Ford; Evelyn Quine—Bridgend; Frances Walker and Beryl Green—Beckenham; Robert Walker—Eastbourne; and Olga Dellaway—St. Thibery, France.

Jill Thompson led 48t for the sick and housebound lesson. Steve Fletcher read the following list of names: Mike Spittal, Jackie Saunders, Paula Mogensen, George Reed, Peter Zander, Dave Cooper, Richard Spong, Jane Davies, and Bill Ten Bokum. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Cath Saunt 111b; Nick Hall “Idumean Road” (AltH); Steve Welch “New England” (AltH); Sarah Hill 278t; Edwin Macadam 444; Una Nicholson 228; Sheila Girling Macadam 211; Tony Singleton 117; Rachel Jordan 193; Jill Thompson 497.  
RECESS

Steve Fletcher called the class to order leading 65. Leaders: Edwin Macadam 453; Sarah Hill 206; Adrian Bolge 36b; Jill Thompson 128; Steve Welch “Firm Hope” (AltH); Una Nicholson 452; Toby Goss 306; Nick Hall 44; Jacqui Selby-Macleod 122; Tony Singleton “Walpole” (AltH); Rachel Jordan 564; Guy Hayes 121; Sheila Girling Macadam 114.

The secretary reported that 38 had attended and 79 songs had been sung. Thanks were extended and announcements made. It was noted that the 2016 Sussex Shape Note singing will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016.

Jill Thompson and Tony Singleton led 347 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairmen—Jill Thompson and Tony Singleton; Secretaries—Sarah Hill, Mary Welch, and Nick Hall

## **GODSEY SISTERS MEMORIAL SINGING** **Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama** **Sunday, March 15, 2015**

The Godsey Sisters Memorial Singing in honor of Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams was called to order by Don Keeton leading 32t. He then offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Jerry Kitchens; Arranging Officer—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Don Keeton 319; Kermit Adams 47b, 49b; Betty Baccus 129, 59 (in memory of Joan Gilbreath); Isabella Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Glenn Keeton 282, 235; Willodean Barton 159, 388; Julie Poston 339 (in memory of Wendell Wakefield), 40 (for Faye Donaldson); Rebecca Over 206, 491; Jerry Kitchens 30t, 56t; Roma Rice 56b (for Edith Adams), 45t (for Joan Elliott); Ernestine Parker 72b, 147t.

RECESS

Jerry Kitchens called the class back to order by leading 82t. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 87, 80b; Glenn Keeton 93, 64; Lena Keeton and Glenn Keeton 546, 475; Joann Nicovich 457, 344; Amber Davis 276, 88t; Lisa Geist 91 (for Gravis Ballinger), 195; Larry Ballinger 139, 540; Chris Ballinger 49t (for Gravis Ballinger), 111b (in memory of Harrison Creel); Jack Pate 152, 503.

LUNCH

Jerry Kitchens called the class back to order by leading 112. Leaders: Loretta Whitman 373, 490; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 378t, 331; Joann Nicovich 209; Loretta Whitman, Nellie Alexander, Margaret Keeton, Roma Rice, Carolyn Pipkins, Louise Yeager, and Bernice Wakefield 358, 81t, 323b; Shirley Tidwell 127, 535; Rebecca Over 399t; Lisa Geist 269; Earl Ballinger 398; Betty Baccus 517 (WB) (in

memory of Nadine Willis); Glenn Keeton 236; Jack Pate 145b; Chris Ballinger 96 (CB).

Don Keeton led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jack Pate, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Jerry Kitchens; Secretary—Roma Rice

### **MILLTOWN MUSIC HALL**

**Bremen, Georgia**

**Friday night, March 20, 2015**

A special singing was held on the evening before The Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention. Karen Rollins led 59 as the introductory lesson at 7:00 p.m. The opening prayer was offered by Mike Hinton. The singers were welcomed by Steve Bennett, manager of Milltown Music Hall.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Karen Rollins; Vice Chairman—Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg; Secretary—Hayden Arp; Arranging Officer—David Brodeur.

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg led 82t, and then gave a brief welcome and history of Sacred Harp singing.

Leaders: Hayden Arp 112; David Brodeur 38t; Earlis McGraw 225t; Denney Rogers 318; John Kelso and Jessica Kelso 30b (for Jessica's nanny); Cecil Roberts 31t; B.M. Smith 45t; Mike Hinton 63t; Wyatt Denney 47b; Gail Doss 270; Sheri Taylor 84; Carlene Williams 100; Gwen Gethner 430; Phillip Denney and Karis Askin 87; Eva Striebeck 42; Judy Whiting 222; Kevin Kennedy 447; Samuel Williams 163t; David Smead 208.

#### **RECESS**

Karen Rollins brought the class back together by leading 358. Leaders: Donna Bell 503; John Plunkett 128; Virginia Dyer 120; Edmund Richardson 573; Alison Brown 228; Rebecca Over 500; Reba Windom 192; Chris Brown 441; Amanda Parkes 187; Sharon DuPriest 186; Richard Mauldin 446; Lisa Bennett 472; Faith Riley 215; Matt Hinton 77t; Leanne Carter 32t; Judy Mincey 475; Daniel Williams 203; Jason Stanford 282.

Karen Rollins and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Matt Hinton.

Chairman—Karen Rollins; Vice Chairman—Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg; Secretary—Hayden Arp

### **HIGHER GROUND SINGING**

**United Campus Ministries Center, Terre Haute, Indiana**

**Saturday, March 21, 2015**

The 20th annual Higher Ground Singing was called to order by Darrell Swarens leading 59 and Terry Hogg leading 51 (MH). Don Bardsley offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairmen—Don Bardsley and Darrell Swarens; Arranging Committee—Randy Webber and Janet Fraembs; Secretary—Darrell Swarens.

Leaders: William Shetter 28b; Mary Yeomans 63; Joan Aldridge 166; Beth Garfinkel 138 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 13 (MH); Seth Mitter 31t; John Hoerr 32t; Delainey Bowers 312b; Jonathon Smith 186; Wayne Dell 47b; Lori Graber 464; Tom Morton 209; Katherine Eldridge 77t; James Eldridge 208; Grace Patterson 344; Jim Patterson 86; Sheila Patterson 448b; Randy Webber (Title? RCW 2015).

#### **RECESS**

Randy Webber called the class back to order leading 36b. Leaders: Sheila Patterson and Darrell Swarens 71 (for Bess Fitzgerald); Don Bardsley 569b; William Shetter 55 (MH); Mary Yeomans and Jonathon Smith 159; Joan Aldridge 217; Beth Garfinkel 178 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 172 (MH); Seth Mitter 436; John Hoerr 440; Delaine Bowers 112; Jonathon Smith 326; Wayne Dell 66; Lori Graber 56 (MH); Tom Morton 49b; Katherine Eldridge 376; James Eldridge 168; Grace Patterson 278t; Jim Patterson 178; Sheila Patterson 82t; Annaliza Cull 448t, 268; Randy Webber “Contrition” (Leah Velleman, 2015).

#### LUNCH

John Hoerr convened the class by leading 33b. Leaders: Terry Hogg 135 (MH); William Shetter 73 (MH); Lori Graber 142; Beth Garfinkel 496; Jim Patterson 274t. Lori Grabber and William Shetter conducted the memorial lesson. They led 340 and 111b.

Leaders: Darrell Swarens 145 (MH) (in memory of Bob Meek); Mary Yeomans 68b; Brian Hale 338; Sheila Patterson 73t; Don Bardsley 489; Delaine Bowers 335; Peggy Brayfield 168 (MH); Jonathon Smith 78 (MH); Darrell Swarens 128; John Hoerr 528; Katherine Eldridge 324; Seth Mitter 183.

#### RECESS

Jonathan Smith led 207 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Randy Webber and Mark Graber 236; Tom Morton 155; Wayne Dell 313b; James Eldridge 298; Grace Patterson 175 (MH); Beth Garfinkel 504; Brian Hale “Clinton” (J.P. Karlsberg); Lori Graber 497; Terry Hogg 27 (MH); William Shetter 362. Don Bardsley led 347 as the closing song, and then offered prayer to dismiss the class.

Co-Chairmen—Don Bardsley and Darrell Swarens; Secretary—Darrell Swarens

### **PITTSBURGH REGIONAL SACRED HARP SINGING** **Franklin Park Baptist Church, Sewickley, Pennsylvania** **Saturday, March 21, 2015**

The 6th annual Pittsburgh Regional All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at Franklin Park Baptist Church, Sewickley, Pennsylvania. Gerry Hoffman called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Ginny Landgraf.

Leaders: Penny Anderson 82t; Chuck Crawford 72b; Brian How 114; Laura Densmore 313t; Katie White 503 (for Bess Fitzgerald of Michigan and in memory of Raymond Hamrick of Georgia); Michael Sensor 282; Marita Straffin 39t; Susan Loucks 228; Frances Mary D’Andrea 192; Barb VanderJagt 146; Beth Todd 32t; Len VanderJagt 350; Jan May 272; Pleasance Crawford 492; Leon Pulsinelle 38t; Barbara Hohenstein 36t; Joe Todd 373; Ginny Landgraf 497; Guy Bankes 479; Jerusha Wheeler 81t; Dave Witter 344; Micah John Walter 198; Jo Schlesinger 33b.

#### RECESS

Beth Todd called the class to order by leading 70b. Leaders: Laura Densmore 315 (in memory of Ruth Densmore of Ohio); Jo Schlesinger 38b; Michael Sensor 178; Katie White 547 (for Timothy Paul of Pennsylvania); Len VanderJagt 452; Marita Straffin 40; Jan May 236; David Logan 47t; Susan Loucks 474; Dave Witter 410t; Beth Todd 475; Eric Maust 49b; Pleasance Crawford 161; Susan Turnquist 65; Joe Todd 179; Barb VanderJagt 384; Leon Pulsinelle 378b; Chuck Crawford 300. Grace was offered for the noon meal by Ginny Landgraf.

#### LUNCH

Barbara Hohenstein called the class back together by leading 56b. Leaders: Frances Mary D’Andrea 318; Ginny Landgraf 370; Lucas Blanchard-Glueckert 159; Lois Hurt 551; Guy Bankes 287; Ben Grubb 335; Jerusha Wheeler 182; Penny Anderson

284; Micah John Walter 401; Gerry Hoffman 430 (in memory of Robert How of California); Charles Anderson 127; Barbara Hohenstein 208; Chuck Crawford 546; Jan May 532; Pleasance Crawford 365; Chuck Crawford 105; Susan Turnquist 183; Laura Densmore 522; Beth Todd 209; Lois Hurt 276; Michael Sensor 436; Leon Pulsinelle 131t; Micah John Walter 28t.

#### RECESS

Leon Pulsinelle led 278t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Ben Grubb 189; Barbara Hohenstein 515; Len VanderJagt 66; Jerusha Wheeler 440; Penny Anderson 163b; Guy Bankes 297; Charles Anderson 122; Susan Loucks 448t; Ginny Landgraf 290; Dave Witter 269; Barb VanderJagt 334; Frances Mary D'Andrea 112; Gerry Hoffman 274t; Laura Densmore "Pennsylvania" (by Stanley Smith); Jerusha Wheeler 197; Pleasance Crawford, Chuck Crawford, and Jan May 540; Penny Anderson and Charles Anderson 99.

In a business meeting, Gerry Hoffman announced that expenses had been met, and there would be a donation to the Franklin Park Baptist Church. Announcements were made. Penny Anderson reported that 84 songs had been sung.

Ginny Landgraf offered the closing prayer, and Gerry Hoffman led 347 as the closing song.

Chairman—Gerry Hoffman; Secretary—Penny Anderson

### VERMONT SINGING

#### Weybridge Elementary School, Weybridge, Vermont Saturday, March 21, 2015

The annual Vermont All-Day Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Debby Moody leading 299. The opening prayer was offered by Donna Lescoe.

The following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—Debby Moody; Treasurer—Margaret Wright; Secretaries—Ian Smiley and Chelsea Smiley.

Leaders: Paul Gauthier 31t; Tarik Wareh 37b, 36b; Jean Seiler 47t, 46; Ian Smiley 48b, 48t; Dan Hertzler 272, 273; Faiz Wareh 49b; Sarah Galper 344, 448b; Anya Skibbie 29t, 30b; Isabelle Gervais Chapman 33b, 178; Deidre Browne 193; Chelsea Smiley 38t, 335.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Pattie Wareh leading 274t and 142. Leaders: Emma Swartz 500; Leonore Tija 56b; Cora Wareh 54, 365; Elka Schumann 38b; Paula Picton 528; Claire Hogan 67; Kerry Cullinan 489; Debby Moody 294; Joan Fuller 564, 39b; Eric Sandberg 270; Mary Skidmore 65, 319; Mary Stockland 192; Ben Bath 200, 189; Leonard Spencer 234.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Donna Lescoe. She led 32b in memory of the following deceased: Eva Behrens, Kathryn Eastwood, T.J. Duncanson, Chris White, Peter Morris, Barbara Morrish, Amanda Battisha, Amy Wise, Millie Lupien, Alma Rowley, and Wayne Doncaster, Sr.—Vermont; Bill Tenny—New York; Dwight Speer—Indiana; Evelyn Gardinier—Kentucky; Betsy Taylor—New Hampshire; Roland Mease—Colorado; Brigitte Lane, Waka, and Mae Blossom Fuller—Massachusetts; Carolyn Harris—Michigan.

The following sick and shut-ins were remembered: Chris Shaw, Tammy Lang, Mackey Izac, Henrietta N-zugi, Bretton Hawlesworth, Barbara Null, Roy Skidmore, and Austin Ray Morrish. Donna led 46.

Leaders Brian Harris 83t, 324; Sarah Underhill 39t; Mark Williams 269, 40.

Grace for the noon meal was offered by Donna Lescoe.

#### LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Debby Moody leading 504. Leaders: Christopher Sellers 254; Judy Carpenter 503; Jacob 198; Troad 95; Ruth Dorfler

284; Ann Flight 551; Harrison Newert 121; Amy Valladares 209; Pete Sutherland 122; Peggy Wright 236; Paul Gauthier 182; Tarik Wareh 141; Jean Seiler 168; Ian Smiley 165; Dan Hertzler 145t; Faiz Wareh 538; Sarah Galper 183; Anya Skibbie 340; Isabelle Gervais Chapman 290; Pattie Wareh 106; Emma Swartz 277; Debby Moody 133; Leonore Tija 410t. Announcements were made.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Debby Moody leading 282. Leaders: Elka Schumann 496; Donna Carlson 155; Cora Wareh 370; Paula Picton 352; Claire Hogan 348t; Joanne Fuller 341; Mary Skidmore 159; Mary Stockland 455; Ben Bath 376; Leonard Spencer 263; Chelsea Smiley 179; Mark Williams 347; Brian Harris 85; Harrison Newert 76b; Troad 312b; Pete Sutherland 315; Judy Carpenter 117; Jean Seiler 72b; Ruth Dorfler 276; Sarah Underhill 77t; Emma Swartz 82t.

The Resolutions report and other committee reports were given. Debby Moody led 62, and the class took the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Donna Lescoe.

Chairman—Debby Moody; Secretaries—Ian Smiley and Chelsea Smiley

### **GEORGIA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia March 21-22, 2015**

#### **Saturday, March 21**

The 54th session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church in Carrollton, Georgia. Karen Rollins called the class together leading 36b. Jesse Roberts offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Philip Denney 47b; Charlene Wallace 283; Angela Myers 166; Henry Johnson 289; B.M. Smith 350; John Plunkett 492; Oscar McGuire 171; Matt Hinton 448t; David Brodeur 511; Judy Mincey 180; Mary Brownlee 556; Denney Rogers 318; Steve Luttnen 387; Samuel Williams 547; Phil Summerlin 97; Wyatt Denney 100; Elene Stovall 396; Nate Green and Norma Green 133; Jack Nelson 534; Larry Ballinger 402; Eric Tweedy 270; Judy Chambless 349; Mike Hinton 475; Faye Hollis 155.

#### RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class back to order leading 111t. Leaders: Daniel Lee 497; Richard Mauldin 358; Gale Doss 540; Michael Walker 207.

A business session was held with the following officers and committee members elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Philip Denney; Vice Chairman—Matt Hinton; Vice Chairman—Wyatt Denney; Secretary/Treasurer—Charlene Wallace; Assistant Secretary—Lela Crowder; Arranging Committee—Richard Ivey and David Brodeur; Memorial Committee—Bridgett Hill Kennedy and David Ivey; Finance Committee—Rodney Ivey and B.M. Smith; Locating Committee—John Plunkett and Oscar McGuire; Chaplain—Michael Walker; Resolutions Committee—Mike Hinton, Eva Striebeck, and Alison Brown.

Leaders: Erica Hinton 64; Jane Spencer 315; Daryl Chesney 454; Phillip Langley 564; Judy Whiting 176t; Jason Stanford 548; Faith Wright 72b; Mike Richards 188; Louis Hughes 408; Lisa Bennett 374.

#### RECESS

Richard Ivey called the class back to order leading 113. Leaders: Judy Caudle 411; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 436; Virginia Dyer 472; Mike Spencer 191; Susan Chernes 300; Ann Riley Gray 178; Leigh Cooper 189; Chuck Reese 551; Pat Temple 232; Roberta Strauss 269; Shannon Primm 103; Winfred Kerr 89; Charles Woods 26.

## LUNCH

Riley Lee brought the class back together leading 345b. Leaders: John Kelso and Dave Whiting 328; Kathy Williams 440; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Lauren Bock 428; Ann Jett 88t; Amanda Parkes 434; Mark Godfrey 377; Cindy Tanner 220; Gwen Gethner 216; Susan Fetcho 474; Daphene Causey 196; Eva Striebeck 217; Loyd Ivey and Shane Wootten 426t; Alison Brown 142; Sharon DuPriest 212; Rene Greene 546; Kevin Kennedy 367; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 500; David Fetcho 532; Edmund Richardson 193; Jennifer McDaniel 354b; David Smead 506.

## RECESS

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg brought the class back together leading 129. Leaders: Jesse Roberts 365; Drew McGuire 70b; Rebecca Over 483; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 156; Reba Windom 542; Anne Grosse and Debora Grosse 503; Pam Nunn 218; Chris Brown 168; Mary Wright 35; Cheyenne Ivey 182; Daniel Williams 74t; Tony Hammock 148.

Philip Denney led 62 as the closing song. Michael Walker dismissed the class with prayer.

## Sunday, March 22

The Sunday session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention was brought to order by Philip Denney leading 63. Eddie Mash offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Matt Hinton 32t; Wyatt Denney 300; David Brodeur and Richard Ivey 391; Charlene Wallace 167; Earlis McGraw 389; Cecil Roberts 284; Daniel Lee 102; Helen Bryson 299; Roberta Strauss 209; Pat Temple 33t; Michael Spencer 382; Richard Mauldin 168; Faith Riley 215; Eli Hinton 146; B.M. Smith 28b; Judy Mincey 367; Anna Hinton 142; Gail Doss 107; Oscar McGuire 485; Cheyenne Ivey 432.

## RECESS

Richard Ivey brought the class back to order leading 101t. Leaders: David Smead 375; Faye Hollis 340; Janelle Davis 81t; Karis Askin 282; Richard DeLong 240; Edmund Richardson 353; Henry Johnson 206; Nate Green and Norma Green 489; Dick Plunkett 268; Leanne Carter 106; Mike Hinton 426b; Laura Frey and Jenna Frey 178; Bill Hollingsworth 236; Robert Chambless 569t.

## RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class back together leading 73t. Leaders: Sheri Taylor 440; Riley Lee 326; David Fetcho 56b.

David Ivey and Bridgett Hill Kennedy conducted the memorial lesson. David Ivey spoke to the class about remembering health of the body, spirit, and the mind. He read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Hester Edwards, S.T. Reed, Evelyn Harris, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Kermit Adams, Ottis Sides, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Sarah Huckaby, Betty Shepherd, Edna Ruth Phillips, Bill Davis, Bess Fitzgerald, Don Brown, and Bill Stewart. David led 34t.

Bridgett Hill Kennedy spoke about three things during her lesson: expectations, uncertainty, and promise. She read the following list of names of the deceased: Josephine Denney, Bonnie Catherine Brown, Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, Inez Chandler, Kyle Akers, R. Duke Miller—Georgia; Stanly Edwards, Bill Aplin, Nadine Willis, Hobert Ivey, Betty Wright, Charles Kitchens, Eldagene Roberson, Sammie Oliver, Johnny Humber, Stella Pratt, Dawson Adams—Alabama; Vance Ervin, Dennis Beasley, Herman Allen—Florida; Carroll Lunsford, Caroline Bonnet—California; Virginia Duke—Tennessee; Danny Arms—North Carolina; Kate Davis—Ireland; Dorothy Williams, Cyril Guy—United Kingdom. Bridgett led 47b in memory of the deceased. Michael Walker closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Kathy Williams 423; Robert Rivers 480; Susan Fetcho 510; Mary Wright 71; Malinda Snow 429; Judy Chambless 527.

#### LUNCH

Wyatt Denney and Karis Askin brought the class back to order leading 276. Leaders: Lauren Bock 99 (for Scott and Jeannette DePoy); Shannon Primm 68; Judy Caudle 336; Judy Whiting 521; Steve Luttinen 532; Lela Crowder 564; Larry Ballinger 528; Alison Brown 344; Reba Windom 384; Gwen Gethner 548; Pam Nunn 234; Karen Freund 77; Daphene Causey 451; Michael Walker 292; Amanda Parkes 183; Mike Richards 362; Eddie Mash 182; Kevin Kennedy 545; Rebecca Over 562; Drew McGuire 38b; Chris Brown 447; Eva Striebeck 522; Ellen Culpepper 302.

#### RECESS

Cecil Roberts and John Kelso brought the class back to order leading 89. Leaders: Angela Myers 430; Karen Ivey and Hayden Arp 203; Daniel Williams 290; Sharon DuPriest 460; Christian Webb 294; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 495; Erica Hinton 157; Susan Cheronos 40; Lisa Bennett 112.

The convention went into a business session to hear reports from the various committees. The Finance Report was presented by Charlene Wallace. The Resolutions Committee report was submitted by Mike Hinton, Eva Striebeck, and Alison Brown. The Locating Committee reported that a petition was received from Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Alpharetta, Georgia, for the location for the 2016 session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention. On a motion, second, and vote, it was decided that Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church will hold the 55th session of the singing. All reports were approved, and the business session was closed. Leaders: Jane Spencer 172; Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Karen Rollins 228; John Hollingsworth 415.

Announcements were made. Philip Denney and Wyatt Denney led 46 as the closing song. Michael Walker offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Philip Denney; Vice Chairmen—Matt Hinton and Wyatt Denney; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Assistant Secretary—Lela Crowder

### **GEORGIAN HARMONY SINGING** **Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia** **Saturday, March 28, 2015**

The Georgian Harmony Singing was held on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in March. John Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 9. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the morning prayer. Oscar McGuire led 1.

A business session was held with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman—Jesse Roberts; Secretaries—Helen Bryson and Mary Brownlee.

Leaders: Helen Bryson 50; Harry Eskew 49; Mary Brownlee 95, 107; Martha Harrell 233; Rebecca Over 22, 51; Rosemund Watson 25, 109b.

#### RECESS

Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 212. Leaders: Jesse Roberts 15, 153; Michael Spencer 43, 208; Mel Kersey 253; Phillip Ford 192; David Smead 252, 203; Lisa Bennett 196, 198; John Plunkett 206, 209.

#### LUNCH

Oscar McGuire called the class to order leading 11. Leaders: David Smead 132; Helen Bryson 45; Harry Eskew 8; Mary Brownlee and Susan Ford 94, 13; John Plunkett 68; Lisa Bennett 136; Martha Harrell 54; Rebecca Over 70; Rosemund Watson 16; Michael Spencer 14; Bill Hollingsworth 19; Jesse Roberts 164; Mel Kersey 141; Phillip Ford 175; John Plunkett 224, 120 (by request); Bill Hollingsworth 249 (by request).

Announcements were made. Rosemund Watson led 347 as the closing song. Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman—Jesse Roberts; Secretaries—Helen Bryson and Mary Brownlee

**PARKER, HOLLIS, AND PUTNAM MEMORIAL**  
**Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (McCormick)**  
**Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**Saturday, March 28, 2015**

The annual Parker, Hollis, and Putnam Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 31b. The opening prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 30t, 35; Brenda Chafin 108t, 124, 144; Don Keeton 145t, 145b, 491; Loretta Whitman 106, 176t, 176b; Richard Mauldin 100, 101t, 120; Julia Poston 61, 78, 89; Ozella Blackmon 112, 137, 212; Eugene Forbes 217, 495; Betty Baccus 499, 77t 129.

**RECESS**

Danny Creel led 399b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Danny Creel 512, 480, 111b; Linda Sides 182, 460, 225t; Willodean Barton 159, 168, 177; Lisa Geist 347, 472, 560; Steve Adams and Amber Davis 331, 378t; Amber Davis 515, 479, 354t, 88t.

**LUNCH**

Velton Chafin led 311 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Jerry Kitchens 64, 82t, 567; Wanda Capps 36b, 454, 546; Glenn Keeton 496, 420, 166; Brenda Chafin 187; Don Keeton 482; Steve Adams 309; Eugene Forbes 155, 434; Danny Creel 76b; Lisa Geist 273, 528; Richard Mauldin 358; Loretta Whitman 203; Amber Davis 276; Jerry Kitchens 68b; Glenn Keeton 274t.

Announcements were made. Danny Creel led 46 as the closing song, and then dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Brenda Chafin

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN / ANN ARBOR**  
**SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**Earl V. Moore Building, Ann Arbor, Michigan**  
**Saturday, March 28, 2015**

After more than a 33-year hiatus (since September 1981), the annual all-day Ann Arbor singing was rejuvenated at the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance. Musicology professor, Mark Clague, worked with the students of “American Roots Music” class to organize the event, which was, in turn, supported by singers from throughout the region. There were 105 registered singers from 12 states and 1 Canadian province.

The class was called to order by Mark Clague leading 63, followed by welcoming remarks. Student officers were elected as follows: Chairman—Mark Clague; Vice Chairman—Gillian Inksetter; Secretaries—Mark Dulchavsky and Darin Martin. Charlotte Wolfe, whose father, Irving Wolfe, organized the first U-M Ann Arbor Singing in 1971, was elected honorary chairman. She led 114.

Leaders: Bob Borcharding 162; Annie Jeng and Kate Outterbridge 146; Megan Jennings 436; Kellen Marceau 282; Idy Kiser and Giles Simmer 39t; Alex Bonoff 47b; Jan May 276; Alex Greenzeig and Rowan Niemisto 45t; Cecelia Kramer 168;



Darin Martin 49t; Elizabeth Geaslin 426b; Jamie Yeats 86; Catherine Brown 313b; David Stowe 318; Elizabeth Fitzgerald and Will Fitzgerald 131t; Nick Pasquel 333; Anne Missavage 362; Suzanne Flandreau 32t; Gillian Inksetter 200.

#### RECESS

Mark Clague led 49b to reassemble the class. Leaders: Gina Barnhouse and Marian Mitchell 485; Chris O'Brien 457; Mishona Frost and Leah Weinberg 484 (in honor of Neely Bruce); Will Fitzgerald and Susan Smith 66; Jeremy York 442; Jerry Creason 56b; Mark Dulchavsky and Adrian Koch 107; Charlotte Wolfe 192; Nick Campbell and Sara Warady 47t; Bob Borcharding 112; Annie Jeng 207; Madeleine Jones, Idy Kiser, Colleen Lough, and Giles Simmer 178; Alex Bonoff 354t; Jan May 99; Perryn Bohler, Eliana Barwinski, Tristan Cappel, Frank Chiodo, Adam Jank, Lauren Liebman, Isa Signoret, Michael Perlman, Ellie Snyder, Katie Thomas, and Diego Zimmerman 186; Stefanie Cohen and Cecelia Kramer 176b; David Stowe 515.

#### LUNCH

Mark Clague and Cecelia Kramer called the class to order leading 569b. Leaders: Elizabeth Geaslin 105; Pat Forsberg-Smith 352; Jeremy York 448t (in memory of his aunt and uncle); Anne Missavage 547; Catherine Brown 38b; Mark Clague 183; Michael Gardner 39b; Chris O'Brien 513; Gillian Inksetter 36b; Suzanne Flandreau and Sungwoo Yoon 87; Nick Pasquel 451; Jamie Yeats and Liz Yeats 496; Marian Mitchell 532; Will Fitzgerald 300.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Mark Clague 34b; Charlotte Wolfe 274t; Eliana Barwinski and Max Stein 504; Perry Bleiberg and Nick Campbell 84; Madeline Grottschlich, Idy Kiser, and Giles Simmer 472. Alex Bonoff offered his insights into the history of the Ann Arbor singings. Will Fitzgerald led 101t in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Loraine Bayer, Buster Creagh, Hester Edwards, Melanie Hauff, Berkley Moore, Ottis Sides, John Smith, and Zaphra Stupple.

Will Fitzgerald then led 101b in memory of the following deceased: Bill Aplin, Earlene Bradshaw, Stanly Edwards, Hobert Ivey, Olivia Wootten Allen Moore, Betty Wright, and Sammie Oliver-Alabama; Danny Arms-North Carolina; Caroline Bonnet-California; David Rust, John Davis, and Peggy Davis-Indiana; Raymond Hamrick and Josephine Denney-Georgia; Joe Fothergill-Ohio; Bob Sullivan-Illinois. Will Fitzgerald offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Jerry Creason and Ann Sibole 503, 546 (dedicated to Martha Beverly); Pat Forsberg Smith 474; Marian Mitchell 335; Annie Jeng, Julia Knowles, and Kate Outterbridge 159; David Stowe 268.

#### RECESS

Gillian Inksetter reassembled the class leading 344. Mark Clague led an 1839 shape-note harmonization of "The Star-Spangled Banner". Leaders: Jan May 228; Nick Pasquel 116; Catherine Brown 350; Jeremy York 369; Suzanne Flandreau and Sungwoo Yoon 424; Bob Borcharding 77t; Anne Missavage 556; Elizabeth Geaslin 37b. Mark Clague was joined by students Eliana Barwinski, Dane Breitung, Michaela Clague, Emily Davidson, Levi Fasoldt, Michael Gardner, Madeleine Grottschlich, Noah Henriksson, Eric Petersen, Elliot Polot, Cecelia Sha; Jennifer Shin, Arlo Shultis, and Diego Zimmerman to lead 186.

Announcements were made. Mark Clague and the student organizers, including Alex Bonoff, Mark Dulchavsky, Annie Jeng, Chris O'Brien, Kate Outterbridge, and Arlo Shultis, led 267 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mark Clague; Vice Chairman—Gillian Inksetter; Honorary Chairman—Charlotte Wolfe; Secretaries—Mark Dulchavsky and Darin Martin

**COVENANT COLLEGE**  
**Lookout Mountain, Georgia**  
**Saturday, March 28, 2015**

Dr. Alicia Jackson welcomed the class to Covenant College. Prayer was offered by Dr. Scott Finch. David Ivey taught an introductory singing school. The class practiced singing the major and minor scales and intervals. The seven modes of time were explained, and the following songs were led to demonstrate the modes of time: 49t, 128, 63, 155, 186, 145b, 503, 45t, 74b, 131b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairpersons—Alicia Jackson and Scott Finch; Vice Chairman—David Ivey; Arranging Officer—Jonathon Smith; Secretary—Karen Ivey.

**RECESS**

The class was called together by Rodney Ivey leading 56t. Leaders: Jonathon Smith 129; Bridgett Hill-Kennedy 276; David Saylor 268; Daniel Lee and Skip Portis 328; Amber Saylor and Teresa Saylor 209; Nicholas Thompson 192; Daryl Chesney 178; Sarah Trumbore 154; Mary Huffman 107; Joanna Nicovich 27; Sierra Saylor 481; Roberta Strauss 496; John Reeder and Will Ahrenhole 32t; Richard Ivey 36b; John Huffman 84; Janelle Davis and Ann Carey Dupree 81t; Ann Mashchak and Gayle Hall 373; Anna Hinton 142; Ed Thacker 297; Mark Godfrey, Cecil Godfrey, and Leon Godfrey 277; Evie Eddins and Emily Eddins 31t; Susan Cheronos 300.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Jackson.

**LUNCH**

The class reassembled with Jonathon Smith leading 145t. Leaders: B.M. Smith 475; Matt Hinton, Jack Beckman, and Barbara Beckman 460; Henry Johnson 138t; Kelsey Ivey and David Gooch 112; Ezra Eddins 168; John Reeder, Abby Tosh, and Charlotte Reeder 186; Karen Ivey and Olivia Jackson 146; Duane Chesney 155; Max Berueffy and Karin Covi 182; Elam Eddins 384; Eli Hinton 40; Steven Huffman 29t; Eli Eddins 77t; Leigh Cooper and Leon Godfrey 440; Paul Figura 313b; Anne Drexler 87; Erica Hinton 228; Ewan Eddins 70t; Christie Burns 159; David Brodeur 540; Shirley Figura 229; Jeremy Shipp family 163b; Eric Tweedy and Chris Tweedy 282; Darlene Dalton 454; Kevin Eddins 288.

**RECESS**

Shane Wootten convened the final session leading 76b. Leaders: Robert Chambless 480; Kathy Williams 472; Peter Reichman 393; Alexis Dupree and Emily Eddins 53; Loyd Ivey 47t; Judy Chambless 37b; Cheyenne Ivey 512; Phil Summerlin 415; Karen Ivey, Jonathon Smith, Alicia Jackson, and Olivia Jackson 236.

After recognizing states represented, announcements were made. David Ivey led 46, and the closing prayer was offered by Nathan Lawing.

Co-Chairpersons—Alicia Jackson and Scott Finch; Vice Chairman—David Ivey; Secretary—Karen Ivey

**SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP CONVENTION**  
**SPRING SESSION (COOPER REVISION)**

**McMahan, Texas**  
**March 28-29, 2015**  
**Saturday, March 28**

The spring session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan, Texas. The class was brought to order by Billy Huckaby extending a welcome to all and leading 553. After prayer, offered by Elder Jeb Owen, the chairman led 168.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Billy Huckaby; Vice Chairwoman—Vivian Rogan; Arranging Committee and Secretaries—Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates.

Leaders: Vivian Rogan 49t; Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates 171; Tom Owen 179; Janie Short 192; Troxel Ballou 536; Kristie Powell 132; Owen Ross 361; Riley Owen 32t; Priscilla Wiggins 567; Kara Beth Addison 58; Robert Vaughn 108b; Cornelia Stanton 410; Luke Addison 29t; Kathy Manning 485; Baron Powers 239; Cheryl Foreman 269; William Price 29b; Diane Ross 300; Alvaro Duarte 268t; Ainsley Ross 540; David McPherson 500.

#### RECESS

Billy Huckaby opened the next session by leading 30b. A business session was held, and Vice Chairwoman Vivian Rogan ascended to the chairmanship. Janie Short was nominated as Vice Chairwoman, and elected by acclamation. Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates were then nominated for secretaries/arranging committee, and were elected by acclamation. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Kyle Hearn 68t; Tamara Harris 591; Pete Mathewson 488; Chelsea Miller 38b; Carter Cook 142; Marilyn Murata 392; Ainslie Allen 196; Eleanor Haase 272; Michael Walker 45b; Stephanie Argo 210; Chris Brown 504t; Jenny Willard 511t; Steve Helwig 541; Syble Adams, Jeb Owen, Jeff Adcock 138t; Ian Quinn 138b; Nancy Price 299; Stanley Smith 133; Lori Rodgers 47t; Jon Giles 507b; Kate Fine 584; Larry Ballinger 151; Judy Whiting 176t; Robert Stoddard 98; Lindsey Kruse 475. The blessing for the food was offered by Donald Ross.

#### LUNCH

Vivian Rogan opened the afternoon session leading 101t. Leaders: Linnea Sablosky 106; Donald Ross 373; Pat Callahan 524; Chris Adams 288; Carol Huang 277; Jesse Latimer 39; Lindy Groening 416t; Justin Latimer 384; Ines Luttgén 315; Scott McCown 99; Alison Brown 508; Jordan Lewis 89; Eva Striebeck 592; Aldo Ceresa 422t; Martha Beverly 140; Silas Huckaby 53; Elizabeth Stoddard 150; Laura Densmore 482; Ryan Bowman 486; Bill Beverly 41; Cassie Allen 242.

#### RECESS

Janie Short called the class to order. Leaders: Chris Noren 573; Keith Willard 505; Chris Nicholson 293b; Olivia Powell 235; Jacob McClain 31t; Katie Mahoney 515; Kris Wiggins 189; Josh Rogan 186; Sonny Erwin 569; Josh McClain 444t; Ryan Ross 137; Ben Copenhaver 184t; Tim McClain 146; Mike Hinton 400; Ryan Young 38t. Vivian Rogan led 54t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Sonny Huckaby.

### **Sunday, March 29**

The Sunday session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Vivian Rogan leading 68b. The opening prayer was offered by Tom Owen. Vivian Rogan led 282.

Leaders: Janie Short 449; Leon Ballinger 280; Scott Curran and Michele Curran 203; Ainsley Ross 339; Rick Foreman 27; Eva Striebeck 42; Stanley Smith 497; Alison Brown 77t; Ryan Bowman 435; Rebecca Blumenthal 331b; Riley Owen 40; Judy Whiting 95b; Silas Huckaby 300; Elizabeth Stoddard 423; Aldo Ceresa 183; Lindy Groening 516; Jackson Owen 101t; Ryan Ross 106; Carol Huang 96; Chris Brown 30t; Kathy Manning 279; Alvaro Duarte 442t; Eleanor Haase 270; Luke Addison 32b.

#### RECESS

Zach Rogan opened the second morning session leading 47b. Leaders: Crystal Meadows 553; Michael Walker 230; Ian Quinn 372; William Price 48b; Jenny Willard and Keith Willard 572; Jon Giles 563; Syble Adams and Jeff Adcock 543; Nancy Price 81; Jordan Lewis 179; Linnea Sablosky 163t.

Janie Short opened the memorial lesson with a quotation from the 150th Psalm. Cheryl Foreman read the following list of names of the sick and homebound: Tammi Ziola, David Strother, Toni Strother, Betty Mae Price, Skip Trout, Joan Trout, Serita Spadoni, Phil Manthey, Juanita Volpe, Jane Goforth, Jim Foreman, Gene Handley, Claudene Townson, Shisue Sugimoto, John Shaffer, Hilde Ward, and Doron Henkin. Cheryl led 450 in remembrance of those on this list.

Scott Curran read the following list of names of the deceased: Doris Hanks, Clifton Adams, Wayne Brumley, Sallie Foreman, Jolene Owen Crozier, and Casey Crawford—Texas; Dorothy Williams and Cyril Guy—United Kingdom; Kate Davis—Ireland; Wilton Leroy Wyatt—Minnesota; Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, Junie Wooten, and Josephine Denney—Georgia; Caroline Bonnet, Fume Murata, Joe Nishimura, Alfano Schittini, Clautille Louis, and Brenda Hansen—California; Leslie Phillips—Tennessee; Ruth Densmore, Eleanor Anderson, and Timothy Florravit—Pennsylvania; Joe Fothergill—Ohio; David Rust—Indiana; Bob Sullivan—Illinois; Jean Ballinger, Johnny Humber, Rena Humber, Sammie Oliver, Bill Aplin, Hobert Ivey, Stanly Edwards, Betty Wright, Phillip Wooten, Olivia Moore Allen, and Donna Durden—Alabama; Renee Windsor—Oregon; Brendon Egan—New York; Julia Reifel—Washington. Scott led 285t in memory of the deceased. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Rick Foreman. Leaders: Robert Stoddard 552; Ines Luttgen 580; Larry Ballinger and Earl Ballinger 217; Kate Fine 346; Chris Noren 229; Pat Callahan 476; Martha Beverly 273; David McPherson 107; Cornelia Stanton 87; Bill Beverly 575. The prayer of thanks for the food was offered by Gaylon Powell.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Vivian Rogan leading 343. Leaders: Laura Densmore 29t; Marilyn Murata 200; Baron Powers 79; Tamara Harris and Aldo Ceresa 504b; Carter Cook 63; Tammy Powell 216; Pete Mathewson 484; Linda Booker 199; Burl Russell 164; Vickie Cook 335; Kris Wiggins 338; Chris Nicholson 264t; Liz Owen 408; Gaylon Powell 406; Sarah Huckaby 299; Addison Bowles and Lauren Owen 159; Gary Rogan 418; Amanda Bowles 99; Kevin Powell 331t; Catherine Rogan 198; Jeb Owen 514; Cheryl Foreman and Jeff Adcock 465; Ben Copenhaver 114b; Priscilla Wiggins 365; Mike Hinton 478; Sonny Erwin 430; Katie Mahoney 95t; Ryan Young 414.

Vivian Rogan thanked all who had attended the singing. Announcements were made. The officers, Vivian Rogan, Janie Short, Bruce Coates, and Beverly Coates led "Blissful Hope". The closing prayer was offered by Elder Sonny Huckaby.

Chairwoman—Vivian Rogan; Vice Chairwoman—Janie Short; Secretaries—Bruce and Beverly Coates

### **IVEY MEMORIAL** **Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama** **Sunday, March 29, 2015**

The annual Ivey Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama, on the fifth Sunday in March. The class was called to order by David Ivey leading 82t. The opening prayer was offered by Phil Summerlin.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Shane Wooten; Secretary—Cheyenne Ivey; Arranging Committee—Jackie Tanner, Cindy Tanner, and David Ivey.

Leaders: Shane Wooten 89 (in memory of his grandparents); Cheyenne Ivey 39b (in memory of Marie Ivey); Jackie Tanner 129; Wayne Wooten 276; Boyd Scott 358; B.M. Smith 72b; Loyd Ivey 278b (in memory of Hobert Ivey); Loretta Smith 274t (in memory of Leonard and Margaret Smith); Lomax Ballinger and Linton Ballinger

213t; Eloise Wootten and Loyd Ivey 426b; Louis Hughes 348b; Roberta Strauss 474; Darrell Swarens 341 (in memory of Hobert Ivey); Nate Green and Norma Green 177; Nicholas Thompson 392; Karen Rollins 350; Paul Figura 549; Cecil Godfrey 155.

#### RECESS

Jared Wootten led 101t to bring the class together. Leaders: Daniel Lee 183; Kathy Williams 475; Jerry Kitchens 480; Laura Clawson 542; Janelle Davis 84; David Smead 432; Tom George 148; Evie Eddins 71; Drew McGuire 472; Aaron Wootten 39t; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 196; Allison Whitener, Richard Ivey, and Stuart Ivey 222; Hayden Wootten and Jamey Wootten 440; Amber Davis 380; Jonathan Smith 74t; Eugene Forbes 299; Mark Carroll 400; Rebecca Over 430; Daniel Bearden 484.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Rodney Ivey, Kevin Eddins, Elam Eddins, Ewan Eddins, and Eli Eddins leading 96 (CB) (in memory of John Etheridge). Leaders: Judy Chambless 318 (in memory of Julietta Haynes); David Gooch 343; Eli Hinton 146; Ezra Lloyd and Gideon Lloyd 448b, 38t (CB); Anna Hinton 300; Emily Eddins 142; Barrett Patton 266; Wyatt Denney 107; Ezra Eddins 179; Mark Godfrey 448t; Ken Kelly, Jamie Kelly, and Will Kelly 224; Claudia Dean 512; Delone Cobbs 42 (in memory of Bud Oliver); Robert Chambless 75; Susan Allred and Greg Allred 45t; Alanna Blanks 405. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by David Gooch.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Marty Wootten leading 145t. Leaders: Hayden Arp 445; Phil Summerlin 131b; Angela Myers and Rodney Ivey 30b; Philip Denney and Rodney Ivey 303; Anne Drexler 87; Henry Johnson and Dennis George 138b; Erica Hinton 204; David Brodeur 215; Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd 216; Matt Hinton 365; Joanna Nicovich 570; Buell Cobb 80b; Donna Wootten 511b (CB); Scot Oliver 68b; Shirley Figura 361; Scott Ivey and Brianna Wells 411; Susan Harcrow 500; Cindy Tanner 368.

#### RECESS

David Ivey led 217 to bring the class together. Leaders: Karen Freund 272; Kevin Eddins and Ethan Eddins 282; Coy Ivey, Ewan Eddins, and Elam Eddins 384; Ed Thacker and Barrett Patton 421 (for Margaret Thacker and in memory of Bud Oliver and Hobert Ivey); Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest 434; Lauren Bock 556; Kelsey Ivey 403; Sarah Wootten 209; Elene Stovall and Gresham Davis 182; Susan Cheronas 564 (in memory of Marie Ivey); Tony Ivey 473; Lisa Bennett 383; John Plunkett 540; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 377; Leigh Cooper 34b; Pam Nunn 528; Mary Ruth Stiefel 144; Caleb Allred 503; Jenny Mann 36b; Charles Stiefel 123b; Karen Ivey and Nicholas Thompson 327; Isaac Lloyd 86; Lilly Underwood 457. David Ivey, Shane Wootten, and Tony Ivey led 45b as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Tony Ivey.

Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Shane Wootten; Secretary—Cheyenne Ivey

### **SEATTLE EASTER SINGING** **Home of Clarissa Fetrow, Seattle, Washington** **Saturday, April 4, 2015**

The singing was opened by David Wright leading 176b. Leaders: Carol Selleck 565; Clarissa Fetrow 135; David Wright 138t; Gaea Singer 148; Adam Berey 35; Darlene Simpson-Brown 562; Laura McMurray 512; Karen Willard 535 (for Fred Flickinger); David Wright 398; Clarissa Fetrow 399t; Carol Selleck 83b; Gaea Singer

415; Adam Berey 89; David Wright 71; Carol Selleck 326; Clarissa Fetrow 313; Kevin Barrans 119; Gaea Singer 112; Darlene Simpson-Brown 558; Clarissa Fetrow 556; Adam Berey 480; David Wright 517; Gaea Singer 455; Karen Willard 144.

#### RECESS

Adam Berey called the class together by leading 59. Leaders: Kevin Barrans 123t; Clarissa Fetrow 447; David Wright 404; Carol Selleck 347; Kevin Barrans 441; Clarissa Fetrow 408; Carol Selleck 409; Karen Willard 236; Gaea Singer 47t; Kevin Barrans 434; Clarissa Fetrow 498; Kevin Barrans 421; Darlene Simpson-Brown 390; David Wright 208; Kevin Barrans 242; David Wright 159. The class sang "Cascadia" (by Kevin Barrans) as the closing song.

Chairwoman—Clarissa Fetrow; Secretary—Gaea Singer

### **BRAZOS RIVER SACRED HARP SINGING (COOPER REVISION)**

**Carmine, Texas**

**Saturday, April 4, 2015**

The class was called to order by Gaylon Powell leading 558. The opening prayer was offered by Wade Price. Gaylon then called for the election of officers, and the following were nominated and elected by acclamation: Chairman—Gaylon Powell; Vice Chairman—Bruce Coates; Secretary—Beverly Coates.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 559; Bruce Coates 572, 96; Beverly Coates 54t, 478; Leon Ballinger 99, 120; Linda Booker 39, 38t; Wade Price 40, 171; Kristie Powell 492, 497; Gaylon Powell 310, 163t; Bruce Coates 119, 30b; Beverly Coates 168, 416t.

#### RECESS

Bruce Coates led 29b to open the second morning session. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 507b, 348t; Linda Booker 107, 145b; Wade Price 299, 155; Kristie Powell 115b, 47b; Gaylon Powell 404, 408; Bruce Coates 264b, 406; Amy Denison 32t, 398b; Beverly Coates 142, 143. The blessing before lunch was offered by Kirby Pressly.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by Gaylon Powell leading 225t. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 216, 222; Linda Booker 293b, 410; Wade Price 129, 135; Kristie Powell 282, 543; Gaylon Powell 223, 235; Bruce Coates 571, 573; Beverly Coates 591, 198; Leon Ballinger 217, 212; Linda Booker 463, 138t; Wade Price 63, 508; Kristie Powell 514, 140.

Gaylon Powell led 411 as the closing song. After announcements, the closing prayer was offered by Leon Ballinger.

Chairman—Gaylon Powell; Vice Chairman—Bruce Coates; Secretary—Beverly Coates

### **HARPEATH VALLEY / PRIESTLEY MILLER**

#### **MEMORIAL SINGING**

**Radnor Primitive Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee**

**Saturday, April 4, 2015**

The 54th annual Harpeth Valley-Priestley Miller Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by David Carlton leading 171. Laurens Blankers offered the morning prayer. David Carlton led 106.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 49b, 146; Sandie Scott and Tim Reynolds 313b, 282 (in memory of Henry Cobb); Laurens Blankers 479, 312b; Randy Box 405, 155; Eddie Mash 212, 186; Kelsey Ivey 313t, 276; Michele Cull and Annaliza Cull 300, 168; Annaliza Cull 448t; Rick Fretter 350, 299; Darrell Swarens 208, 365.

#### RECESS

Tammy Heinsohn brought the class back together leading 345b and 294. Leaders: Nate Zweig 40, 41; Ann Betts 128, 551; Richard Ivey 368, 90; Febriene Box 49t, 455; Kerene Box 143, 358; Catherine Pepmiller 159, 457; Lewis Frost 565, 569b; Vicki See and Billy See 354b, 108b; Amy Thomas 472, 385t; Janelle Davis 229, 81t; Caleb Dillehay 74b, 39b.

#### LUNCH

Gail Doss called the afternoon session to order by leading 99. Leaders: Nate Zweig 92 (MH); Darrell Swarens 198 (in memory of Clayton Ezell); Gail Doss, Ann Betts, and Lee Leach 142, 547; Mary Ruth Stiefel 452, 421; Kelsey Ivey and Nancy Fish 564; Janelle Davis 507; Amy Thomas 448b; Catherine Pepmiller 384; Eddie Mash 210; Annaliza Cull and Michele Cull 236; Annaliza Cull 268; Randy Box 91; Richard Ivey 352; Vicki See and Billy See 178; Caleb Dillehay 179; Laurens Blankers 355; Tammy Heinsohn 504; Rick Fretter 470; Lewis Frost 503; Tim Reynolds 163t, 573; Gail Doss 535.

After announcements, David Carlton led 46 as the closing song. Laurens Blankers offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—David Carlton; Vice Chairman—Randy Box; Secretary—Sandie Scott

### IOWA SINGING

#### Cedar Falls Mennonite Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa Saturday, April 4, 2015

The annual Iowa All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before Easter.

The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Sharla Hulsey leading 34.

The opening prayer was offered by Stephen Conte.

Leaders: Bruce Voyles 47b; Michael Moore 40; Annie Grieshop 186; Stephen Conte 159; Tamara Harris 27; Elizabeth Stoddard 33t; James Page 188; Linda Selph 144; Steven Schmidgall 473; Jeff Bell 171; Hollie Powell 564; Janell Draper 224; Eric Saylor 117; Matt Wells 368; AnnaLeigh Smith 189; Steve Luttnen 192; Eleanor Haase 155; Dick Patterson 298; Alexa Copeland 474; Donnie Simmet 68t; Becca Gibson 419; Paul Landskroener 426t; Colette Miller 436.

#### RECESS

Sharla Hulsey called the class back to order by leading 31t. Leaders: Joel Menk 339; William Gilman 81t; Barb Patterson 97; Bruce Western 85; Tullaia Powell 300; Nick Pasqual 451; Ben Copenhaver 132; Brad Harris 58.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Stephen Conte leading 565, speaking briefly, and reading the following names of the sick and shut-ins: John Menke, Bob Scorgie, Johanna Fabke, Julie Vea, David Hoffelt, Berkley Moore, Libby Hoefst, Bill Hulsey, Mary Beach, David Strother, and Toni Strother.

Michael Moore spoke for the deceased, led 101b, and read the following names: David Wampler—Pennsylvania; John C. Landskroener—Ohio; Leslie Phillips—Tennessee; Caroline Bonnet, Sally Coghlan, and Barbara Jean Gurtz—California; Joanne Ellis and Ben Zachary—Minnesota; Leo H. Kalkbrenner—New York; Fred Craddock—Georgia; Donald Weishaar and Barb Toot—Iowa.

Eamonn O'Neill led 425 and Karen Swenson led 569t. Stephen Conte offered a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Janell Draper and Tivey leading 99.

Sharla Hulsey then convened a business meeting to consider a new date for future Iowa All-Day Singings. After some discussion, the class unanimously voted to set the official schedule as Saturday before first Sunday in April. The business meeting was closed.

Leaders: Francis Gurtz 340; Kevin Bullock 562; Melissa Kelly 349; Jeff Nayadley 42; Henry Schumann 318; Linda Selph 396; Eamonn O'Neill 397; Elizabeth Stoddard 283; Jeff Bell 454; Eleanor Haase 352; James Page 236; Tamara Harris 415; Steven Schmidgall 369; Barb Patterson 187; Paul Landskroener 528; Karen Swenson 344; Donnie Simmet 275t.

#### RECESS

Sharla Hulsey led 198 to bring the class together. Leaders: Eric Saylor 551; Becca Gibson 504; Matt Wells 49b; Hollie Powell 481; Steve Luttinen 375; Ben Copenhaver 242; Colette Miller 547; Joel Menk 149; Melissa Kelly 345b; Nick Pasqual 195; Dick Patterson 540; Tullaia Powell 277; Bruce Voyles 496; William Gilman 497; Kevin Bullock 196; Francis Gurtz 313b; AnnaLeigh Smith 101t; Jeff Nayadley 210; Bruce Western 430; Stephen Conte 134. Sharla Hulsey led 347 as the closing song. Stephen Conte offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Sharla Hulsey; Secretary—Annie Grieshop

### **JONES MEMORIAL SINGING (COOPER BOOK)** **Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Opp, Alabama** **Saturday, April 4, 2015**

The annual Jones Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in April at Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Opp, Alabama. All song selections are from The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision. The class was called to order by Mike Jones leading 159. Wayne Jones offered the opening prayer. Mike Jones led 436t.

Brian Kelley led 108t, 63, and 404 as the introductory lesson. Leaders: Tim Jones 47t; Barbara Jones 276; Don Clark 497; Royce Sellars 507b; Rebecca Over 516; Eli Eddins 553; Shane Brown 427; Nancy Hogan 84; Gary Padgett 486; Tim Taylor 65; Karen Clark 520; Adam Brasich 68t; Mary Amelia Taylor 210; Bill Hogan 242; Emily Eddins 76t.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Wayne Jones leading 99. Leaders: Edd Bass 309; Dana Eddins 291; Dewayne Hawthorne 122; Jamie Kelley 571; Stanley Smith 302; Ryan Bowman 524; Cynthia Sasser 44; Larry Shaw 478; Vickie Aplin 76b; Billy Kelley 442t; Evie Eddins 104; Loretta Jones and Lloyd Jones 45t, 77t; Kevin Eddins and Ewan Eddins 235; Aubrey Barfield 86; Learvene Bass 74b; Ken Kelley 559; Ewan Eddins 558; Wynette Smith 49b; Ezra Eddins 142; Ken Sundberg 330t. Mike Jones led 369, followed by prayer offered by Tommie Spurlock.

#### LUNCH

The class sang 96, led by Mike Jones to begin the afternoon session.

Leaders: Eddins family (Kevin, Dana, Evie, Emily, Eli, Ezra, Elam, Ewan, Edith, Eric, and Ethan) 42; Lonnie and Kate Jones grandchildren (Dewayne Hawthorne, Michael Jones, Tim Jones, Debbie Daughtry, Rhonda Harrison, Tina Blair, Ryan Blair, Laquetta Grimes, Gayle Craft, LaShon Tillman, Jill Jones, and Alison Perry) 283; Myrtle Richburg 450; James Gardner 187; Chip Westbrook 398b; Nicole Bowman 47b; Elam Eddins 384; Michael Jones 282; Linda Westbrook 465; Wayne Jones and his grandchildren (Connor Tillman, Avery Tillman, Amberly Tillman, Camryn Perry, and Caylen Perry 500 (for Willodean Thrash); Joe Nall 543; Alice Sundberg 156; Tommie Spurlock 112; Janice Gardner 293b; Kennon Smith 189; Ken Kelley and Will Kelley 348t; Marlene Hughes 174; Brianne Jones 75; Lois Bozeman 73t; Lonnie and Kate Jones children (J.D. Jones, Mike Jones, Wayne Jones, Betty Kendrick, and Lera Ellison) 447t; Tommie Spurlock 264b; Rebecca Over 411; Maureen Uney and Don Clark 239; Wayne Jones 464.



Announcements were made. Mike Jones led 343 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Tim Jones.

Chairman—Mike Jones; Vice Chairman—Tim Jones; Secretary—Barbara Jones

**BETHEL SINGING**  
**Bruce, Mississippi**  
**Sunday, April 5, 2015**

The 66th annual Sacred Harp singing at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church was held this year on Easter Sunday in memory of Hugh Bill McGuire. Henry McGuire called the class to order leading 39t. John Van Horn offered the morning prayer. Henry McGuire led 100, and the class organized by electing the following officers: Chairman—Henry McGuire; Vice Chairman—Drew McGuire; Secretary—Warren Steel.

Leaders: Drew McGuire 101t, 203; Warren Steel 187, 101b; Anne Steel 171, 209; Scott Ivey 70b, 415; John Van Horn 163t, 183; Ann Jett 141, 37b; Larry Ballinger 151, 291; Angela Myers 156, 120; Arlon Gardner 67, 201; Shelby Castillo 142, 186; Robert Earl Alexander 312b, 124; Mark Davis 104, 48b.

**RECESS**

Henry McGuire called the class together leading 511 (WB). Leaders: Richard Mauldin 460, 43; Amber Davis 499, 44; Sarah Tidwell 63, 42; Yancey Jett 89, 440; Judy Caudle 236, 49t; Danny Creel 498, 530; Lisa Geist 527, 273; Curtis Gregory 40, 119; Henry McGuire, Drew McGuire, Will McGuire, Stephen Tidwell, and Thomas Burns 486t (WB), 517 (WB).

**LUNCH**

Henry McGuire called the afternoon session together leading 362 (WB) and 492 (WB). Leaders: Drew McGuire 196, 569b; Warren Steel 176b (WB), 175b (WB); Scott Ivey 526 (WB); John Van Horn 300, 222; Ann Jett 269; Larry Ballinger 224; George Easley 34b; Angela Myers 111t; Shelby Castillo 430, 112; Henry McGuire 472 (in memory of Hugh Bill McGuire); Arlon Gardner and Lisa Geist 507; Richard Mauldin 551; Amber Davis 192, 380; Mark Davis 193; Yancey Jett 172; Anne Steel 504, 480; Lisa Geist 228.

**RECESS**

Henry McGuire brought the class together leading 543t (WB). Leaders: Judy Caudle 320 (WB); Danny Creel 145t; Curtis Gregory 108t, 162.

Following announcements, Henry McGuire and Drew McGuire led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Mark Davis.

Chairman—Henry McGuire; Vice Chairman—Drew McGuire; Secretary—Warren Steel

**EDWARDSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama**  
**Sunday, April 5, 2015**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Edwardsville Baptist Church, Edwardsville, Alabama, was held on the first Sunday in April. Cecil Roberts called the class to order leading 56t. Jack Nelson offered the opening prayer. Cecil Roberts welcomed everyone, and then led 75.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 375, 539; Donna Bell 426t, 61; Judy Chambless 186, 415; Margaret Thacker 396, 452; John Plunkett 569t, 527; Charlene Wallace 63, 155; Samuel Williams 500, 448t; Ed Thacker 225t (in memory of Stanly Edwards), 498; Lisa Bennett 480, 408; Jack Nelson 236.

**RECESS**

Henry Johnson brought the class back to order leading 111t. The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Henry Johnson; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless. A motion was made to change the start time of the singing to 10:00 a.m. The motion was declined. The starting time of the singing remains at 9:00 a.m. Leaders: Rene Greene and Richard DeLong 220 (for Hester Edwards, age 96, who was unable to attend the singing and listening via cell phone), 496; David Smead 156, 511; Tony Hammock 83b, 314; B.M. Smith 49b, 389; Rebecca Over 416, 197; Karen Rollins 297, 298; Robert Chambless 39b, 77b; Richard DeLong 104 (in memory of Alice Edwards), 154; Daniel Williams 48t, 126; Hayden Arp 72t (in memory of Lewis Norton), 340; Chris McKnight 45t (in memory of his mother, Pam McKnight); Virginia Dyer 454 (in memory of Lewis Norton and Pam Dryden McKnight), 193; Oscar McGuire 163b, 229.

Karen Rollins conducted the memorial lesson. She noted that it was Easter Sunday and supposed to be a happy day, but thinking about the singers that weren't present due to either death or sickness, made it a sad day. Karen stated that now is our day of salvation and we're all just one heartbeat away from being homeward bound. The sick and shut-ins honored were Hester Edwards, Evelyn Harris, George and Lucy Garner, S.T. Reed, and Alene Harris. The deceased remembered were Raymond Hamrick, Pam McKnight, Stanly Edwards, Josephine Denney, Lewis Norton, Bernice Thompson, Archie Gene Cheatwood, Earnest Charles, Stanley Darrin, Essie Hulse, and Audress Gurley. Karen Rollins led 373. Henry Johnson closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Cecil Roberts thanked the class for a collection of \$209.00, and asked that the amount be noted in the minutes.

Leaders: Chance Cook and Dalton Lewis 192; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 101t, 335; Pearl Guier 32t, 448b. Roy Thompson offered the blessing of the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The class reconvened with Cecil Roberts leading 168. Leaders: Winfred Kerr 282, 146; Marilyn Bradley 159, 81t; Fallon Cook 178, 59; Ruth Daniel 378t, 47t (for Evelyn Harris); Rebecca Over 544 (for Earlis McGraw); Karen Rollins 540; Henry Johnson 289; Richard DeLong 431; B.M. Smith 138t; Robert Chambless 343; Rene Greene 142; Oscar McGuire 47b; Richard DeLong 254; Hayden Arp 245; Ed Thacker 532; Lisa Bennett 139; Daniel Williams 101b; Jack Nelson 125; Tony Hammock 348b; Samuel Williams 224; David Smead 384.

Following announcements, Cecil Roberts led 46. Ed Thacker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Henry Johnson; Secretary—Donna Bell

### **ELDER HOMER BENEFIELD, KATHERINE BENEFIELD, AND MILDRED JOHNSON MEMORIAL**

**Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, South of Tallapoosa, Georgia  
Friday night, April 10, 2015**

The annual session of the Elder Homer Benefield, Katherine Benefield, and Mildred Johnson Memorial singing was held on Friday night before the second Sunday in April. Cecil Roberts called the class to order by leading 229. Jason Stanford offered the opening prayer. Cecil welcomed everyone, and then led 97.

Leaders: Johnny Wright 146, 58; Donna Bell 186, 63; Samuel Williams 26, 101b; Jason Stanford 49t, 73b; Rebecca Over 406 (in memory of Rev. Herman Bower), 348t.

A business session was held with the following officers retained or appointed: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Johnny Wright; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Hayden Arp.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 56t (in memory of Elder Homer Benefield); Johnny Wright 294 (in memory of Mildred Johnson), 335; Donna Bell 358 (in memory of Katherine Benefield); Hayden Arp 99, 204 (in memory of J.T. Pruitt); Judy Henry 313t, 283; Daniel Williams 285t, 142; Virginia Dyer 37b, 340 (for Faye and Ralph Hilburn), 354t; Chris Wilhelm 327, 388. Cecil Roberts offered the blessing of the evening meal.

#### DINNER

The class resumed singing with Johnny Wright leading 59. Leaders: Rene Greene 32t, 371; Charlene Wallace 35, 39b; Fallon Cook 40; Fallon Cook and Chance Cook 192; Cindy Gray 108b (in memory of her mother, Grace Keaton), 64 (in memory of her Grandpa, Leo Lambert); Grady Keaton 45t, 31t.

Announcements were made. Cecil Roberts and Johnny Wright led 46 (in memory of Everette Ellis and Carlton Johnson). Jay Chandler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Johnny Wright; Secretary—Donna Bell

### **NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING Mennonite Meetinghouse, Rochester, New York Saturday, April 11, 2015**

The New York Regional All-Day Singing, hosted by Rochester area singers, was called to order by Thom Metzger leading 34b. Eileen Metzger offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Ginny Huszagh 133; Gerry Hoffman 171; Jean Seiler 191; Margaret Bornick 472; Tarik Wareh 213t; Pleasance Crawford 391; Jan May 351; Brian How 48b; Rebeka Radna-Crasta 155; Anne Weaver 178; Dennis Leipold 59; Mary Skidmore 108b; Chuck Crawford 148.

#### RECESS

Sue Hengelsberg led 40 to bring the class together. Leaders: Pattie Wareh 70t; Melody Johnson 33b; Bob Wheeler 209; Barbara Swetman 365; Joanna Wheeler 504; Eric Bean 270; Katie Reimers 549; Faiz Wareh 473; Candis Bailey 86; Cora Wareh 323b; Dev Crasta 481; Joanne Fuller 500; Sue Hengelsberg 480; Amy Valladeres 383.

#### RECESS

The class was convened by Bob Wheeler leading 49t. Leaders: Eileen Metzger 39t; Ginny Huszagh 228; Thom Metzger 319; Jean Seiler 318; Gerry Hoffman 218; Margaret Bornick 474; Tarik Wareh 433; Pleasance Crawford 312t; Jan May 313b; Rebeka Radna-Crasta 106; Dennis Leipold 300; Mary Skidmore 236; Brian How 183; Patti Wareh 36b. Eileen Metzger offered a prayer before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Tarik Wareh called the class back together by leading 81t. Leaders: Chuck Crawford 84; Melody Johnson 172; Barbara Swetman 542; Bob Wheeler 107; Katie Reimers 49b; Joanna Wheeler 47b; Faiz Wareh 297; Candis Bailey 99; Cora Wareh 240; Eric Bean 312b; Joanne Fuller 460; Sue Hengelsberg 306; Thom Metzger 274t; Amy Valladeres 385t; Gerry Hoffman 568.

#### RECESS

Margaret Bornick led 299. Leaders: Lynn Wilson and Jean Seiler 146; Eileen Metzger 160b; Laurel Dempsey 503; Ginny Huszagh 497; Tarik Wareh 156; Margaret Bornick 68b; Pleasance Crawford 151; Jan May 287; Jean Seiler 276;

Chuck Crawford 546; Mary Skidmore 192; Pattie Wareh 72b; Dennis Leipold 272; Melody Johnson 396; Barbara Swetman 210; Bob Wheeler 569b; Katie Reimers 547.  
RECESS

Candis Bailey led 63 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Joanna Wheeler 551; Dev Crasta 277; Faiz Wareh 350; Amy Valladeres 442; Joanne Fuller 439; Cora Wareh 291; Sue Hengelsberg 175.

Thom Metzger led 347 as the closing song. Eileen Metzger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Thom Metzger; Secretary—Susan Hengelsberg

## **STATE LINE CHURCH** **Near Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama** **Saturday, April 11, 2015**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at State Line Church, off Hwy 78 at the Georgia/Alabama state line in Cleburne County, Alabama, was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Rodney Ivey leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Eric Tweedy.

The following officers were retained to serve: Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 318 (for B.M. Smith); Judy Caudle 85; Judy Chambless 82t; Cecil Roberts 312b; Robert Chambless 303 (in memory of Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard); Philip Denney 142; Margaret Thacker 569b; Pam Nunn 216 (in memory of Shelbie Sheppard); Jack Nelson 560; Andy Ditzler 270; Ed Thacker 507 (in memory of Josie Hyde); Rene Greene 186 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard); Helen Bryson 456; Samuel Williams 203; Eric Tweedy 442; Susan Cheronas 460; Wyatt Denney 294; Denney Rogers and Karen Rollins 225t.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey led 170 to bring the class together. Leaders: Erica Hinton 175; Scott Ivey 340 (for Dr. Bill Stewart); David Brodeur 224; Drew McGuire 313t; Eli Hinton 146; Loyd Ivey 454; Daniel Williams 123b; Jesse P. Karlsberg 126; Cassie Allen 373; Cheyenne Ivey 212; Chris Wilhelm 132; Darrell Swarens and Karen Rollins 389 (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Chris Tweedy 156; Angela Myers 464; Rebecca Over 299; Laura Densmore 522.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Wyatt Denney leading 457. Leaders: Henry Johnson 82b; John Plunkett 50b; Richard DeLong 399b; Lauren Bock 546; Oscar McGuire 556; Matt Hinton 99; Reba Windom 411; Jerry Creason and Ann Sibole 481, 189.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Helen Bryson. Helen spoke and read the poetry of “All Saints” (*White Book*). Cassie Allen led 121 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Mona Nelson, B.M. Smith, S.T. Reed, Wayne Reed, Skip Trout, Serita Spadoni, Phil Manthey, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Evelyn Harris, Hester Edwards, and Don Bowen.

Helen then read the poetry from “For God’s Promise” (Old School Hymnal) and led 347 in memory of the following deceased: Lewis Norton, Hobert Ivey, Audress Gurley, Betty Wright, Sammie Oliver, and Stanly Edwards—Alabama; Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, Junie Wooten, and Josephine Denney—Georgia; Ruth Densmore—Pennsylvania; Danny Arms—North Carolina. Eric Tweedy offered prayer to close the memorial service.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Scott Ivey leading 138t. Leaders: Lisa Bennett 44; Donna Bell 300; David Smead 70b; Earlis McGraw 475; Chris McKnight 45t; Charlene Wallace 171; Fallon Cook 215; Winfred Kerr 128; Robert Rivers 480; Rebecca Over 182; Shelby Castillo 436; Laura Densmore 370; Darrell Swarens 36b; Cassie Allen 419; Chris Wilhelm 564; Samuel Williams 183; Drew McGuire and Scott Ivey 432; Daniel Williams 101b; Wyatt Denney 277; Pam Nunn, Rene Greene, and Fallon Cook 269; Loyd Ivey 283; Ed Thacker, Judy Caudle, and Henry Johnson 206; Cassie Allen and Oscar McGuire 485.

Announcements were made. Rodney Ivey and Cecil Roberts led 521 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Judy Caudle

**POTOMAC RIVER CONVENTION**  
**Great Falls Grange, Great Falls, Virginia**  
**April 11-12, 2015**  
**Saturday, April 11**

The 26th annual Potomac River Convention was called to order by John delRe leading 348b. The opening prayer was offered by Mary Helen Dupree.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected or appointed:

Chairman—Nora Miller; Vice Chairman—Kelly Macklin; Secretaries—Matt Roberts and Julia Seidenstein; Treasurer—Lucas Husted; Arranging Committee—Sonia Chin and Jessica Keyes.

Leaders: Nora Miller 171; Kelly Macklin 323t; Matt Roberts 460; Julia Seidenstein 42; Lucas Husted 543; Mary Helen Dupree 40; Brenda Dunlap 230; Joshua Barnett 228; Clare Chapin 415; Corinne Ducey 87; Nick Schliapin 369; John D. delRe 270; Mary DeNys 504; Graham DeZarn 102; Richard Green 99; Harry Scott 549; Joel Miller 572; Thomas Smith 497; Pat Temple 232; Bev Yaeger 192; Liz Meitzler 111b.

**RECESS**

Leaders: Nora Miller 38t; Erin Kelly 429; Sonia Chin 419; Guy Bankes 365; Chris Wolf 545; Claire Steiner 410t; Evan Duncan 479; Sasha Hsuczyk 39b; Ina Shea 468; Kathy Manning 196; Elisa Krieg 65; Jessica Keyes 208; Dean Jens 172; Kevin Griffin Moreno 240; Lamar Matthew 384; Bridget Camden 163t; Sophie Soloway 29t; Mary Ann Daly 474; Leon Pulsinelle 272; Emily Owens 77t; Les Updike 373; Nathan Bergman-Dean 399b; Karl Dise 320; Adrian Mariano 296; Rachel Speer 340. Kevin Griffin Moreno asked a blessing before lunch.

**LUNCH**

Leaders: Corinne Ducey 128; Chris Wolf 542; Eli Snyder 383; Jesse Polhemus 222; Leyland delRe 134; Michael Spencer 278t; Sophie Soloway 335; Emily Owens 385b; Nathan Bergman-Dean 500; Rachel Hall 61; Leon Pulsinelle 317; Claire Steiner 344; Karl Dise 436; Rachel Speer 201; Mary Wright 328; Sasha Hsuczyk 440; Diane Ober 135; Bridget Camden 315; Matt Roberts 236; Lamar Matthew 156; Kathy Manning 234; Tim Slattery 168; Jim Strube 348t.

**RECESS**

Leaders: Harry Scott 117; Joshua Barnett 284; Mary Langley 416; Dean Jens 148; Rachel Hall 44; Michael Spencer 308; Peter Pate 39t; Jesse Polhemus 266; Nora Miller 501; John Alexander 567; Liz Meitzler 129; Rosalie Duncan 268; John delRe 425; Kevin Griffin Moreno 424; Ina Shea 104; Joel Miller 33b; Kelly Macklin 408; Richard Green 313b; Julia Seidenstein 112; Bev Yaeger 142; Pat Temple 473; Graham DeZarn 379; John D. delRe 160b. John D. delRe offered a closing prayer.

## Sunday, April 12

The Sunday session of the Potomac River Convention was called to order by Nora Miller leading 43t (ShH). Mary Anne Daly offered the morning prayer. All song selections were from *The Shenandoah Harmony*.

Leaders: Jim Glaser 127 (ShH); Julia Seidenstein 35 (ShH); Chris Wolf 79 (ShH); Brenda Dunlap 420t (ShH); Joel Miller 3b (ShH); Bev Yeager 404t (ShH); Mary Ann Daly 103 (ShH); Jesse Polhemus 11 (ShH); Denver Walker 403b (ShH); Lucas Husted 264b (ShH); Diane Ober 15 (ShH); Bridget Camden 218b (ShH); Graham DeZarn 8 (ShH); Dean Jens 332 (ShH); Ina Shea 408 (ShH); Adrian Mariano 402 (ShH); Corinne Ducey 204 (ShH); J.R. Hardman 322 (ShH); John Alexander 377 (ShH); Kathy Manning 254 (ShH); John delRe 452 (ShH).

### RECESS

Sonia Chin called the class back to order by leading 152 (ShH). Leaders: Claire Steiner 105 (ShH); Michael Spencer 5 (ShH); Mary Helen Dupree 85 (ShH); Rachel Speer 305 (ShH); Karl Dise 310 (ShH); Claire Chapin 7b (ShH); Emily Owens 323b (ShH); Leyland delRe 444b (ShH); Nathan Bergman-Dean 57 (ShH); Mary Wright 158b (ShH); Jessica Keyes 17 (ShH); Sophie Soloway 104 (ShH); Emma Swartz 120t (ShH); Kevin Griffin Moreno 424b (ShH); Rachel Hall 399 (ShH); Sasha Hsuczyk 96b (ShH).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Mary Ann Daly and Rachel Speer. Mary Ann Daly led 129b (ShH) for the following sick and shut-ins: Claire Simon, Tim Paul, Lois Kochanski, and Chris Bridge.

Rachel Speer lead 158t (ShH) in memory of the following deceased: Dwight Speer—Arkansas; David Wampler—Pennsylvania; Raymond Hamrick, Rebecca Green—Georgia; Maureen Dunne, Frank Evans, Mark Bullock, Brenda Beatly, Bill Bridge, Charles Ober, Nancy Bailey, Rocky (Rochelle) Fagan, Christina Park—Virginia; Jesse Smith, Jr.—District of Columbia; Walter Rufus Eagles, Bennie Liao—California; Sharon Kellam—North Carolina; Maxine Brubaker—Iowa; Margaret Lane, Stanly Edwards—Alabama; Verne Rockcastle—New York. Kathy Manning offered a prayer.

Leaders: Josh Barnett 26 (ShH); Eli Snyder 140b (ShH); Lucas Husted 418t (ShH). Corinne Ducey offered a blessing before the meal.

### LUNCH

Joel Miller led 363 (ShH) to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Joni Seidenstein 326b (ShH); Kelly Macklin 330 (ShH); Dan Hunter 63 (ShH); Tim Slattery 87 (ShH); Katy Kanfer 118 (ShH); Les Updike 296 (ShH); Sonia Chin 169 (ShH); Carol Burke 78 (ShH); Gerald Clark 326t (ShH); Jessica Keyes 422 (ShH); Peter Pate 2 (ShH); Chris Wolf 133 (ShH); Jesse Polhemus 271 (ShH); Ina Shea 417 (ShH); Michael Spencer 37 (ShH); Sophie Soloway 12b (ShH); J.R. Hardman 1b (ShH); Rachel Speer 1t (ShH); Matt Roberts 364b (ShH); Denver Walker 34 (ShH); Nathan Bergman-Dean 270 (ShH); Dean Jens 242 (ShH); Jim Strube 324 (ShH).

### RECESS

John Alexander and Diane Ober called the class back to order by leading 438t (ShH). Leaders: Emily Owens 76b (ShH); Adrian Mariano 278 (ShH); Rachel Hall 449 (ShH); Jim Blaser 260t (ShH); Kathy Manning 253 (ShH); Emma Swartz 76t (ShH); Kevin Griffin Moreno 429 (ShH); John Alexander 22b (ShH); Sasha Hsuczyk 82 (ShH); Claire Chapin 31 (ShH); Leyland delRe 30 (ShH); Brenda Dunlap 125 (ShH); John delRe and Kelly Macklin 83b (ShH); Carol Burke 107 (ShH); Mary Helen Dupree 4b (ShH); Katy Kanfer 394 (ShH); Dan Hunter 293 (ShH); Claire Steiner 61 (ShH).

The committees gave their reports, and announcements were made. Nora Miller, joined by the other officers, lead 221b as the closing song. Jim Glaser offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Nora Miller; Vice Chairman—Kelly Macklin; Secretaries—Matt Roberts and Julia Seidenstein

## **COUNTY LINE CHURCH** **Jefferson County, Alabama** **Sunday, April 12, 2015**

The annual spring Sacred Harp singing at Old County Line Church was held on the second Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Cassie Allen leading 56t and 166. The morning prayer was offered by Danny Creel.

Leaders: Yancey Jett 312b, 89; Ken Tate 217, 112; Lucy Heidorn 33b (in memory of Festus Creel); Richard Mauldin 87, 64; Marlin Beasley 318, 274t; Rebecca Over 415, 172; Vicki See and Billy See 159, 128; Brenda Chafin 430, 277; Glenn Keeton 349, 86; Jerry Kitchens 340, 460.

### **RECESS**

Yancey Jett led 440 to bring the class together. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 441, 439; Hannah Tate 268, 436; Mike Richards 475, 448b; Kaitlyn Bailey 480, 276; Larry Ballinger 384, 91; Carolyn Thompson 399b, 280; Brett King 162; Amber Davis 214, 224; Lomax Ballinger 144, 168; Angela Myers 77t, 328.

### **RECESS**

The class was brought back to order by Yancey Jett leading 512. Leaders: Warren Steel 410b, 411; Betty Baccus 40 (for Faye Donaldson), 396; Ernestine Parker 569b; Willodean Barton 564, 454; Gravis Ballinger 182; Steve Adams 99, 331; Emma Hayden Calvert, Ainslie Allen, and Amelia Jett 196, 76b; Cassie Allen 342. Danny Creel asked a blessing on the noon meal.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Cassie Allen leading 119. Leaders: Darrell Swarens 270, 111b (in memory of Harrison Creel); Henry McGuire 542, 448t; Lisa Geist 377; Lisa Geist, Larry Ballinger, Chris Ballinger, Lomax Ballinger, Earl Ballinger, and Gravis Ballinger 84 (in memory of Lavaughn Ballinger); Jerry Ryan 319, 408; Shelby Castillo 546, 300; Buell Cobb 106; Drew McGuire 133, 498; Greg Allred 68b; Judy Caudle 240; Chris Ballinger 120, 183; David Heidorn and Lucy Heidorn 123t; Lucy Heidorn, David Heidorn, and Jerry Ryan 146; Sara Baugh and Elene Stovall 500, 426b; Julianna Jett, Cassie Allen, Emma Calvert, and Amelia Jett 142; Loretta Whitman 176b; Wanda Capps 187; Susan Allred 73t; Jackie Tanner 298; Eugene Forbes 203; Danny Creel 428; Linda Sides 170, 225t; Ann Jett 269, 327; Bea Aaron 175, 568; Emily Brown 455; Velton Chafin 130; Cindy Tanner 275b; Cindy Tanner and Darrell Swarens 198.

Announcements were made. Cassie Allen and Yancey Jett led 323t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer.

Co-Chairmen—Cassie Allen and Yancey Jett; Secretary—Emily Brown

## **ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH** **Ider, Dekalb County, Alabama** **Sunday, April 12, 2015**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama, was held on the second Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Marty Wootten and David Saylor leading 47t. Marty Wootten, David Saylor, and Verlon Stiefel led 72b. The opening prayer was offered by Verlon Stiefel.

Leaders: Marty Wootten and David Saylor 87; Teresa Saylor 277; Shawn Carroll 28b; Chase Townson and Logan Townson 59; Colby Brown 48t; Stacy Wootten and Luchie Wootten 441, 67; Raven Townson and Dani Townson 171, 68b; Damian Wootten 148; David Townson and Jake Smith 511t (CB); Kennedy Wootten, Jeffrey Wootten, and Cole Wootten 460; Phil Townson and Danette Townson 511b (CB); Eschol Hughes 542; Jackson Harcrow 129; Henry Johnson 135; Phil Summerlin 29t; Susan Pilcher, Stacey Pilcher, Jennifer Cook, and Venita Wootten 196, 106 (both songs in memory of Phillip Wootten); Sarah Wootten, Ollie Vaughn, and Michael Vaughn 209; Robin Smith, Pat Moore, and Sharon Webber 36b, 203; Sonny Erwin 489; Myra Dalton and Alex Brown 348b (in memory of Myra's dad).

#### RECESS

Aaron Wootten led 39t to bring the class together. Leaders: Scott Ivey 458; Linda Thomas 131b; Mel Kersey 565.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Dewayne Wootten and Terry Wootten. They led 147t in honor of the following deceased: Betty Wright, Hobert Ivey, Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, Ruth Densmore, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Jean Ballinger, Donna Ruth Wootten Durden, Phillip Wootten, and Olivia Moore Allen.

Dewayne and Terry led 572 (CB) in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Don Bowen, Wayne Reed, S.T. Reed, B.M. Smith, Margie Smith, Cleva Dell Blevins, and Dub Mitchell. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Bro. Chris Boggs.

Leaders: Claudene Townson, Phil Townson, Danette Townson, Raven Townson, Dani Townson, David Townson, Sherri Townson, Chase Townson, Logan Townson, Heath Townson, Tiffany Townson, Cash Townson, and Sophie Townson 540 (CB); Jerry Creason and Levon Wootten 38b; Linton Ballinger 339; Ed Thacker 538; John Plunkett 486; Susan Cheronos 300; Rick Foreman 56t; Robert Chambless 84 (for Eugene Forbes); Steven Miller 178; Karen Rollins 222; Brenda Carroll and Carolyn Bullock 384; Cheryl Foreman 318; Sierra Saylor 481; Laura Densmore 349; Judy Chambless 472 (for B.M. and Margie Smith). Phil Summerlin asked a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Marty Wootten and David Saylor leading 30t. Leaders: Richard Ivey 371; Cheyenne Ivey 172; Dewayne Wootten 176b; Reba Windom and Marty Wootten 546; Amber Saylor and David Saylor 59; Kendra Strickland 47b; Rodney Ivey 500; Michelle Boggs and Isaac Boggs 571 (CB); Shane Wootten, Loyd Ivey, and Eloise Wootten 445 (in memory of Hobert Ivey); Louis Hughes 496; Kate Heil and Steven Miller 63; Delda Lee 49b; Jenny Mann, Aaron Wootten, Jeffrey Wootten, and Marty Wootten 97; Louis Hughes, Jr. 77b; Syble Adams, Pam Wilkerson, Rhonda Arnold, and Jenny Mann 448t; Marion Biddle, Pam Wilkerson, and Loyd Ivey 424; Donna Wootten 314 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Jared Wootten, Jamey Wootten, and Hayden Wootten 182; Tom George and Dennis George 434; C.J. Odell, Jackson Harcrow, and Aaron Wootten 76b; Terry Wootten, Karolina Mann, Kaylee Mann, Karly Mann, Sheila Wootten, and Aaron Wootten 45t; Levon Wootten, Amada Garner, Patricia Wootten, and Marty Wootten "Pass Me Not"; Britt Mann and Karly Mann 99; Coy Ivey 465 (CB); Lorrie Wootten and Rodney Ivey 47t, 30b; Nate Green and Norma Green 418; Marlon Wootten, Carolyn Bullock, and Brenda Carroll 163t; Reba Windom and Marty Wootten 505 (CB); Jenny Mann "Sweet Beulah Land".



David Saylor and Marty Wootten led 146 as the closing song. Ed Thacker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairmen—Marty Wootten and David Saylor; Secretary—Teresa Saylor

**SHARON JORDAN LEACH MEMORIAL**  
**Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama**  
**Saturday, April 18, 2015**

The annual Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Matt Jordan leading 63 and 49t.

The morning prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman—David Light; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 47t, 155; David Light 112, 318; Nicholas Thompson 36b, 101t; Jacklyn Probst 47b; Holly Jordan 40; Angela Myers 472, 480; Velton Chafin 574; Elizabeth Gentry 335, 178.

**RECESS**

Matt Jordan led 565 to bring the class together. Leaders: Daniel Bearden 484, 311; Riley Grace Jordan 569b, 566; Andrew Bell 128; Vicki See and Billy See 354b, 108b; Will Roberson 77t; Austin Hendal 59; Nancy Thompson 405, 65; Joanna Nicovich 100; J.L. Hopper 358 (by request), 76t; Matt Jordan 99.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Matt Jordan leading 147t. Leaders: Jacklyn Probst 288; James Eldridge 402, 426t; Darrell Swarens 49b, 350; Adrian Eldridge 317, 406; Virginia Eldridge 319, 512; Katherine Eldridge 477, 30t; Holly Jordan 30b; Andrew Bell 68b; Will Roberson 31t; Austin Hendal 45t; Nicholas Thompson 67; David Light 200; Joanna Nicovich 107; Vicki See and Billy See 163b; Daniel Bearden 381, 52b; J.L. Hopper 188; Judy Caudle 205 (for Glenda Hopper).

Announcements were made. Matt Jordan led 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Paul Semadeni.

Chairman—Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman—David Light; Secretary—Judy Caudle

**MIDDLE GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**Union Primitive Baptist Church, Johnstonville, Georgia**  
**Saturday, April 18, 2015**

The 12th annual Middle Georgia Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. There was a brief introduction to Sacred Harp singing presented by Oscar McGuire and Harry Eskew. Harry Eskew called the class to order leading 49t. John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer.

A business session was conducted with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Harry Eskew; Vice Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Helen Bryson. Harry Eskew and John Hollingsworth offered tributes to the life of Raymond Hamrick. Today's singing is dedicated to his memory. Some singers shared their memories and stories of Raymond.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 34b; Helen Bryson 569t, 492; John Hollingsworth 354t (in honor of Raymond Hamrick and Monroe Denton), 111b; Jesse Karlsberg 540, 466 (in memory of Joyce Harrison); Mary Brownlee 47b, 556; Malinda Snow 288 (for Shirley Dumas), 547; David Smead 461, 208; Lisa Bennett 506, 535; Bill Hollingsworth 415, 91; Robby Rivers 480, 339; Rosemund Watson 503, 94.

**LUNCH**

Oscar McGuire called the class to order leading 56t. Leaders: Wayne Watson 68t; Darien Merritt 569b, 298; Martha Allman 358, 136; Martha Harrell 542; Shannon Primm 484, 47t; Helen Bryson 287; Malinda Snow 373; Mary Brownlee 78; David Smead 328; Lisa Bennett 337; Harry Eskew 40, 146; Shannon Primm 63; Martha Harrell 178; Bill Hollingsworth 341; Oscar McGuire and Glenn Snider 171; Jesse Karlsberg 571; Martha Allman 340; David Grant 303 (in memory of Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard); Rosemund Watson 149.

Announcements were made. Rosemund Watson led 347 as closing song. The closing prayer was offered by David Grant.

Chairman—Harry Eskew; Vice Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Helen Bryson

## **FUTRAL, HENRY, AND NELSON MEMORIAL** **Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama** **Saturday, April 18, 2015**

The annual Futral, Henry and Nelson Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in April at Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church in Goodwater, Alabama. Before the main singing began, the class enjoyed singing a couple of songs out of the *Lloyd Hymnal*.

The class agreed to keep the same officers as follows: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral. It was agreed to change the starting time from 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Elder Ken Milner closed the business session with prayer.

Leaders: Jack Nelson 32t, 480; Eugene Forbes 55, 87; Richard Mauldin 274t, 168; Robert Chambless 72b, 303; Ann Gray 146, 141; Carol Duvall 196, 207; Judy Chambless 82t, 339; Myrlene Redmond 340; Brandon Acton 36b; Jacob Acton and Brandon Acton 282 (in memory of their grandmother, Audress Gurley); Jacob Acton 294, 517 (CB).

### **RECESS**

Jack Nelson brought the class back together by leading 45t. Virginia Futral conducted the memorial lesson, giving a brief description of those after whom the singing was named, and recognizing the family members present of whom were represented. She read the list of names of the following sick and shut-ins: Floy Wilder, Tommy Ritch, Sandra Abrams, Mona Nelson, Leroy Kitchens, Hester Edwards, B.M. Smith, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Kermit Adams, Jane Hughes, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, and Ava Jane Johnson. She read the list of names of the following deceased: Joe Lambert, Audress Gurley, Stanly Edwards, Dennis Beasley, Betty Wright, Josephine Denney, Charles Kitchens, Eldagene Roberson, Sammie Oliver, Raymond Hamrick, Johnny Humber, Stella Pratt, and Dawson Adams. Jack Nelson led 59. Elder Louis Culver closed the memorial lesson with prayer and blessed the noon meal.

### **LUNCH**

Jack Nelson led 318 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Wendy Futral 35, 359; Robby Anderson 373, 457; Roy Nelson 39b, 47t; Myra Goss 288, 269; Virginia Futral 569b, 145b; William Futral 61, 34t; Jack Nelson 39 (CB), 147t; Richard Mauldin 358; Jack Nelson and Richard Mauldin 495 (CB). Elder Louis Culver offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—William Futral, Secretary—Virginia Futral

**RHODE ISLAND SINGING**  
**Providence, Rhode Island**  
**Saturday, April 18, 2015**

The 12th annual Rhode Island All-Day Singing was held in the Providence Friends Meeting House on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Molly Bledsoe, who welcomed everyone, and led 155. Liz Cantrell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Bob Elliot 84; Sophie Soloway 59; Laura Hodges 297; Jesse C. Polhemus 175; Liz Cantrell 52t; Lynne deBenedette 36b; Eli Petzold 344; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 142; Patrick Friesen 99; Tara Mulder 106; Nathan Bergmann-Dean 74b; Maura Burns 42; Jeremy Wagner 107; Emily Hale Sills 131b; Willis McCumber 176b; Sue Hanson 117; James Baumgartner 171; Sally Langendorf 75; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 371; Bill Holt 101b; Kitty Kagny 379; Myles Louis Dakan 546.

**RECESS**

The singing resumed with Vale Cofer-Shabica, who led 270. Leaders: Will Fesperman 186; Serena Putterman 425; Alvaro Witt Duarte 133; Jeremy Galvagni 85; Devereux Fuller 268; Magdalena Eriksen 229; Rebecca Maxfield 455; Matthew Leger-Small 306; Kelly House 236; Sophie Soloway 105; John Hughes 122; Joanne deVoe 31t; Andre Kuney 213t; Becky Wright 498; Al McCready 504; Elizabeth Stoddard and Stephanie Kierstead 534; Michael Nord 436; Cheri Hardy 440; Ellen Lueck 112; Mason Shefa 152. Liz Cantrell offered a prayer before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

Kiri Miller called the class back to order by leading 34t. Leaders: Robert Stoddard 145t; Linda Shea 328; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 500; Rachel Hall 74t; John Plunkett 466; Corinne Ducey 278b; Chris Noren 168; Anya Skibbie 111b; Ian Quinn 488; Alexa Gilmore 424; Leah Velleman 224; Aldo Ceresa 411; Dana Borelli-Murray 384; Chris Holley 448t; Paula Picton 182; Gwen Gethner 333; Emily Hancock 299; Joanne Fuller 192; Charles Biada 343; Mary Skidmore 383; Terry Ryan 110; Philippa Stoddard 419; Bobbie Goodell 496; Molly Dorman and Rachel Hall 68b; Deborah Marsh, Donna Carlson, and Bridgett Hill Kennedy 159.

**RECESS**

Jesse C. Polhemus led 319. Leaders: Eric Beecher 542; Evan Druce 300; Elizabeth Oettinger 102; Celia Devine 70b; Peter Golden 97; Rachel Stevens 131t; Gerald Clark 271t; Wendy Sibbison 475; Molly Brewer 277; Matthew Leger-Small 348b; Ellen Lueck 119; Aldo Ceresa 399b; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 82t; Leah Velleman 160b; John Plunkett 446; Corinne Ducey 196; Robert Stoddard and Elizabeth Stoddard 312t.

Molly Bledsoe and Bob Elliot thanked all present for joining with us to sing, and the officers and volunteers for their efforts.

A business meeting was held for the purpose of hearing committee reports.

Treasurer Sophie Soloway reported that all expenses had been met, and that the remaining funds would be donated to the Religious Society of Friends in thanks for the use of their meeting house. Secretary Jesse C. Polhemus reported that 79 leaders had led 88 songs. The class resolved to meet again on Saturday before the third Sunday in April, 2016.

Announcements were made. Molly Bledsoe and Bob Elliot led 62 as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand. Liz Cantrell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairpersons—Molly Bledsoe and Bob Elliot; Secretary—Jesse C. Polhemus

**OLD HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Abernathy, Cleburne County, Alabama**  
**Sunday, April 19, 2015**

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 Robert Chambless leading 56t. Robert welcomed everyone, and then led 32t. Cecil Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Donna Bell 159 (for her daddy, George Garner), 318; Cecil Roberts 76b (in memory of Stanly Edwards), 97 (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Judy Chambless 142, 527; Winfred Kerr 146, 89; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 45t (in memory of Elder Lewis Norton), 340 (in memory of Stanly Edwards); Ruth Daniel 47t (for Evelyn Harris), 378t; Elder Neal Prichard 566; Nellie Mae White 418; Hayden Arp 405, 460; Charlene Wallace 155, 417.

**RECESS**

Nicole Bowman called the class back to order by leading 100 and 441. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 340 (for Lawrence Edwards), 344; Rene Greene 345b, 282; Ryan Bowman 133, 163b; Tony Hammock 348b (in memory of Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard), 314 (in memory of Stanly Edwards); Earlis McGraw 225t (in memory of Stanly Edwards), 312b.

A business session was held with the following officers retained or appointed: Chairman—Robert Chambless; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts (temporary, in the absence of B.M. Smith); Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Robert Chambless 335, 31b; Nicole Bowman 376, 503; Ryan Bowman 547, 369. Elder Neal Prichard, pastor of the church, offered the blessing of the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session of singing began with Cecil Roberts leading 35. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 171; Tony Hammock 61; Oscar McGuire and Tina Lett 124. Oscar McGuire and Tina Lett conducted the memorial lesson. They led 445 in honor of the sick and shut-ins and in memory of the deceased. The sick and shut-ins honored were Evelyn Harris, B.M. Smith, Margie Smith, George Garner, Lucy Garner, and Hester Edwards. The deceased remembered were Raymond Hamrick, Stanly Edwards, Troy Warren, Lewis Norton, and James Edwards. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 101t; Rene Greene 87; Hayden Arp 204; Donna Bell 383; Winfred Kerr 47b; Earlis McGraw 284; Nicole Bowman 49b; Ryan Bowman 347.

Following announcements, Robert Chambless led 46. Elder Neal Prichard offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Robert Chambless; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell

**PINE GROVE SINGING**  
**Pine Grove Church, Collinsville, Alabama**  
**Sunday, April 19, 2015**

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 David Ivey. He taught a singing school, explaining the notes of the four-shape scale, and the class practiced singing the scale.

Wayne Reed and Scot Oliver welcomed the class and led 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Donnie Reed.

Leaders: Wayne Reed and Scot Oliver 108b; S.T. Reed 35; Rodney Ivey 42; Judy Caudle 421; Alanna Blanks 551; Aaron Wootten 101t; Katherine Eldridge 125; Daniel Lee 565; Nate Green and Norma Green 475 (for B.M. Smith); Henry Johnson 409; Loretta Smith 37b; Hayden Wootten 47t.

#### RECESS

Scot Oliver and Eric Blanks led 496. Leaders: Cindy Tanner 436; Jim Brown 159; Virginia Eldridge 570; Martin Baer 457; Jared Wootten 36b; Scott Ivey and Anna Wootten 65; Paula Oliver 142; Rachel Ray and Audrey Ward 49t; Jamey Wootten 378b; Cheyenne Ivey and Sarah Mikel 108t; Arleigh Beard and Alanna Blanks 405; Boyd Scott 358; James Eldridge 428; Richard Ivey 329; Mike Richards 99; Eddie Mash 189.

#### RECESS

James Eldridge led 34t to bring the class together. Leaders: David Brodeur 66; Franklin Lowe and Jerrod Miller 59; Susan Cheronos 460; Michael Arthur 82t; Terry Wootten 201; Linda Thomas 106; Dewayne Wootten 170; Taylor Williams and Emily Wood 45t; David Ivey 48t; Shane Wootten 542 (for Ed Thacker); Angela Myers 498; Marty Wootten 472; Darrell Swarens 507; David Hufstetler 163b; Adrian Eldridge 326. Henry Johnson asked a blessing on the noon meal at the table.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Scot Oliver and Rodney Ivey leading 111t. Leaders: Dennis George 192; Judy Caudle and Angela Myers 216 (for Betty Shepherd); Tom George 523; Susan Cheronos 300; Nate Green and Norma Green 131b; Aaron Wootten 39t; Henry Johnson 288; Hayden Wootten 31t; Loretta Smith 317; Rodney Ivey 388 (for S.T. Reed); Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten 73t; Courtney Baine 401; Boyd Scott and Loretta Smith 68b; Katherine Eldridge 61; Daniel Lee 171; David Brodeur 328; Shane Wootten 176t; Adrian Eldridge 476; Mike Richards 129; Eddie Mash 505; Virginia Eldridge 113; Alanna Blanks and Eric Blanks 176b; Scott Ivey and Anna Wootten 56t; Darrell Swarens 208; James Eldridge 179; Paula Oliver 196; Richard Ivey 567; Jim Brown 268 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Franklin Lowe and Kiley Smith 282; Donnie Reed 235; Thomas Jenkins 154; Cindy Tanner 155.

Announcements were made. Wayne Reed and Scot Oliver led 62 as the closing song. Donnie Reed offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Honorary Chairman—S.T. Reed; Co-Chairmen—Wayne Reed and Scot Oliver; Secretary—Judy Caudle

### NEW HAVEN SINGING

#### Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut Sunday, April 19, 2015

The 5th annual New Haven Sacred Harp Singing was held in Connecticut Hall on the campus of Yale University. The class was called to order by Ellen Lueck leading 38t. The opening prayer was offered by Ian Quinn.

Leaders: Jonathan Kaufman Scher and Ellen Lueck 59; Mason Shefa 31b; Philippa Stoddard 48t; John Klaess 81t; Julia Friend and Elizabeth Stoddard 47t; John Gambell and Charles Biada 186; LaRee Delahunt and Julie Botnick 82t; Vicky Bailey Hayes and Philippa Stoddard 99; Ian Quinn 150; Martha Rogers 146; Al McCready 228; Harrison Newert 445; Christina Wallin 207; Andre Kuney 335; Patrick Friesen 460; Kamilah Tisdale 472; Charles Biada and Mari Oye 422; Angus Macdonald and Rachel Weisberg 69t; Nancy Britton 80t.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Nancy Mandel leading 32t. Leaders: Julie Botnick 171; Eli Petzold 551; Matthew Welch and Ellen Lueck 284; Laura Hodges 227; Evan Druce 35; Angus Macdonald 49b; Deborah Marsh 178; Douglas Fower 344; Marianna Gailus 47b; Michael Kaye 68b; Sophie Soloway 327; Mel Novner 216; Michael Nord 383.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Gwen Gethner and Alvaro Witt Duarte. Ms. Gethner's eloquent reflection dealt with visible and invisible illness. Ms. Gethner then read the following names of those who were sick or shut-in: Claire Simon, Susan Bingham, Merv Horst, David Broderick, Margarite Lydon, S.T. Reed, Wayne Reed, B.M. Smith, Tom Padwa, David Strother, and Toni Strother. She led 430 in their honor.

Mr. Duarte's lesson was lighthearted and moving, mentioning the difference between the family-centric singing community in the South, and the individualist singing community in the North. He noted that the idea of family is more inclusive than simply relation; singing together allows us to feel familial empathy for each other's suffering. Mr. Duarte then read the following names of those who are deceased: Phil Davis—District of Columbia; Raymond Hamrick and Joyce Harrison—Georgia; David Wampler—Pennsylvania; Betty Wright, Hobert Ivey, Sammie Oliver, and Stanly Edwards—Alabama; Rose Warnock—Massachusetts; Larry Manahan—Minnesota. He led 448b in their memory. John Plunkett closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Cheri Hardy 176t; James Baumgartner 193; Molly Bledsoe 220. Bridgett Hill Kennedy offered the grace before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Laura Clawson leading 72b. Leaders: Mary Skidmore 564; Willis McCumber 318; Kiri Miller 377; Corinne Ducey 396; Matthew Léger-Small 367; Elene Stovall 142; Linda Shea 400; Aldo Ceresa 297; Leah Velleman 423; Sam Kleinman 532; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 168; Liz Cantrell 269; Rachel Wells Hall 58; John Plunkett 280; Emma Rose Brown 176b; Joanne Fuller 309; Myles Louis Dakan 447; Gerald Clark 406; Elizabeth Stoddard 283; Becky Wright 433.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Cheri Hardy leading 556. Leaders: Paula Picton 300; Robert Stoddard 296; Carol Huang 290; Anya Skibbie 313b; Nancy Mandel 485; Jason Steidl 124; Ines Lüttgen 208; Jon Giles 189; Gwen Gethner 30b; Terry Ryan 550; Lynne deBenedette 73t; Alvaro Witt Duarte 540; Sarah Underhill 101b; Charlotte Ehrman 486; Maisa Tisdale 282; Sharon Lehr 315.

The Treasurer reported that all expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that there were seventy-seven songs led by seventy-seven leaders with registered participants representing thirteen states. Charles Biada gave the Resolutions Committee report, thanking all who helped make the singing a success, and announcing the resolution to meet again in Connecticut Hall on the third Sunday in April, 2016.

Announcements were made. The officers led 62 as the closing song. Paula Picton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ellen Lueck; Vice Chairman—Jonathan Kaufman Scher; Secretary—Mason Shefa

**OAK GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Alpharetta, Georgia**  
**Saturday, April 25, 2015**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. John Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 37b. Elder Bobby Cagle offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Hollingsworth 31t; Bobby Cagle 31b, 33b; Jesse Karlsberg 83t, 458; David Brodeur 345b, 126; Helen Bryson 101b (in memory of Jack Corley), 76b (in memory of Loy Garrison); Faye Holbrook 67, 452; Jeannette DePoy 89, 569b; Kathy Smith 159, 300; John Hollingsworth 354t, 471; Judy Mincey 501, 510; Lauren Bock 284, 112 (in memory of Violet Thomason); George Burnette 128, 129; Scott DePoy 179 (for his father, Robert DePoy), 448b; Bill Hollingsworth 36b, 65.

A business session was conducted with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Bobby Cagle; Secretary—Helen Bryson.

**RECESS**

Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 34b. Leaders: Bobby Cagle 39b; Jesse Karlsberg 310; David Brodeur 48t; Helen Bryson 196 (in memory of Leola Wright); Faye Holbrook 542; Jeannette DePoy 457; Kathy Smith 277; John Plunkett 55 (for Matt Hinton's family); Judy Mincey 213b; Lauren Bock 135; George Burnette 131t; Scott DePoy 101t; John Hollingsworth 155.

**LUNCH**

Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 180. Leaders: Jesse Karlsberg 189 (in memory of Violet Thomason); David Brodeur 527 (in honor of survivors and families of earthquake in Asia); Helen Bryson 482; Faye Holbrook 290; Jeannette DePoy 171; Kathy Smith 313b; John Plunkett 125; Judy Mincey 229 (in memory of Dolly Hudgins); Lauren Bock 228; George Burnette 81t; Scott DePoy 114; Bobby Cagle 441; John Hollingsworth 186; Bill Hollingsworth 121; Jesse Karlsberg and Lauren Bock 122; David Brodeur 515; Helen Bryson 217; Faye Holbrook and Garrett Scholberg 455; Jeannette DePoy and Scott DePoy 440; Kathy Smith 504; John Plunkett 80t; Judy Mincey 425 (in memory of Lee Rogers); George Burnette 117.

Announcements were made. Bill Hollingsworth led 347 as closing song. Elder Bobby Cagle offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Bobby Cagle; Secretary—Helen Bryson

**GOLDEN GATE SINGING**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church, Alameda, California**  
**Saturday, April 25, 2015**

The 11th annual Golden Gate Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April at Trinity Lutheran Church, Alameda, California. The class was called to order by Lindy Groening leading 47t. David Fetcho offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Linda Selph; Vice Chairman—Erika Wilson; Secretary—Betty Marvin. Leaders: Linda Selph 34b; Susan Fetcho 180; Mark Godfrey 39b; Jennie Brown 171; Erika Wilson 63; Betty Marvin 384; Dave Barber 125; Miranda Fetrow, David Fetrow, and Clarissa Fetrow 77t; Cecil Godfrey 40; David Fetcho 181; Inder Khalsa 300; Joel Chan 148; Rebecca Edwards 440; Greg Freed 154; Mary Gowins 325;

Edward Wright 345b; Mary Ann Ciavonne 56b; Gabriel Kyne 411; Terry Barber 101t; James Welsch 344.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Mary Gowins leading 87. Leaders: Dan Harper 29t; Leigh Cooper 142; Vicki Chung 569b; Erik Schwab 203; Leah Coffin 328; Linda Booth 198; Gordon Rees 64; Kate Fine 369; Midge Harder 211; Chris Cotter 57; Pat Coghlan 228; Cornelia Stanton 480; Jeff Begley 68t; Karen Stingle 475; Jenny Jensen 353; Kate Coxon 474; Rogan Campbell 284; Thom Fahrback 80b.

#### RECESS

The class was called back together by Gabriel Kyne leading 72t. Leaders: Greg Freemon 76b; Dave Barber 31t; Franzi Schmidt 306; Jerry Schreiber 528; Hannah Mae Blair 162.

The memorial lesson was held. Hugh McGuire spoke and led 70t for the following sick and shut-ins: B.M. Smith, Dr. Gladys Bennett, Adrienne Papermaster, Carla Smith, Tammi Ziola, Pascale, Don Stingle, and Linda Domholt.

Gretchen Muller spoke and led 146 in memory of the following deceased: Caroline Bonnet, Ted Linus Farber, Jane Shedlin, Dr. Gordon Hanson, Lionel Tucker, Paulette Botti, Boyd Dron—California; James A. Brady, Lisa Branson—New York; Jerry Jeronen, Julie Rogers—Oregon; Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison—Georgia; Rose Warnock, Catalina Manzano—Massachusetts; Richard Sterne—Utah; Janet Davis—Indiana; Wayne Brumley—Texas; Paul Harder—Florida; Evelyn Harris, Stanly Edwards—Alabama; Ursula Neinast—Germany; Ryland Duke Miller. David Fetcho closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Carolyn Deacy 67; Lyle Lindsey 178; Kate Fortin 132; Lisa Bennett 155; Hans Guttman 66; Kevin Barrans 426t; Ana Tighe 182. David Fetcho offered the prayer before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Rebecca Edwards and Joel Chan leading 432.

Leaders: Betsy Jeronen 422; Kevin Beirne 472; Eva Striebeck 192; Hal Kunkel 250; David Smead 387; Susan Willis Powers 436; Peter Ross 347 (in memory of Caroline Bonnet); Steve Helwig 131b; Wren Hyde 65; Matthew Lawson 271b; Jenny Jensen 454; Mary Ann Ciavonne and Vicki Chung 496 (for Caroline); Chris Cotter 477; Hugh McGuire 196; Cornelia Stanton 318; Erik Schwab and Kevin Barrans 216; Susan Fetcho and David Fetcho 383; Edward Rice and Gabriel Kyne 377; Lisa Bennett and David Smead 224; Jerry Schreiber 236; Lindy Groening and Erika Wilson 505; Kate Fortin and Rogan Campbell 189; Hans Guttman 37b; Thom Fahrback and Mary Gowins 556; Gordon Rees 539.

#### RECESS

Jennie Brown and Julian Damashek led 36b. Leaders: Jeff Begley 33t; Kate Fine 157; Kate Coxon 302; Sue Lindner and Linda Selph 217; Eva Striebeck 102; Ana Tighe 89; Inder Khalsa and Rebecca Edwards 165; Betsy Jeronen 499; Kevin Beirne 215; Susan Willis Powers 183; Steve Helwig 414; Hal Kunkel 550.

A business meeting was held. The Secretary reported that at least 107 people from seven states and three countries attended, and ninety-four songs were led by sixty-four leaders. The Resolutions Committee, Cornelia Stanton and Susan Fetcho, thanked all who made the singing possible and resolved to meet again next year for the 12th annual Golden Gate Singing. Announcements were made.

The officers led 62 as the closing song, and singers took the parting hand. David Fetcho offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Linda Selph; Vice Chairman—Erika Wilson; Secretary—Betty Marvin



**YORK SINGING**  
**York Friends Meeting House, York, Pennsylvania**  
**Saturday, April 25, 2015**

The York All-Day Singing was called to order by Sonia Chin, who led 101t. Ted Stokes offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Harry Scott; Secretary—Lori Cabirac; Treasurer—Laura Densmore.

Leaders: Harry Scott 46; Lori Cabirac 312b; Laura Densmore 228; Lamar Matthew 388; Ina Shea 42; Elizabeth Pilar 313t; Forest Quay 282; Katy Kanfer 495; Barbara Hohenstein 94; Aaron Weiss 176b; Leon Pulsinelle 370; Elizabeth Patton 500; Joel Bassett 119; Matt Roberts 455; Evan Druce 112; Dan Hunter 319.

**RECESS**

Carol Huang called the class back to order leading 81t. Leaders: Brenda Dunlap 171; Lindsay Kruse 109; Sasha Hsuczuk 418; Connie Webster 384; Ted Stokes 174; Erin Kelly 206; Sam Kleinman 360; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 442; Roland Hutchinson 543; Christine Andrews 542; Mary Helen Dupree 460; Charles Biada 331; Laura Densmore 486; Jesse Polhemus 83t; Ginny Huszagh 276; Jesse Krikorian 260; Kevin Griffin Moreno 137.

**RECESS**

Matt Roberts called the class back to order leading 148. Leaders: Mary Ann Daly 528; Gwen Gethner 179; Rachel Hall 218; Terry Ryan 198; Ben Cocchiaro 436; Nancy Mandel 440; Lucas Husted 280; Nora Miller 379; Andre Kuneu 183; Jessica Keyes 340; Eric Bean 270; Gina Balestracci 419; Charles Biada 331; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 39t; Ben Fink 254; Bethany Towne 76b; Jason Steidl 548; Julia Seidenstein 208. Ted Stokes offered the blessing before lunch.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Kevin Griffin Moreno leading 30b. Leaders: Jim Glaser 322; Thomas Ward 404; Carol Huang 29t; Christine Andrews 330t; Doron Henkin 192; Corinne Ducey 448b; J.R. Hardman 512; Dean Jens 522; Ina Shea 195; Katy Kanfer 477; Rachel Speer 372; Dan Hertzler 505; Joel Bassett 423; Lindsay Kruse 430; Sonia Chin 328; Sasha Hsuczuk 101b; Sam Kleinman 383; Elizabeth Pilar 480; Jesse Polhemus 88t; Andre Kuneu 163t; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 428; Ted Stokes 345b; Evan Druce 89.

**RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Lucas Husted leading 113. Leaders: Aaron Weiss and Branden Bauer 100; Jesse Krikorian 396; Dan Hunter 200; Sandy Cryder and Jessica Keyes 504; Leon Pulsinelle 472; Jason Steidl 52t; Gwen Gethner 133; Gina Balestracci 71; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 432; Winter Avorn and Lucas Husted 285; Nancy Mandel 487; Ben Cocchiaro 339; Carol Huang 411; Eric Bean 285t; Julia Seidenstein 284; Charles Biada 187; Nora Miller 203; Harry Scott 142; Jessica Keyes 70t; Rachel Hall 176t; Erin Kelly 131b; Rachel Speer 343; Lori Cabirac 131t.

The Resolutions Committee thanked everyone who helped make the singing a success, and resolved to meet again on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April, 2016.

Harry Scott led 62 as the class took the parting hand. Ted Stokes offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Harry Scott; Secretary—Lori Cabirac

**PIKES PEAK SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**Chapel of Our Saviour, Colorado Springs, Colorado**  
**Saturday, April 25, 2015**

The 10th annual Pikes Peak Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Pete Mathewson leading 34b. He offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Pete Mathewson; Secretary—Art Sandoval; Treasurer—Susie Mathewson. Song selections were from the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition and the B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision (CB). Mia Alvarado was elected to serve as Chairman for the eleventh annual singing to be held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April, 2016.

Leaders: Barry Johnston 66; Paul Lindholm 77t; Karl Dise 39t; Anita Landess 328; Erik Mason 38b; Janet Morgan 448t; Bonnie Dolan 432; Pete Mathewson 515 (CB); Susie Mathewson 565; Dani Lindholm 564; Judy VanDuzer 173; Mia Alvarado 393t (CB); Corrie VanDuzer 434; Barry Johnston 125; Paul Lindholm 460; Karl Dise 500.

**RECESS**

A memorial lesson was led by Pete Mathewson. The singing resumed with Anita Landess leading 34t. Leaders: Erik Mason 84; Sharon Kermiet 344 (CB); Janet Morgan 480; Bonnie Dolan 478; Pete Mathewson 54t (CB); Dani Lindholm 74b; Judy VanDuzer 96 (CB); Mia Alvarado 68b; Corrie VanDuzer 217; Barry Johnston 159; Paul Lindholm 522; Karl Dise 183; Anita Landess 559 (CB); Erik Mason 463 (CB); Sharon Kermiet 95b (CB); Janet Morgan 39 (CB); Bonnie Dolan 464; Pete Mathewson 573 (CB); Dani Lindholm 107; Judy VanDuzer 276. "Be Present at Our Table, Lord" was sung as grace before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

Pete Mathewson led 55 (CB) to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Mia Alvarado 40; Corrie VanDuzer 538; Paul Lindholm 419; Karl Dise 143; Anita Landess 330b; Erik Mason 571 (CB); Sharon Kermiet 98 (CB); Janet Morgan 38t (CB); Bonnie Dolan 542; Pete Mathewson 369 (CB); Dani Lindholm 196; Judy VanDuzer 236; Susie Mathewson 99; Mia Alvarado 335; Corrie VanDuzer 284.

**RECESS**

The class was brought back to order by Barry Johnston leading 106. Leaders: Paul Lindholm 468; Karl Dise 477; Anita Landess 473; Erik Mason 288; Sharon Kermiet and Karl Dise 320; Janet Morgan 171; Keeley Sandoval 117; Bonnie Dolan 151; Pete Mathewson and Susie Mathewson 575 (CB); Judy VanDuzer 380b (CB); Susie Mathewson 569b; Mia Alvarado 408 (CB).

Corrie VanDuzer, Pete Mathewson, and Susie Mathewson led 518 (CB). A closing prayer was offered by Pete Mathewson. Corrie VanDuzer led 235 as the closing song.

Chairman—Pete Mathewson; Secretary—Art Sandoval

**HARRODS CREEK/BOB MEEK MEMORIAL SINGING**  
**Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Kentucky**  
**April 25-26, 2015**  
**Saturday, April 25**

The 20th annual singing convention at Harrods Creek Baptist Church was held the last Saturday in April and Sunday following. Michele Cull called the class to order by leading 29t. Buford Parrish, deacon of Harrods Creek, welcomed the class and gave a history of the church. Darrell Swarens and Michele Cull led 441 (in memory of Bob Meek).

Leaders: Zach Davis 152; Jim Page 16 (SoH); Bill Hayes 535; Ray Horton 322 (SoH); Peggy Brayfield 385t; Ray Rechenberg 475; Bill Shetter 96 (CB); Susan Zurcher 344 (CB); Hans Bayer 42; Greg Creech 33b; Janelle Davis and Michele Cull 573 (CB); David Carlton 256 (SoH); Grace Patterson 47t; Doug Trent 480; Jim Herr 440; Len VanderJagt 511t (CB); Sheila Patterson 81t; Bob Cull 285t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Michele Cull; Finance Officer—Joel Deckard; Arranging Officer—Brenda Waters; Secretary—Pat Meek.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Michelle Cull 111t; Tim Reynolds 33 (SoH); Levi Bainter 392 (CB); Annaliza Cull 268; Stephanie Fida 543; Sue Duff 276; Brad Oglesby 192; Liz Meitzler 77t; Katherine Eldridge 156; Clara Herr 25; Joel Deckard 82 (SoH); Steve Duff 138t (CB); Jim Patterson 435; Tim Morton 76t; Jubal Bayer 203; Heather Summers and Carol Briggs 448t; Barb VanderJagt 112; Tim Morton 155; Violetta Latham 209; Eddie Mash 146 (SoH). Steve Duff offered a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Leaders: Michele Cull and Jim Herr 166; Virginia Eldridge 173; Nate Zweig 12 (SoH); Carol Crawford 38t (CB); Johanna Sims 344; Billy See and Vicki See 108b; Bobette Olson 362; Wayne Dell 49t; Zach Davis 163b; Jim Crawford 569t; Carol Briggs and Peggy Brayfield 63; Ray Rechenberg 40; Bill Shetter 463 (CB); Susan Zurcher 505 (CB); Hans Bayer 564; Greg Creech 74b; David Carlton 411 (CB); Tim Reynolds 84t (SoH); Sue Duff 142.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Jim Crawford and Carol Crawford 354t; Jubal Bayer 89t (SoH); Randy Webber 358; Kristen Davis 159; Heather Summers 47b; Violetta Latham 207; Steve Duff 454; Jim Page 173b (SoH); Grace Patterson 274t; Len VanderJagt 350.

Announcements were made. Michele Cull led 347. The closing prayer was offered by Jim Herr.

### Sunday, April 26

The Sunday session of the Harrods Creek Singing Convention was brought to order by Michele Cull leading 31t. She welcomed everyone.

Leaders: Rebecca Eldridge 37b; Joel Deckard 25 (SoH); Eloise Clark 330 (SoH); Janelle Davis 268t (CB); Tom Kochan 505 (CB); John Beale 285t; Adrian Eldridge 284; Darrell Swarens and Jim Herr 222; Johanna Sims 571 (CB); Barb VanderJagt 146; Laura Mattingly 178; Peggy Brayfield 39b (SoH).

#### RECESS

Leaders: Michele Cull 176t; Eddie Mash 116 (SoH); Tim Morton 182; Billy See and Vicki See 288; Len VanderJagt 452; Jim Page 92 (SoH); Bill Hayes 507; Jim Crawford 228; Clara Herr 300; Michele Cull 155; Annaliza Cull 448t; Kelly Toon 504; Carol Crawford 325 (SoH); Liz Meitzler 179; Doug Trent 147t; Stephanie Fida and Jim Herr 122; Bob Cull 569b; Kristen Davis 53.

Stephanie Fida, Rebecca Eldridge, and Virginia Eldridge conducted the memorial lesson. They led 460 in honor of the sick and shut-ins and 499 in memory of the deceased.

Leaders: Tom Morton 503; Jim Patterson 278t; Katherine Eldridge 322 (SoH); Sheila Patterson 554 (CB); James Eldridge 418; Randy Webber 422; Virginia Eldridge 133 (CB). Tom Morton offered a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Leaders: Michele Cull 72b; Brenda Waters 535; Peggy Brayfield 376 (CB); Janelle Davis 38 (SoH); Donna Kochan 573 (CB); Eloise Clark 569t; Stephanie Fida 408 (CB); Carol Crawford 331b (SoH); Billy See and Vicki See 339; Annaliza Cull 236;

Jim Crawford 472; John Beale 347 (CB); Jim Patterson 565; Tom Morton 49t; Tom Kochan 572 (CB); Levi Bainter 63; Sheila Patterson 56b; Eddie Mash 464 (CB); Jim Page 121 (SoH); Jim Herr 36b; Darrell Swarens and Joan Aldridge 198; Tim Morton 168.

Announcements were made. The Arranging Officer announced that singers from ten US states, Denmark, and Turkey were in attendance. The closing prayer was offered by Adrian Eldridge, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Michele Cull; Secretary—Pat Meek

## **RUSK COUNTY CONVENTION** **Pine Grove Church, Henderson, Texas**

**April 25-26, 2015**

**Saturday, April 25**

The 7th annual Rusk County Singing Convention met on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April at Old Pine Grove Church near Henderson, Texas. The tune book for Saturday was the *Christian Harmony, 2010 Revision*. With the absence of the Chairman, Vice Chairman Janie Short called the class to order leading 261t (CH).

Elder Robert Vaughn offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held, and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Janie Short; Vice Chairman—Sonny Erwin; Secretary—Gaylon Powell.

Leaders: Janie Short 188 (CH); Sonny Erwin 546b (CH), 228 (CH); Gaylon Powell 206 (CH), 41t (CH); Robert Vaughn 285 (CH), 142 (CH); Chris Nicholson 111b (CH), 460t (CH); Cheryl Foreman 498 (CH), 255 (CH); Kristie Powell 548 (CH), 63t (CH); Drew McGuire 121t (CH), 208b (CH); Tammy Powell 400t (CH), 64 (CH).

RECESS

Janie Short called the class back together leading 81t (CH). Leaders: Henry McGuire 19 (CH), 211b (CH); Ben Copenhaver 285 (CH), 453t (CH); Rick Foreman 189 (CH), 277 (CH); Kim Vaughn 298 (CH), 253 (CH); Janie Short 186 (CH), 184 (CH); Sonny Erwin 250 (CH), 214 (CH); Gaylon Powell 336 (CH), 54 (CH); Robert Vaughn 155 (CH), 361 (CH). Henry McGuire asked the blessing at the dinner tables.

LUNCH

Sonny Erwin called the class back to order by leading 534 (CH). Leaders: Chris Nicholson 185b (CH), 67b (CH); Cheryl Foreman 133 (CH), 167b (CH); Kristie Powell 216b (CH), 245 (CH); Drew McGuire 256b (CH), 281b (CH); Tammy Powell 432b (CH), 393b (CH); Henry McGuire 316 (CH), 258 (CH); Ben Copenhaver 176 (CH), 514 (CH); Rick Foreman 77 (CH), 303 (CH); Janie Short 143 (CH), 60 (CH).

RECESS

Janie Short called the class back together leading 263 (CH). Leaders: Sonny Erwin 168b (CH), 240 (CH); Gaylon Powell 493b (CH), 172 (CH); Robert Vaughn 261b (CH), 355 (CH); Chris Nicholson 467b (CH), 260t (CH); Cheryl Foreman 75 (CH), 50 (CH); Kristie Powell 339 (CH), 105t (CH); Drew McGuire and Will McGuire 293 (CH); Drew McGuire 171 (CH); Henry McGuire 180 (CH), 16 (CH), 17 (CH) (by request); Ben Copenhaver 278 (CH), 318 (CH); Rick Foreman 120 (CH), 121b (CH).

Janie Short led 76b (CH) as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Robert Vaughn.

## Sunday, April 26

The Sunday session of the Rusk County Convention was held in conjunction with the Pine Grove Cemetery Homecoming. The tune book for Sunday was *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision*. Janie Short called the class to order leading 171 (CB). Rick Foreman offered the opening prayer. Janie appointed Cheryl Foreman and Kristie Powell to serve on the memorial committee.

Leaders: Janie Short 544 (CB); Sonny Erwin 430 (CB), 569 (CB); Gaylon Powell 432 (CB), 239 (CB); Cheryl Foreman 31t (CB), 470 (CB); Kristie Powell 210 (CB), 225t (CB); Carole Watts 40 (CB), 424 (CB); Crystal Meadows 558 (CB), 559 (CB); Henry McGuire 270 (CB) (for Nancy Van Den Akker), 524 (CB); Kim Vaughn 528b (CB); 507b (CB).

### RECESS

Janie Short called the class back together leading 511b (CB). Leaders: Chris Nicholson 264t (CB), 264b (CB); Drew McGuire 131b (CB), 505 (CB); Rick Foreman 128 (CB), 273 (CB); Tammy Powell 222 (CB), 142 (CB); Charity Vaughn 212 (CB), 392 (CB); Natalie Fletcher 400 (CB), 401 (CB).

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Kristie Powell read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Jane Goforth, Jimmy Foreman, Thomas Robinson, Noel Jones, Kaneaster Hodges, Nancy Van Den Akker, and Gravis Ballinger. She led 288 (CB) in their honor.

Cheryl Foreman read the following list of names of the deceased: Molly Appleberry, F.E. Abernathy, and Sallie Foreman—Sacred Harp singers and supporters; Doris Gossett—Burials in the Pine Grove Cemetery. The memorial lesson closed with prayer offered by Robert Vaughn.

### LUNCH

Janie Short called the class back together leading 553 (CB). Leaders: Robert Vaughn 88b (CB), 220 (CB); Gaylon Powell 502 (CB); Kristie Powell 514 (CB); Carole Watts 573 (CB); Crystal Meadows 522 (CB); Henry McGuire 464 (CB); Janie Short 571 (CB); David Rousseau 341 (CB), 119 (CB); Drew McGuire 410 (CB); Tammy Powell 217 (CB); Charity Vaughn 521 (CB); Natalie Fletcher 463 (CB); Robert Vaughn 200 (CB); Henry McGuire 465 (CB); Chris Nicholson 49t (CB); Drew McGuire 48t (CB); David Rousseau 127 (CB); Gaylon Powell and Roy Culbertson 486 (CB); Chris Nicholson and Grace Culbertson 45t (CB).

It was agreed that, as of next year, the Sunday session will begin at 9:30 a.m. After announcements, Janie Short led 95b (CB) as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Gaylon Powell.

Chairman—Janie Short; Vice Chairman—Sonny Erwin; Secretary—Gaylon Powell

## EAST MIDLANDS SACRED HARP CONVENTION Village Hall, Kegworth, Leicestershire, United Kingdom April 25-26, 2015

### Saturday, April 25

The class was called to order by Ian West leading 77b. Jonathan Stanyon offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Ian West; Vice-Chairman—Helen Brown; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders and Rosalind Oldham; Arranging Committee—Judy Whiting and Chris Brown.

Leaders: Margaret Gillanders 313t; Ted Brown 81t; Helen Brown 32t; Sarah West 565; Chris Brown 138b; Rosalind Oldham 68b; Judy Whiting 212; Joe Jones 323t; Hannah Land 268; Joe Vickers 35 (CB); Marjorie Brown 474; Karen Turner 40; Francis Gaskin 30b; Cath Saunt 48t; Geoff Grainger 49b; Amanda Parkes 460;

Arthur Swindells 378b (CB); Ruth Steggles 482; Susannah Gill 144; Charles Wells 38b; Vicki Elliott 392 (CB).

#### RECESS

Calum Woods reconvened the class leading 176t (CB). Leaders: Kevin Kennedy 572 (CB); Jane Wells 503; Ed Paton-Williams 428; Rebecca Over 156 (CB); Lisa O'Grady and Leopoldine Guillaume 47b; Erin Johnson-Hill 336t (CB); Kuba Choinski 112; Florent Decherf 203; Edmund Richardson 123t; Michael Walker 314 (CB); Ian West 575 (CB); Julie Russell 47t; Karen Turner 299; Helen Brown 208; Joe Vickers 207; Rosalind Oldham 573 (CB); Cath Saunt 171; Charles Wells 497; Amanda Parkes 411; Ted Brown 119; Arthur Swindells 274t; Margaret Gillanders 556; Jane Wells 56b; Francis Gaskin 483 (CB); Lisa O'Grady 110; Calum Woods 567 (CB); Vicki Elliott 340; Marjorie Brown 344. Grace for the midday meal was offered by Gillian White.

#### LUNCH

Hannah Land reconvened the class leading 505 (CB). Leaders: Susannah Gill 485 (CB); Phil Tyler 184b (CB); Rebecca Over 336b (CB); Michael Walker 170; Judy Whiting 273; Florent Decherf 94; Joe Jones 67; Sarah West 483; Kuba Choinski 84; Geoff Grainger 143; Erin Johnson-Hill 527 (CB); Edmund Richardson 157 (CB); Lisa O'Grady 296; Ed Paton-Williams 300; Ruth Steggles 535; Kevin Kennedy 357 (CB); Julie Russell 339; Phil Tyler 393t (CB); Marjorie Brown 312b; Chris Brown 108b; Francis Gaskin 160t.

#### RECESS

Joe Vickers reconvened the class leading 563 (CB). Leaders: Karen Turner 63; Calum Woods 192; Charles Wells 546; Helen Brown and Ted Brown 228; Arthur Swindells and Leopoldine Guillaume 466; Judy Whiting 500; Rosalind Oldham 449 (CB); Michael Walker and Rebecca Over 456; Margaret Gillanders 564; Florent Decherf 392; Amanda Parkes 498; Jane Wells 318; Kuba Choinski 36b; Sarah West 45b; Kevin Kennedy 561 (CB); Cath Saunt 217; Joe Jones 287; Lisa O'Grady 454; Geoff Grainger 178; Erin Johnson-Hill 411 (CB); Edmund Richardson 531; Susannah Gill 464.

Helen Brown and Ian West led 56t as the closing song. Karen Turner dismissed the class with prayer.

### **Sunday, April 26**

The Sunday session was called to order by Ian West leading 52t. Joe Vickers offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Helen Brown 234; Margaret Gillanders 39t; Chris Brown 229; Hannah Land 137 (CB); Ted Brown 97; Rachel Jordan 492; Mark Wardlaw 385b (CB); Vicki Elliott 37b; Edwin Macadam 485; Ruth Steggles 33b; Nick Hall 455; Sheila Girling Macadam 114; Phil Tyler 488 (CB); Eimear O'Donovan 144; Ed Paton-Williams 587 (CB); Julie Russell 163b; Joe Jones 32b; Rosalind Oldham 563 (CB); Joe Vickers 58; Judy Whiting 268b (CB); Arthur Swindells 64.

#### RECESS

Vicki Elliott reconvened the class by leading 31t. Leaders: Francis Gaskin 130; Cath Saunt 101t; Geoff Grainger 143; Leopoldine Guillaume 378b; Karen Turner 89; Bob Butler 84; Amanda Parkes 189; Florent Decherf 186; Lisa O'Grady 71; Calum Woods 292t (CB); Kuba Choinski 49b; Sarah West 524 (CB); Michael Walker 475; Erin Johnson-Hill 534; Edmund Richardson 280; Kevin Kennedy 559 (CB); Susannah Gill 82t.

The sick and housebound lesson was conducted by Hannah Land, who led 330b (CB) for the following: Daphene Causey, B. M. Smith, Sister Pippa, Mary Newell, Steve Harrison, Anne Lloyd-Davies, Dave Kidman, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Cath

Tyler, Kirst Grainger, Connor McDougall, Al O'Donnell, Derek Bolton, and Paula Mogensen.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Joe Jones, who led 523 in memory of the following: Margaret Long, John Selvey, Cyril Guy, Kate Davis, Raymond Hamrick, Evelyn Harris, Danny Arms, Maggie Boyle, Sassi Davidson, Geoffrey Nathan, Lorna Redfern, Marko Van Der Horst, Sean Johnston, Bill Kerridge, Rina Rogers, Joyce Harrison, Alan Thomas, George Reed, Ian Charters, Frances Atkinson, Sandra Carrington, Stephen Rickard, Lyn Rickard, Flo Charles, Edith May Wiggins, Olga Dellaway, Alexis Strawn, and Christopher Baxter. The memorial lesson was closed with a prayer offered by Ted Brown.

Leaders: Ian West 102; Margaret Gillanders 182; Chris Brown 107; Rachel Jordan 550; Mark Wardlaw 478 (CB); Eimear O'Donovan 292; Sheila Girling Macadam 157. Grace for the midday meal was offered by Jane Wells.

#### LUNCH

The singing was reconvened by Phil Tyler leading 364 (CB). Leaders: Hannah Land 564 (CB); Ted Brown 113; Vicki Elliott 192; Helen Brown 436; Susannah Gill 96 (CB); Nick Hall 183; Calum Woods 222; Ed Paton-Williams 486 (CB); Joe Vickers 432; Amanda Parkes 522; Erin Johnson-Hill 548; Karen Turner 448t; Michael Walker 426b; Sarah West 384; Lisa O'Grady 351; Kuba Choinski 571 (CB); Joe Jones 515; Florent Decherf 34t; Edmund Richardson 352; Cath Saunt 42; Arthur Swindells 444; Kevin Kennedy 160 (CB).

#### RECESS

The singing was reconvened by Bob Butler leading 99. Leaders: Francis Gaskin 346; Edwin Macadam 332; Rosalind Oldham 155; Geoff Grainger 156; Leopoldine Guillaume 457; Judy Whiting 521; Nick Hall 517 (CB); Phil Tyler 398t (CB); Mark Wardlaw 114b (CB); Eimear O'Donovan 573; Rachel Jordan 274t; Sheila Girling Macadam 500; Kuba Choinski 503; Ed Paton Williams 314; Singers from Cork and Florent Decherf 361.

Ian West and Helen Brown led 95b (CB) as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Michael Walker, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ian West; Vice Chairman—Helen Brown; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders and Rosalind Oldham

### **ALEWINE-LAMINACK MEMORIAL** **St. Michael Lutheran Church, Cleburne County, Alabama** **Sunday, April 26, 2015**

The annual Alewine-Laminack Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at St. Michael Lutheran Church, in Cleburne County, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday in April. Cecil Roberts brought the class to order by leading 59. Ed Thacker offered the opening prayer. Cecil Roberts led 35, and then welcomed everyone to the singing. Leaders: Donna Bell 290 (in memory of Corene Laminack), 47t (in memory of Evelyn Harris); Henry Johnson 88t, 289; Judy Chambless 37b, 318; Charlene Wallace 63, 155 (in memory of Evelyn Harris); Robert Chambless 452, 225t; Margaret Thacker 31b, 68b; Virginia Dyer 472, 358 (for Avis Kilgore), 294 (by request).

A business session was held with the following officers retained or appointed: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless; Memorial Lesson—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Wyatt Denney 32t, 347; Karis Askin 146, 457.

#### RECESS

David Brodeur brought the class back to order leading 39t. Leaders: Ed Thacker 500, 54; Ken McElroy 340 (in memory of the Kilgore family, and in honor of his

granny, Lucille McElroy), 274t; Dalton Lewis and Chance Cook 192, 401; Philip Denney 84, 140; Fallon Cook 47b, 216; John Plunkett 50b, 467; Samuel Williams 168, 271t; Rene Greene 373, 217; Oscar McGuire 336, 276; Richard DeLong 74t (in memory of I.V. McWhorter), 431; Pam Nunn 365, 186; David Brodeur 131b, 163t. Cecil Roberts thanked the class for \$383.63, 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 the church for approximately 80 years. Cecil Roberts and singers thanked the McElroy family for their faithfulness in maintaining the church and cemetery.

Judy Chambless conducted the memorial lesson. Judy stated that as she was preparing today's lesson, she looked at the minutes book from last year. There were six names on the sick and shut-ins list that are now deceased. Judy said that we should enjoy life while we're living. Robert Chambless read the names of the sick and shut-ins and those of the deceased.

The sick and shut-ins honored were James Hughes, Larry Keaton, George Garner, Lucy Garner, B.M. Smith, Margie Smith, Hester Edwards, and Joan Collins. The deceased remembered were Inez Chandler, Evelyn Harris, Raymond Hamrick, and Stanly Edwards. Judy Chambless and Robert Chambless led 549 in honor of the sick and shut-ins, and in remembrance of the deceased. John Plunkett closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Daniel Williams 332, 110; Earlis McGraw 475 (for B.M. Smith), 312t; Winfred Kerr 282, 45t; Jason Stanford and Iris Stanford 49t, 377. Jason Stanford offered the blessing of the noon meal at the table.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Cecil Roberts leading 119. Leaders: Donna Bell 383; Henry Johnson 341; Cindy Gray 76b; David Brodeur 350; Charlene Wallace 283; Mary Morris 100; Samuel Williams 285t; Karis Askin 268; Jason Stanford 512; Oscar McGuire 441; Rene Greene 270; Daniel Williams 442; Ed Thacker 77t; Wyatt Denney 82t; Robert Chambless 176b; Earlis McGraw 56t (in memory of Elder Homer Benefield); Winfred Kerr 89; Richard DeLong 36t; Philip Denney 535.

Following announcements, Cecil Roberts led 48t as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Donna Bell

### **CAROLINE BONNET MEMORIAL SINGING**

**Old Felta School, Healdsburg, California**

**Sunday, April 26, 2015**

The Caroline Bonnet Memorial Singing was held at the Old Felta School, Healdsburg, California, on the fourth Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Mary Ann Ciavonne leading 39t.

The following officers served: Chairman—Mary Ann Ciavonne; Secretaries—Betty Marvin and Linda Selph; Arranging Officer—Erika Wilson.

Leaders: Vicki Chung 31t; Lindy Groening 494; Kate Coxon 138b; Jack Ziegler 339; Eva Striebeck 33t; Betsy Jeronen 28b; Kevin Barrans 123t; Carolyn Deacy 224; Ana Tighe 105; Hans Guttman 282; Leah Coffin 133; Lyle Lindsey 510; Mary Gowins 283; Concetta Branson 472; Hal Kunkel 536; Cornelia Stanton 99; Franz Schmidt 540; Chris Cotter 368; Clarissa Fetrow 407; Jerry Schreiber 240; Terry Barber 278t; Erik Schwab 546; Rogan Campbell 267; Linda Selph 527 (for Patrick and Sally Coghlan); Kevin Beirne 277.

RECESS



The class was brought back together by Erika Wilson leading 81t. Leaders: Susan Fetcho 547; David Smead 548; Kate Fine 111b; Jeff Begley 55; Lisa Bennett 225t; David Fetcho 430; Kate Fortin 340 (for Liz Hoecker); Phil Jensen 192; Betty Marvin 441; Midge Harder 445; Jack Ziegler 34t; Kate Coxon 209; Hans Guttman 268; Betsy Jeronen 564; Ana Tighe 390; Kevin Barrans 423; Hal Kunkel 217; Eva Striebeck 372.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Mary Gowins leading 72b. Leaders: Chris Cotter 498; Doug Olsen 183; Patrick Ziegler and Lindy Groening 384; Lyle Lindsey 47b; Cornelia Stanton 276; Rogan Campbell and Kate Fortin 89; Patricia Cavanaugh and Kate Fine 87; Erik Schwab 214; Lisa Bennett, Karen Meier, and Jeff Meier 112; Kevin Beirne 159; Clarissa Fetrow 177; David Smead 516; Jerry Schreiber 202; Jeff Begley 410b; Franz Schmidt 348t; Phil Jensen 569b; Kate Fortin 160b; Vicki Chung 146 (for Gina Brown and family); Midge Harder 532.

Mary Ann Ciavonne and Jack Ziegler led 347 as the closing song. David Fetcho offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mary Ann Ciavonne; Secretaries—Betty Marvin and Linda Selph

### **HUNTSVILLE SACRED HARP SINGING Burritt On the Mountain, Huntsville, Alabama Saturday, May 2, 2015**

The annual Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing was held at the country church at Burritt Museum atop Monte Sano Mountain, Huntsville, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Linton Ballinger leading 32t. Buddy Ballinger offered the opening prayer.

After welcoming comments, the class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Linton Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Samuel Sommers; Secretaries—Amanda Hardiman and Teresa Hope; Arranging Committee—Lomax Ballinger and Linton Ballinger.

Leaders: David Ivey 428; Lomax Ballinger 277; Teresa Hope and Amanda Hardiman 155; Richard Ivey 495; Gravis Ballinger 112; Francis Jones and Donald Jones 358; Mark Carroll 480; Vella Dailey 87; David Ballinger 340; Bea Aaron 175; Rodney Ivey 422; Daniel Bearden 184; Ann Jett 269; Jimmy Ballinger 84; Margaret Thacker 225t; Henry Johnson 338; Lynne deBenedette 192; Earl Ballinger 97; Cheyenne Ivey 384; Phil Summerlin 313t; Allison Whitener and Grace Whitener 399b.

#### RECESS

Samuel Sommers led 319 to bring the class together. Leaders: Charles McCravy 176b; Lisa Geist 273; Nate Green and Norma Green 398; Richard Mauldin 168; Eugene Forbes 280; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 208; Brad Bahler and Karen Bahler 77t; Danny Creel 532; Amber Davis 214; Will Fitzgerald 34t; Rick Cunningham 70b; Angela Myers 411; Larry Ballinger 151; Mona Bowman, Laura Bowman, Kate Bowman, and Teresa Hope 63.

#### RECESS

The class was brought to order by Buddy Ballinger leading 343. Leaders: Ron Harper 200; Gail Doss 547; Scott Ivey and J.L. Hopper 187; Karen Isbell 448t; Shane Wooten 42.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Caudle and Henry Johnson. Judy Caudle read the following list of names of the deceased: Evelyn Harris, Jean Ballinger, Betty Wright, Hobert Ivey, Sammie Oliver, Olivia Wooten Moore, Phillip Wooten, Stanly Edwards, Elizabeth Mabe, Audress Gurley, and Dawson Adams—Alabama; David Rust and Arthur Hall—Indiana; Raymond Hamrick—Georgia. Henry Johnson spoke on behalf of the deceased.

Judy Caudle read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Jimmy Waugh, S.T. Reed, Wayne Reed, Bill Davis, B.M. Smith, Coy Ivey, Loyd Ivey, Sandie Scott, Jennifer Watley, Norma Harwood, Betty Shepherd, Norman Greeson, Susan Bingham, Syble Adams, and Kermit Adams. Judy Caudle and Henry Johnson led 68b, and Phil Summerlin closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Dennis George 447; Tom George 446; Paige Winslett 107; Darrell Swarens 341; Nancy Thompson 27; David Rousseau 430; Judy Caudle 365; Kelsey Ivey 426t. Phil Summerlin offered a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Stuart Ivey leading 166. Leaders: Jim Aaron 47t; Dylan Feezell 36b; Karen Freund 300; Rick Hoffman 111t; Geraldine Sharpton 318; Ed Thacker 213t; Presley Barker 505; Reba Windom 142; Drew McGuire 298; Loretta Whitman 75; Nicholas Thompson 217; Steve Adams 99; Beth Ann Clay 178; J.L. Hopper 174; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 377; Laurens Blankers 479; Elene Stovall 189; Mike Richards 546; Tammy Heinsohn 159; Pattie Doss 528; Caleb Dillehay 339; Susan Cheronos 564; Joanna Nicovich 94; Russell Pope 40; Linda Thomas 560; Claudene Townson and Robin Smith 106; Ken Robinson 108t; Peter Meisner 551; Daniel Lee 565; Karen Ivey 144.

Following announcements, Linton Ballinger and Samuel Sommers led 46 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Linton Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Samuel Sommers; Secretaries—Amanda Hardiman and Teresa Hope

### **AUGUSTA SACRED HARP SINGING**

#### **Augusta Old Line Primitive Baptist Church, Martinez, Georgia Saturday, May 2, 2015**

The 6th annual Augusta Sacred Harp Singing was held at Augusta Old Line Primitive Baptist Church, 3646 Old Petersburg Road, Martinez, Georgia, on Saturday before the first Sunday in May. Gene Pinion began the meeting at 9:30 a.m. with a singing school and history. He explained the shaped notes and the four-part harmony sung by Sacred Harp singers. After the lesson and history, Joyce Heath welcomed everyone. Elder Dwayne Hooven offered the opening prayer.

The class was called to order by Joyce Heath at 10:00 a.m. leading 63 and 112.

Leaders: Frank DeBolt 515; Thomas Smith 162; John Gentry 47b; Sharon Strong 299; Rob Dylan 29b; Richard Noegel 282; Tom Ivey 228; Agnes Roberts and Chandler Thigpen 338; Oscar McGuire 171; Gene Pinion 100; Helen Grayson 155; Bob Lester 159.

#### RECESS

Joyce Heath brought the class back to order by leading 186 and 143. Leaders: Frank DeBolt 503, 569b; Thomas Smith 183, 268; John Gentry 313b, 312b; Sharon Strong 547, 504; Rob Dylan 178, 457; Chandler Thigpen 154, 128; Agnes Roberts 64; Bill Rheil 126, 78; Joyce Heath 137; Tom Ivey 37b. Elder Dwayne Hooven asked the blessing before lunch.

#### LUNCH

Joyce Heath called the class back to order at 1:00 p.m. and led 52t and 127. The class entered into a business session with the following officers elected to serve:

Chairman—Joyce Heath; Vice Chairman—Richard Noegel; Secretary—Diane Goldman assisted by Chandler Thigpen. Following the business session, a special presentation was made by Tom Ivey on behalf of R.C. Webber and John Bealle to Agnes Roberts of a song entitled Agnes (L.M.). The music was written in honor of Agnes Roberts by R.C. Webber and John Bealle (2014), who were unable to attend the singing for the presentation. The text was written by Gurdon Robbins, Jr.

(1843). Agnes Roberts expressed her thanks and appreciation for honoring her in such a special way, and the class sang the song to her.

Leaders: Richard Noegel 266, 143; Tom Ivey 340; Oscar McGuire 229, 57, 276; Agnes Roberts and Diane Goldman 61; Gene Pinion 528; Helen Grayson 175, 287; Rob Dylan 70b, 89; Joyce Heath 147t; Frank DeBolt 334, 551; Thomas Smith 447, 277; Chandler Thigpen 318, 496; John Gentry 160b, 274t; Sharon Strong 524; Rob Dylan 49b; Gene Pinion 47t; Tom Ivey 354t.

Joyce Heath thanked all who attended and helped with this year's singing, and then led 267 as the closing song. Announcements were made. John Gentry offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Joyce Heath; Vice Chairman—Agnes Roberts; Secretary—Diane Goldman and Chandler Thigpen

## **NORTHWEST ARKANSAS SHILOH SINGING SPRING SESSION**

**St. John's Episcopal Church, Harrison, Arkansas**

**Saturday, May 2, 2015**

The Northwest Arkansas Shiloh Singing, Spring Session, was called to order by Dan Brittain leading 34b. Syd Caldwell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Syd Caldwell 32t, 37b; Katy Black 276, 143; Andrew Albers 24b, 390; Dan Brittain 345b, 278b; Bill Caldwell 497, 472; Syd Caldwell 313b, 462.

During the business session, the class decided, by acclamation, to seat the following officers: Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Andrew Albers; Secretary—Katy Black.

### **RECESS**

Dan Brittain brought the class back into session by leading 113 (MH). Leaders: Andrew Albers 144 (MH), 158 (MH); Bill Caldwell 135 (MH), 138 (MH); Katy Black 177 (MH), 180 (MH); Syd Caldwell 34 (MH) (in memory of Amanda Denson), 141 (MH); Will Sims 125, 38b.

### **RECESS**

Andrew Albers called the class back to order leading 392 (CB) and 74t (CB). Syd Caldwell and Mona Vice led 463 (CB).

Syd Caldwell and Dan Brittain spoke about those who have died and Syd read the following list of names: Bill Aplin, Evelyn Harris, Hobert Ivey, Stanly Edwards, Charles Kitchens, Elder Lewis Norton, Sammie Oliver, Betty Wright, Phillip Wootten—Alabama; Suzie Dickerson, Ailene Huckaby—Arkansas; Josephine Denney, Raymond Hamrick—Georgia; Danny Arms—North Carolina; Doris Hanks—Texas; Olivia Allen and Charles Polston. Syd Caldwell led 72b in their memory.

Syd Caldwell led 415 to encourage the sick and shut-ins and then read this list: Hester Edwards, S.T. Reed, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Jewel Wootten, Mary Ellen Wilkenson, B.M. Smith, Margie Smith, John Bayer, Loraine Bayer, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Steve Ludlow, and Floy Wilder. Syd Caldwell led 480. Bill Caldwell closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Dan Brittain led 164 (MH) as grace before lunch.

### **LUNCH**

Dan Brittain called the class back into session leading 13 (MH).

Leaders: Dan Brittain 22 (MH); Andrew Albers 47b; Bill Caldwell 99, 163b; B.R. Black and Syd Caldwell 183; Syd Caldwell and Holly Childs 268; Will Sims 178, 457; Syd Caldwell 300 (for Cory Winter), 384 (for Anita Buswell, B.M. Smith, and Margie Smith); Katy Black 142, 112. Announcements were made.

## RECESS

Andrew Albers called the class back to order leading 267b (CB).

Leaders: Syd Caldwell 491 (CB), 393 (CB); Bill Caldwell 212, 503; Dan Brittain 521. Bill Caldwell offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Andrew Albers; Secretary—Katy Black

## PORTLAND SACRED HARP SINGING

### The Little Church, Portland, Oregon

Saturday, May 2, 2015

The 9th annual Portland Sacred Harp All-Day Singing was called to order by Tom McTighe leading 448b. Cornelia Stanton offered the morning prayer.

A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chairperson—Steve Helwig; Treasurer—Nell Whitman; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen.

Leaders: Betsy Jeronen 499; Nell Whitman 48t; Anna Stoerch and Concetta Branson 82t; Lyle Lindsey 40; Dorothy Robinson 74b; Kathy Vlach 472; Steve Tarr 510; Kate Fine 278t; Cecil Godfrey 155; Evan Palmer 101t; Ana Tighe 121; Jake Hachey 148; Kevin Beirne 445; Ethan Hardy 375; Martha Sherwood 53; Greg Saue 198.

## RECESS

The class was called back to order by Steve Helwig leading 46. Leaders: Karen Stingle 547; Jack Lofton 328; Marie Brandis 212; Caroline Helmeczi 153; Harlan Walker-Young 70b; Alberta Hardy 30b; Karen Willard 446 (for Rodney Willard); Delia Barrans 354b; Jenna Bond Tompkins 532; Gabriel Kyne 434; Becca Gibson 383; Kate Fortin 220; Chris Cotter 213t; Lucinda Saue 306; Lu Zeng 535; Leigh Cooper 83t; Hans Guttmann 480.

## RECESS

The class was called back to order by Steve Helwig leading 32t. Leaders: Carolyn Gilkey 504; Sean Francis Conway 426t; Pat Coghlan 287; Clarissa Fetrow 394; Arcana Ferschke 81t; Roylan Messinger 85; Kate Coxon 542; John Wiens 416; Jeff Begley 55; Rogan Campbell 131t; Bob Schinske 373; Adam Berey 254; Destiny Woods 192; Laura McMurray 512; Jean Murphy 380; Linda Berkemeier 49t. The noon blessing was offered by Ethan Hardy.

## LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Steve Cackley leading 88b. Leaders: Erik Schwab 530; Eva Striebeck 187; Melissa Kelley 349; Michael Walker 447; Sarah West 436; Cassie Allen 444; Jane Cannon 298; Ben Copenhaver 426b; Lindy Groening 396; Lisa Bennett 269; David Wright 419; Eamonn O'Neill 250; Bethany Towne 453; David Smead 149; Jennie Brown 527; Franzi Schmidt 440; Tom McTighe 442; Stephanie Fida 372.

## RECESS

The class was called back to order by Steve Helwig leading 209. Leaders: Dan Thoma 367; Mary Gowins 336; Jen Rymut 309; Mark Godfrey 406; Evelyn Lamb and Chris Wooton 195; Sharon Kermiet 189; Kevin Barrans, Delia Barrans, and Aidan Barrans 101b; Linda Selph 172; Solomon Ossa 546; Carolyn Deacy 215; Thom Fahrbach 460; John Berendzen 100; Mary Taylor 454; Gabriel Kyne 411; Arcana Ferschke 210; Sarah West 568; Jane Cannon 500; Franzi Schmidt 432; Cassie Allen 316; Eva Striebeck and Won Chung 506; Kevin Beirne 344; Becca Gibson 268; Michael Walker 170.

The business session was reopened. The Treasurer reported the day's expenses were met, and the Registration and Arranging committee reported at total of 116 registered attendees, 97 songs sung, led by 84 leaders.

Steve Helwig led 36b as the closing song. John Berendzen offered the closing prayer, and class was dismissed.

Chairman—Steve Helwig; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen

## **PORTLAND CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING**

### **The Little Church, Portland Oregon**

**Sunday, May 3, 2015**

The 3rd annual *Christian Harmony* All-Day Singing was called to order by Anna Stoerch and Bradley Knoke leading 398t. Cornelia Stanton offered the morning prayer.

A business meeting was called to elect the following officers: Chairperson—Bradley Knoke; Treasurer—Nell Whitman; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen.

Leaders: Betsy Jeronen 57; Cornelia Stanton 470; Linda Berkemeier 343; Kate Fine 161b; Evan Palmer 336t; Steve Cackley 63b; Nell Whitman 261t; Clarissa Fetrow 316; Adam Berey 168b; Hans Guttman 64; Dan Thoma 144b; Kramer Klein 269t.

#### **RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Steve Helwig and Franzi Schmidt leading 355.

Leaders: Bob Schinske 59t (for Rodney Willard); David Smead 546b; Gabriel Kyne 510b; Becca Gibson 246; Jen Rymut 362; John Wiens 91; Lisa Bennett 366; Jennie Brown 292; Evelyn Lamb and Chris Wooton 136; Michael Walker 262; Chris Cotter 320; Cassie Allen 182; Lindy Groening 258; John Berendzen 332; Bethany Towne 515; Eva Striebeck 50.

#### **RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Mary Gowins and John Wiens leading 189.

Leaders: Thom Fahrback 121t; Carolyn Deacy 354; Eamonn O'Neill 180; Jenna Bond Tompkins and Genevieve Lavaud 253; Jane Cannon 419t; Lu Zeng 516; Jeff Begley 531; Sarah West 143; Melissa Kelley 54; Stephanie Fida 372; Sean Francis Conway 432b; Linda Selph 10; Ben Copenhaver 514; Eric Holt 318. The noon blessing was offered by Cornelia Stanton.

#### **LUNCH**

The class was called back to order by Jane Cannon leading 299. Leaders: Lucinda Saue 117; Tom McTighe 19; Ana Tighe 142; Kevin Barrans 241; Mary Gowins 356; Kate Coxon 131; Erik Schwab 306; Sharon Kermiet and Steve Cackley 417t; Eva Striebeck 13; Chris Cotter 155; Melissa Kelley 268; Ben Copenhaver 176; Michael Walker 38; Jennie Brown 20; Cassie Allen 172; Bethany Towne 339; Eamonn O'Neill 184; Evelyn Lamb 276; Hans Guttman 82b; Jeff Begley 329; Becca Gibson 165.

#### **RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Bradley Knoke leading 85. Leaders: Thom Fahrback 144t; Lisa Bennett 546t; Lindy Groening 1; Stephanie Fida 231; Linda Selph 128t; David Smead 438; Sarah West 346; Sean Francis Conway 337; Jane Cannon 365; Kevin Barrans 80; Erik Schwab 453t; Anna Stoerch 274; Bob Schinske 133; Clarissa Fetrow 51; Kramer Klein 281t; Cornelia Stanton 149.

The business meeting was resumed and the Treasurer reported all expenses met.

The Secretary and Arranging Committee announced 97 total registered attendees, 85 tunes sung by 52 leaders.

Bradley Knoke thanked everyone for coming, and led 67b as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Cornelia Stanton.

Chairperson—Bradley Knoke; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen

**SHADY GROVE SINGING**  
**Keeton Cemetery, Walker County, Alabama**  
**Sunday, May 3, 2015**

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing at Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery) was held on the first Sunday in May. Glenn Keeton called the class to order by leading 63. The morning prayer was offered by James Wagner. After welcoming comments, the class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Lena Keeton.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 47b; Henry Guthery 97, 343; Lena Keeton, Isabella Keeton, and Matthew Keeton 176b, 282; Isabella Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Glenn Keeton 235; Larry Ballinger 217, 551; Richard Mauldin 143 (in memory of his mother), 64; Lisa Geist 394, 527; Darrell Swarens 36b, 111b; Jimmie Gilmore and Arthur Gilmore 378t, 383 (in memory of Robert Harper); Shirley Tidwell 127, 457 (in memory of her mother).

**RECESS**

The class was brought back to order by Henry Guthery leading 431. Leaders: Chris Ballinger 512, 424; Don Keeton, Avalene Dutton, and Mary Dean Manasco 406, 112; Ken Tate 377, 183; Marlin Beasley 61 (in memory of his mother and for his wife, Juanita), 517 (WB) (in memory of Dennis Beasley); Amber Davis 291, 391; Betty Baccus, Isabella Keeton, and Matthew Keeton 30t, 146.

**RECESS**

Glenn Keeton led 270 to bring the class together. Leaders: Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 385b, 378b; Roma Rice 273, 34t (in memory of her mother and daddy); Earl Ballinger 392, 439; Jack Pate 145b, 49b.

**LUNCH**

Glenn Keeton began the afternoon session by leading 405. Leaders: Steve Adams and Gwen Cornelius 99, 331; Patricia Doss 344, 384 (for Coy Ivey); James Wagner 373, 475 (for Ottis Sides); Alvin Beasley and granddaughter, Haley 45t, 59; Loretta Whitman 48t, 129; Julia Poston 75; Bernice Wakefield 447; Gwen Keeton Cornelius and Joey Clingan 490, 132; Willodean Barton 454, 498; Henry Guthery 507 (in memory of Josie Hyde); Larry Ballinger 477 (in memory of Josie Hyde); Richard Mauldin 43; Lisa Geist and Chris Ballinger 84; Darrell Swarens 267; Jimmie Gilmore and Arthur Gilmore 276; Don Keeton 491; Ken Tate 547; Marlin Beasley 448t; Amber Davis 302; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 411; Jack Pate 567; Patricia Doss 532; James Wagner 268.

Announcements were made. Glenn Keeton and Henry Guthery led 521 as the closing song. Darrell Swarens offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Lena Keeton

**MT. ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING**  
**Ashland, Alabama**  
**Sunday, May 3, 2015**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Eugene Forbes leading 32t and 75. The opening prayer was offered by William Futral.

The class was organized by electing the following officers: Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Vice Chairman—Jack Nelson; Arranging Officer—Edna Ruth Phillips; Secretary—Myrline Redmon.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 100; Lori Hinesley 143, 112; Judy Chambless 82t, 146; Robert Chambless 72b, 235; Marilyn Bradley 312b, 159; Cecil Roberts 48t, 49b; Virginia Futral 569b, 145b; William Futral 61, 34t; Jenny Acton 229 (CB), 108b; Jacob Acton 196, 63.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Jack Nelson 96; Pam Anderson 480, 490; Brandon Acton 36b, 282; Sheila Harris 358, 405; Myrline Redmon 340, 341; Wendy Futral 373, 59.

#### LUNCH

A memorial service was held in memory of Stanly Edwards, Audress Gurley, and Jacky Baird. The following sick and shut-ins were remembered: Hester Edwards, B.M. Smith, Karen Rollins, Floy Wilder, Nell Estes, Mary Frances Forbes, Susan Futral, Sandra Abrams, Elder J.D. Morris, and Patricia Anderson. The memorial service closed with prayer offered by Elder Ken Milner.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 39b; Edna Phillips 452, 354b; Ken Milner and Jack Nelson 73t, 141; Sheila Harris 334; Lori Hinesley 172; Jack Nelson 512, 560; Judy Chambless 565; Pam Anderson 339; Cecil Roberts 163b; Marilyn Bradley 81t; Jacob Acton 40, 294; William Futral and Virginia Futral 566; Roy Nelson 30b, 47b, 44; Jenny Acton 170. Jack Nelson led Mrs. Sarah Nelson's favorite song "What A Day That Will Be".

Eugene Forbes led 46 as the closing song. Minister Frank Arnall dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Vice Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretary—Myrline Redmon

### **MID-MICHIGAN SINGING** **Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos, Michigan** **Saturday, May 9, 2015**

The annual Mid-Michigan singing was held at the Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos, Michigan, on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. Anne Missavage brought the class to order by leading 171. The opening prayer was offered by Will Fitzgerald.

Leaders: Cecelia Kramer 34b; Bob Borcharding 299; Ann Miczulski 282; David Stove 49b; Marian Mitchell 287; Susan Guerra 198; Will Fitzgerald 436 (for Gillian Inksetter); Anne Missavage 142; Charlotte Wolfe 87; Martha Beverly 344; Rena Steed 551; Catherine Brown 66; Pleasance Crawford 64; Linda Heemskerk 277; Len VanderJagt 350; Jan May 351; Bess Fitzgerald 102; Ann Sleeva 99.

#### RECESS

Marian Mitchell led 47t to recall the class. Leaders: Barb VanderJagt 384; David Stowe 515; Bob Borcharding 262; Bess Fitzgerald 447; Cecelia Kramer 168; Ann Miczulski 556; Susan Guerra 155; Anne Missavage 475; Catherine Brown 313b; Martha Beverly 474; Charlotte Wolfe 31t.

#### RECESS

Bob Borcharding led 228 to recall the class. Leaders: Barb VanderJagt 472; Pleasance Crawford 507; Marian Mitchell 532; Chuck Crawford 84; Len VanderJagt 569b; Anne Missavage 150; Rena Steed 323b; Ann Sleeva 107; Will Fitzgerald 97; Linda Heemskerk 421. Will Fitzgerald asked a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Will Fitzgerald led 105 to recall the class. Leaders: Susan Guerra 155; Jan May 276; Charlotte Wolfe 196; Chuck Crawford 546; Barb VanderJagt 49t; Bess Fitzgerald 207; Catherine Brown 454; Ann Miczulski 101t; Jan May 479; Martha Beverly 504; Len VanderJagt 452; David Stowe 268; Cecelia Kramer 497; Will Fitzgerald 97; Ann

Sleeva 225t; Bob Borcharding 348t; Anne Missavage 203; Marian Mitchell 368; Pleasance Crawford 464.

#### RECESS

Anne Missavage led 40 to recall the class. Leaders: Catherine Brown 163b; Chuck Crawford 300; Barb VanderJagt 112; Ann Sleeva 415; Ann Miczulski 73b; Will Fitzgerald, Paul Toman, and Barbara Toman 63; Len VanderJagt 334; Martha Beverly 466; Charlotte Wolfe 117; Pleasance Crawford 521; Jan May 146; Bess Fitzgerald 186; David Stowe 318; Cecelia Kramer 328; Bob Borcharding 441; Nate Zwiag 456; Anne Missavage 77t; Marian Mitchell 335; Nate Zwiag 40.

Announcements were made, and thanks offered to the people who made the day a success. Anne Missavage led 347 as the closing song. Will Fitzgerald offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Anne Missavage; Secretary—Marian Mitchell

### FURMAN UNIVERSITY SINGING

#### Nan Herring Pavilion, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina Saturday, May 9, 2015

The 18th annual Furman University Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. Song selections during the first morning session were from *The Christian Harmony*, 2010 edition. Frances Carnell called the class to order by leading 58b (CH). Leon Carnell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Frances Carnell 142 (CH); Dave Farmer 51 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 236t (CH); Mary Baumeister 25t (CH); Leslie Booher 546b (CH); Claudia Dean 144t (CH); Robert Kelley 511 (CH); John Hollingsworth 136 (CH); Billy Hollingsworth 26t (CH); Leon Carnell 165 (CH); John Plunkett 546t (CH); David Libbey 172 (CH); Frances Carnell 9 (CH); Dave Farmer 267 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 145t (CH).

During a business meeting the following officers were elected for 2016: Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dave Farmer; Secretaries—Mary Baumeister and Chris Wilhelm.

#### RECESS

The second morning session was from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Frances Carnell 370; Mary Baumeister 531; Leslie Booher 367; Claudia Dean 462; Robert Kelley 53; John Hollingsworth 50b; Billy Hollingsworth 569t; Leon Carnell 535; John Plunkett 161; David Libbey 523; Frances Carnell 282; Dave Farmer 454; Chris Wilhelm 375; Mary Baumeister 203 (for Michael and Lucy Heyerman); Leslie Booher 163b; Claudia Dean 284; Robert Kelley 165; John Hollingsworth 418; Billy Hollingsworth 137. John Plunkett offered the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon sessions were leader's choice. Leaders: Dave Farmer 128 (SH); Chris Wilhelm 446 (SH); Leon Carnell 268 (SH); John Plunkett 462t (CH); David Libbey 67b (CH); Mike Spencer 493b (CH); Frances Carnell 318 (SH); Dave Farmer 209 (SH); Nick Gattis 208 (SH); Mary Baumeister 501 (SH); Leslie Booher 448t (SH); Claudia Dean 33b (SH); Robert Kelley 507t (CH); John Hollingsworth 82t (CH); Billy Hollingsworth 459t (CH).

#### RECESS

Leaders: Frances Carnell 82t (SH); Philip Reed 282 (SH); Frances Carnell 192 (SH) (by request); Dave Farmer 532 (SH); Chris Wilhelm 362 (CH); Mary Baumeister 388 (CH); Leslie Booher 138 (CH); Claudia Dean 540 (SH); Robert Kelley 83b (SH); Billy Hollingsworth 144b (CH); John Plunkett 282 (CH); David Libbey 503 (SH); Mike Spencer 354t (SH); Nick Gattis 155 (SH); Philip Reed 354b (SH); Henry Branson 370 (SH).



Announcements were made. Frances Carnell led 347 (SH) as the closing song. John Plunkett offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dave Farmer; Secretary—Mary Baumeister

**BRISTOL SINGING**  
**Shirehampton Public Hall, Bristol, United Kingdom**  
**Saturday, May 9, 2015**

The 2nd Bristol All-Day Singing was called to order at Shirehampton Public Hall by Steve Brett leading 82t. Charlie Williams offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Barry Parsons 88b; Kate Kirwan 73t; Marcos Sullivan 49b; Samantha Cole 131b; John Barbour 225t; Leilai Immel 31t; Geoff Grainger 46; Matthew Parkinson 108b; Tim Start 457 (for his cousin, Richard); Leila Gamaz 101t; Charlie Williams 102; Teresa Maguire 421; Phil Owen 163t; Ellen Southern 276; Sue Lord 39t.

**RECESS**

Liam Kirby called the class back to order leading 283. Leaders: Ed Paton-Williams 542; Chris Brown 56b; Emma Hooper 178; Dave Townsend 183; Edwin Macadam 444; Francis Gaskin 110; Sheila Girling-Macadam 377; Toby Goss 210; Marjorie Brown 472.

The sick and housebound lesson was led by Duane Nasis, who spoke about vulnerability and the nature of community in the Sacred Harp tradition. Duane led 68b in honor of the following people: Connie Greenwood, John Hopkinson, Anne Lloyd-Davis, Steve Harrison, Dave Kidman, Jackie Saunders, Paula Mogensen, and Brunhilde Laabs.

Ellen Southern conducted the memorial lesson in which she spoke about overcoming grief through singing and togetherness. Ellen led 38b in memory of the following: Bill Kerridge and Rina Rogers—London; Raymond Hamrick and Joyce Harrison—Georgia, USA; Kiama Petit—Norwich; Drew Logan—Belfast; George Reed—Bedford; Ian Charters—Byfield; Patricia Price—Sutton Surrey; Peter Linwood—Deerfield Beach; Harold Pigott—Barking; Christopher Baxter—Lechlade; GlosKate Davis—Dublin; Mary Newell—Dalton; Cyril Guy—Llangybi; Roy Jones—Oxford; Flo Charles—Port Talbot; Olga Dellaway—France; Edith May Wiggins—Lewes; Aileen Power—Cork; Paul Grant—Folkestone; Evelyn Harris—Alabama, USA; Stanley Edwards—Alabama/Oregon, USA; Danny Arms—North Carolina, USA. A post-memorial prayer was offered by Marjorie Brown.

Leaders: Joe Jones 235; Guy Hayes 511; Nick Hall 546. The blessing before lunch was given by Joe Jones.

**LUNCH**

Matthew Parkinson called the class back to order leading 75. Leaders: Sinéad Hanrahan 522; Vicki Elliott 216; Bryan Seale 532; Joanna Bennett 84; Michael Walker 558; Amanda Parkes 434; Fynn Titford-Mock 123b; Erin Johnson-Hill 426b; Rachel Jordan 182; Calum Woods 222; Leah Hearne 112; Charlie Williams and Ben Mortimer 107; Sarah Hill 227; Eva Striebeck 556; Judy Whiting 208; Crispin Walker 133; Rebecca Over 268; Mandy Townsend 51; Nick Hall 515; Marjorie Brown 228; Guy Hayes 101b; Ed Paton-Williams 229; Joe Jones 141.

**RECESS**

Barry Parsons called the class back to order leading 373. Leaders: Josie Gunn 290; Dilwyn Scott 40; Steve Brett 206; Erin Johnson-Hill and Duane Nasis 384; Joanna Bennett 417; Michael Walker 406; Eva Striebeck 70b; Bryan Seale and Kate Kirwan 245; Rachel Jordan 192; Amanda Parkes 193; Rebecca Over 497; Mandy Townsend 318; Sinéad Hanrahan 436; Calum Woods 132; Leah Hearne 335; Fynn Titford-

Mock 92; Dave Townsend 378b; Francis Gaskin 410b; Sarah Hill 400; Judy Whiting 521; Liam Kirby 319.

Steve Brett made closing announcements, thanking all those involved in the organization and running of the day, and thanking those who had traveled to sing. Kate Kirwan reported that seventy-eight songs had been sung by fifty-five registered singers, with fifty leaders representing three countries (The UK, Ireland, and Germany). Emma Hooper gave the treasurer's report, stating that all expenses had been met.

Leilai Immel offered the closing prayer. Steve Brett led 62 as the closing song.

Chairman—Steve Brett; Vice Chairman—Barry Parsons; Secretary—Kate Kirwan

## **MEMPHIS SINGING**

### **Grace Chapel Primitive Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee Saturday, May 9, 2015**

The 4th annual Memphis Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Matt Bell leading 33b. Logan Green offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Logan Green 82t, 82b; Andrew Beauchamp 137, 328; Joe Thompson 142, 66; Michael Jones 125, 414; Harris Beauchamp 504, 157; Mark Clague 146, 183; Chelsea Miller 39t, 27.

#### **RECESS**

Matt Bell brought the class together by leading 32t. Leaders: Stephen Dalton 38b, 213t; Kate Outterbridge 45t, 47b; Annie Jeng 282, 47t; Mark Dulchavsky 107, 163b; Becki Miller 503, 84; Andrew Beauchamp and Evelyn Beauchamp 122; Darin Martin 186, 49t; Kellen Marceau 87, 285b; Bobby Watkins 436, 410t; Jeff Corbett 326, 546; Robert Green 354b, 480. Robert Green asked the blessing on the noon meal.

#### **LUNCH**

Matt Bell opened the afternoon session by leading 128. Leaders: John Huffman 86, 189; Dalton Green 406, 379; April Watkins 345t, 345b; Stephen Huffman 354t, 191; Molly Gooch 375, 332; Mary Huffman 569b, 287; Melissa Beauchamp 227, 351, 56b; Kathryn Green 35, 479; Rachel Green 277, 276; Melissa Beauchamp and Ellen Rardin 178; Stephen Dalton and Dalton Green 171. Gary Huffman offered the closing prayer.

Chairman and Secretary—Matt Bell

## **BOSTON SACRED HARP SINGING**

### **St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brookline, Massachusetts Saturday, May 9, 2015**

The 6th annual Boston All-Day Singing was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brookline, Massachusetts, on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Deidra Montgomery leading 33b. The opening prayer was offered by Christina Wallin.

The following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—Willis McCumber; Vice Chairman—Ben Bath; Secretary—Álvaro Witt Duarte.

Leaders: Willis McCumber 47t; Ben Bath 72b; Álvaro Witt Duarte 171; Christina Wallin 52b; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 40; Laura Borelli 82t; Emily Hale-Sills 99; Bill Holt 46; Tom Malone 177; Sally Langendorf 70b; Myles Louis Dakan 81b; Pat Callahan 72t; Robert Dove 473; Liz Cantrell 300; Bruce Randall 148; Laura Hodges 440.

#### **RECESS**

The class was brought together by Jesse C. Polhemus leading 100. Leaders: Ed Smith 536; Joanna Lieberman 318; Eli Petzold 142; Philippa Stoddard 292; the

Finance Committee and Ben Sachs-Hamilton 56b; Mason Shefa 165; Ines Lüttgen 565; Ian Ludders 52b; Kiri Miller 564; Micha John Walter 362; Elizabeth Stoddard 124; Aldo Ceresa 506; Jean Seiler 492; Corrone Bryant 524; Paula Picton 228.

#### RECESS

Chris Noren led 510 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Jeremy Wagner 547; Katy Brown 546; Bob Parr 270; Amy Valladares 340; Vale Cofer-Shabica 102; Anna Kellar 354t; George Pomfret 268; Tara Mulder 320; John Travers 36b; Molly Wexler-Romig 39t; Richard Schmeidler 254; Anne Kazlauskas 447; Jesse C. Polhemus 415; Scott Luscombe 472; Jenny Wright 245; Robert Stoddard 422; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 432; Dan Hertzler 278t; Joanne Fuller 460; Willis McCumber 496 (for Donna Carlson). Álvaro Witt Duarte offered a prayer before dinner.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Philippa Stoddard leading 114. Leaders: Peter Golden 466; Martha Rogers 76b; Chris Holley 348b; Bobbie Goodell 151; Michael Nord 192; Molly Brewer 77t; Chris Noren 236; Aldo Ceresa 532; Deidra Montgomery 456; Cheri Hardy 527; Mason Shefa 207; Jean Seiler 217; Ines Lüttgen 82b; Micha John Walter 500; Rachel Speer 67; Ian Ludders 434; Paula Picton 215; Ed Smith 538; Elizabeth Stoddard 411; Vale Cofer-Shabica 74b; Rachel Stevens 384; Libby Brownell 106; Robert Stoddard 80t; Tara Mulder 277; Corrone Bryant 77b.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Cheri Hardy leading 111t. Leaders: Scott Luscombe 430; Joanne Fuller and Zach Capalbo 59; Tatiana Hargreaves 146; Jonathan Kaufman Scher 111b; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 467; Dan Hertzler 550; Jenny Wright 126; Eli Petzold 542; Philippa Stoddard 345b; Anna Kellar 65; Jeremy Wagner 332; Laura Hodges 399b; Jesse C. Polhemus 475; Liz Cantrell 315; Bruce Randall 297; Pat Callahan 454; Myles Louis Dakan 486; Laura Borelli 196; Robert Dove 474.

A business session was held to hear reports. The Secretary reported that all New England states were represented, along with Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey. There was a total of 64 leaders. The Treasurer reported that expenses had been met. The Resolutions Committee, led by Dan Hertzler, offered some closing remarks thanking all those involved with the singing, and resolved to meet again the following year on Saturday before the second Sunday in May.

Following announcements, Willis McCumber and Alvaro Witt Duarte led 347 as the closing song. Christina Wallin offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Willis McCumber; Vice Chairman—Ben Bath; Secretary—Álvaro Witt Duarte

## GARDEN STATE SINGING CONVENTION

Montclair Friends Meetinghouse, Upper Montclair, New Jersey

May 15-16, 2015

Friday, May 15

The 23rd annual Garden State Convention was called to order by Leon Pulsinella, who led 34b. Lamar Matthew offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Susan Bingham 39t; Rachel Speer 81t; Claire Simon 344; Gina Balestracci 38t (CB); Nancy Mandel 559 (CB); Roland Hutchinson 106 (ShH); Laura Densmore 55 (CB); Dean Jens 414b (ShH); Dennis Leipold 209; Jean Seiler 132 (ShH); Tarik Wareh 138t (CB); John Giles 507t (CB); Lamar Matthew 485 (CB); Barbara Hohenstein 494 (CB); Faiz Wareh 7 (ShH); Harry Scott 242 (ShH); Ina Shea 424 (ShH); Terry Ryan 254 (ShH); Hal Kunkel 416 (ShH); Barbara Swetman 140 (CB); Cora Wareh 481; Rachel Hall 41 (ShH); Joel Franklin 63; Claire Simon 565.

## RECESS

Jean Seiler called the class back together by leading 82t. Leaders: Susan Bingham 472; Leon Pulsinelle 300; John Giles 465 (CB); Nancy Mandel 309 (ShH); Dann Pell 30t; Hal Kunkel 39 (CB); Terry Ryan 268b (CB); Barbara Swetman 140b (ShH); Dennis Leipold 99; Barbara Hohenstein 98 (CB); Faiz Wareh 125 (ShH); Harry Scott 294 (ShH); Gina Balestracci 420 (ShH); Rachel Hall 112 (ShH); Cora Wareh 66 (ShH); Ina Shea 108 (ShH); Joel Franklin 268; Roland Hutchinson 420b (ShH); Rachel Speer 571 (CB); Tarik Wareh 572 (CB); Lamar Matthew 262 (ShH). Leon Pulsinelle led 323t as the closing song. Lamar Matthew offered the closing prayer.

## Saturday, May 16

The Saturday session of the Garden State Singing Convention was called to order by Leon Pulsinelle leading 32t. Lamar Matthew offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Rachel Speer 171; Dean Jens 565; Claire Simon 28t; Gina Balestracci 34b; Michael Kaye 49b; Susan Bingham 530; Jean Seiler 142; Roland Hutchinson 500; Ezra Halleck 180; Cory Noel 81t; Aldo Ceresa 187; Lindsay Kruse 77t; Harry Scott 69t; Dean Jens 68b; Charlotte Ehrman 486.

## RECESS

Guy Bankes led 350 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Carol Werba 535; Cora Wareh and Cory Noel 210; Paula Picton 428; Douglas Fower 148; Rachel Hall 236; Vicki Hayes 503; Guy Bankes 569t; Fay Hughes 282; Bethany Towne 422; Hal Kunkel 214; Faiz Wareh 528; Ben Fink 365; Andre Kuney 179; Tarik Wareh 413; Barbara Hohenstein 553; Lamar Matthew 156; Barbara Swetman 149; Dann Pell 480; Ina Shea 157; Evan Druce 35; Laura Densmore 304; Michael Kaye 146; Vicki Hayes 56b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Claire Simon and Terry Ryan. Claire read the following names of the sick and homebound before leading 430 in their honor: Annie Dawson, Skip Trout, Ron Bornick, Ethel Strube, Martha Waide, and Lois Antal.

Terry Ryan read the following names of the deceased before leading 339: Dwight Speer—Arkansas; David Wampler, Ruth Densmore, and Jane Brooks—Pennsylvania; Maxine Brubaker, Doyle Brubaker, and Doris Johnson—Iowa; Keith Simon—New York; Raymond Hamrick—Georgia. Lamar Matthew closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Rachel Speer 475; Fay Hughes 312b; Douglas Fower 113; Charlotte Ehrman 474; Cora Wareh 25; Ezra Halleck 296; Carol Werba 163t; Evan Druce 112. Lamar Matthew offered a blessing before the noon meal.

## LUNCH

Barbara Hohenstein began the afternoon session by leading 40. Leaders: Andre Kuney 300; Rachel Hall 215; Terry Ryan 182; Jean Seiler 299; Tarik Wareh 336; Guy Bankes 492; Paula Picton 327; Aldo Ceresa 309; Lindsey Kruse 546; Dennis Leipold 542; Barbara Hohenstein 183; Cory Noel 284; Hal Kunkel 522; Barbara Swetman 312t; Bethany Towne 498; Ben Fink 315; Dann Pell 384; Ina Shea 220; Vicki Hayes 344; Gina Balestracci 506; Lamar Matthew 294; Dean Jens 349; Faiz Wareh 37b; Claire Simon 270; Laura Densmore 311.

## RECESS

Hal Kunkel led 333. Leaders: Leon Pulsinelle 340; Paula Picton 446; Harry Scott 320; Fay Hughes 410b; Roland Hutchinson 155; Bethany Towne 314; Michael Kaye 236; Guy Bankes 532; Jean Seiler 200; Ben Fink 198; Dann Pell 127; Barbara Hohenstein 415; Laura Densmore 369.

Committee reports were given and announcements made. Leon Pulsinelle led 62 as the closing song. Lamar Matthew offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Leon Pulsinelle; Vice Chairman—Susan Bingham; Secretary—Rachel Speer

## **ST. JOSEPH'S ON THE MOUNTAIN EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Mentone, Alabama**  
**Saturday, May 16, 2015**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at St. Joseph's on the Mountain Episcopal Church, Mentone, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in May was called to order by Susan Cheronas leading 59. Rev. Bill Winters, pastor of the church, offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were retained to serve: Chairman—Susan Cheronas; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Cindy Tanner.

Leaders: Cindy Tanner 137, 155; Scott Ivey 31t, 27; Tony Schrader 68b; Andy Ditzler 28b, 89; Bea Aaron 175, 568; Sierra Saylor 277; Sierra Saylor and Teresa Saylor 117; Judy Chambless 29t, 142; Jesse Karlsberg 126, 326; Karen Freund 88b, 421.

### **RECESS**

Susan Cheronas brought the class back together leading 63. Leaders: Drew McGuire 313t, 313b; Reba Windom 36b, 299 (for Betty Shepherd); Loretta Smith 47t, 47b; Norma Green and Nate Green 74b, 92; Teresa Saylor 209, 457; David Brodeur 340, 120; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 448b, 37b; Ann Jett 546, 172; Robert Chambless 225t.

### **RECESS**

The class resumed singing with Cindy Tanner leading 123t. Leaders: Jim Aaron 503, 163b; Darlene Dalton 448t; Darlene Dalton and Coy Ivey 465 (CB); Henry Johnson 164, 289; Judy Mincey 180, 475; David Saylor 86, 203; Mike Richards 163t.

### **LUNCH**

Rodney Ivey called the class back to order by leading 401 and 186. Leaders: Cheyenne Ivey 176b, 182; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 564, 216 (for Betty Shepherd); Susan Cheronas 300, 200; Cindy Tanner 358; Scott Ivey 441; Andy Ditzler 454; Bea Aaron 456; Sierra Saylor 481; Jesse Karlsberg 472; Karen Freund 30b; Drew McGuire 38b; Reba Windom 318 (for B.M. and Margie Smith); Norma Green and Nate Green 101t; Teresa Saylor 106; David Brodeur 573; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 276; Ann Jett 269; Jim Aaron 231; Henry Johnson 138t; David Saylor 440; Mike Richards 33b; Elizabeth Gentry 384, 319.

Susan Cheronas led 146 as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Susan Cheronas; Secretary—Cindy Tanner

## **PROVIDENCE SINGING**

**Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church at Providence, Vinemont, Alabama**  
**Saturday, May 16, 2015**

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church at Providence on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Delone Cobbs leading 31b. Charles McCravy offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Delone Cobbs; Vice Chairman—Garrett Sipe; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Nicholas Thompson.

Leaders: Anna Grace Sipe 47b, 77t; Garrett Sipe 63, 159; Nicholas Thompson 32t, 67; Geraldine Sharpton 481, 84; Nancy Thompson 452, 401; Charles McCravy 87, 176b; Carol Newman 460, 373; Butch White 30b, 34b; Loretta Whitman 399b, 81t; Hazel Heinze 515, 178.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Nicholas Thompson leading 89. Leaders: Iva Nell Rodgers 145b, 145t; Susan Allred 76b, 378b; Carol Fannin 421, 225t; Velton Chafin 232; Cindy Mann and Nicholas Mann 247t, 106; Brenda Chafin 542, 73t; Mary Holcombe 52t, 52b, 43; Kenneth Fannin 405, 480. Butch White offered a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Delone Cobbs leading 49b. Leaders: Vicki See and Billy See 108b, 288; Ryan Hale 192, 358; Bekah Lauren Clay 45t; Bekah Lauren Clay and Delone Cobbs 68b; Steve Adams and Laura Hale 99, 331, 384; William Clay 168, 282; J.L. Hopper 291, 311; Velton Chafin and Elsie Moon 494, 348b; Nicholas Thompson 434; Geraldine Sharpton 496 (for Ann Jett); Nicholas Thompson 189 (for Kenneth Fannin); Anna Grace Sipe and Garrett Sipe 46; Garrett Sipe 155; J.L. Hopper 149 (for Carol Fannin); Delone Cobbs 38b; Nicholas Thompson and Wanda Brothers 30b. Velton Chafin dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Delone Cobbs; Vice Chairman—Garrett Sipe; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson

### **KENTUCKY STATE SACRED HARP SINGING** **Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles, Kentucky** **Saturday, May 16, 2015**

The 34th annual Kentucky State Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Ron Pen. After making a few announcements, Ron led 73b. *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *The Southern Harmony* were used through the day.

Leaders: Joy Dunn 63; Charles Coulston 40; Erin Fulton 56b; Nate Zweig 146; Pearl Marshall 282; Randy Webber “Charleston”; Donna Kwon 82t; Mary Brinkman 358; Darrell Swarens 441 (in memory of Bob Meek); Tim Morton 344; Johanna Sims 32t. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman and Treasurer—Charles H. Coulston; Organizing Committee—Ron Pen, Raphael Finkel, Jim Thobaben, Zach Davis, and Keith MacAdam; Secretary—Mary Brinkman.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ron Pen leading 455. Leaders: Gabe Knott and Darrell Swarens 47b; Kay Huffman and Tim Morton 503; Debbonnaire Kovacs and Randy Webber 551; John McCluskey 459 (for Tanner Jones, who is in Korea); Joy Dunn 535; Charles Coulston 350; Erin Fulton 64; Nate Zweig 17t (SoH); Pearl Marshall 475; Randy Webber 236; Charles Coulston 481 (for Donna Kwon); Mary Brinkman 313b; Darrell Swarens 36b; Tim Morton 74b; Joanna Sims 175; Annaliza Cull 268; Doug Trent 480; Michele Cull 168; Matt Henson 479; Ron Pen 45t (for Mark Yokum).

Randy Webber conducted the memorial lesson. Randy remarked that we meet people throughout our lives, that they come and go, but that their influence remains with us after they’re gone.

Ron Pen commented that Kristen Stauffer Todd had graduated from the doctoral program in Musicology at the University of Kentucky, had grown up in Texas, but moved to Kentucky, and was a member of the Lexington-based Sacred Harp group for a number of years. She ultimately made Oklahoma her home, and lived there

until she died in 2014. Ron led 118 in her memory. Randy Webber led 320 in memory of Kristen, as requested by her husband, Phil Todd.

Ed Walton's mother-in-law, Wilma Lawson of Mississippi, died two days before our annual singing. Ed, a regular singer, could not attend the singing, but had asked Mary Brinkman to lead 524 in memory of Wilma, and for him, as he and his family dealt with the final trek through the valley of the shadow of death.

Terry White, a regular singer with the Lexington-based group and who had been ill for a long period of time, died the day before the annual singing. Terry was a life-long Kentuckian. Mary Brinkman led 410t in his memory.

Joe Fothergill was memorialized by Michele Cull and Annaliza Cull. Michele mentioned that, among other things, Joe was kind of a background guy but not shy, how much he loved Kentucky and music, and that he had given his shape note books to Annaliza. Joe died in February of 2015, and was from Ohio. Michele and Annaliza led 496.

Raymond Hamrick, from Georgia, died in 2014 at the age of 99. He was remembered by Darrell Swarens and Mark Yokum. Darrell shared that he first became aware of Raymond in 2005, after which Darrell started singing shape note music in 2006. Darrell and Mark led 503.

Jim Roberts died on May 5, 2015. He was a Kentuckian and had been in the Navy. Bob French led 388 in his memory.

Those remembered from the sick and shut-in list were Lillie Walton, Begi Rechenberg, and Loraine Bayer. That concluded the memorial lesson. Randy Webber offered the lunch blessing.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Pearl Marshall leading 105. Leaders: Ron Pen 322 (SoH); Tim Morton and Joy Dunn 65; Charles Coulston 276; Erin Fulton 277; Randy Webber 330 (SoH) (for Carol Harlin); Nate Zweig 24 (SoH); Randy Webber 296 (SoH); Mary Brinkman 147t; Darrell Swarens and Annaliza Cull 507; Tim Morton 384; Johanna Sims 318; Annaliza Cull and Sophie Hackworth 155; Doug Trent 66; Michele Cull 300; Donna Kwon 178; Debbonnaire Kovacs 117.

#### RECESS

Pearl Marshall called the class back together. Announcements were made. Leaders: Bob French 180; Nate Zweig 4b (SoH); Ron Pen and Annaliza Cull 448t; Joy Dunn and Darrell Swarens 198; Charles Coulston 209; Erin Fulton 299; Randy Webber 195; Mary Brinkman 159; Darrell Swarens 81t; Tim Morton 377; Johanna Sims 203; Michele Cull and Annaliza Cull 163b.

The class sang 267 as the closing song. All shared the parting hand, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Charles H. Coulston; Secretary—Mary Brinkman

## **GOODSHAW SACRED HARP SINGING DAY**

### **Goodshaw Baptist Church**

### **Crawshawbooth, Lancashire, United Kingdom**

**Saturday, May 16, 2015**

The 6th Goodshaw Sacred Harp Day was held at Goodshaw Baptist Church, in the United Kingdom, on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. Chris Brown began the day by leading 34b. Harry Sidebottom welcomed singers back to the church, and offered an opening prayer.

Leaders: Chris Brown 88b; Judy Whiting 569t; Hannah Land 81t; Vicki Elliott 37b; Barry Parsons 42; Cath Ingham 63; Steve Biggs 276; Kate Kirwan 27; Richard Sanner 159; Ruth Steggles 33b; Steve Brett 100; Martyn Boddy 171; Calum Woods

74b; Margaret Gillanders 203; Richard Meyers 314; Ted Brown 101t; Chris Brown 288; Helen Brown 77t; Vicki Elliott 73t; Barry Parsons 460; Hannah Land 392; Cath Ingham 148.

#### RECESS

Kate Kirwan called the class together by leading 57. Leaders: Calum Woods 56t; Ruth Steggles 411; Judy Whiting 472; Michael Faulkner 268; Steve Brett 298; Richard Sanner 143; Barry Parsons 313t; Margaret Gillanders 142; Martyn Boddy 34t; Helen Brown 187; Richard Meyers 350; Steve Biggs 49b; Ted Brown 546; Hannah Land 318; Cath Ingham 155; Vicki Elliott 290; Chris Brown 108b. Richard Sanner gave thanks for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Calum Woods called the class back to order and led 480. Leaders: Steve Brett 530; Ruth Steggles 535; Margaret Gillanders 542; Rosalind Woods 49t; Richard Meyers 198; Cath Ingham 282; Michael Faulkner 178; Helen Brown 517; Hannah Land 220. Arja Copperwheat spoke for the following sick and housebound: John Hopkinson, Anne Lloyd-Davis, Steve Harrison, Dave Kidman, Connor McDougall, Emily Morris, Alan Bown, Sister Pippa, Abi Halliday, Harry Cowking, and Marilyn Faulkner. For them, she and Calum Woods led 68b.

John Copperwheat conducted the memorial lesson and read the following names of the deceased: Kate Davis-Dublin; Mary Newell-Dalton; Cyril Guy-Llangybi; Raymond Hamrick and Joyce Harrison-Georgia, USA; Geoffrey Nathu-Essex; Billie Stanward and Lorna Redfern-Oldham; John Selvey-Derby; Nick Dane-Manchester. John led 347 in their memory.

Leaders: Chris Brown 479; Judy Whiting 492; Richard Sanner 523; Steve Biggs 515.

#### RECESS

Vicki Elliott called the class to order leading 39t. Leaders: Sam Cole 111b; Ted Brown 303; Martyn Boddy 505; Kate Kirwan 292; Richard Meyers 73b; Ruth Steggles 89; Barry Parsons 192; Steve Biggs 45t; Helen Brown 225t; Steve Brett 111t; Calum Woods 348b; Judy Whiting 150; Richard Sanner 277; Margaret Gillanders 564.

Chris Brown and Judy Whiting led 521 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Brown; Secretary—Cath Ingham

### **LOS ANGELES REGIONAL SINGING** **Angels Gate Cultural Center, San Pedro, California** **Saturday, May 16, 2015**

The 23rd annual Los Angeles Regional Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Rick Russell leading 34b. He then offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held and the following officers elected: Chairman—Rick Russell; Vice Chairman—Esteban Veliz; Treasurer—Peter Stenshoel; Secretary—Larry Arnstein.

Leaders: Esteban Veliz 33b; Larry Arnstein 503; Alison Fisher 335; Ron Huss 540; Eleanor Glewwe 95; Karen Mathews 210; Pat Keating 45t; Steve Toriello 86; Karl Barnes 107; Emily Verrone 63; John Rand 448t; Larry Arnstein 489; Stephen O'Leary 84; Jeff Begley 312t.

#### RECESS

Esteban Veliz called the class back to order by leading 72b. Leaders: Karen Huss 454; Linnea Soblowski 319; Bruce Hayes 245; Rodney Willard, Barbara Willard, Keith Willard, and Jenny Willard 32t, 49b; Peter Stenshoel 285t; Laura Boyd Russell 384; Midge Harder 58; Bell May 538; David Olson 564; Mimi Wright 475; Al Grindon 300; Esteban Veliz 183; Luc Steiner 106; Kevin Liu 68t.



## RECESS

Annalise Perone called the class back to order by leading 312b. Mary Rose O'Leary conducted the memorial lesson, leading 442 in memory of the following deceased: Mark Lewis—Oregon; Donald Clark, Phyllis Patterson, Leta Terrell, and Jeanette Turner—California; Maureen Mussenden—Virgin Islands; Janet Davis—Indiana; Mort Chalet—Florida.

Stephen O'Leary led 340 for the following singers or loved ones who are sick and shut-in: Connie Cline, Victoria Pauley, Annie Pauley, Tom Ambrogi, Anthony Joseph, Pat Cogan, Linda Domholt, and Gillian Inksetter.

Leaders: Jenny Willard 349; Mike Nicholes 254.

## LUNCH

John Rand led 147t to bring the class together. Leaders: Natalie Hall 142; Bianca Mussenden 128; Bruce Teeter 145t; Judy Getrich 228; Jeri Segal 411; Mary Rose O'Leary 318; Jerry Schreiber 198; Jennifer Obeidin 196; Carla Smith 132; Rick Russell 203; Whitney Clapp 163t; Judy Nahman-Stouffer 146; Angela Strauss 354t; Annalise Perone 352; Frederick Sisa 268; Dave Schaffer 569b; Midge Harder 47t; Carl Barnes 299.

## RECESS

Mimi Wright called the class back to order by leading 410t. Leaders: Kevin Liu 506; Mairye Bates 236; Mimi Wright 159; Peter Stenshoel 240; Alison Fisher 551; Jennifer Obeidin 215; Jerry Schreiber 550; Judy Getrich 472; Carla Smith 274b; Steven Turiello 209; Eleanor Glewwe 440; Al Grindon 365.

A business meeting was held to hear reports. The Treasurer reported that expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that there were a total of 68 songs led. The resolutions were read.

Rick Russell and Esteban Veliz led 276 as the closing song. Al Grindon offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rick Russell; Vice Chairman—Esteban Veliz; Secretary—Larry Arnstein

## **CANE CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** **Near Heflin, Cleburne County, Alabama** **Sunday, May 17, 2015**

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Glenda Collins leading 101t. Cecil Roberts offered the opening prayer. Glenda Collins welcomed everyone, and then led 100.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 56t (in memory of Elder Homer Benefield and Elder Lewis Norton), 48t; Donna Bell 378t, 178; Judy Chambless 448b, 37b; Louise Holland 36b, 32t; Charlene Wallace 49t, 49b; Jack Nelson 179, 560; Robby Rivers 384, 480; Winfred Kerr 45t (for Hester Edwards), 47b.

## RECESS

Richard DeLong called the class back to order leading 375 (in memory of Henry Kerr) and 294 (by request). Leaders: Robert Chambless 569t, 72b; Frances Jones 317, 358; Tony Hammock 465 (in memory of Stanly Edwards), 464; Sylvia Holland 348b, 146; Ruth Daniel 47t (in memory of her sister, Evelyn Harris), 378b; Nellie Mae White 111t, 155; Virginia Dyer 63, 454 (by request); Dalton Lewis and Virginia Dyer 354b.

Robert Chambless conducted the memorial lesson. He talked about remembering the places where singers used to sit at a singing. Roberts said, "You could go through and almost touch and feel the people in those places and talk to them. You get to a point where you look to see who's there and you really look to see who's not there." He stated that the Bible tells us that there is a time and a place for everything. A time

to be born and a time to die. A time to get sick and a time to get well. Robert said that we have to trust that it's God's will and everything is going to be in His time and in His way. Jack Nelson led 472 for the following sick and shut-ins: Edna Phillips, Jacob Acton, Loyd Ivey, B.M. Smith, George Garner, Lucy Garner, and Karen Rollins.

Robert Chambless read a thank you note from the Evelyn Harris family, and the names of the other deceased. Richard DeLong led 339 in memory of the following deceased: Evelyn Harris, William Norton, Elder Lewis Norton, Donal Norton, Raymond Hamrick, Carol B. Sanders, and Stanly Edwards. Joe Jones recognized Miss Hester Edwards (age 96). Miss Hester has been sick and unable to attend recent singings. Charlie Norton closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Charlie Norton gave the cemetery report. He stated that during the past year some funds in the account for the upkeep of the cemetery had been misappropriated, but reassured everyone that the issue has been resolved. Charlie also noted that Miss Hester Edwards was very instrumental in starting the cemetery fund in the 1970s. Leaders: Tony Hammock 314; Jack Nelson 438; Frances Jones 569b; Sylvia Holland 68b; Robby Rivers 87; Louise Holland 323b. Robert Chambless offered the blessing before the noon meal at the tables.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Glenda Collins leading 82t. Leaders: Judy Green 147t, 127; Cecil Roberts 229; Ruth Daniel 129; Robert Chambless 494; Donna Bell 546; Charlene Wallace 61; Winfred Kerr 89; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 340; Richard DeLong 154; Nellie Mae White 145t; Judy Chambless 527.

Announcements were made. Glenda Collins led 46 as the closing song. Jack Nelson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

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 23, 2015**

The annual all-day session of the Mount Pisgah Singing Society (organized in 1903) met at Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May. Don Clark called the class to order at 9:00 a.m. leading 146. Mike Hawkins offered the opening prayer.

Don welcomed everyone, and then recognized the following officers: President—Karen Clark; 1st Vice President—David Lee; 2nd Vice President—Fred Hoerr; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Don Clark and Laura Densmore. Leaders: Karen Clark 70; David Lee 128; Fred Hoerr 102; Donna Bell 507b; Jack Nelson 30b; Marion Patrick 358; Nancy Hogan 76b; Ken Sundberg 37; Karen Rollins and Philip Denney 123t (in memory of their uncle, Earl Denney); Tommie Spurlock 574; Ethan Eddins 207b; Alice Sundberg 440b; Henry Johnson 30t; Wyatt Denney 40; Elam Eddins 36b; Lisa Bennett 163t; Bill Hogan 497; Gavin Blakeley 196; Ryan Bowman 204; Helen Bryson 559; David Smead 464; Eli Eddins 138t; Stanley Smith 564; Andy Morse 199; Ken Kelley 86.

#### RECESS

David Lee brought the class back to order leading 274t. Leaders: Morgan Bunch 543; Charlotte Bishop 229; J.R. Hardman 55; Justin Bowen 384; Ewan Eddins 300; Chris Holley 385t; Oscar McGuire 276; Wendy Anderson and Robby Anderson 95; Laura Densmore 98; Faye Hollis 168; Judy Chambless 132; Adam Brasich 38b; Buell Cobb 150; Carol Buche 488 (for Dean Benjamin); George Burnette, III 131t; Chita

Blakeley 324; Guy Banks 391; Nicole Bowman 393; Ezra Eddins 299; Stanley Smith 369. Adam Brasich offered the blessing before the noon meal at the tables.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing convened with Fred Hoerr leading 28b. Leaders: Karen Clark 96; Sue Bunch 514; Dana Eddins 99; Chip Westbrook 513; Darlene Dalton 587, 572; Kevin Eddins 210; Hubert Nall 287; Philip Denney 61; Evie Eddins 156; Gaston White 505; Eli Hinton 146; Lynda Fagan 47t; Jesse P. Karlsberg 552; Matt Hinton and Anna Hinton 142; Richard Ivey 54t; Erica Hinton 428; Richard DeLong 577; Karen Clark, Fred Hoerr, Marty Hoerr, Erika Keihishian, and Katie Howard 63; Billy Kelley 108t; Stanley Smith 522 (in memory of Stanly Edwards); Carol Buche 484; Chris Holley 563; Laura Densmore 83t (in memory of her mother-in-law, Ruth Densmore); Guy Banks 494; the Eddins siblings 122; Wendy Anderson and Robby Anderson 463.

Following announcements, Karen Clark led 49t as the closing song. Stanley Smith offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

President—Karen Clark; 1st Vice President—David Lee; 2nd Vice President—Fred Hoerr; Secretary—Donna Bell

### **PICCOLO SPOLETO SINGING** **Gage Hall, Charleston, South Carolina** **Saturday, May 23, 2015**

The 6th annual Piccolo Spoleto Singing began with a brief introduction to Sacred Harp singing taught by Robert Kelley. Tom Ivey called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. by leading 101t. John Gentry offered the opening prayer. Michael Walker welcomed everyone, and led 36b.

Leaders: Kathy Thom 335; Jane Spencer 47t; Cleve Callison 276; Gene Pinion 228; Leslie Booher 141; Sharon Strong 222; Frank DeBolt 515; Dave Farmer 282; Agnes Roberts 358; John Gentry 163b; Joyce Heath 409; Andy Ditzler 479; Chandler Thigpen 318; Robin Bisson 28t; Judy Mincey 540; John Plunkett 354t; David Brodeur 31t; Ian Quinn 545; Michael Spencer 278t; Robert Kelley 523; Mike Richards 448t; Tom Ivey 163t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tom Ivey; Vice Chairman—Michael Walker; Secretaries—Kathy Thom and Judy Mincey; Chaplain—John Gentry; Arranging Committee—Jane Cannon Spencer, David Brodeur, and Andy Ditzler.

#### RECESS

Michael Walker brought the class back to order by leading 96. Leaders: Carol Jules 551; Rob Dillon 159; Pamela Minor 84; Jenny Callison 146; Robin Betz 268; Kathy Thom 155; Jane Cannon Spencer 269; Gene Pinion 270; Leslie Booher 406; Sharon Strong 456; Frank DeBolt 503; Cleve Callison 236; Agnes Roberts 64; Dave Farmer 168; John Gentry 547; Joyce Heath 480; Robin Bisson 432; Andy Ditzler 117; Chandler Thigpen 154. John Gentry offered the blessing before dinner on the grounds.

#### LUNCH

Tom Ivey led 487 to bring the afternoon session to order. Leaders: Judy Mincey 464; Michael Walker 462, 475; Robin Bisson 186, 339; Michael Spencer 382, 205; Robert Kelley 197, 196; John Plunkett, Andreas Plunkett, and Navarro Plunkett 492, 52b; Joyce Heath 139, 171; Ian Quinn 310, 436; David Brodeur 446, 172; Jane Cannon Spencer 33b, 315; Mike Richards 300, 299; Sharon Strong 178; Tom Ivey 460.

#### RECESS

Michael Walker brought the class back to order by leading 122. Leaders: John Gentry 106; Cleve Callison 569b; Rob Dillon 457; Chandler Thigpen 496; Elizabeth

Betz 25; Pamela Minor and Gill Minor 49b; Leslie Booher 101b; Frank DeBolt 323b; Dave Farmer 454; Andy Ditzler 28b; Dawn Stanford 30t; Jane Cannon Spencer 349; Ian Quinn 204; Robin Bisson 354t; Mike Richards 30b; Robert Kelley 206; Joyce Heath 453; Judy Mincey 474; Gene Pinion 455; Michael Spencer 308; Robin Betz 303.

After announcements, Tom Ivey led 472 as the closing song. John Gentry dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Tom Ivey; Vice Chairman—Michael Walker; Secretaries—Kathy Thom and Judy Mincey

**GERMANY SACRED HARP CONVENTION**  
**St. Pauli Parish Hall, Große Krankenstraße 11; Bremen**  
**May 23-24, 2015**

**Saturday, May 23**

The 2nd Germany Sacred Harp Convention was held in the St. Pauli Parish Hall in Bremen, Germany. The class was called to order by Eva Striebeck leading 59, who then made announcements. The opening prayer was offered by Tobias Saalman. Leaders: Andreas Manz 346; Magdalena Osthaus 72t; Ulrike Tietjen 50t; Philip Jacobs 339; Nina Riegler 503; Corinna Frische 28t; Tobias Saalman 66; Daniela Witt 410t; Heather Thompson 178; Boyan Pohl 77t; Claudia Jansen 86; Sonja Spörhase 504; Geoff Grainger 89; Franka Sprzagala 370; Joanna Bennett 31t; Laura Eisen 227; Jantje Wilken 209.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Emma Rock leading 335. Leaders: Joanna Mankiewicz 87; Benny Ross 53; Kama Dembinska 505; Scott Lewin 569b; Amanda Parkes 272; Justyna Orlikowska 312t; Colleen Jones 442; Calum Woods 273; Gerben Vos 107; Nina Riegler 49b; Corinna Frische and Erika Frische 224; Cath Saunt 84; Cheryllyn Neilson and Evelyn Saylor 421; Anna Spruch 168; Evelyn Saylor 290; Gosia Perycz 391; Amelia Osborn 133.

RECESS

Joanna Bennett brought the class back to order leading 276. Leaders: Leilai Immel 374; Fynn Titford-Mock 327; Dominika Jedrzejczak 63; Matthew Parkinson 493; Olgierd Orlikowski 203; Judy Whiting 384; Steve Brett 560; Chris Brown 447; Johannes Sauer 159. The class was led in prayer offered by Tobias Saalman.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Eva Striebeck leading 312t. Leaders: Andreas Manz 144; Lauren Ciancio 40; Inga Hübner and Tobias Saalman 236; Emma Rock 198; Scott Lewin 440; Levi Silvers 332; Colleen Jones 344; Amanda Parkes 234; Joanna Mankiewicz and Justina Orlikowska 274t; Benny Ross 294; Kama Dembinska 377; Peter Kocher and all singers from Munich 148; Calum Woods 189; Justina Orlikowska 318; Cath Saunt 217; Gosia Perycz 218; Magdalena Osthaus 411.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ulrike Tietjen leading 39t. Leaders: Franka Sprzagala 481; Amelia Osborn 212; Gerben Vos 300; Matthew Parkinson 181; Boyan Pohl 186; Heather Thompson 268; Anna Spruch 328; Geoff Grainger 163b; Fynn Titford-Mock 449; Laura Eisen 448b; Judy Whiting 176t; Olgierd Orlikowski 183; Cheryllyn Neilson 285; Philip Jacobs 47t; Steve Brett 498; Sonja Spörhase 282; Chris Brown 81t; Corinna Frische 36t; Tobias Saalman 448t; Daniela Witt 29t.

The closing prayer was offered by Tobias Saalman.

## Sunday, May 24

The Sunday session of the Germany Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Eva Striebeck 37b. The opening prayer was offered by Andreas Manz, who then led 33b.

Leaders: Daniela Witt 177; Laura Eisen 350; Cherilyn Neilson 547; Roland Ketteler and Steve Brett 100; Corinna Frische 270; Claudia Jansen and Jantje Wilken 163t; Dirk Otten and Daniela Witt 457; Nina Riegler 47b; Sonja Spörhase 84; Magdalena Osthaus 95; Joanna Bennett 122; Sally Wandrey and Daniela Witt 277; Theresa Hofmann 210; Evelyn Saylor 159; Philip Jacobs 452; Johannes Sauer 155.

### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Boyan Pohl leading 284. Leaders: Inga Hübner 123b; Ulrike Tietjen 73t; Klaus Kringels and Chris Brown 31t; Judy Whiting 171; Colleen Jones 254; Scott Lewis 383; Eva Striebeck and Fynn Titford-Mock 436; Joanna Mankiewicz 503; Geoff Grainger 535; Heather Thompson 86; Leilai Immel 229; Thomas Krebs and Nina Riegler 178; Emma Rock 547; Lauren Ciancio 344; Olgierd Orlikowski 102; Jutta Schneider and Fynn Titford-Mock 267; Cornelia van der Doel 300.

### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Gosia Perycz leading 445. Gerben Vos led 142. The sick and housebound lesson was rendered by Judy Whiting. The following names were called out: John Hopkinson, Anne Lloyd-Davis, Steve Harrison, Dave Kidman, Connor McDougall, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Kirsty Grainger, Jacek Borkowicz, Allen Jones, Carol Aitken, Madison De Niro, Rojana Wings, Cath Tyler, and Alison Zunklei. Judy Whiting led 475.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Chris Brown. The following people were remembered: Mary Newell—Dalton, UK; Bill Kerridge and Rina Rogers—London, UK; Cyril Guy—Llangybi, Wales, UK; R.J. Garside—Canada; Cicely Hulig—Hamburg, Germany; Kate Davis—Dublin, Ireland; Drew Logan—Belfast, Ireland; Jane Prendergast—Cork, Ireland; Thomas Edward Williams, Raymond Hamrick, and Joyce Harrison—Georgia, USA. Chris Brown led 330b.

Leaders: Fynn Titford-Mock 482; Justyna Orlikowska 58. Andreas Manz led the class in prayer.

### LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Calum Woods leading 101b. Leaders: Amelia Osborn 472; Steve Brett 225t; Amanda Parkes 456; Tobias Saalman 287; Cath Saunt 556; Kama Dembinska 506; Matthew Parkinson 349; Anna Spruch 288; Benny Ross 496; Gosia Perycz 309; Chris Brown 468; Constantin Dorsch 26; Olgierd Orlikowski 106; Emma Rock 480; Cherilyn Neilson 345b; Justina Orlikowska 69b; Leilai Immel and Matthew Parkinson 30t; Fynn Titford-Mock and Ulrike Tietjen 260; Colleen Jones 517; Scott Lewin 138b.

### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Joanna Bennett leading 497. Leaders: Geoff Grainger 566; Patrick Williams 335; Laura Eisen 99, all singers from Norwich 369; Gerben Vos 49t; all singers from Hamburg 34b; Amelie Krüger and Sally Wandrey 148; all singers from Bristol 213t; all singers from Cork 474; all singers from UK not yet called 208; all singers from Poland 112; Lauren Ciancio 347; all singers from Frankfurt 299; all singers from Munich 111b; all singers from Köln 162; all singers from Bremen 42.

Eva Striebeck led 146 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Andreas Manz, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Eva Striebeck; Vice Chairman—Andreas Manz; Secretary—Ulrike Tietjen; Assistant Secretary—Thomas Krebs

**JOHN NEWTON MERRITT MEMORIAL  
SINGING CONVENTION**  
**Old Court House Museum, Vicksburg, Mississippi**  
**May 23-24, 2015**

**Saturday, May 23**

The 4th annual John Newton Merritt Memorial Singing Convention was called to order by Henry McGuire leading 31b. Arlon Gardner offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Henry McGuire 100; Mark Davis 67, 270; Arlon Gardner 278t, 313t; Darlene Reynolds and Hugh McGuire 484 (CB), 410 (CB).

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry McGuire; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Arranging Officer and Secretary—Henry Schuman.

Leaders: Henry Schuman and Linda Hellerich 189 (CH), 85 (CH); Nanette Olivier 159 (CB), 71 (CB); SR Susan Dickey 551, 59; Shelby Castillo and Lisa Geist 186, 273; Hugh McGuire 227 (CB), 138t (CB).

RECESS

Henry McGuire brought the class to order by leading 522 (CB). Leaders: Carole Watts 40 (CB), 573 (CB); Erica Martinez 98 (CB), 417 (CB); Regina Derstine and Todd Derstine 457 (for Nancy Van Den Akker), 100; Judy Leatherwood 117, 183; Lisa Leming 504, 155; Peggy Ray 143, 64; Robert Vaughn 117 (CB), 338 (CB); Lisa Geist 528, 228.

LUNCH

Henry McGuire led 316 (CH) to bring the class to order. Leaders: Henry Schuman and Arlon Gardner 372 (CH); Sonya Kirkham 475 (CB), 54t (CB); Amber Davis 391, 192; Wilma Ann Mitchell 147t, 274t; Charity Vaughn 108b (CB), 212 (CB); Sarah Tidwell 72b, 146; Hugh McGuire, Henry McGuire, and Sarah Tidwell 486t (WB); Drew McGuire 492, 563 (CB).

RECESS

Robert Vaughn brought the class to order by leading 286. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 344; Jason Cole and Henry McGuire 178; Erica Martinez 542; Carole Watts 571 (CB); Shelby Castillo and Lisa Geist 299; Logan Hollarsmith 176t; Nanette Olivier 268t (CB); Peggy Ray 336t (CB); Lisa Leming 65; Robert Vaughn 490; Amber Davis 229 (CB); Sonya Kirkham 559 (CB); Charity Vaughn 514 (CB); Lisa Geist 546.

Announcements were made. Henry McGuire, Hugh McGuire, and Mark Davis led the Drone (549b CH) as the closing song. Arlon Gardner dismissed the class with prayer.

**Sunday, May 24**

The Sunday session was called to order by Henry McGuire leading 32t. Arlon Gardner offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Henry McGuire 120; Mark Davis 102, 91; Arlon Gardner 216t (CH), 155 (CH); Henry Schuman 142 (CH), 149 (CH); Darlene Reynolds 204t (CH), 291 (CH); Logan Hollarsmith 107, 388; Sarah Tidwell 63, 42; Nanette Olivier 117 (CH), 109 (CH); John Van Horn 200, 300; Lisa Geist 272, 527.

RECESS

Henry McGuire and Will McGuire brought the class back together by leading 392 (CB). Leaders: Carole Watts 584 (CB), 549 (CB); Lisa Davis 99, 542; Hugh

McGuire 512 (WB), 264b (WB); Regina Derstine and Todd Derstine 95, 297; Natalie Davis 142, 172; Robert DuPree 40, 84; Sonya Kirkham 411 (CB), 54t (CB); Amber Davis 436, 380; Charity Vaughn 140 (CB), 468 (CB); Drew McGuire 383, 30b; Lisa Leming 198, 288; Warren Steel 203 (CH), 442.

Charity Vaughn and Carole Watts conducted the memorial lesson. Carole spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins. She read the following list of names, and led 340 on their behalf: Nancy Van Den Akker, Gravis Ballinger, Gordon Cotton, Roy (R.M.) Davis, Stites Gardner, Jr., Mrs. Billie Margaret Gardner, Phillip Springfield, and Paula Springfield.

Charity spoke on behalf of the deceased and led 547 (CH) in memory of the following: Jean Ballinger, Johnny Humber, and Rene Humber—Alabama; John Dennis—Ohio; Jerry Tidwell—Mississippi; Rachel Etheridge—Tennessee; Thierry Carrell—Virginia. Charity then conducted a remembrance of our veterans. She led 480 (CB) for them. Mark Davis led the class in prayer.

Leaders: Shelby Castillo 208, 318; Erica Martinez 498, 112.

#### LUNCH

Henry McGuire brought the class to order by leading 108t. Leaders: Henry McGuire 180 (CH); Sonya Kirkham 486 (CB); Logan Hollarsmith 29b; Amber Davis 276; Robert DuPree 569b; Carole Watts 319; Steve Kelly and Mark Davis 45t; Lisa Leming 210; John Van Horn 296; Regina Derstine, Sandra Melsheimer, and Virginia Monsour 96 (CB); Drew McGuire 475; Henry Schuman 532; Natalie Davis 270; Hugh McGuire 196; Darlene Reynolds 188 (CH); Warren Steel 176t (CB); Erica Martinez 38t (CB) Charity Vaughn 76b (CB); Mark Davis 101 (CH); Drew McGuire 236; Henry McGuire 543t (WB).

Announcements were made. Henry McGuire, Hugh McGuire, and Mark Davis led the Drone (549b CH) as the closing song. Drew McGuire dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Henry McGuire; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Henry Schuman

## **ROCKY MOUNT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING SINGING Daviston, Alabama Sunday, May 24, 2015**

The Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church Homecoming Sacred Harp Singing was held on the fourth Sunday in May. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Charlotte Bishop leading 35 and 148. Jack Nelson offered opening prayer.

Leaders: Chris Holley 123b; 176b; Donna Bell 571 (CB), 500; Guy Bankes 440, 441; Wendy Anderson 500 (CB), 30b (CB); Laura Densmore 504 (CB), 400; Adam Brasich 378b, 58.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Charlotte Bishop; Arranging Officer—Jordan McGuire; Secretary—Sharon Whitehead.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Charlotte Bishop 463; Carol Buche 210 (CB), 49t (CB); Linda Fagan 440b (CB), 47t (CB); Don Clark 292b (CB), 354t; Virginia Futral 569b, 145b; Myra Goss 269, 341; Stormy Britton 340, 490; Jack Nelson 228, 229.

#### LUNCH

Charlotte Bishop led 488. A memorial lesson was held at this time. Karen Clark led 499 for the sick and shut-ins and in memory of the deceased. Jack Nelson led 560 for the Avery family. Charlotte Bishop led 111b for the Moran family.

Leaders: William Futral 61, 32t; Oscar McGuire 515, 47b; Karen Clark 514 (CB), 585 (CB); Ted Price 102 (CB), 381t (CB); Judy Chambless 318, 527; Robert Chambless 77b, 225t; Douglas Hubbard 159, 72b; Jordan McGuire 480, 290; Charlotte Bishop 229 (CB), 268; Sharon Whitehead 112, 186; Ted Price 384 (CB) (by request).

Announcements were made. Charlotte Bishop led 56t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Ben Keeble.

Chairperson—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Sharon Whitehead

## **GUM POND DECORATION DAY SINGING** **Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Eva, Alabama** **Sunday, May 24, 2015**

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 Judy Caudle leading 30t. The opening prayer was offered by Nicholas Thompson.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 27; Nicholas Thompson 176b, 166; Delone Cobbs 33b, 354t; Susan Cheronos 40, 460; Chris Ballinger 477, 111b; Ann Jett 512, 498; Larry Ballinger 496, 528 (for Lisa); Darrell Swarens 275b (in memory of Harrison Creel), 81t; Elene Stovall 99 (for Don Bowen), 172; Danny Creel 530, 475; Scott Ivey 28t, 28b; Geraldine Sharpton 299, 542; Nancy Thompson 204, 207.

### **RECESS**

Judy Caudle led 540 to bring the class together. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 163, 274t; David Ivey 274b, 441; Wanda Capps 89, 187; Hayden Wootten 34t, 313t; Kelsey Ivey 67, 225t; Susan Holmes 340, 137; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 317, 492; Aaron Wootten 73t, 101t; Cheyenne Ivey 212, 222; Earl Ballinger 439; Jared Wootten 440, 217.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Caudle, who spoke in memory of Aunt Bera Bradford and on behalf of the following deceased: Evelyn Harris, Hobert Ivey, Dawson Adams, Audress Gurley, Jean Ballinger, Nadine Willis, Jerry Godsey, and Raymond Hamrick. She also spoke about the following sick and shut-ins: Kermit Adams, B.M. Smith, Margie Smith, Carol Fannin, Kenneth Fannin, Norman Crider, Richard Mauldin, and Jerry Kitchens. She led 459. Nicholas Thompson offered prayer to close the memorial service.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Nicholas Thompson leading 436. Leaders: Richard Ivey 114, 345b; Eugene Forbes 203, 155; Sarah Wootten 129, 209; Hazel Heinze 86, 63; Steve Adams 99 (for Kermit Adams), 331; Betty Baccus 396, 454 (for Willodean Barton); Loyd Ivey 426b, 283; Joanna Nicovich 147b, 105 (in memory of Jeremiah Nicovich); Jamey Wootten 42, 100; J.C. Rutledge 87, 560; Will Allred 503 (for Carol Fannin); J.L. Hopper 361, 515 (by request); Susan Cheronos 564 (for Lightfoot); Bridgett Hill Kennedy 88t; Elene Stovall 316 (by request); Darrell Swarens 507; Judy Caudle 276 (for Glenda Hopper).

Judy Caudle led 62 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Milford Cobbs; Secretary—Judy Caudle



**THE BIG SINGING**  
**Old Marshall County Courthouse, Benton, Kentucky**  
**Sunday, May 24, 2015**

The morning session of the 132nd annual Big Singing using *The Southern Harmony*, compiled by William Walker, was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Gene Gilliland, who also offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: William Paris 103; Randy Webber 322; Gene Gilliland 89b; Erin Fulton 308; Tom Waggener 10b; Kerry Lovett 144; Don Waggener 39t; Marcy Thobaben 16; Tim Reynolds 3t; David Carlton 256; Trent Hollinger 11; Matt Meacham 166; Randy Webber 101; James Thobaben and Marcy Thobaben 46; Tim Reynolds 283; Gene Gilliland 8t; Erin Fulton 31t; Janelle Davis 38; Kerry Lovett 159b; Don Waggener 322; Marcy Thobaben and Carla Kenyon 299; David Carlton 194; Matt Meacham 312t; Janelle Davis 107; Randy Webber 265; Vicki See and Billy See 276b; Tim Reynolds 325; Gene Gilliland 83; Erin Fulton 50; Don Waggener and Kerry Lovett 51. William Paris closed the morning session with prayer.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Sheriff Kevin Byars, who made welcoming remarks. Gene Gilliland provided a brief introduction to *Southern Harmony* singing notation.

Leaders: Gary Clark 103, 51; Gene Gilliland 71, 8t; Kerry Lovett 64, 332; Amanda Groves 89b, 252; William Paris 133, 80.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Tom Waggener, who led 322 for Dixie McGregor of Illinois, Francine Longcor of St. Louis, Missouri, Terry Horttner of Huntsville, Alabama, and Henry Cobb of Nashville, Tennessee.

Leaders: Mark Cain 11, 299; Randy Webber 164, 282; Matt Meacham 296, 213; Don Waggener 83, 200; Tom Waggener 116, 189; Nate Zweig 4b, 24t; Robert Chandler 292; Erin Fulton 25b; William Paris and Erin Fulton demonstrated William Walker's method of setting tempo with a plumb bob and knotted string; William Paris 210; Trent Hollinger 5b; David Carlton 310.

Gene Gilliland led 334 as the closing song. Gary Clark dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Gene Gilliland; Vice Chairman—Ralph Paris; Secretary—Tim Reynolds

**JACK SMITH MEMORIAL SINGING**  
**Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia**  
**Monday, May 25, 2015**

The 15th annual Jack Smith Memorial Singing was held on Memorial Day at Oakhurst Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia. After commending Jack Smith's valuable work in promoting Sacred Harp singing, John Plunkett led 59. Jim Neal offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 32t; Malinda Snow 66, 146 (in memory of Thomas Snow); Andy Morse 472, 47t (in memory of Hale Hall); Jim Neal 145t, 339 (for Betty Fincher); Ann Gray 440, 142; Debora Grosse 312b, 203; Susan Firestone 178 (for Capers Limehouse), 475 (for those killed, injured, or displaced in Burundi's civil war); George Burnette 129 (in memory of Mamie Burnette), 101t; Carol Duvall 48t, 207 (for Lee J. Miley).

**RECESS**

Singing resumed with John Plunkett leading 31b. Leaders: Kathy Smith 155, 300; Jason Stanford 318, 225t; Matt Bell 379, 165; Walker Kleinfelter and Susan Kleinfelter 192 (in memory of David Buchanan), 147t; David Smead 86, 110; Janet Wuichet 45t, 63; Nathan Holmes 324, 284; Martin Hardin 452, 99; Lisa Bennett

344 (in honor of Ireland), 357 (in honor of the United States); J.P. Phillips and Elise Phillips 128 (for Erin Mills, in the Middle East working with refugees, and with thanks to Oakhurst Baptist Church for use of its space). John Kelso asked the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 107. Leaders: Helen Bryson 27 (in memory of Wendy Keller), 299; Guy Bankes 182, 384; Jessica Kelso 326; Jessica Kelso, John Kelso, and Harlan Kelso 457; Henry Slack 117, 181 (in memory of Kathy Short); Carol Buche 77t, 547 (in memory of Wilma Armstrong); Jesse Karlsberg 32b (for Roni Karlsberg), 240; Laura Densmore 311, 522; Erica Hinton 37b, 349; Martha Ann Stegar 84, 85; Olivia Thomas, Doc Lawrence, and John Plunkett 81t.

#### RECESS

Malinda Snow led 374. Leaders: Bob Goodman 479, 145b; Laura Akerman 549 (for Susan Pinkard), 543; Matt Hinton 227, 228; Ellen Culpepper 112, 30t; Lauren Bock 312b, 126; Guy Bankes 504; Laura Densmore 315 (for Susan Bingham); Carol Buche 335; Matt Bell 304; Carol Duvall and Lauren Bock 523. By consensus, the class agreed to keep the same officers.

After announcements, Andy Morse offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Joan Durdin; Secretary—Malinda Snow

### **NORTHEAST MISSOURI MEMORIAL DAY SINGING** **Old Paths Bible Church (Siloam Church), Pike County, Missouri** **Monday, May 25, 2015**

The 4th annual Memorial Day Sacred Harp singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Dan Brittain leading 13 (G). Presley Barker offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Becky Browne 474; Penny Kujawinski 172 (MH); Elizabeth Schultz 503; Clara Herr 27; Barbara Uhlemann 62 (G); Emerald O'Brien 106; Becca Gibson 85; Daniel Gray 497; Presley Barker 131t; Wendy Hoffman 109 (MH); Mary Huffman 297; Anna Doughman and Nathan Berry 40; Evangeline Schultz 177; Jenny Whitman 86; Mort Whitman 143; Donnie Simmet 39b; Anne Drexler 277.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Shirley Figura 19 (MH); Stephen Huffman 354t; Charlie Derleth 39t (as a memorial for student, Lisa, who joined the Air Force and was killed in a roadside bombing); Tommy Schultz 163t; John Uhlemann 528; Marcus Whitman 157; Dave Ressler 377; Roberta Strauss 209; Jim Herr 475; Jubal Schultz 67; Wayne Smith 66; Donna Schultz 180 (MH); Jediah Schultz 284; Paul Figura "Webster Groves" (by Elder R.L. Vaughn). Bro. Gary Huffman entreated the Lord's blessing for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Mr. Tivey led 99 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Lou Kujawinski 350; John Huffman and Anna Doughman 351; Dan Brittain 167 (MH); Becky Browne 384; Evangeline Schultz 454; Katie Doughman 45t; Elizabeth Schultz 146; Clara Herr 564; Emerald O'Brien 496; Penny Kujawinski 215; Marilyn Huffman and John Huffman 178; Daniel Gray 542; Jenny Whitman 236; Presley Barker 147 (MH); Becca Gibson 306; Wendy Hoffman 175 (MH); Nathan Schultz and Nathan Berry 168; Mort Whitman 75; Charlie Derleth 348b.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Anne Drexler 87; Roberta Strauss 269; Shirley Figura 155; Mary Huffman and Miss Doughman "St. Louis" (by Elder R.L. Vaughn); Jim Herr 440; John Uhlemann 445; Dave Ressler 547; Stephen Huffman "Dabney" (his own

composition); Donnie Simmet 312t; Marcus Whitman 24; Wayne Smith 113; Jubal Schultz 147t; Tommy Schultz 89; Lou Kujawinski 53; John Huffman, Katie Doughman, and Alisha Nelson 448t; Tivey 49t; Paul Figura 153 (in honor of John and Loraine Bayer); Miss Nelson 34b; Emerald O'Brien 268; Becky Browne 192; Clara Herr 29t; Penny Kujawinski 83t; Evangeline Schultz 65 (MH); Elizabeth Schultz 142; Barbara Uhlemann 203; Marilyn Huffman and John Huffman 313t; Evangeline Schultz and Katie Doughman 312b; Wendy Hoffman 159 (MH); Jenny Whitman 22 (MH); Presley Barker 344; Nathan Berry 111t. Announcements were made. Tommy Schultz thanked everyone who came, and led 347 as the closing song. Jim Herr dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Tommy Schultz; Secretary—Evangeline Schultz

**NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**St. Bartholomew's Church Hall**  
**Benton, Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom**  
**Saturday, May 30, 2015**

The 11th annual Newcastle singing was called to order by Cath Tyler, who welcomed the class and led 47t. Andrew Clark offered the opening prayer. The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Cath Tyler; Secretary—Colin Monson; Treasurer—Phil Tyler; Arranging Committee—Helen Barber and Benny Ross.

Leaders: Phil Tyler 108t; Benny Ross 501; Sally Grieves-Lord 34b; Colin Monson 42; Helen Barber 538; Mark Wardlaw 401; Andrew Clark 84; Lin James 85; Josh Darby 141; Raymond Rammeloo 354b; Jan Geerts 171; Richard Mayers 32b; Cath Saunt 314; Margaret Bradshaw 266; Kevin Kennedy 169; Amanda Parkes 512; Eva Striebeck 100; Sarah Hill 187; Judy Whiting 492; Barry Parsons 488.

**RECESS**

Cath Tyler called the class back together by leading 128. Leaders: Steve Brett 296; Kate Kirwan 396; Samantha Cole 270; Chris Brown 120; Geoff Grainger 535; Sandy Semeonoff 276; Anna Baldini 86; Cornelia van den Doel 300; Phil Tyler 477; Benny Ross 328; Sally Grieves-Lord 142; Colin Monson 65; Helen Barber and Caleb Leeke 143; Mark Wardlaw 196; Andrew Clark 49b; Lin James 148.

Cath Tyler conducted the memorial lesson and led 499 in memory of Kate Davis—Dublin; Mary Newell—Dalton; Cyril Guy—Llangybi; Raymond Hamrick and Joyce Harrison—Georgia, USA; Rose Maniscalco—New Jersey, USA; Paul Rotton—Wallsend; Billie Stadward—Chippenham; Marko Van Der Horst—Rotterdam, The Netherlands; Dave Eckersley—Manchester; Bill Pritchard—Bradford; Angela Ball—Bradford; Roger Griffin—Newcastle.

Sally Grieves-Lord led 68b for the following sick and housebound: Kirsty Grainger, John Hopkinson, Anne Lloyd-Davis, Steve Harrison, Dave Kidman, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Connor McDougall, Dot Green, Tom Foy, Geoffrey Morris, Rojana Wings, Charmaine Phelps, Sister Pippa, Clare MacLaren, Susannah Gill, and Joe Jones. Cath Tyler concluded with a prayer, and then she and Nick Nawrockyi led 347. Lin James gave thanks for the midday meal.

**LUNCH**

Phil Tyler called the class to order leading 217. Leaders: Josh Darby 56b; Ted Brown 422; Claire Welford 107; Margaret Gillanders 556; Carmen Gordon 209; Raymond Rammeloo 523; Eva Striebeck 411; Jan Geerts 384; Richard Mayers 294; Cath Saunt 299; Margaret Bradshaw 274t; Kevin Kennedy 408; Sarah Hill 439; Amanda Parkes 53; Judy Whiting 105; Sandy Semeonoff 33b; Barry Parsons 380; Steve Brett 530; Lin James 82t; Kate Kirwan 131t.

## RECESS

Mark Wardlaw led 390. Leaders: Nigel Anderson 473; Anna Baldini and the children 146; Jo Ellis 268; Geoff Grainger 178; Chris Brown 498; Anna Baldini 117; Cornelia van den Doel 40; Cath Tyler 352; Ted Brown 426b; Claire Welford 282; Margaret Gillanders 354t; Andrew Clark 30t; Benny Ross 481; Sally Greaves-Lord 318; Colin Monson 159; Helen Barber 287; Josh Darby 335; Raymond Rammeloo 49t; Eva Striebeck 99; Jan Geerts 344; Richard Mayers 47b; Cath Saunt 228.

Cath Tyler extended thanks to all those who had helped during the day, and announcements were made. Cath led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Nick Nawrockyi.

Chairman—Cath Tyler; Secretary—Colin Monson

## **MIDWEST SACRED HARP CONVENTION** **Pulaski Park Fieldhouse and Irish American Heritage Center,** **Chicago, Illinois** **May 30-31, 2015** **Saturday, May 30**

The 30th meeting of the Midwest Convention was held at Pulaski Park Fieldhouse on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in May. Susan Matthews brought the class to order by leading 49t. The invocation was offered by Will Fitzgerald.

Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 65; Nick Pasqual 195; Michael Mosley 228; Megan Dunning 76b; Hollie Powell 564; John Seaton 47t; Barb VanderJagt 63; Nathan Berry 227; Jim Helke 279; Sam Singleton-Freeman 390; Anna Pfau 522; Megan Jennings 203.

The following singers, who were also present at the first Midwest Convention in 1986, were recognized: Ted Mercer, Judy Hauff, Carolyn Deacy, Kathy Williams, Larry Nothwehr, Marcia Johnson, Kris Richardson, Gary Gronau, Ted Johnson, Anne Heider, Wendy Wahn, and Karen Isbell.

A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chairman—Ginny Landgraf; Secretary—Rochelle Lodder. The following committee members were appointed: Memorial Committee—Janelle Davis and Cathryn Bearov; Finance Committee—Jim Helke and Sam Sommers; Arranging Committee—Jim Swanson, Jim Page, Eileen Ferguson, and Lyda Jackson; Chaplains—Will Fitzgerald, Becky Browne, Ryan Wheeler, and Jeannine Oakes Daugherty.

## RECESS

Ginny Landgraf called the class to order leading 82t. Leaders: Cathryn Bearov 368; Beth Todd 411; Erik Schwab 184; Frances Miller 474; Tom Fahrbach 132; JoDell Albi 131t; Lisa Bennett 497; Leslie Alpern 268; Beverley Rose Enright 535; Kay Huener 556; Michael Hinton and Aldo Ceresa 532; James Page 505; Andy Ditzler 54; Micah Sommersmith, Anna Leigh Smith, and Diane Begley “Birthday Anthem”; Jenny Solheime “Glede”; Douglas Stapleton 485.

## RECESS

Ginny Landgraf called the class to order leading 324. Leaders: David Barford 182; Will Fitzgerald 570; Anne Heider 350; Donnie Simmet 399b; Gary Gronau 192; Tamara Harris 573; Anna Tighe 442; Grace Scrimgeour 33b; Shawn Fenton 191; Jeff Begley 55; Ben Copenhaver 345t; Kiri Miller 42; Kathy Williams 27 (for Melanie Hauff); Martha Beverly 377; John Plunkett 571. Becky Browne offered grace before the noon meal.

## LUNCH

Ginny Landgraf called the class to order leading 81t. Leaders: Lisa Grayson 528; Jan May 344; Eleanor Haase 327; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 549; Bruce Coates 503; Aldo Ceresa 506; Presley Barker 464; Jeff Bell 560; Bill Beverly 547.

Judy Hauff spoke in tribute to her sister Melanie, who, because of deteriorating health, may never be able to attend another convention. Judy described Melanie's many generous and creative contributions to the Chicago Sacred Harp community since the beginning of this convention, including drawing the cover art for the Midwest Supplement and typically bringing eight different dishes to dinner on the grounds. She and Marcia Johnson led 216 in honor of Melanie Hauff.

Leaders: Dick Patterson 280; David Brodeur 200; Marian Mitchel 141; Ray Cott-Meissel 99. Jim Helke spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee, and led 180.

RECESS

Rochelle Lodder called the class to order leading 34b. Leaders: Jesse Latimer 328; Barb Patterson and Clarissa Fetrow 151; Carolyn Deacy and Lindy Groening 168; Ted Johnson "Boulder"; Karen Isbell 34t (for Melanie Hauff); Anne Missavage 137; Stacey Latimer 569b; Natalie Jablonski 60; Joy Huener and Kay Huener 159; Frank Griggs 352; Wendy Wahn 372; Joel Menk 436; David Smead 466; Kat Kohorst 384; Dave Ressler 419; Elise del Mas 189; James Solheim 444.

Ginny Landgraf led 347 as the closing song, and Becky Browne dismissed the class with prayer.

### Sunday, May 31

The Sunday session of the Midwest Sacred Harp Convention held at the Irish American Heritage Center was called to order by Ginny Landgraf leading 77b. Ryan Wheeler offered the invocation.

Leaders: Debbie Barford and Sheila Patterson 178; Len VanderJagt 452; Hanna Barlow and Ellen Torrie 105; Kathy Kaiser 332; James Patterson 86; Jim Pfau 217; Jason Martin 155; Gerry Hoffman 148; Denise Kania 500; Grace Patterson 344; Leon Pulsinelle 365; Brian How 183; Paul Wyatt 176; Cecelia Kramer 174; Marcus Whitman 278t; Gillian Inksetter 202.

The business session was re-opened, and Mary Rogel and Jerry Gripshover were elected as Vice Chairmen.

RECESS

Mary Rogel and Jerry Gripshover called the class to order leading 556. Leaders: Jeanine Oakes Daugherty 448t; Stacey Berkheimer 440; Tullia Powell 300; Jan Ketelle 368 (in honor of Judy and Melanie Hauff); Beverly Coates 176b; Larry Nothwehr 242; Bob Borcharding and Anne Missavage 454; Deanna Reynolds 448b; Christine Stevens 114; Stephanie Fida 234; Matthew Lind 145b; Alec Jenkins-White 269; Ann Sleeva 228; Benjamin Bedroke 192; Clarissa Fetrow 138t; Sheila Patterson 70b; Molly Whedbee 95.

RECESS

Mary Rogel and Jerry Gripshover called the class to order leading 268. Leaders: Carol Ann Munro 77t; Anna Leigh Smith 53; Dan Nickel 39t; Diane Begley, Ben Begley, and Jeff Begley 330b.

Cathryn Bearov spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins, illustrating the powerful effect that cards and support from such a strong community can have in the life of a sick person with the example of her mother, who was not a singer, but nevertheless received cards, flowers, and origami cranes from singers who had never met her but only knew Cathryn. She told us that her mother treasured the cranes and cards and they gave her strength to work toward healing after she was mugged and almost died. Cathryn led 315 for the following sick and shut-ins: Berkley Moore, Michelle McSwain, Melanie Hauff, Laura Lyngass, Richard Popp, Pamela Blatt, Johanna Fabke, Val Dunagan, Richard Dunagan, Susan Bingham, Claire Singleton, Lynn

Holt, Steven Holt, B.M. Smith, Bill Breting, Loraine Bayer, Tom McTighe, Carol Selleck, Katie Eichenlaub White, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, and Rodney Willard. Janelle Davis conducted the memorial lesson, speaking of the void in our hearts and community when we lose our people, and how we rely on our traditions of naming them on memorial lists, telling their stories, singing their songs, and reaching out in unique ways to comfort each other, to both remember and honor them and to help ourselves bear our grief. As in the chorus of 318, we are the Present Joys who sing and are joyful; those on the memorial list are our Blessings Past; but we have the Hope of Heaven at Last where we'll all sing together again in an eternal place. She read the following names of the deceased, and led 209 in their memory: Bob Sullivan, William Kelley, Rabbi Byron Sherman, Richard Stromberg, Art Thieme, Donald A. Smith, and Greg Oakes—Illinois; Bob Scorgie, David Buchannan, and Phil Fritz—Wisconsin; John Scott—New Mexico; Hobert Ivey, William Stanly Edwards, Betty Wright, Sammie Oliver, Olivia Wootten Moore Allen, and Evelyn Harris—Alabama; Doris Hanks—Texas; Junie O. Wooten, Josephine Denney, Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, and Mary Hamilton—Georgia; David Rust, Janet Davis, and Art Hall—Indiana; Danny Arms, Don Rhodes, and Donald Ward—North Carolina; Joe Fothergill and Kathie Warne—Ohio; Alvina Marklowitz, Paul Schleicher, and Ernest Neufeld—Minnesota; Roy Wyatt—Minnesota and Alabama; Edwin Hauff—Iowa; Margrith Muhlheim—Colorado; Timothy Paul and Jane Brooks—Pennsylvania; Caroline Bonnet and Shirley Begley—California; Virginia Duke—Tennessee; Ray Kennedy—Missouri; Charles Mars—West Virginia; Cathryn Bearov—Virginia; Doris Goldberg Rose—Florida; Sarah Hauser—Oregon. Ryan Wheeler led the class in prayer to close the memorial lesson, and offered grace before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Ginny Landgraf brought the class back to order leading 117. Leaders: Marcia Johnson 163t; Janelle Davis 84; Susan Geil 163b; Jim Swanson 224; Julie Veal 327; Rebecca Browne 304; Ryan Wheeler 480; Samuel Sommers 426b; Eileen Ferguson 36b; Ginny Landgraf 504; Rochelle Lodder 31t; Michael Appert 107; Prem Seetharaman 47b; Lisa Grayson 112; Ben Copenhaver 64; Kiri Miller 542; Ted Mercer 296; Aubrey Hemminger 142; Kathy Williams 472. Samuel Sommers spoke on behalf of the finance committee, stating "I could never afford what this is worth," and led 26.

#### RECESS

Rochelle Lodder called the class to order leading 171. Leaders: John Plunkett 297; Jan May 276; Daniel Braithwaite 311; Bruce Coates 566; Michael Hinton 534; Anna Pfau and six first-time singers 101t; Lisa Bennett 50b (for Tom and Pam Price); Aldo Ceresa 411; Andy Ditzler 318; Thom Fahrbach 399t; Frances Miller 272; Lindy Groening 383; Frank Griggs 299; David Smead 527; Carolyn Deacy 430; Anna Tighe 362; Missouri singers 76b.

The officers led 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Jeannine Oakes Daugherty offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Ginny Landgraf; Vice Chairmen—Mary Rogel and Jerry Gripshover; Secretary—Rochelle Lodder

## **MOUNT PISGAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** **Sylvester, Georgia** **Sunday, May 31, 2015**

*The Sacred Harp* singing held annually at Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church on the second fifth Sunday was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Tim Meeks leading 59. Trent Peachy offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Tim Meeks 146; Lee Bradley 147t; Oscar McGuire 75, 229; Trent Peachy 317, 128; John Robinson 452, 45t; Kay Robinson 334, 145t; Myrtice Meeks 129; Bob Meeks 73b; Bob Corbin 323b, 339; Georgia Ann Corbin 100, 127; Chasity Kauffman 77b, 231; David Grant 400, 421; Kaylen Rewis 282; Bonnie Rewis 135, 143.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Tim Meeks leading 489 and 383.

Leaders: Lee Bradley 566, 503; Oscar McGuire 34b, 515; Trent Peachy 66, 318; John Robinson 569b, 192; Kay Robinson 87, 294; Myrtice Meeks 491; Bob Meeks 72b, 235; Bob Corbin 401, 73t; Georgia Ann Corbin 340, 373; Charity Kauffman 138b, 178; Bonnie Rewis 135, 143; Lamar Robinson 358, 63, 34t, 490.

Announcements were made. Tim Meeks thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. The class sang 62, and took the parting hand. Lamar Robinson offered the closing prayer.

Chairman and Secretary—Tim Meeks

### **LAMAR AND PICKENS COUNTIES CONVENTION** **Zion Church, North of Gordo, Alabama** **Saturday, June 6, 2015**

The 98th session of the Lamar and Pickens Counties Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in June. Amber Davis called the class to order by leading 36b. The morning prayer was offered by Jack Pate.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Amber Davis; Vice Chairman—Mike Hankins; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Wayne Baines.

Amber Davis welcomed everyone, and then led 78 (in memory of her grandmother, Lois Livingston). Leaders: Mike Hankins 63, 75; Beth Branscome 77b, 148; Hubert Nall 47t, 566; Richard Mauldin 168, 146; Lisa Geist 269, 472; Lisa Geist and Steve Adams 99, 331; Jack Pate 145b, 569b; Darlene Reynolds 490, 282; Larry Ballinger 56t, 217.

#### RECESS

Amber Davis brought the class back together by leading 49b (in memory of her grandfather, Murray Livingston). Leaders: Zilpha Cornett 68b, 480; Katelyn Cornett 31t, 154; Loretta Whitman 81t (for her sister), 61; Mark Davis 405, 564; Henry McGuire 69t, 218; Wendell Rinehart 445, 457; Glenn Keeton 349 (in memory of Clarence McCool), 86. Richard Mauldin asked the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Mike Hankins leading 323t. Leaders: Wayne Baines 59, 155; Beth Branscome 29t; Wendell Rinehart 159; Jack Pate 143; Hubert Nall 503; Mark Davis 524; Richard Mauldin 460; Henry McGuire 387; Loretta Whitman 312b; Steve Adams and Richard Mauldin 378t; Lisa Geist 120 (for Gravis Ballinger); Darlene Reynolds 145t; Katelyn Cornett 354b; Zilpha Cornett 122 (in memory of Charles Kitchens); Glenn Keeton 504; Amber Davis 340 (for Paula Springfield, Phillip Springfield, Earline Ellis, and Kenny Elmore).

Following announcements, Amber Davis led 62 as the closing song. Jack Pate offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Amber Davis; Vice Chairman—Mike Hankins; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

**SHAKER MEETINGHOUSE AND FRANCIS BLISS  
BIRTHDAY SINGING  
Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village Meetinghouse  
New Gloucester, Maine  
Saturday, June 6, 2014**

The 8th annual Shaker Meetinghouse and Francis Bliss Birthday Singing was held in the Meetinghouse at Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village in New Gloucester, Maine. Barb Ames welcomed everyone and brought the class to order leading 49t. Mary Ann Haagen offered the opening prayer. Barb Ames and Meg Haskell led the class in singing the Shaker songs “Oh the Blessed Gospel” and “Pretty Mother”.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairperson—Barb Ames; Treasurer—Corrone Bryant; Arranging Committee/Secretaries—Edith Berger and Pleasance Crawford.

Leaders: Pat Callahan 82t; Al McCready 34b; Christina Wallin 47t; Richard Schmeidler 474; Philippa Stoddard 176t; Alexa Gilmore 37b; Chris Holley 105; Paula Picton 268; Molly Brewer 47b; Michael Walker 528; Mary Ann Haagen 191; Elizabeth Stoddard 367; George Pomfret 168; Ally Talbot 95; Ian Quinn 310; Bobbie Goodell 86; Celia Devine 70b; Peter Golden 73b; Liz Cantrell 300; Kathe Pilibosian 532; Charles Biada 138t; Debby Bliss 146; Barb Ames and Chris Holley 34b (with special birthday verse in honor of Francis Bliss’s 96th); Francis Bliss 178; Gwen Gethner 480; Anna Kellar 148.

**RECESS**

Molly Brewer called the class to order by leading 111b. Leaders: Sumner Roberts 98; Vicki Adams 48t; Robert Stoddard 139; Traci Naylor 430; Kris Paprocki 52b; Emily Hancock 76b; Pleasance Crawford 327 (for Dorothy Connor recovering from surgery); Corrone Bryant 49b; Pat Callahan 402; Gary Plouff 318; Al McCready 472; Christina Wallin 39t; Deborah Marsh 159; Richard Schmeidler 254; Paula Picton 351; Michael Walker 306; Mary Ann Haagen 547; George Pomfret 535; Ian Quinn 543; Liz Cantrell 500; Charles Biada 298; Gwen Gethner 101b; Traci Naylor 106; Ally Talbot 503; Deborah Marsh 155; Kris Paprocki 284; Emily Hancock 99; Gary Plouff 274t; Molly Brewer 277; Bobbie Goodell 174; Corrone Bryant 77b; Alexa Gilmore 72b; Chris Holley 77t; Elizabeth Stoddard 522; Peter Golden 323t; Anna Kellar 457; Sumner Roberts 172; Vicki Adams 344; Philippa Stoddard 399b. Barb Ames led the Shaker song “We Will All Go Home with You.” Announcements were made. Corrone Bryant reported that expenses had been met. Pleasance Crawford reported that singers had come from all the New England States plus New York, Oregon, and South Carolina, and from Canada and also the United Kingdom. Edith Berger reported that 35 leaders had led 67 Sacred Harp songs and three Shaker songs and over 85 attended the singing. Barb Ames thanked all for being present; the Sabbathday Lake Shaker community for their hospitality; the many who helped; and all who provided food for the evening meal.

Barb Ames led 62 as the closing song. Daniel Purdy offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed to the Dining Room in the Dwelling House. There, Sister Frances Carr led the grace before the evening meal.

**SUPPER**

Following supper, those who were able to stay reconvened for an evening session of singing from *The Christian Harmony* in the rotunda of the 1893 State of Maine Building at the Poland Springs Resort.

Leaders: Michael Walker 44 (CH); Ian Quinn 155 (CH); Robert Stoddard 144b (CH); George Pomfret 171 (CH); Richard Schmeidler 143 (CH); Charles Biada 189 (CH); Elizabeth Stoddard 372 (CH); Michael Walker 208b (CH) (requested by Joan



Frankel); Pat Callahan 133 (CH); Peter Golden 421b (CH); Philippa Stoddard 64 (CH); Sumner Roberts 82b (CH); Christina Wallin 138 (CH); Gwen Gethner 172 (CH); Michael Walker 219 (CH); Paula Picton 61t (CH); Michael Walker 199 (CH) (for Deborah Marsh and girls); Liz Cantrell 492b (CH); Ian Quinn 214 (CH); George Pomfret 91 (CH); Charles Biada 365 (CH); Richard Schmeidler 109 (CH); Pat Callahan 162 (CH); Michael Walker 231 (CH) (requested by Joan Frankel); Elizabeth Stoddard 282 (CH); Robert Stoddard 245 (CH); Peter Golden 261t (CH); Philippa Stoddard 255 (CH); Sumner Roberts 163b (CH); Gwen Gethner 203 (CH); Al McCready 85 (CH); Michael Walker 23b (CH). The class was dismissed about 8.00 p.m.

Chairperson—Barb Ames; Secretaries—Pleasance Crawford and Edith Berger

**HOLLY SPRINGS MEMORIAL SINGING**  
**Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Bremen, Georgia**  
**June 6-7, 2015**  
**Saturday, June 6**

The annual memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Holly Springs on the first Sunday and Saturday before in June. The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Louis Hughes.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairmen—Judy Henry and Earlis McGraw; Chaplin—Cecil Roberts; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Earlis McGraw 283; Judy Chambless 37b; Jason Stanford 354b; Robby Rivers 480; Cecil Roberts 477; Louis Hughes 512; Virginia Dyer 472; Phillip Langley 546; Richard DeLong 322; B.M. Smith 475; Robert Chambless 560; Darrell Swarens 208; Jeannette DePoy 129; Stephanie Fida 108t; Rebecca Over 548; Michael Thompson 176b; Judy Mincey 178; Lori Graber 228; Karen Rollins 47t (in memory of Evelyn Harris); Everett Davis and Justin Bowen 47b; Justin Bowen 81t; Reba Windom 434 (in honor of Daphene Causey).

**RECESS**

Earlis McGraw brought the class back to order leading 225t. Leaders: Tony Hammock 465 (in memory of Evelyn Harris); Faye Hollis 299; Vickie See and Billy See 108b; Anna Hinton 142; Mike Richards 84; Ken Tate 547; Holly Mixon 182; Ellen Culpepper 567; Jack Nelson 513; Pam Nunn 189 (in honor of Sharon DuPriest); David Brodeur 428; Yancey Jett 440; Rene Greene 436; Donna Bell 454 (in memory of C.W. Garner); Danny Creel 269; Henry Johnson 206; Tommy McGraw 317; Wyatt Denney 61; Karen Clark 534 (in honor of Donna Bell's family); Erica Hinton 112.

Robby Rivers, Virginia Dyer, Richard DeLong, Charlene Wallace, Judy Henry, Earlis McGraw, and Judy Williams, Haralson County Attorney, presented Hugh McGraw with a plaque from the Haralson County Commissioners honoring him for all the work he has done throughout the years to promote Sacred Harp singing. Richard DeLong outlined many of the things Hugh has done around the country and the world in promoting this music we all love so much.

Leaders: Ed Thacker 205; Samuel Williams 181; Oscar McGuire 485; Hayden Arp 204; Chance Cook and Dalton Lewis-Dyer 192; Lisa Bennett, Molly Hulsey, and Kathy Hulsey 278t.

**LUNCH**

Earlis McGraw brought the class back together leading 87. Leaders: Margaret Thacker 303; David Smead 430; Mary Brownlee 183; Matthew Small 367; Fallon Cook 383; Linda Shea 168; Matt Hinton 99; Jim Neal 155; Scott DePoy 566 (in honor of Jo Howard); Daniel Williams 83t; Fred Eady 240; Andy Ditzler 368; John

Plunkett 492; Blake Sisemore 411; Philip Denney and Gayle Denney 535; Kelly Morris 159; Michael Spencer 191; Winfred Kerr 146; Faith Riley 215; George Burnett 117; Richard Carroll 143; Pam Nunn and Rene Greene 556; Rebecca Over 217; Darrell Swarens 111b; Stephanie Fida 464; Everett Davis and Justin Bowen 128; Vickie See and Billy See 339; Mike Richards 36b; Ken Tate 147b; Yancey Jett and Danny Creel 76b; Matthew Small and Linda Shea 179; Lori Graber 32t. After announcements, Charlene Wallace led 318 as the closing song. Blake Sisemore offered the closing prayer.

### Sunday, June 7

The Sunday session of the Holly Springs Memorial Singing was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by John Hollingsworth.

Leaders: Earlis McGraw 56t, 225t; Judy Chambless 527, 209; Cecil Roberts 138b, 163b; Anna Hinton 564, 300; Robert Chambless 108t, 77b; Eli Hinton 146, 49t (in memory of Raymond Hamrick); B.M. Smith 354b, 138t; Winfred Kerr 89, 282; Lela Crowder 303 (in memory of her student); Daniel Williams 290, 566; Helen Bryson 454, 492.

### RECESS

B.M. Smith brought the class back to order leading 101t. Leaders: Karen Rollins 540, 361; Richard DeLong 109, 399b; Richard Carroll 480, 318; Melinda Snow 418, 468; Michael Thompson 101b, 102; Rebecca Over 470, 531; Billy Hollingsworth 569t (in memory of Raymond Hamrick), 180; Leslie Alperin 313b (in memory of Don Ward and Don Rhodes), 228; Erica Hinton 212, 111b; John Hollingsworth 460, 461; Phillip Langley 440, 411; Ester Williams 452, 63; Vickie See and Billy See 288, 178.

Cecil Roberts spoke, honoring all singers who had ever been to the Holly Springs singings. John Kelso led 229. Cecil Roberts offered a prayer to close the memorial lesson.

### LUNCH

Earlis McGraw brought the class back to order leading 29b and 358. Leaders: Scott DePoy 339 (in memory of his mother); David Smead 131t, 457; Fallon Cook 340, 37b; Christian Webb 294; John Plunkett 350, 453; Oscar McGuire 276, 441; Holly Mixon 475, 183; Dalton Lewis-Dyer and Chance Cook 192, 401; John Kelso 77t, 376; Jeannette DePoy 122 (in memory of her parents); Matt Hinton 47t; Samuel Williams 372, 163t; Lisa Bennett 196, 278b; Emmadine Williams 123b, 74t; Virginia Dyer 373, 155; Sheri Taylor 371, 378t; Jason Stanford 405, 73b; Phillip Langley and Debra Langley 299.

Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace led 46 as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairmen—Judy Henry and Earlis McGraw; Secretary—Judy Chambless

## NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY SACRED HARP SINGING Salem Church, Stephen City, Virginia Saturday, June 6, 2015

The class was called to order by Jim Glaser leading 569t. John delRe offered the morning prayer.

A business meeting was conducted by Jim Glaser and the following officers were approved: Co-Chairmen—Josh Barnett and John Daniel delRe; Secretaries—Brenda Dunlap and Matt Roberts; Treasurer—Susan Green.

Leaders: Josh Barnett and John Daniel delRe 284; Matt Roberts 68b; Susan Green 415; Mary Helen Dupree 82b; Gillie Campbell 347; Dann Pell 81t; Joel Miller 501; Mary DeNys 72b; Jessica Keyes 129; Evan Duncan 80b; Lucas Husted 344; Kelly Macklin 171; Guy Banks 351; Emily Owens 34t; Les Updike 373; Mary Ann Daly 500; Sonia Chin 340; Richard Green 29t; Mary Wright 328; Kevin Griffin Moreno 411; Kevin Sims 57; Bridget Camden 360; Corinne Ducey 108b; Chris Coughlin 97; Pat Temple 59; Nora Miller 353.

#### RECESS

Guy Bankes called the class back to order leading 479. Leaders: Nancy Tkacs 47t; Tom Ivey 447; Will Fesberman 37b; Debbie Hall 474; Graham DeZarn 68t; Tara Mulder 71; Marty DeNys 299; Terry Ryan 200; Tim Slattery 300; Sharon Strong 436; Jerusha Wheeler 440; Erik Dardan Ymeraga 475; Ben Fox 39t; Sophie Soloway 384; Leyland delRe 298; Bill Beverly 547; Becca Gibson 224; Ben Cocchiaro 339; Vale Cofer-Shabica 74b; John delRe 333; Ina Shea 115; Jason Steidl 548; Dan Hunter 312t; Liz Meitzler 215; Rachel Hall 165; Thomas Ward 130. Marty DeNys offered a blessing before the meal.

#### LUNCH

Bridget Camden called the class back to order leading 148. Leaders: Myles Louis Dakan 532; Dick Patterson 220; Cheri Hardy 227; Martha Beverly 504; Sam Kleinman 182; Ted Mercer 275t; Sasha Hsuczzyk 123b; Nancy Mandel 540; Jesse Polhemus 377; Chris Wolf 131t; Kevin Beirne 183; Andre Kuney 49b; Barb Patterson 534; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 383; Becky Wright 192; Laura Hodges 542; Erica Martinez 142; Dan Coppock 193; Miranda Elliott-Rader 31t; Clinton Davis 426t; Ateven Sanderson 164; Zachary Bullock 73t.

#### RECESS

Mary Ann Daly called the class back to order leading 312b. Leaders: Peter Pate 163b; Adrian Mariano 419; Ulrike Brauneis 95; Robin Bisson 186; Katie Kanfer 92; Joni Seidenstein 203; Bethany Towne 187; Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 546; Pat Temple 147t; Martha Burns 288; Vale Cofer-Shabica 282; Sophie Soloway 290; Will Fesberman 162; Laura Hodges 442; Nancy Tkacs 497; Zachary Bullock 101t; Tara Mulder 101b; Sam Kleinman 111b; Debbie Hall 84; Liz Meitzler 105; Sharon Strong 512; Emily Owens 448b.

The committees gave their reports and announcements were made. Josh Barnett and John Daniel delRe led 48t as the closing sing. Chris Coughlin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Josh Barnett and John Daniel delRe; Secretaries—Brenda Dunlap and Matt Roberts

## **NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY SHENANDOAH HARMONY SINGING Cross Keys Ruritan Hall, Harrisonburg, Virginia Sunday, June 7, 2015**

The 3rd annual all-day singing from *The Shenandoah Harmony* was held on the first Sunday in June near Harrisonburg, Virginia. All song selections are from *The Shenandoah Harmony*. Kelly Macklin led the opening song on page 77. Kevin Griffin Moreno offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Daniel delRe and Joshua Barnett 335; Mary Helen Dupree 339t; Rachel Hall 9t; Matt Roberts 112; Susan Green 226; John delRe 233; Richard Green 364b; Barb Patterson 246t; Joel Miller 15; Kelly Macklin 338; Brenda Dunlap 113; Chris Coughlin 114; Erin Gum 205; Jesse Polhemus 266; Claire Steiner 14; Bridget

Camden 239; Quentin Davis 2; AnnaLeigh Smith 162; Sam Kleinman 197; Jessica Keyes 260t; Jim Glaser 346t; Ina Shea 109; Corinne Ducey 429.

#### RECESS

Myles Louis Dakan called the class to order leading 17. Leaders: Sonia Chin 57; Adrian Marciano 402; Martha Beverly 310; Leyland delRe 304; Dick Patterson 216; Joni Seidenstein 243; Bethany Towne 235; Bev Yaeger 431; Mary Wright 11; Ulrike Brauneis 326b; Sasha Hsuczyk 174; Vale Cofer-Shabica 241t; Leslie Booher 200; Erica Martinez 53; Peter Pate 1t; Ted Mercer 198; Chris Wilhelm 100.

John delRe conducted the memorial lesson. He spoke about the importance of honoring the good and eternal in every human being, both during and after their lifetimes. He read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Susan Bingham, Claire Simon, Ethel Strube, Frances Gum, and Loraine Bayer.

He then read the following list of names of the deceased: Stanly Edwards, Betty Wright, Evelyn Harris, Hobert Ivey, and Sammie Oliver—Alabama; Phil Davis—Washington, DC; Leah Andrews—New York; Daniel Rader and Doris Hanks—Texas; Peggy Feldenheimer, David Wampler, and Steve Schmitt—Pennsylvania; Katherine Aby and Steve Anderson—Minnesota; Junie Wooten, Josephine Denney, Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, and Rebecca Green—Georgia; David Rust—Indiana; Joe Fothergill—Ohio; Danny Arms—North Carolina; Bob Sullivan—Illinois; Caroline Bonnet—California; Yvonne Selke—Virginia. John led 7t, and closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Lucas Husted 41; Tara Mulder 22b; Terry Ryan 254; Jerusha Wheeler 287; Leon Pulsinelle 248b; Gillie Campbell 1b. Jesse Polhemus offered the noon blessing.

#### LUNCH

Dick Patterson called the class to order leading 78. Leaders: Miranda Elliot-Rader 210; Chris Wolf 92; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 60b; Nora Miller 426; Graham DeZarn 392; Katy Kanfer 286; Tom Ivey 358; Cheri Hardy 403; André Kuney 183; Becky Wright 18t; Thomas Ward 424t; Ben Fox 119t; Lynda Hambourger 140b; Daniel Hunter 5b; Nancy Mandel 21; Jason Steidl 195; Becca Gibson 295b; Dan Coppock 121; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 79; Dann Pell 104t; Ben Cocchiaro 260b; Bethany Towne 422; Myles Louis Dakan 274; Ateven Sanderson 99.

#### RECESS

Eli Snyder called the class to order leading 217. Leaders: AnnaLeigh Smith 89t; Sophie Soloway 326t; Debbie Hall 390; Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 242; Sharon Strong 348b; Kevin Beirne 132; Donna Green 311; Ben Hartland and Leyland delRe 158t; Clinton Davis 297; Ted Mercer 236t; Dan Coppock 48; Sam Kleinman and Becky Wright 417; Minnesota singers 125; Emily Owens 191; Providence, Rhode Island singers 430; John delRe and Kelly Macklin 348t.

Announcements were made. Rachel Hall offered resolutions and thanks to all who made the singing possible.

Joshua Barnett and John Daniel delRe led 404t as the closing song. Sophie Soloway offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairmen—Joshua Barnett and John Daniel delRe; Secretary—Mary Helen Dupree

### **LIBERTY DECORATION DAY SINGING**

#### **Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama**

**Sunday, June 7, 2015**

The annual Liberty Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama, on the first Sunday in June. The class was called to order by David Ivey leading 82t. Eddie Mash offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Shane Wootten; Secretary—Cheyenne Ivey; Arranging Committee—Richard Ivey and Scott Ivey.

Leaders: Shane Wootten 59; Cheyenne Ivey 128; Nate Green and Norma Green 448t; Jackie Tanner 47t; Rex Wilks 480; Loyd Ivey 89; Loretta Smith 348b; Garrett Morton and Josh Collier 268; Margaret Thacker 155; Phil Summerlin 565; Larry Ballinger 276; Hayden Wootten 42; Susan Cheronos 460; Paul Figura 154 (in memory of deceased soldiers); Geraldine Sharpton 299; Daniel Lee 225t; Ann Fox 49t; Darrell Swarens 72b; Sarah Wootten 319; Ed Thacker 31b (in memory of Evelyn Harris); Sally House 503; Linton Ballinger 67; Paula Oliver 217; Dennis George 213t; Justin Bowen 146; Deb Morton and Tony Ivey 477; Karen Ivey and Allison Whitener 182; Jamey Wootten 99; Mary Ruth Stiefel 129.

The class gathered at the cemetery. Leaders: Shane Wootten 340, 500 (CB); Tony Ivey, Scott Ivey, and Sylvia Ivey 511b (CB); Rodney Ivey and Loyd Ivey 45t.

#### RECESS

David Ivey led 220 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Aaron Wootten 39t; Ann Jett and Cindy Tanner 269; Lomax Ballinger 430; David Ivey and Rodney Ivey 571 (CB) (for Aunt Toby); Angela Myers 421; Marty Wootten and Anna Wootten 475; Alex Makris and Norma Green 222; Isaac Lloyd, Gideon Lloyd, and Ezra Lloyd 476; Shirley Figura 403; Trevor Rundell 479; Lori Graber 548; Lisa Ballinger 228; Barrett Patton 61; Linda Thomas 32t; Jared Wootten 111b; Joseph Dunn 85; Sandy Ivey and Breanna Wells 201; Henry Johnson 398; Susan Harcrow 411; Myra Dalton and Joanna Nicovich 400; Gayle Doss 137 (CB); Shane Wootten and Rodney 358 (by request). Ed Thacker offered the blessing before the meal at the table.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Richard Ivey and Malik McCutcheon leading 317. Leaders: Eddie Mash 512; Judy Caudle 192 (for Nicholas Thompson); Mike Richards 426b; Kelly House 542; David Brodeur 442; Linda Shea 328; Betty Shepherd, Garrett Morton, and Josh Collier 216; Kelsey Ivey 500; Drew McGuire 419; Karen Freund 499 (in memory of Jerry Enright); Matthew Small 532; Reba Windom and Shelby Castillo 436 (in memory of Lacy family members); Scott Ivey, Jared Wootten, Jamey Wootten, and Hayden Wootten 445 (in memory of Hobert Ivey); Stephanie Fida 498; Tom George 106; Sarah Jenkins 171; Terry Wootten 176t; Elene Stovall 142; Levon Wootten and Marty Wootten 441; Karen Travis and Rex Wilks 29t; Joel Jenkins 496; Eloise Wootten 454; Jackie Tanner, Edward Tanner, and Tammy Jett 73t; Loyd Ivey, Marion Biddle, Will Ivey, Lilly Underwood, Theresa Bethune, Candace Sisemore, Callie Watkins, Adam Biddle, Louise Ivey, and Hallie Sisemore 424; Coy Ivey, Norman Greeson, Rex Wilks, Eloise Wootten, Linda Patton, Norma Green, and Loyd Ivey 465 (CB), 384. David Ivey led 56t as the closing song. Edward Tanner offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Shane Wootten; Secretary—Cheyenne Ivey

### **HILL ROANE MEMORIAL SINGING** **Sherman Baptist Church, Calhoun County, Mississippi** **Sunday, June 7, 2015**

The 66th annual Hill Roane Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Sherman Baptist Church. The class was called to order by Mark Davis leading 101b. John Van Horn offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 123b, 60; John Van Horn 176b, 120, 201; Henry McGuire 123t, 40, 472; Arlon Gardner 354t, 67, 313b; Warren Steel 182, 418, 416; Darlene Reynolds 480b (WB), 511 (WB), 319; Amber Davis 48t, 276, 402.

#### RECESS

John Van Horn reassembled the class by leading 63. Leaders: Andy Davis 196, 198, 254; Todd Derstine and Regina Derstine 460, 504, 448t; Wendell Rinehart 457, 445, 159.

#### LUNCH

Warren Steel called the afternoon session together leading 274t. Leaders: Mark Davis 27; John Van Horn 273, 215; Henry McGuire 287 (for Ozella Blackmon), 408; Arlon Gardner 277, 454; Warren Steel 189, 53; Darlene Reynolds 124, 145t; Ann McLeod and Stephen McLeod 524; Amber Davis 440, 224; Andy Davis 434, 383; Todd Derstine 61, 558; Wendell Rinehart 31t, 31b; Regina Derstine 59; John Van Horn 236; Mark Davis 154b (WB).

Following announcements, Mark Davis led 46 as the closing song. John Van Horn dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Mark Davis; Vice Chairman—John Van Horn; Secretary—Warren Steel

### **OXFORD SACRED HARP SINGING DAY** **Seacourt Hall, Botley, Oxford, United Kingdom** **Saturday, June 13, 2015**

The 17th annual Oxford Sacred Harp Singing Day was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in June due to a family wedding taking place on the usual day. Sheila Girling Macadam called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 34b. Steve Marini offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sheila Girling Macadam; Vice Chairman—Edwin Macadam; Secretary—Mary Welch; Arranging Committee—Samantha Cole and Werner Ullah; Pitchers—Rachel Jordan, Michael Walker and Matthew Parkinson; Treasurer—Jenny Shufflebotham.

Steve Marini, after a short introduction to shape notation, led a singing school on the works of early twentieth-century composers in the Sacred Harp, using 28t, 426t, 318, and 532.

Leaders: Edwin Macadam 472; Rachel Jordan 52t; Steve Welch 147b; Sue Lanfear 40; Colin Monson 26; Wendy Stone 504; Phil Owen 29t; Aaron Khan 448t; Steve Fletcher 53; Edmund Richardson 569t; Leilai Immel 494; Ian West 182; Nick Hall 515; Barry Parsons 116; Teresa Maguire 445; Steve Marini 178; Samantha Cole 73t; Matthew Parkinson 411.

#### RECESS

Sheila Girling Macadam brought the class back to order leading 39t. Leaders: Michael Walker 506; Stephen Biggs 276; Duane Nassis 480; Edwin Macadam 550; Rachel Jordan 391; Steve Welch 489; Sue Lanfear 107; Colin Monson 86; Wendy Stone 299; Phil Owen 203; Edmund Richardson 571; Leilai Immel 142; Nick Hall 450; Barry Parsons 432; Ian West 111b; Aaron Khan 455; Teresa Maguire 111t; Matthew Parkinson 74t; Steve Fletcher 216; Stephen Biggs 228; Steve Marini 217; Duane Nassis 172; Julie Russell 122; Michael Walker 230; Julie Russell 33b; Sheila Girling Macadam 377; Rachel Jordan 200; Steve Welch 50b; Sue Lanfear 159; Colin Monson 277; Wendy Stone 82t. Julie Heptinstall offered thanks for the midday meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session commenced with Phil Owen leading 102. Leaders: Colin Monson 528; Leilai Immel 77t. Michael Walker led 'Harmony' by Amariah Hall from the Columbian Harmony.

Rev. David Chantler conducted the memorial lesson, reflecting on the loss of loved ones in our landscapes of memory. We remembered Flo Charles and Evelyn Mary Quine—Wales; Edith May Wiggins—Lewes; Olga Dellaway—St. Thibéry, France; Patricia Price—Sutton; Peter Linwood—Florida, USA; Harold Pigott—Barking; Drew Logan—Belfast, Ireland; Cally Robson—Oxford; Bill Kerridge and Rina Rogers—London; Jean Wyatt—Wendover; Frances Goodwin and Denis Thom—Prestwood; Judith Malina—New York, USA; Barbara Conrod and Eric Conrod—Canada; Jean Ritchie—Kentucky, USA; Alexis Strawn—Nottingham; Danny Arms—North Carolina, USA; Evelyn Harris—Alabama, USA; Marjorie Louise Franks—Chandlers Ford; Geoff Thorp—Maulden; George Reed—Bedford; Richard Povall—Huddersfield; and Christopher Baxtar—Lechlade. Edwin Macadam led 420 in their memory.

In the sick and housebound lesson, Sue Lanfear drew our attention to the benefit of music, particularly for the children with severe learning difficulties whom she taught. The following sick and housebound were remembered: Paula Mogensen, Liz Brooker, Gill Bicknell, Sarah Houseman, Ron Green and Kath Mountstephen. Sue led 77t in their honor. Rev. David Chantler closed the memorial service with prayer. Leaders: Duane Nassis 34t; Teresa Maguire 565; Ian West 101b; Edwin Macadam 444; Matthew Parkinson 400; Steve Fletcher 189; Michael Walker 380; Nick Hall 454; Julie Russell 163b; Steve Marini 254.

#### RECESS

The final session commenced with Barry Parsons leading 436. Leaders: Aaron Khan 95; Stephen Biggs and Edwin Macadam 236; Rachel Jordan and Nick Hall 474; Bristol singers 207; London singers 145t; Stephen Biggs, Steve Fletcher, and Steve Welch 155; Sue Lanfear 282; Aaron Khan 547; Wendy Stone 47b; Julie Russell 47t; Steve Marini 198.

The Secretary reported 43 singers had registered from the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong, and 83 songs had been led. The Treasurer reported all the day's expenses had been met. Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam thanked all the officers, committees and anyone else who helped in any way to make this singing a success.

Announcements were made. It was noted that the 18th Oxford Sacred Harp Singing Day will take place on Saturday, June 25, 2016, (Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June) reverting to its original day since 1999.

Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam led 347 as the closing song. Martin Williams offered the closing prayer, after which the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sheila Girling Macadam; Vice Chairman—Edwin Macadam;

Secretary—Mary Welch

## **RAYMOND HAMRICK MEMORIAL SINGING (THE GEORGIAN HARMONY)**

**Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia  
Saturday, June 13, 2015**

The first Raymond Hamrick Memorial Singing (The Georgian Harmony) was held on the second Saturday in June at the Roberta Civic Center. Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 30. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer. Bill Hollingsworth led 1.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 11; John Hollingsworth 8; Chris Brown 19, 155; Chris Robinson 38; Jesse Karlsberg 86, 72; Aldo Ceresa 87, 90; Harry Eskew 25; Mary Brownlee 95, 94; Lisa Bennett 153, 198.

#### RECESS

Oscar McGuire called the class to order leading 29. Leaders: Jerusha Wheeler 36; Martha Harrell 54; Rosemund Watson 109, 16; Judy Whiting 108; John Plunkett 250, 132; David Smead 184, 185; Debora Grosse 186, 187.

A business session was held with the following issues addressed: the class voted to change the name of the singing to the Raymond Hamrick Memorial Singing (Georgian Harmony); Helen Bryson was elected to serve as secretary for today only; other officers to remain unchanged as follows: Chairman—Oscar McGuire, and Vice Chairman—John Plunkett.

#### LUNCH

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 48. Leaders: Janelle Davis 102 (for Hannah Land); Andy Ditzler 152, 196; Michael Spencer 233, 14; Chris Brown 26; Judy Whiting 105; Jerusha Wheeler 15; Lisa Bennett 50; Harry Eskew 8; Mary Brownlee and Lois Robinson 13; Debora Grosse and Mary Brownlee 136; David Smead 242; Aldo Ceresa 96; Janelle Davis and Aldo Ceresa 119; Jesse Karlsberg 43; Andy Ditzler 44; Michael Spencer 208; Bill Hollingsworth 22; Helen Bryson 18; Chris Brown 66; Judy Whiting 232; Aldo Ceresa 100; Bill Hollingsworth 249. Announcements were made. Rosemund Watson led 255 as the closing song. Elder Chris Robinson offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Helen Bryson

### **NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING Old Songs Community Arts Center, Voorheesville, New York Saturday, June 13, 2015**

The Albany area New York State Regional Singing was held at the Old Songs Community Arts Center, Voorheesville, New York. The class was called to order by Mary Skidmore leading 481. The opening prayer was offered by Pattie Wareh.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairlady—Mary Skidmore; Secretary—Joanne Fuller; Arranging Officer—Tarik Wareh. Leaders: Joanne Fuller 32t; Tarik Wareh 186; Jean Seiler 47t; Pattie Wareh 157; Pat Geritz 501; Dennis Leipold 59; Sally Langendorf 87; Faiz Wareh 523; Eileen Metzger 419; Sheila Kelley 448b; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 30b; Dean Jens 565; Cora Wareh 367; Terry Ryan 182; Denise Morris 184.

#### RECESS

Jeremy Galvagni led 274t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Julia Reischel 33b; Thom Metzger 536; Liz Cantrell 300; Jan May 540; Laurie Dempsey 39t; Dev Crasta 163b; Ivy Hauser 197; Barbara Swetman 196; Linda Shea 55; Leah Velleman 404; Vicki Hayes 56b; George Sigut 146; Nina Zanetti 122; Sarah Underhill 324.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Nancy Mandel leading 105. Leaders: Keillor Mose 284; Martha Rogers 76b; Walter Keeley 66; Paula Picton 89; Becky Wright 453; Jeremy Galvagni 440; Allison Steel 564; Jean Seiler 106; Lauren Keeley 178; Rachel Speer 179; Terry Ryan 198; Sarah Underhill 77t; Sheila Kelley 216; Dean Jens 102; Vicki Hayes and Paula Picton 344; Julia Reischel 542; Joanne Fuller 500. Pattie Wareh offered the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Thom Metzger leading 99. Leaders: Sally Langendorf 297; Dev Crasta and Sari Harriot 47b; Ivy Hauser 217; Nancy Mandel 475; Leah Velleman 426b; Liz Cantrell 466; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 172; Jan May 454; Linda Shea 430; Eileen Metzger 423; Brian Tanedo 282; Faiz Wareh 183; Allison Steel 54; Barbara Swetman 127; Dennis Leipold 548; Paula Picton 522;



Gabriel Kastle 100; Mary Skidmore and Mary Jean McCarthy 270; Jeremy Galvagni 29t; Rachel Speer 340; Becky Wright 327; Rebeka Racher-Craster 162.

#### RECESS

Gabriel Kastle called the class back to order leading 108b. Leaders: Pattie Wareh 358; Martha Rogers and Vicki Hayes 480; Keillor Mose 49b; Denise Morris 371; Walter Keeley 350; Pat Geritz 479; George Sigut 277; Brian Tanedo 75; Nina Zanetti 347; Cora Wareh and Allison Steel 191; Lauren Keeley 117; Nancy Mandel 487; Tarik Wareh 414; Thom Metzger 329; Jean Seiler 299; Rachel Speer 82b; Linda Shea 75; Liz Cantrell 171; Sheila Kelley 556.

After announcements, Mary Skidmore led 62 as the closing song. Pattie Wareh offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed, with thanks to all who helped. Chairlady—Mary Skidmore; Secretary—Joanne Fuller

### HOPEWELL HOMECOMING

#### Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama

June 13-14, 2015

Saturday, June 13

The 69th annual Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp singing was held at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Oneonta, Alabama, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in June. Terry Hullett called the class to order by leading 81t. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Johnson.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 144; Nate Green 32t; Rebekah Gilmore 72b; Doyle Alexander 68b; Jack Nelson 266; Judy Chambless 527; Mary Huffman 191; Doug Conn 546; Roberta Strauss 228; Riley Lee 338; Rebecca Over 313t; Faith Riley 440; B.M. Smith 155; Shirley Figura 479; Robert Chambless 77b; Lori Graber 497; Bea Aaron 426b; Gary Smith 66; Ann Fox 135.

#### RECESS

Philip Gilmore brought the class back together by leading 64. Leaders: Henry Johnson 289; Richard Mauldin 168; Richard Schmeidler 474; Douglas Fower 299; Paul Figura, Paul Huffman, and Mary Huffman 339; Jim Aaron 231; Larry Ballinger 448b; Seth Holloway 236; Vickie See and Billy See 288; Charlotte Ehrman 147t; Frances Miller 99; Dwight Phillips 290; Hubert Nall 192; Steve Helwig 564; Paula Oliver 216; Grace Gilmore 542.

#### RECESS

Philip Gilmore brought the class back together by leading 411. Leaders: Chris Green and Nedra Green 318 (for Homer Murphree); Loyd Ivey 283; Gillian Inksetter 182; Frank Griggs 125; Earl Ballinger 124; Aubrey Barfield 208; Bridgett Kennedy 142; Bob Watkins 512; Richard Ivey 141; Daniel Bearden 431; Norma Green and Loyd Ivey 454; Velton Chafin 130; Tommie Spurlock 430; Susan Cheronos and Ann Bondi 300; Stanley Smith 185 (for Leona Smith); Brenda Chafin 234.

#### LUNCH

Philip Gilmore brought the class back together by leading 498. Leaders: April Watkins 345t; Donna Carlson 496; Rebecca Over 393; Frances Miller 351; Vella Dailey 452; Shirley Figura 30b; Lori Graber 510; Charlotte Ehrman 157; Frank Griggs 53; Gillian Inksetter 439; Paul Figura 75; Ann Fox 388; Vickie See and Billy See 354b; Paula Gilmore and Philip Gilmore 39t; Steve Helwig 220; Roberta Strauss 203; Mary Huffman 362; Riley Lee 396; Faith Riley 448t; Aubrey Barfield 480; Linda Thomas 85 (for Jewel Wootten and Betty Sue Phillips Johnson).

Terry Hullett, Nate Green, and Philip Gilmore led 46 as the closing song. Elder Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

## Sunday, June 14

The Sunday session of the Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Terry Hullett leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Doug Conn.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 87, 129; Nate Green 100, 101t; Rebekah Gilmore 77t, 63; Bob Watkins 189, 460; Doyle Alexander 36b, 318; Doug Conn 67, 74b; Rebecca Over 549, 548; Riley Lee 197, 70b; Karen Rollins 317, 297; Norma Green 499, 208; Henry Johnson 111t, 55; Denney Rogers 143, 345t; B.M. Smith 72b, 540.

### RECESS

Philip Gilmore brought the class together by leading 33b. Leaders: Philip Gilmore 47b; Buell Cobb 79; Cheyenne Ivey 76b, 111b; April Watkins 46, 345b; Grace Gilmore 274t, 142; Hayden Wootten and Cole Wootten 47t, 97; Jamey Wootten 176b, 166; Jared Wootten 378b, 475; Scott Ivey 331, 330t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Philip Gilmore and Paula Gilmore. They led 48t for the following deceased: C.W. Garner—Georgia; Dwight Moody, Mark Moody, Betty Wright, Evelyn Harris, Sammie Oliver, Hobert Ivey, Clois Brothers, J.O. Brothers, Elbert Wootten, Jewel Lowe, and Bill Aplin—Alabama.

Philip and Paula then led 45t for the following sick and shut-ins: Jewel Wootten, S.T. Reed, Betty Sue Phillips Johnson, Estelle Gilmore, and Audrey Reeves. Shane Wootten closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

### LUNCH

Terry Hullett brought the class together by leading 276. Leaders: Helen Brown 228, 532; Chita Blakeley 212, 430; Vickie See and Billy See 163b, 108b; Vicki Elliot 168, 203; Susan Cheronos 564, 209; Debra Rich 220; Margaret Gillanders 225t, 546; Rosalind Oldham 480, 147t; Waylon Blakeley 76t, 138t; Ted Brown 339, 445; Marty Wootten 123t; 313t; Rodney Ivey 56b, 123b; Shane Wootten and Linda Thomas 39t; Shane Wootten 185 (for Leona Smith), 571 (CB) (for Jewel Wootten); Paula Gilmore and Philip Gilmore 390, 512.

Terry Hullett, Nate Green, and Philip Gilmore led 62 as the closing song. Elder Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretaries—Paula Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore

## ALDRIDGE MEMORIAL Johnson School House, Fayette County, Alabama Sunday, June 14, 2015

The annual Aldridge Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Johnson School House on the second Sunday in June. Elene Stovall welcomed everyone, and then led 36b. Danny Creel offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Co-chairmen—Elene Stovall and Joan Aldridge; Secretary—Ann Jett; Arranging Officer—Elene Stovall.

Leaders: Elene Stovall 172; Joan Aldridge 49t; Steve Helwig 28b; Darrell Swarens 29t (in memory of Robert Aldridge and D.M. Aldridge); Richard Mauldin 143; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 276; Don Keeton 61; Loretta Whitman 75; Ann Fox 354b; Steve Adams 99; Virginia Eldridge 106; Douglas Fower 203; Betty Baccus 134; Paul Figura 123b; Charlotte Ehrman 480; Seth Holloway 388; Linda Sides 182; Chuck Howell 112; Gaea Singer 312b; Earl Ballinger 313t.

### RECESS

Bridgett Hill Kennedy led 82t to bring the class together. Leaders: Frank Griggs 315; Judy Whiting 212; Shirley Tidwell 457; Donna Carlson 178; James Eldridge 111b; Laura McMurray 512; Idy Kiser 32t; Anne Drexler 277; Richard Schmeidler

475; Catherine Brown 313b; Shirley Figura 361; Roberta Strauss 269; Chris Brown 569t; Janelle Davis 421; Elene Stovall and Elaena Gardner 440.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Joan Aldridge leading 166. Leaders: Lori Graber 464; Dan Brittain 302; Frances Miller 540; Gravis Ballinger 120; Gillian Inksetter 202; Katherine Eldridge 387; Willodean Barton 454; Chris Ballinger 344; Wanda Capps 299; Judy Caudle 422; Lucy Heidorn 155.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Darrell Swarens leading 84. Leaders: Lisa Geist 215; Danny Creel 428; Ann Jett 546; Larry Ballinger 218; Sue Peters and Steve Helwig 506; Steve Helwig 528; Allison Davis and Gresham Davis 373; Chris Brown and Judy Whiting 176t; Betty Baccus and Larry Ballinger 294 (by request); Elene Stovall and Irene Killingsworth 318; Charlotte Ehrman 486; Dan Brittain 458; Catherine Brown 569b; Roberta Strauss 384 (for Gary Gronau and Becky Browne); Paul Figura and Shirley Figura 335; Lori Graber 77t; Virginia Eldridge, James Eldridge, and Katherine Eldridge 568; Frank Griggs 372; Gillian Inksetter 217; Idy Kiser 108b; Donna Carlson 163b; Anne Drexler 87; Douglas Fower 142; Lucy Heidorn 146; Richard Schmeidler 66; Janelle Davis and Darrell Swarens 268; Frances Miller 49b; Gaea Singer 74b; Ann Fox 45t; Judy Caudle 345b; Chris Ballinger and Lisa Geist 270; Danny Creel, Ann Jett, Wanda Capps, and Linda Sides 530 (for Ottis Sides); Chuck Howell 127; Richard Mauldin 446; Loretta Whitman and Steve Adams 378t; Darrell Swarens 275b (in memory of Harrison and Flarce Creel).

Announcements were made. Elene Stovall, Joan Aldridge, and Bridgett Hill Kennedy led 46 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Co-chairmen—Elene Stovall and Joan Aldridge; Secretary—Ann Jett

### JUNE SINGING

#### Alpharetta Municipal Building, Alpharetta, Georgia Sunday, June 14, 2015

The 147th annual session of the June Singing was held on the second Sunday in June at the Alpharetta Municipal Building. Faye Holbrook called the class to order leading 59. John Plunkett offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Faye Holbrook 67; Janice Paulk 75, 448b; Helen Bryson 89, 68b; John Plunkett 50b, 33b; Kathy Smith 300, 277; Mike Castleberry 480, 515; Rachel Carlisle 145t, 137; Oscar McGuire 171, 155; Richard DeLong 45t, 72b.

#### RECESS

Faye Holbrook called the class to order leading 34b. Leaders Malinda Snow 540, 217; Susan Posey 147t, 344; Cecil Roberts 97, 138b; Virginia Dyer 37b, 63; Martha Ann Stegar 198, 47t.

A business session was held. The class voted to keep the same officers as follows: Chairman—Faye Holbrook; Vice Chairman—Janice Paulk; Secretary—Helen Bryson. The class voted to send a copy of these minutes to the Alpharetta City Council along with a thank-you note to Donald Mitchell and the City Council for allowing this singing to continue to be held in the Municipal Building.

Leaders: Faye Holbrook 455; Janice Paulk 441, 274b; Helen Bryson 178, 196.

#### LUNCH

Faye Holbrook called the class to order leading 343. Leaders: John Plunkett 49b, 74b (in memory of Loy Garrison); Mike Castleberry 76b, 490; Rachel Carlisle 204, 460; Oscar McGuire 229; Richard DeLong 399b, 373 (in memory of Corley family); Malinda Snow 510, 472; Susan Posey 276, 112; Kevin Kleinfelter 117; John Plunkett

84 (for Martha Ann Stegar), 275t; Debora Grosse 452, 66; Erica Hinton 175b; Matt Hinton 65, 36b.

## RECESS

Faye Holbrook called the class to order leading 542. Malinda Snow led 340 for the following sick and shut-ins: Jack Paulk, B.M. Smith, Donna Bell, and George Garner. Richard DeLong led 285t in memory of the following deceased: Raymond Hamrick, Junie Wootten, C.W. Garner, Inez Chandler (all from Georgia). Announcements were made, Faye Holbrook led 69t as closing song, and then offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Faye Holbrook; Vice Chairman—Janice Paulk; Secretary—Helen Bryson

## CAMP FASOLA, 2015, ADULT EMPHASIS Camp McDowell, Double Springs, Alabama June 14-17, 2015

### Sunday, June 14

**Arrival, Registration, and Orientation.** Campers arrived at 4:00 p.m. and were greeted by Jeannette DePoy and Scott DePoy at the registration tables. After receiving their t-shirts, room assignments, and schedules, campers had free time until supper at 6:00 p.m. Staff and campers met in the chapel with Camp Director David Ivey at 7:00 p.m. for an orientation meeting, and class singing followed. Camp Fasola is a non-profit endeavor of the Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA). SHMHA has no paid staff. SHMHA accepts donations and is a 501 (c) (3) organization.

**Class Singing.** 7:30 p.m. Led by St. Mary's Lodge campers. The class was called to order by David Ivey leading 388. The opening prayer was offered by Richard Schmeidler. Leaders: Judy Whiting 350; Susan Cherones 300; David Brodeur 340; Charlotte Ehrman 157; Richard Schmeidler 155; Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy 201; Daniel Lee 565; Rebecca Over 64; Idy Kiser 81t; Jeff Bell 504; J.R. Hardman 500; Sarah Trumbore 39t; Sonny Erwin 441; Donna Carlson 49b; Jonathon Smith 351; Laura McMurray 95; Doug Fower 448t; Ann Jett 88t; Rick Cunningham 89; Hazel Heinze 63; Steve Helwig 176b; Gillian Inksetter 330b; Ginnie Ely 228; Aldo Ceresa 83t; Ann Mashchak 551; Andy Ditzler 50t; Margaret Gillanders 212; Nathan Rees 200; Nancy Thompson 569b; Frank Griggs 29b; Lauren Bock 296; Ted Brown 111b. Bridgett Hill Kennedy conducted the devotional, and dismissed the class with prayer.

### Monday, June 15

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.

**Lesson: Rudiments I/Beginner.** 9:00 a.m.—Teacher—Lauren Bock. The class was introduced to beginning elements of Sacred Harp music. Lauren used a chart to explain the meaning of the shapes, measures, modes of time, and repeats. The class turned to page 13 of the Rudiments. The discussion was on sound, pitch, rhythm, and tempo. The class looked at 45t, and had a practice time, working on the major scale and singing triads.

**Lesson: Rudiments I/Basics.** 9:00 a.m.—Teacher—Nathan Rees. The class sang 64 to begin. The class practiced singing scales, and the most common intervals, which are thirds, fourths and fifths. Nathan emphasized that rules are not the only key to better singing. He referred to tradition as the glue that binds the community together in song. The class sang 146 to illustrate the impact of fourths in a song, and

242 to illustrate a variety of intervals. The class returned to page 64, and practiced accent to end the lesson.

**Lesson: Rudiments I/Advanced.** 9:00 a.m.—Teacher—Stuart Ivey. A chart was displayed showing the major and minor scales. Stuart began the lesson by leading 31t. Stuart asked who in the class thought 31t was an easy song to sing, and then had campers switch from their normal part. The class sang in unison the bass, alto, and treble parts. Stuart suggested being prepared to sing other parts in case you are needed to sing another part than you normally would at a singing. The class sang the major scale with Stuart directing to sing arpeggio, and then the class practiced singing intervals. The class sang 99, first in four parts, and then each part in unison. Stuart's closing remarks were to work on singing the scale and intervals because ear training is very important. He said if you can sing the intervals, you can sing any song in the book.

**Elective: Team Tunsmith I-Sacred Harp Composition 101.** 10:45 a.m.—Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. Aldo stated that *The Sacred Harp* songbook has been revised and added to since its inception. He learned composing by having conversations with other composers and mentors. Aldo provided a handout on tune-writing that he went over with the class. Aldo taught tunesmiths to use the Sacred Harp as their guide and to start simple. He said to learn from living composers, sing your music, and work by way of trial and error. Aldo suggested writing in the order of tenor, bass, treble, and alto. A melody should be written in a way to make sure it fits comfortably in singers' ranges. The tunesmiths were divided into groups to compose a bass part for Aldo's tune "Camp Fasola" (Fourth). The remainder of the class was spent singing each group's bass part with critique from Aldo Ceresa and Jesse Karlsberg.

**Elective: Rudiments Applied/Sightreading.** 10:45 a.m.—Teacher—Stuart Ivey. The class was called to order by David Brodeur, who led 152. Stuart stated that 152 is a song rarely sung. He reviewed the printing on page 152 that included the author, composer, and meter. A handout was provided to campers explaining clefs, flats, shapes, time signatures, and repeats. The class sang 54 to illustrate repeats in a song. Stuart encouraged singers to always beat time while singing, saying "the right note at the wrong time is a wrong note". The class looked at 240 as a song with plenty of ink. Those songs need to be observed carefully. Stuart remarked that sightreading is sometimes about damage control. He encouraged singers to pick songs appropriate for the time of day and that are within the ability of the class to sing. The class went over seven points of being able to lead well. Ginnie Ely led 225t to end the lesson.

**Elective: Musically Conservative and Materially Modern.** 1:00 p.m.—Teacher—Jesse Karlsberg. Jesse spoke about *The Original Sacred Harp, 1911 Edition* by John Stephen James. By 1900, there was a need in the modern industrialized new south for a new edition of the 1884 Sacred Harp book. The aim of the new 1911 edition was to modernize and update the appearance of the book without losing the old traditions. Scripture verses were added to each song to emphasize the spirituality of the music. The font was chosen as a return to the simplicity of the old style type set. James wanted to distance the simple, strong, and spiritual music of Sacred Harp from the secular styles of operatic, ragtime, and jigs. The 1911 edition did not greatly change the original harmonies, but added alto parts. After much controversy, James's book became more widely used than two competitors, (the Cooper and White books), and prevailed until the 1991 edition.

**Elective: Songs in Major and Minor.** 1:00 p.m.—Teacher—Dan Brittain. Dan began by sharing his history of Sacred Harp and said that he teaches according to how he sings Sacred Harp songs. If you hear other traditions, it is not wrong, it is just other traditions. Dan remarked that the second "fa" in a minor song is usually

raised by instinct and is not a uniform opinion; however, it is part of tradition. The class sang the first three measures of 209, raising the sixths in the treble part, and then again without raising the notes. Dan encouraged the class to feel the difference, and to do it by instinct. The class sang one verse of 209 and then sang 267. Dan read the words of 116, and asked the class to notice if there were repeats, high and low notes, or any raised sixths. The class sang the tenor line only and then in parts. The class sang 440, a minor tune, and 441, a major tune, and made comparisons. Dan said there are only two songs in the book that change key and reviewed one on page 355. To close the lesson, Dan led 278t.

**Lesson: *Leading Workshop.*** 2:10 p.m. Teachers—Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Judy Caudle. The teachers expressed their desire to help leaders improve their leading skills. Bridgett and Judy encouraged leaders to diligently learn the tenor part of the song they choose to lead at a singing. Leading is a form of communication with voice and conservative gestures. Judy led 155, a favorite song Shelbie Sheppard used when she taught leading class. The following are those who led in class, with leading tips and techniques offered by the teachers: Dan Hayes 507; Catherine Brown 178; Steve Helwig 71; Rick Cunningham 70b; Gaea Singer 46; Doug Fower 181; Adam Brasich 203. Class dismissed.

**Lesson: *History and Anatomy of the Fuging Tune.*** 2:10 p.m.—Teacher—Jesse Karlsberg. The lesson began with a question by Jesse, “What is a fuging tune?” Fuge is a Latin word used in the seventeenth century meaning to glee, hasten, pass quickly. Fuging tunes came about in the early 1700s to encourage people to sing according to the rules.

Jesse explained the variety of tunes in the Sacred Harp, and gave examples as follows: a plain tune has the setting of a hymn with four lines of notes, such as 49t and 49b; a plain tune with extension (pages 34t and 68b); an antiphonal tune (pages 63, 215, and 367); an integrated fuging tune, such as 209.

A handout was provided to campers. From the handout, Jesse led “Psalm 34” and “Taunton”. Jesse stated that Daniel Reed was a prolific fuging tune writer. From the handout, the class sang “Lisbon”. In the early 1800s fuging tunes became less popular, but continued in New England. Audiences became confused with the textual overlap, meaning they could not understand what they heard. Fuging tunes were criticized for being too boisterous and not solemn enough. Oliver Holden made an effort to circumvent this notion in his composition “Concord”. Ginnie Ely led 313t.

By the 1850s, Southern composers were experimenting with fuging tunes with a common entrance pattern or beginning with a tonic chord. Paine Denson and Marcus Cagle became very conventional fuging tune writers. The class had a discussion with Dan Brittain about his word painting and wide ranging alto in the tune “Akin”. Dan led 472, and the class was dismissed.

**Lesson: *Old Minutes—What They Tell Us and What They Don’t.*** 3:30 p.m.—Teacher—Buell Cobb.

Buell provided campers with a handout compiled of minutes and pictures taken from Conventions held as early as August 4, 1882 (sixth annual session of the Warrior River Musical Convention in Etowah County, Alabama), July 4, 1902 (Jaybird Sacred Harp Singing Convention at New Home Church), and more from the 1920s through the 1970s. Buell asked the question, “Why?” and answered himself with, “Well, because we want to know what it was like 100 to 150 years ago!” Many minutes do not mention song titles, numbers, or names of leaders, but Buell found minutes from 1902 that do mention the names of those who made a contribution and the amount each gave (from 5 to 50 cents). Minutes of the 38th annual session of the Clear Creek Sacred Harp Singing Convention in 1925 adopted articles to the

Constitution, such as “The Chairman has the right to call any leader down who refuses to keep straight up and down time” and “This convention shall not be opened with an introductory sermon”. In a Friday afternoon session, recorded in the 1930 minutes of the 21st annual session of the Alabama State Convention held at the Courthouse in Birmingham, Alabama, C.J. Griggs of Atlanta, Georgia, obtained the floor and presented an article, “Music and Its Progress”, for the consideration of the Convention to be spread upon the minutes and adopted. The following is an excerpt from the adopted article contained in the minutes: “As we have chosen for our part the great cause and advancement of Sacred Harp Music, it is highly important that we should combine our efforts to promote its progress by teaching schools, organizing conventions, getting books, offering personal compositions and suggestions on the subject, keeping in touch with each other by correspondence, helping to sing in church, teaching younger people to sing all parts of a song and, in fact, making our music so attractive that people cannot stay away from it. The efforts of our ancestors were intended for us to work on, what they did was behind us, what we have to do is ahead. Let us lay aside frictions and go hand in hand in one of the greatest causes in the world and never stop until every rippling stream will be dotted with houses filled with music and happy people”. Buell stated that some minutes make mention of the 1869 and 1911 James books being the only books allowed, and lastly, Buell found several instances of a piano or organ being used during the singings of the 1920s and ‘30s. Class dismissed.

**Lesson: Accent.** 3:30 p.m.—Teacher—Nathan Rees. Nathan defined accent as emphasis put on certain notes, but stated UN-accenting is equally important. Accent is what gives Sacred Harp its distinctive sound, and it will keep the tradition alive! Accent also keeps the class together, and it greatly changes the sound of the song. Nathan encouraged the class to invest the time to learn accent, so it will become natural. As an example, Nathan read the words to 45t in two different ways showing how accent matters. When the class gels, it is likely and largely due to accent. Nathan explained common time (2/2, 2/4, and 4/4), triple time (3/2 and 3/4), and compound time (6/4 and 6/8). In each mode of time, he explained where primary accent is placed, where secondary accent occurs, and also, where no accent is used. The class sang 57, heavily accented to feel the swing, and found it fun! Nathan commented that the unaccented notes make the song too. The class sang 43, using accent with multiple modes of time.

**Elective: The Songs of P. Dan Brittain.** 4:45 p.m.—Teacher—Dan Brittain. The class sang the following songs composed and led by Dan Brittain: “Beard” (the first Sacred Harp singer he met), “Iowa” (for the first Iowa Convention), “Cowling” (for choirmaster Doug Cowling), “Garden State” (for the second Garden State Convention), “Redding” (example of raised 6th), “Kittery” (combining two Missouri tunes), “Maquoketa” (site of first Iowa Convention), “Self-Examination” (with John Bayer), “Polnick” (parish church outside of Mount Vernon), “Ruth” (for Ruth Denson Edwards), “Steel” (for Warren Steel), “Hauff” (for Judy and Melanie Hauff), “Chmielno” (for first Camp Fasola in Chmielno, Poland, 2012), “Dean Street” (for Cork singers), “Hamrick” (re-written as fugue in 2015, sang for first time today).

**Elective: Keying Music.** 4:45 p.m.—Teacher—David Ivey. David began by stating that listening is the key to keying songs, and that there is a need to key songs. He suggested that those who wish to learn how to key should listen to how someone else keys a song and note how it sounds at that pitch. David referred the class to page 14 of the Rudiments that discusses keying. The class turned to 37b and David gave this song as an example to use to hear a song in their head. Beginners spent the remainder of the class keying the following songs: 399b, 277, 331, 477, 68t, and 312t. A final reminder to campers was to be quiet while the keyer is trying to find a pitch.

**Class Singing.** 7:30 p.m. Led by Holy Comforter Lodge and Stough Lodge campers. The class was called to order by Sonny Erwin and Peter Trumbore leading 148. Adam Brasich offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Adam Brasich 58; Karen Ivey 129; Robert Dickey and Aldo Ceresa 116; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 189; Chris Brown 120; Gaea Singer 457; Linda Sides 319; Dan McCarter 3767; Helen Brown 436; Bruce Voyles 163b; Catherine Brown 287; Bill Hayes 312b; Judy Caudle 91; Jesse P. Karlsberg 291; Frances Miller 168; Dan Brittain 121; Karen Freund 456; Rosalind Oldham 127; Vicki Elliott 37b; Asa Horvitz 448b; Buell Cobb 308; Richard Schmeidler 543; J.R. Hardman 282; Ginnie Ely 269; Margaret Gillanders 384. The devotional was conducted by Gaea Singer, reading from Romans 121. The closing prayer was offered by Adam Brasich.

The class remained in Pradat Hall to enjoy a presentation by Buell Cobb, reading excerpts from his book *Like Cords Around My Heart*. An ice cream social followed the reading, and campers enjoyed free time until lights out.

### Tuesday, June 16

**Lesson: Rudiments II/Beginner.** 9:00 a.m.—Teacher—Lauren Bock. Lauren referred the class to Chapter III, page 17 of the Rudiments, Melodics, which concerns pitch and patterns of successive pitches. Lauren described an octave as stair steps. On page 14 of the Rudiments in Chapter II, Rhythmics, the arrangements of notes and rests in time are reviewed. Lauren explained that when patterns of successive pitches and arrangements of notes in time are put together, you have a song! On page 15 of the Rudiments, the class looked at the different notes, rests, and their duration. Rests are periods of silence. A diagram of rests was reviewed on page 15 of the Rudiments. The class looked at 503, taking note of the rest hanging below the line and 45t with the rest above the line and the time it receives. On page 170, the class took note of the quarter rest and the time it gets. Page 15 in the Rudiments showed examples of eighth and sixteenth rests and the equivalent of time each represent. Lauren explained the modes of time described on page 15 of the Rudiments. The remainder of the lesson was used going over accent, reviewing songs with ties, slurs, special characters, fermatas, D.C., and first and second endings. The class sang 274t, and was dismissed.

**Lesson: Rudiments II/Basics.** 9:00 a.m.—Teacher—Nathan Rees. Campers were welcomed, and began the lesson practicing the major scale. The class was divided into two groups to participate in an exercise of intervals composed by Nathan. Nathan discussed tempo in each mode of time. Nathan reviewed accent and beating time according to page 16 of the Rudiments. The class looked at songs that have time changes, as in 227 and 387. The class sang 387 tenor line only and in parts. The remainder of the lesson was spent singing more intervals.

**Lesson: Rudiments II/Advanced.** 9:00 a.m. Teacher—Dan Brittain. Dan talked about Rhythmics and patterns. He referred to the pattern in 302. He remarked that there has been a tendency in the past five years to moderate the tempo so people from different communities can sing together. Dan suggested that everyone should beat time all of the time. In the Sacred Harp, we beat down and up in two beats instead of four. Dan related that beating in four tends to even out the accent and pulse that is characteristic of our music. The class reviewed songs in common time: 70 in 2/2, 416 in 4/4 and 170 in 2/4. The class reviewed songs in triple time, using a “down, down, up” motion: 163b in 3/2 and 30b in 3/4. Songs in 3/2 are usually slower than 3/4. The class reviewed songs in compound time: 98 in 6/4 and 57 in 6/8. Dan commented on 481. His original draft of the song had a time change. Class was dismissed.

**Elective: Death and Dying in The Sacred Harp.** 10:30 a.m. Teacher—Jeannette DePoy. Jeannette said she loves the poetry in songs about death and dying and if we



go through life knowing we will die, it will change how we live our lives. Jeannette named some songs that have the word death, die, or dying in them (78, 554, 57 and 26). The songs were discussed, and class members shared what the words meant to them. Jeannette led 460, 235, 48t, 494 and 111b. Leaders: Scott DePoy 65; Rebecca Over 390; Bill Hayes 209; Charlotte Ehrman 549; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 339; Dan McCarter 122; Douglas Fower 410t; Gaea Singer 38b; Donna Carlson 37b; Rosalind Oldham 146.

**Elective: Composing Tenor Lines.** 10:30 a.m. Teacher—Dan Brittain. Dan provided a hand-out with points on how to write a tenor line in Sacred Harp. The points suggest starting with a plain tune style or one similar to 177 with parts entering alone. Use 2/4 or 4/4 time if you want a faster tune or 2/2 for a slower tune. In the rhythmic patterns, keep it simple to start and use mostly half notes for a slow tune, and for faster tunes use some variety, but not too complex. The rhythms chosen should be consistent. For the first note, start on “Sol” or “Fa”. You can be more adventurous later! The last note should end on “fa”. Use mostly step motion, some skips are allowed (but every note should not be a skip). The last point Dan made was to try to match your tenor to the text, sometimes the words suggest motions. Class dismissed.

**Lesson: Leading Workshop.** 3:30 p.m. Teachers—Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Judy Caudle. Bridgett Hill Kennedy opened the class by leading 82t. Leaders: Nancy Thompson 460; Susan Cheronos 65; Laura McMurray 455; Andy Ditzler 387; Gedney Barclay 474; Frank Griggs 260; Pat Ryan 63; Charlotte Ehrman 196; Randy Neely 479; Asa Horvitz 542; Susan Cheronos 39b; Catherine Brown 569b; Gypsy Youngraven 49t; Daniel Lee 89; Frances Miller 112. Class dismissed.

**Lesson: I Will Never Unloose My Hold.** 3:30 p.m. Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. Aldo opened the class leading 36t. Aldo stated that holds or fermatas can add to a song, but all holds are not alike and mastering them can be difficult, even for seasoned singers. Holds rarely appear in early American tune books and are not mentioned in most eighteenth and early nineteenth century rudiments. The first dated tune found with a hold is in 1771. Well-crowned figures like Daniel Reed (Columbian Harmony), John McCurry (Social Harp, 1855), B.F. White and C.J. King (Sacred Harp, 1844) all give different definitions of a hold. Aldo remarked that even though they are not agreed on definitions of a hold, there are customs. “A Practical Guide to Fermatas in *The Sacred Harp*” was provided to the class, including examples of particular holds, such as half-measure downbeat holds, half measure upbeat holds, holds on the third beat in common time, full measure holds, off-beat, and unusual holds. Class members practiced and discussed the following songs with holds: 569b, 493, 163t, 48b. Aldo’s final advice was to watch a good leader you admire and see how they do things. Class dismissed.

**Lesson: Arranging Committee.** 3:30 p.m. Teachers—Jesse Karlsberg and Lauren Bock. Jesse and Lauren offered tips and suggestions for serving on the Arranging Committee. The Arranging Committee is very important to a singing. Jesse stated that arranging can make or break a singing. Suggestions were to make sure, when possible, your next leader is in the class before calling them to lead. Call your local singers at the beginning of the day and at the beginning of each session to warm up the class. Spread leaders out by location or people who you know that came together or who are family members. If you are aware of new or inexperienced leaders who may not know many songs yet, try to call them early in the day so they will not spend the day anxious about having their song being called, but do try to inspire them. The hour after lunch is a high contour time, when leaders should be called that can help maintain the energy in the afternoon session. Lauren and Jesse answered any questions and the class was dismissed.

**Class Singing.** 7:30 p.m. Led by Advent Lodge Campers. The following officers served: Chairwoman—Ginnie Ely; Secretary—William Hayes; Arranging Committee—J.R. Hardman and Doug Fower. The class was called to order by Ginnie Ely leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Shari Harrison. Leaders: Doug Fower 40; Sarah Trumbore 168; Pat Ryan 63; Idy Kiser 122; Ann Jett 47; Nathan Rees 417; Dan Comstock 186; Rebecca Over 411; Aldo Ceresa 272; Donna Carlson 47b; Rick Cunningham 101t; Laura McMurray 455; Emma Calvert 76b; David Ivey 378b; Gillian Inksetter 548; Hazel Heinze 84; Frank Griggs 506; David Brodeur 419; Judy Whiting and Shari Harrison 354t; Jeannette DePoy 128; Daniel Lee 497; Steve Helwig 422; Lucy Heidorn 436; Ted Brown 99; Andy Ditzler 313; Ann Mashchak 373; Susan Cheronos 65; Jeff Bell 100; Charlotte Ehrman 113; Nancy Thompson 460; Jonathon Smith 449; Lauren Bock 187; Ginnie Ely 48t.

The evening devotion was delivered by Rosalind Oldham. The theme was that you never know what God has planned for you. She related a very touching story of her own life and its trials and tribulations, but how God must have had a plan for her, and it all worked out for the best.

Sonny Erwin recognized David and Karen Ivey for all the work that they put forth to make Camp FaSoLa a success. This brought a standing ovation. Jeff and Shelbie Shepherd were remembered for their many contributions to Camp FaSoLa and the Sacred Harp tradition.

Lucy Marie (Ryan) Heidorn addressed the group, giving an account of her Creel family history and their involvement in Sacred Harp. She has an amazing memory of her extended family history.

### Wednesday, June 17

**Lesson: Rudiments III/Beginner.** 9:00 a.m. Teacher—Lauren Bock. Lauren reminded the class of some particulars of Sacred Harp singing and leading. She suggested that, when leading, to sing the tenor line. It also helps with understanding the music. When singing a three-part song, the alto will normally sing the bass line, but that is optional. The tenor and treble lines often have similar movement in a song; when in doubt, sing the tenor. Watching the leader is the singer's responsibility. The class reviewed and sang the minor scale. The minor scale begins with "la"; the major scale begins with "fa". The modes of time were reviewed. The class sang 274t, 300, 313b, and 146, and was dismissed.

**Lesson: Rudiments III/Basics.** 9:00 a.m. Teacher—Nathan Rees. Nathan began the class with an exercise in major intervals. Seven class members were each given a shape to be placed on a staff that was displayed on a board. Each of the seven campers placed their shape on the staff in a location of their choosing, with intervals in mind, and then the class had to sing the shapes that were placed on the staff.

Nathan explained intervals and ways to find them. The class reviewed and practiced the minor scale and intervals. The class sang 346 and reviewed 6/4 time and accent. The class sang 109 and 260. Nathan remarked that starting is the hardest part of leading; make eye contact and do not be intimidated. The class sang 82t. Nathan explained that if you want to fix or change the tempo while you are leading, take a step forward to gain attention from the front row. The dedication page was read from the front of the songbook. Margaret Gillanders offered the closing prayer.

**Lesson: Rudiments III/Advanced.** 9:00 a.m. Teacher—David Ivey. David led 169, and said that it is the least used song in the book. The reason for 169 and other songs not being sung may be due to unfamiliarity rather than complexity of the song. David reviewed the Rudiments regarding measures, notations, and dots. The class practiced the major scale. David advised to think on top of the note as you sing to avoid going flat. There was a short discussion of the raised sixth. David talked about the benefits of learning other parts. On page 20; Chapter V, of the Rudiments, the

class went over points of dynamics, including crescendos and accent. The class sang the following songs, keeping in mind the dynamics: 417, 177, 143, 235, 39b, 354b, 29t, 131b, and 346. Class dismissed.

**Elective: *Thoughts on Sacred Harp Etiquette.*** 10:45 a.m. Teacher—Buell Cobb. Buell began by quoting Dewey Williams, “Anybody who don’t know more than’s in the Rudiments ain’t learn’t but mighty little.” Buell stated that over time some things have changed. Today is more informal in dress and behavior. In the old days, only the best would lead. Later on and today more people lead. Buell gave some examples from older Constitutions: (1923) It said “We perpetuate and defend tradition”; A *Cooper Book* (1858) said “The leader shall not occupy too much time”. Violators were deprived for twelve months and some were expelled from conventions. Rules and regulations were enforced. No spitting allowed (1867). Buell said the bedrock principles were to show no partiality or sympathy for any religion or politics, and avoid arguments or sermons. Buell remarked that we are focused on celebrating our musical traditions in Sacred Harp. We are tolerant about everything except the music. It is inappropriate to have petition signings or to ask about beliefs, and no politics. The memorial lesson is to honor singers and lovers of Sacred Harp music who have passed on and those who are sick and shut-in. Be careful not to go outside past precedents. Choral arrangements of Sacred Harp tunes are done by some composers out there. We don’t like those arrangements! Let’s keep it traditional. Leading has two extremes—the master and the total novice; both are easy on the front bench and they lead or follow! To be in-between is most difficult. Don’t sit in the front row if you are not qualified. As a default procedure, continue beating time and the singers will continue. Learn how to stop. A pause between verses is helpful. New leaders are encouraged to tell ahead if they will repeat. Buell led 425, saying “the hand is like a magic wand” and to lean into the group to communicate. It is a breach of etiquette to change the key without asking. It is common sense when a song has many verses to indicate which ones you want to sing. Sometimes, leading too many verses violates responsibility to the group. Sacred Harp is democratic! Sense what the group wants. Watch good leaders. Do not keep your eyes on your book; watch the leader! The Arranging Committee should keep good theater in mind. Vary songs with different tempos and use locals to get the singing going. Buell told a story about a Georgia family and the point of the story was... there are few absolutes in Sacred Harp. Use common sense! Class dismissed.

**Elective: *And Then I’ll Be At Rest.*** 10:45 a.m. Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. The class began with Aldo leading 77b. A hand-out was provided with information on the art of silence in Sacred Harp singing. Aldo explained that rests are there for a reason. They are as important as learning time, tune, and accent. Paine Denson, at the 1954 Chattahoochee Convention, said, “It’s just as important to rest when the time comes as it is to sing when the time comes.” The time remaining was spent singing songs with rests in them. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 149; Sonny Erwin 325; Dan Brittain 38b; Rosalind Oldham 34b; Lauren Bock 210; Aldo Ceresa 232, 522, 365; Jesse Karlsberg 234, 292.

**Elective: *Singing Favorites with Elder Hopper.*** 1:00 p.m. Teacher—Elder J.L. Hopper. Elder Hopper stated that the writer of the text has a message to convey and does so with words. The music is written to emphasize the words so that we might understand what the writer meant to convey. Elder Hopper read the text of “Enfield”, written by Elizabeth Rowe, and led “Enfield”. Elder Hopper remarked that the words of “Chester” are not the original words written by William Billings. The original text was about securing freedom from the English. He led 291, mentioning that the words reflected the scripture Psalm 18:10 telling us what the Lord has done. He led 311 that tells us what we should do—sing Hallelujah. The

class sang 54 and 49t. Elder Hopper told a story of when he was four years old his grandfather told him that if he learned and led 76t (at the singing at Gum Pond in 1936), he would give him a nickel. He said that he took his book and got on the bed in his room, and learned the notes since he could not read yet. He memorized the words with help from his mother. He sang and led the song at the singing, and earned his nickel! The class sang 76t, 306, and 301 to conclude.

**Elective: *Styles of Sacred Harp Music.*** 1:00 p.m. Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. Aldo led 28t as an example of a plain tune. Aldo stated that songs have been categorized by style since the 1700s. The different categories or styles are Plain, Psalm, Fuguing, Camp Meeting, and Folk. A plain song is easy and polyphonic. Psalm tunes have a genteel character and are uncharacteristic of Sacred Harp. Fuguing songs are rhythmic imitation in parts. Camp Meeting songs have a lot of note repetition, are catchy and high energy. Folk tunes are pentatonic and snappy. He remarked that some songs are a combination of styles. Aldo led the class in the following songs as examples of the various styles: 49t, 565, 38b, 515, 452, 145b, 162, 159, 48b, 102, 267, and 274t. Class dismissed.

**Lesson: *The Memorial Lesson.*** 2:10 p.m. Teachers—Judy Caudle and Bridgett Hill Kennedy. Judy Caudle led 354b, and explained that in Sacred Harp tradition there are many types of lessons. Singing lessons are often dedicated to people who are unable to attend or who may have a loved one who passed away. The memorial lesson is a time for quiet reflection and memories. It is a special lesson often tailored differently and can mean different things to different people. Bridgett spoke about the difference in those who grew up singing Sacred Harp and those who were adopted into it. Bridgett remarked that we all can recall a time when the memorial lesson began to mean something to us. Bridgett and Judy posed a question of how has Sacred Harp affected our thoughts about death. A time of interaction began with class members who shared their thoughts. Bridgett read the second verse of 330b. A part of the memorial lesson is remembering the sick and shut-ins. Some class members spoke about how much it meant to them to be reached out to by singers and contacted during their time of illness. The class concluded and entered into a memorial lesson.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Linda Sides and Doug Fower. Linda Sides read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Bob DePoy, John Hopkinson, Ann Lloyd-Davis, Steve Harrison, Dave Kidman, Connor McDougall, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Norma Waterson, Cath Tyler, Kaneaster Hodges, Jr., Dan Adams, Sister Pippa, Elsie Moon, S.T. Reed, Wayne Reed, Ruth Steggle, Kermit Adams, Velton Chafin, Johnie Chafin, Ottis Sides, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Melanie Hauff, B.M. Smith, Eugene Forbes, Lindley Hodges, and Litefoot. Doug Fower said those who have passed leave a hole in our lives, and that we miss them and remember them. He read the following list of names of the deceased: Evelyn Harris, Stanly Edwards, Sammie Oliver, Dawson Adams, Charles Kitchens, Johnny Humber, Stella Pratt—Alabama; Tom Wilson—Connecticut; Jo Howarth Noonan, Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, C.W. Garner—Georgia; Kate Davis—Ireland; Richard Forsyth—Massachusetts; Patricia Rufo—New York; Danny Arms—North Carolina. Linda Sides read the words of 565, and offered the prayer to close the memorial service.

**Lesson: *Learning Songs.*** 3:15 p.m. Teacher—Jonathon Smith. Jonathon gave class members a hand-out titled “Curious Singer’s Guide to Learning Songs from the Sacred Harp”. Jonathon said that two things are needed when learning Sacred Harp songs—patience and time! Other pointers Jonathon gave the class were to practice, go to monthly singings, learn the tenor part, and practice scales and intervals. An interval exercise was provided on the hand-out. He suggested to practice fast parts

slowly. The class looked at 217, and practiced it slowly. Jonathon gave several sources to find and listen to recordings, one being YouTube. A class member led 74t. Jonathon answered questions in regard to difficulties in songs. On fuging tunes, you do not have to bring in every part. Jonathon led 26, since it is a song many had not sung. The class sang 34b, and class was dismissed.

**Lesson: Leading, Singing, and Remembering Jeff and Shelbie.** 3:15 p.m. Teachers—Rene Greene and Pam Nunn. Rene and Pam led 217. After remembering the contributions made by Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard to Camp Fasola, they chose students to lead songs that they would consider challenging. As campers led, Pam and Rene offered constructive criticism, and invited participants to share recollections about Jeff and Shelbie. Leaders were rewarded with special mementos that had belonged to Jeff and Shelbie, including a *Lloyd's Hymnal*, pieces of jewelry and apparel, and commemorative items from singings to which the Sheppards had traveled.

Leaders: Helen Brown 518; Lauren Bock 543; Charlotte Ehrman 196; Andy Ditzler 189; Asa Horvitz 542; Jeff Bell 560; Karen Freund 376; Chris Brown 468; David Brodeur 195; Sonny Erwin 534.

**Elective: Team Tunesmith II—Composium.** 4:25 p.m. Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. The Composium began with Aldo leading “Bear Creek”. Tunesmiths completed six exercises. Composers led their new compositions, and Aldo gave helpful and insightful comments. The class sang songs by Jesse Karlsberg and Linda Sides that were written from last year’s Team Tunesmith Composium. Class was dismissed.

**Elective: The Alabama McGraws.** 4:25 p.m. Teacher—Rebecca Over. Special guests present in the class were Eugenia Ridinger (granddaughter of Lee McGraw), Coy Middlebrooks (grandson of Lee McGraw), and Lisa McGraw (daughter of Albert Jackson McGraw). Rebecca thanked them for coming to the class. Rebecca spent time traveling in Alabama and Georgia during 2011-2015, interviewing family members and doing research on the McGraw family and their contribution to Sacred Harp. A hand-out was distributed entitled “The Alabama McGraws, Singers and Composers of Lauderdale County”. The compilation of Rebecca’s research included the McGraw family tree (including selected Bishops, Entrekins, and Wallaces) and a family tree of the Nix family showing connections with the Lee McGraw, Hendrix, Entrekin, and Cagle families. Rebecca recounted the civil war history of the McGraws. Roland McGraw and Augusta (Gussie) Entrekin-McGraw are known to be the first generation of the McGraw family to be Sacred Harp singers. By the end of 1901, there were eleven surviving children, three of whom became well known composers. In 1902; Roland and Augusta McGraw and their eleven children began traveling by wagon to Alabama in search of a better land. Roland died in 1910, but Augusta spent the rest of her life as a dedicated Sacred Harp singer. She lived to see her sons and grandson compose songs featured in the 1936 edition. Warren Steel led “Entrekin”. Lee Andrew McGraw, Roland and Augusta’s second child, grew up with Sacred Harp singing. Lee built the house that would become the McGraw family home. Lee was a member of the Music Committee for the 1936 edition. During the year the book was prepared, Lee was farming, being a director of the bank, and serving as deacon and treasurer of Bethel Baptist Church. Lee had two songs in the 1936 edition, “Entrekin” and “Odem”, that are still in the book today. Lee’s song “Liberty Grove” was in the 1960 edition. The class sang “Liberty Grove” led by Steve Helwig. Eugenia Ridinger shared a story of Leon McGraw, who at the age of 19 composed “Odem” (first). The class sang 295 led by Helen Brown. Lee’s first wife, Lou, died in 1955. Lee then married Ida Bertha Nix, a half-sister of Lou’s father. Rebecca remarked that Ida stood out in her research as one who continued to

be an active singer and leader after Lee's death, and one who made a contribution to the 1960 edition. Class was dismissed.

**Community Singing.** 7:00 p.m. Led by Mullen and Miss Mary's Lodges campers. Frances Miller called the class to order by leading 49t. Dan Comstock offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Rick Cunningham and Gypsy Youngraven 159; Jesse Karlsberg and Lauren Bock 270; Bridgett Hill Kennedy, Judy Caudle, Susan Cheronos, and David Ivey 201; Peter Trumbore 105; Bruce Voyles 344; Catherine Brown 38b; Sue Peters 34b; Gillian Inksetter and Annette Kastner 198; David Brodeur 280; Warren Steel and Sarah Trumbore 53; Aldo Ceresa and Frank Griggs 67; Daniel Lee 225t; Linda Sides 215; Idy Kiser and Eugene Forbes 212; Donna Carlson 49b; Charlotte Ehrman 318; Richard Schmeidler 475; Karen Freund and Karen Ivey 77t; Rebecca Over and Eugenia Ridinger 395; Vicki Elliott 37b; Nathan Rees and Jonathon Smith 371; Asa Horvitz 542; Ann Jett and J.R. Hardman 512; Andy Ditzler 35; Sonny Erwin and Angela Myers 30b; Gedney Barclay 474; Hazel Heinze and Nancy Thompson 178; Aldo Ceresa 128; Adam Brasich and Dan McCarter 133; Chris Brown and Judy Whiting 521; Elene Stovall and Sarah Baugh 217; Jeff Bell 30t; Dan Comstock and Ann Mashchak 370; Mark Davis 234; Ginnie Ely and Gaea Singer 148; Pam Nunn 556; Steve Helwig and Bill Hayes 288; Steve Adams 99; Shari Harrison and Lauren Bock 480; Richard Mauldin 168; Doug Fower 300; Laura McMurray and Pat Ryan 39t. Frances Miller led 347 as the closing song, and then offered the closing prayer.

#### **Thursday, June 18**

Following breakfast at 7:00 a.m., camp was dismissed.

Camp Director—David Ivey

### **NATIONAL SACRED HARP CONVENTION**

**First Christian Church, Birmingham, Alabama**

**June 18-20, 2015**

**Thursday, June 18**

The 36th session of the National Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Mark Davis leading 36b. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts. The Convention then went into business session, with the following officers and committee members elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Mark Davis; Vice Chairmen—Buell Cobb, Gaston, White, and Hubert Nall; Chaplain—Jesse Roberts; Secretaries—Cheryl Foreman and Kathy Williams; Arranging Committee—Helen Brown and Sonny Erwin; Memorial Committee—Mike Hinton and Sharona Nelson; Finance Committee—Buell Cobb and Randy Webber; Resolutions Committee—Pat Temple and Gary Smith; Location Committee—Hubert Nall.

Leaders: Gaston White 99; Hubert Nall 475; Kathy Williams 147b; Cheryl Foreman 492; Helen Brown 313t; Sonny Erwin 489; Buell Cobb 52t; Jesse Roberts 275b; Gary Smith 344; Judy Chambless 318; Samuel Wright 67; Richard Mauldin 43; Daniel Lee 565; Henry Guthery 549; Cora Beasley Sweatt 72b; Randy Webber 180; Robert Chambless 225t.

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The class was called back to order by Sonny Erwin leading 128. Leaders: Jack Nelson 480; Becky Briggs 204; Jack Pate 569b; Catherine Brown 473; Glenn Keeton 86; Bea Aaron 456; Douglas Fower 112; Henry Johnson 230; Virginia Douglas 159; Steve Adams 101t; Jim Aaron 47b; Sarah Trumbore 171; Sarah Beasley 340; Arlon Gardner 70b.

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The class was recalled by Kathy Williams leading 37b. Leaders: Chita Blakely 377; Bruce Voyles 34b; Matthew Keeton and Isabella Keeton 282; Claire Davis 345t; Corissa Sweatt, Jonathan Sweatt, and Hayley Beasley 145b, 45t; J.R. Hardman 547; Steve Helwig 423; Pam Minor and Gill Minor 178; Andy Ditzler 73t; Rosalind Oldham 66; David Ivey 540; Doug Conn 441. The lunch blessing was returned by Elder Jesse Roberts.

#### LUNCH

Glenn Keeton called the class together by leading 270. Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 271t; Billy See 108b; Amber Davis 192; Vicki Elliott 155; Nathan Rees 96; Pam Nunn and Sharon DuPriest 189; Ted Brown 119; Emily Brown 436; Dan Brittain 371; Anne Heider 273; Jesse Karlsberg 392; Mike Hinton 373; Margaret Gillanders 542; Gillian Inksetter and Idy Kiser 224; Aldo Ceresa 411; Steve Warner 474; Gary Padgett 442; Lauren Bock 208; Jonathon Smith 220; Frank Griggs 425; Linda Thomas 106; Ginnie Ely 349; Nathan Stewart 319; Rebecca Over 74t; David Brodeur 428.

#### RECESS

Mark Davis brought the class together leading 88t. Leaders: Charlotte Ehrman 486; Susan Cheronos 65; Pat Temple 232; Frances Miller 138t; Rosemary Greenaway 384; Adam Brasich 39t; Wendy Anderson 300; Daniel Bearden 72t; Leslie Booher 163b; Laura McMurray 512; Isaac Montgomery Sligh 288; Dorothea Maynard 361. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer.

### Friday, June 19

The Friday session of the National Convention was brought to order by Mark Davis leading 42. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts. Leaders: Gaston White 148; Hubert Nall 168; Buell Cobb 275t; Kathy Williams 191; Cheryl Foreman 276; Helen Brown 234; Sonny Erwin 111b; Marlin Beasley 448t; Mary Wright 546; Sue Bunch 547; Richard Mauldin 43; Rick Foreman 287; Alexandra Maymi 228; Zilpha Cornett 480; Nicholas Thompson 498; Becky Strickland 107; the Beasley family 81t; Charlie Williams 217.

#### RECESS

Jonathon Smith called the class together by leading 129. Leaders: Chloe Webb 106; Laurie Silva 318; Mike Hawkins 29t; Wyatt Denney 32t; Sharona Nelson 66; Michael Penny 57. Pastor Troy Tatum then welcomed the Convention to First Christian Church. Leaders: Jesse Roberts 254; Delone Cobbs 354t; Ann Riley Gray 542; Phillip Denney 87; Eric Conrad 284.

#### RECESS

Nathan Rees called the class together leading 176t. Leaders: David Carlton 528; Diane Ross 455; B.M. Smith 475; Nate Green and Norma Green 410t; Larry Ballinger 551; Dennis George 268; Judy Whiting 441; Micah Roberts 481; Nikos Pappas 250; Cheyenne Ivey 101t; Donald Ross 419; Bill Stewart 569b; Geraldine Sharpton 496; Eugene Forbes 280; Warren Steel 355. Grace was given before the meal by Elder Jesse Roberts.

#### LUNCH

Henry Johnson called the class together by leading 385t. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 106; Amber Davis 142; Loyd Ivey 452; Daphene Causey 434; Beth Branscome 467; Rodney Ivey 270; Judy Caudle 500; Steve Brett 206; David Ivey 522; Coy Ivey 384; Karen Rollins 153; Leon Ballinger 195; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 377; Richard Ivey and Kelsey Ivey 131b; Aldo Ceresa 56b; Lauren Bock 560; Sharon DuPriest 137; Scott Ivey 214; Vicki Elliott 183; Dallas Gambrell 178; Dan Brittain 430; Kelsey Ivey 440; Pam Minor 84; Mark Davis 236; Becky Briggs and Corissa Sweatt 460; Bruce Boyle 68b; Robert Dickey and Richard Mauldin 49b; Laura McMurray 95.

The class was dismissed with prayer.

## Saturday, June 20

The Saturday session of the National Convention began with Mark Davis leading 129. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts. Leaders: Gaston White 155; Hubert Nall 566; Buell Cobb 138t; Kathy Williams 77b; Cheryl Foreman 187; Helen Brown 411; Sonny Erwin 31b; Jesse Roberts 376; Pat Temple 59; Gary Smith 569b; Mike Hinton 495; Charlotte Ehrman 365; Arlon Gardner 277; Jim Aaron 231; Gary Padgett 218; Virginia Douglas 147t; Jack Nelson 524; Randy Webber 313b; Diane Ross 543; Leslie Booher 47b; Billy See 312b; Donald Ross 225t.

### RECESS

The class was called together by Sonny Erwin and Helen Brown leading 32t. Leaders: Cora Sweatt 111b; David Branham 358; Bea Aaron 568; Sarah Trumbore 154; Micah Roberts 318; Virgel Campbell 85; Eric Tweedy 385b; Daniel Bearden 140; Rosalind Oldham 503; Jackson Fleder 176b; Ginnie Ely 196; Susan Cheronos 564; Steve Warner 86; Margaret Gillanders 391; Henry Johnson 164.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Mike Hinton made remarks about the tradition of the memorial lesson: to remember loved ones who have passed away in the last year and those who are unable to be with us for health reasons. Sharona Nelson then read the list of names of the sick and homebound, and led 400 for them.

The following list of deceased was read: Stanly Edwards, Evelyn Harris, Hobert Ivey, Betty Wright, Charles Kitchens, Eldagene Roberson, Sammie Oliver, Johnny Humber, Rena Humber, Stella Pratt, Dawson Adams, Nadine Willis, Phillip Wootten, Dwight Moody, Mark Moody, Audress Gurley, Larry Sumner, Leon Burgess—Alabama; Carroll Lunsford—California; Tom Wilson—Connecticut; Dennis Beasley—Florida; Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, Josephine Denney, C.W. Garner—Georgia; David Rust—Indiana; Terry White—Kentucky; Richmond Forsyth—Massachusetts; Joseph Greenaway—Maryland; Danny Arms—North Carolina; John Dennis, Joe Fothergill, Gary Dale—Ohio; Kate Davis—Ireland; Mary Newell—United Kingdom. Mike Hinton and Sharona Nelson led 354b in memory of the deceased. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Leaders: Linda Thomas 47t; Rick Foreman 515; Charles McCravy 145t; Rebecca Over 353; Phil Summerlin 278t; Sarah Beasley 61; Rosemary Greenaway 282.

### LUNCH

Jesse Roberts called the class together by leading 144. Leaders: Nathan Stewart 58; Corissa Sweatt 87; David Carlton 448t; Morgan Bunch and Sue Bunch 485; Mary Wright 146; Warren Steel 442; Anne Heider 532; Nathan Rees and Jesse Karlsberg 99; Elene Stovall 216; Richard Schmeidler 474; Ted Brown 426b; Sharona Nelson 209; Jonathon Smith 110; Ann Riley Gray 207; Sue Bunch 501; Eric Conrad 348t; Anne Heider 236; Becky Briggs 208; Isaac Sligh 57; Dorothea Maynard 304; Jesse Karlsberg 572; UK Singers 77t.

The Convention went into business session to hear committee reports. The Finance Committee thanked the class for donations that were sufficient to cover expenses. Buell Cobb also reported that the Convention has gained 501 (c) (3) status under the umbrella of Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association, and tax deductible donations can now be made.

The Resolutions Committee made the following report: We, individually and collectively, as the 36th annual National Sacred Harp Convention hereby resolve: To thank God for giving us the spirit, will, and strength to gather to sing this music and glorify Him; to thank the pastor, staff, and congregation of First Christian Church for opening their doors to us and providing this magnificent place to sing; to thank Chairman Mark Davis and all the officers of this Convention for their tireless efforts to make this occasion a thing of seemingly effortless joy; to thank all those



who prepared and brought the food which fed our physical bodies while the music fed our spiritual bodies; to offer appreciation to Sarah Beasley, Buell Cobb, and Warren Steel, who were members of the first annual National Sacred Harp Convention and have attended every year since; to thank Sarah Beasley for opening her home to host the social; and, we hereby resolve to gather again next year on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before the third Sunday in June to renew this convention. Respectfully submitted: Pat Temple and Gary Smith.

The secretary reported that 425 people from 23 states, the UK, Canada, and Australia registered during the three days of the Convention. There were 135 leaders who led 241 songs. The numbers by state and country are as follows: Alabama—311; Georgia—19; Tennessee—19; Texas—9; Mississippi—8; New York—6; Virginia—5; Oklahoma—4; Florida—3; North Carolina—3; Michigan—3; Washington—2; North Dakota—2; Kentucky—2; Indiana—2; Arkansas—2; Massachusetts—2; Colorado—1; Iowa—1; Oregon—1; Maryland—1; Vermont—1; Louisiana—1; United Kingdom—10; Canada—3; Australia—1. The business session was closed. The officers led 62 as the traditional closing song of the Convention, and those who wished took the parting hand. Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mark Davis; Vice Chairmen—Buell Cobb, Gaston White, Hubert Nall; Secretaries—Cheryl Foreman and Kathy Williams

## **MOORE, GRAVES, AND CALVERT MEMORIAL** **Addington Chapel, Cullman County, Alabama** **Saturday, June 20, 2015**

The 106th session of the Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Addington Chapel on Saturday before the third Sunday in June. Danny Creel led 335 to bring the class to order. Richard Mauldin offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Yancey Jett; Secretary—Emily Brown; Arranging Officer—Brenda Chafin.

Leaders: Danny Creel 112; Yancey Jett 312b, 89; Emily Brown 82t, 475 (in memory of Flarce Creel); Brenda Chafin 168, 434; Richard Mauldin 43, 551; Gedney Barclay 547, 109; Eugene Forbes 203, 155; Leon Ballinger 99, 120; Amber Davis 187, 212; Judy Whiting 171, 105; Earl Ballinger 104, 147b; Butch White 503, 535; Judy Caudle 317, 167; Nicholas Thompson 113, 192; Chris Brown 279, 546.

### **RECESS**

Yancey Jett led 64 to bring the class together. Leaders: Steve Brett 401, 426b; Wanda Capps 298, 36b; Velton Chafin 98, 76t; Faith Riley 215, 448b; Susan Allred 56t, 183; Asa Horvitz 122, 111b; Willodean Barton 35, 418; Charlie Williams 228, 76b; Ken Tate 129, 303; Darrell Swarens 40, 208; Angela Myers 179, 182; Cindy Tanner 436 (for Kenny Graves), 512; Mike Richards 100, 200; Ann Jett 269, 327; Lucy Heidorn and David Heidorn 88t, 145b.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Danny Creel leading 448t. Leaders: Stephen Smith 58, 79; Linda Sides 319, 225t; Ottis Sides 530, 61; Gedney Barclay 410t, 474; Darrell Swarens and Cindy Tanner 198; Judy Whiting 521; Mike Richards 30b; Leon Ballinger 454; Chris Brown 128; Faith Riley 72b; Steve Brett 406; Asa Horvitz 542; Stephen Smith 126; Charlie Williams 186; Judy Caudle 325; Lucy Heidorn 217; Nicholas Thompson 392; Amber Davis 151; Larry Ballinger 300; Ann Jett and David Heidorn 146; Ken Tate 86; Cindy Tanner 220; Butch White 178; Richard Mauldin 358; Linda Sides 564; Angela Myers 110; Eugene Forbes 172; Emily Brown 422;

Yancey Jett 480; Emily Brown 419 (for Ozella Blackmon); Brenda Chafin 196 (by request).

Announcements were made. Danny Creel led 46 as the closing song, and then dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Yancey Jett; Secretary—Emily Brown

**MT. ADAMS SINGING**  
**Trout Lake Community Hall, Trout Lake, Washington**  
**Saturday, June 20, 2015**

The 2nd Mt. Adams All-Day Singing was called to order by Melissa Stephenson and Steve Helwig leading 49b. Bob Schinske offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Steve Helwig 565, 489; Melissa Stephenson 375, 179; Dorothy Robinson 486, 203; Bruce Rowland 82t, 426b; Linda Berkemeier 31b, 34b; Pat Coghlan 492; Wendy Ardans and Melissa Stephenson 159; Kathy Vlach 472, 473; Mary Taylor 454, 455; Karl Oswald 59, 73t; William Price 178, 66.

**RECESS**

Steve Helwig called the class back to order leading 63. Leaders: Marla Elliott 198, 163b; Steve Tarr 131t, 201; Betsy Jeronen 89, 564; Heather Ikeler 43; Anne Huckins 86, 99; Nancy Price 108t, 129; Kate Fine 384, 112; Thom Fahrbach 80t, 343; Peter Schinske 479, 335; Ana Tighe 387, 182; Cornelia Stanton 45t, 344. Karen Willard asked the blessing before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

Steve Helwig called the class back to order leading 30b. Leaders: Meg Larson 452 (in memory of Sarah J. Hauser); Steve Cackley 156, 321; John Wiens 430, 268; Karen Willard 283, 171 (for Rodney Willard); Stephanie Fida 272, 445; Kate Fortin 209, 440; Clarissa Fetrow 441, 218; Kate Coxon 216, 65; Jen Rymut 134, 309; Erik Schwab 432, 195; Bradley Knoke 348b, 162; Bob Schinske 286, 536; Anna Stoerch 172, 222.

**RECESS**

Clarissa Fetrow called the class back to order leading 106. Leaders: Sophia Schinske 108b; Rogan Campbell 210; Bruce Rowland 282; Peter Schinske 114; Ann Huckins 77t; John Wiens 142; Jen Rymut 270; Erik Schwab 374; Steve Cackley and Bradley Knoke 494; William Price 496; Cornelia Stanton and Linda Berkemeier 466; Stephanie Fida 278t; Karen Willard 208; Nancy Price 480; Betsy Jeronen and Meg Larson 31t; Karl Oswald, Margaret Oswald, and Mercy Oswald 143; Kate Coxon 318; Kate Fine and Anna Stoerch 111b; Bob Schinske 32t; Thom Fahrbach and Dorothy Robinson 506; Kathy Vlach 313t; Ana Tighe and Mary Taylor 532; Marla Elliott 235; Sophia Schinske 497; Steve Tarr 90.

Announcements were made. Treasurer Jen Rymut announced that expenses had been met. The Chairperson thanked all who made the singing a success.

Melissa Stephenson and Steve Helwig led 347 as the closing song. Thom Fahrbach offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Melissa Stephenson; Vice Chairman—Steve Helwig; Secretaries—Dorothy Robinson and Betsy Jeronen

**EXETER SINGING**  
**Douglassville, Pennsylvania**  
**Saturday, June 20, 2015**

The annual Exeter All-Day Singing was called to order by Leon Pulsinelle leading 52t. Lamar Mathew offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Oliver Kindig- Stokes; Vice Chairmen—Alex Forsyth; Secretaries—Jesse Polhemus and Teresa Rodriguez. Leaders: Alex Forsyth 57; Tom Stokes 418; Sasha Hsuczyk 27; Ina Shea 571; Teresa Rodriguez 236; Lamar Mathew 156; Bethany Towne 439; Forrest Quay 419; Ben Cocchiaro 547; Dan Pell 480; Jim Strube 500; Nancy Mandel 313t; Ivy Hauser 350; Fred Steinruck 569t; B.C. Condon 84; Sam Kleinman 272; Charles Biada 333; Barb VanderJagt 472; Nancy Tkacs 479; Gwen Gethner 138t; Dan Hunter 100.

#### RECESS

The class was called back together by Joel Bassett leading 32t. Leaders: Dean Jens 196; Mackenzie Steinruck and Lori Cabirac 117; Rodney Martin 63; Ted Stokes 399b; Joshua Barnett 378b; Doug Kurtze 362; Rachel Hall 189; Michael Spenser 178; Lindsay Kruse 200; Thomas Ward 375; Corinne Ducey 464; Jessica Keyes 157; Chris Cotter 134; Katy Kanfer 573; Len VanderJagt 77t; Patty Lambert 163b; Sophie Soloway 193; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 153.

#### RECESS

The class was called back together by Joshua Barnett leading 277. Leaders: Erin Kelly 545; Emma Rose Brown 283; Rachel Speer 566 (for Dan Adams); Liz Cantrell 466; Micah John Walter 380; Sonia Chin 432; Jason Steidl 335; Doron Henkin 192; Carol Huang 440; Gideon Dresdner 101t; Ruth Wampler 474; Leah Velleman 460; Paula Picton 436; Amy Valladares 442; Ian Quinn 89 (for Dan Adams); Hal Kunkel 396. Fred Steinruck offered the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was called back together by Dan Pell and Tom Stokes leading 81t. Leaders: Becky Wright 26; Joel Basset 548; Chris Coughlin 123; Mike Nord 304; Becca Gibson 477; Kevin Griffin Moreno 269; Laura Hopkins 105; James Baumgartner 315; Julie Botnick 51; Kevin Beirne 384; Rebecca Blumenthal 198; Andre Kuney 376; Jessica Keyes 102; Lindsey Kruse 124; Dean Jens 187; Chris Cotter 517; Ivy Hauser 447; Charles Biada 349; Nancy Mandel 123t; Leon Pulsinelle 296; Emma Rose Brown 56t; Corrine Ducey 276; Sophie Soloway 398; Gwen Gethner 406; Alex Forsyth 76b; Colin Duggan 141; Ben Cocchiaro 182.

#### RECESS

The class was called back together by Dan Hunter, Sasha Hsuczyk, and Katy Kanfer leading 144. Leaders: Liora Goldensher 564; Amy Valladeres 455; Gideon Dresdner 229; Rodney Martin 85; Ian Quinn 345b; Kevin Beirne 142; Leah Velleman 230; James Baumgartner 342; Mackenzie Steinruck 148; Paula Picton and Julie Botnick 371; Jesse Polhemus 426b; Jason Steidl 92; Liz Cantrell 203; Carol Huang 73t; Sam Kleinman 30b; Sonia Chin 39b.

Announcements were made. Oliver Kindig-Stokes and Alex Forsyth led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Thomas Ward.

Chairman—Oliver Kindig-Stokes; Vice Chairman—Alex Forsyth; Secretaries—Jesse Polhemus and Teresa Rodriguez

## HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Roopville, Georgia  
Sunday, June 21, 2015

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 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Karen Rollins; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Judy Chambless. Denney Rogers gave the financial report for the church and cemetery.

Leaders: Philip Denney 535; Judy Chambless 37b; Cecil Roberts 31t; Robert Chambless 39b; B.M. Smith 389; Wyatt Denney 49b; Erica Hinton 73t; Bentley McGuire 505; Ted Brown 101t; Eli Hinton 146; Rebecca Over 420 (in memory of her parents); Kathy Williams 209; Steve Warner 122; David Brodeur 74b; Ann Heider 350; Jeannette DePoy 460 (in memory of her dad); Jim Neal 84; Margaret Gillanders 142.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back to order by the children of Lonnie Rogers leading 373. Eris Muse, the oldest surviving Denney, said a few words about the Denney family, and led 340. Leaders: Chris Brown 540; Andy Ditzler 387; Karen Clark 499 (in memory of her in-laws); Oscar McGuire 481; Judy Whiting 354t.

The lesson for the sick and shut-ins was given by Lonnie Rogers's children leading 405 for the following people: Mr. and Mrs. George Garner, Gerald Rogers, Doris Rogers, Opal Cannon, Bob DePoy, and Melanie Hauff.

Matt Hinton spoke and led 82t in memory of the following deceased: Earl Denney, Josephine Denney, Harold Rogers, Moena Denney, Evelyn Harris, C.W. Garner, Raymond Hamrick, Charlotte Rogers, Wayne Prince, Stanly Edwards, Betty Wright, Danny Arms, Maynard Dolar, Gary Wiggins, Letha Parmur, JoAnn Cook, Jo Howarth Noonan, and the nine people who were shot in South Carolina. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Sam Culpepper and Ellen Culpepper 30b; April Watkins 345b; Grandchildren of Lonnie Rogers 87; Alexandra Maymi 337; Steve Brett 316.

#### LUNCH

Philip Denney and Karis Askin brought the class back to order leading 145b. Leaders: Scott DePoy 65 (in honor of his dad); Helen Brown 392; Jesse P. Karlsberg 422; Rosalind Oldham 105; Aldo Ceresa 179; Billy See and Vickie See 178; Vicki Elliott 542; Sharona Nelson 203; Bobby Watkins 512; Lela Crowder 421; Faith Riley 448t; Lauren Bock 332; Earlis McGraw 284; John Plunkett 466; Marilyn Bradley 159 (in memory of Stanly Edwards and in honor of her mother); Philip Denney and Gayle Denney 100 (in honor of their mothers); Paige Harrod 112; Ted Brown and Helen Brown 187; Chris Brown and Judy Whiting 323t; Rebecca Over and Steve Brett 208; Margaret Gillanders and Rosalind Oldham 472; Vicki Elliott and Sharona Nelson 36b; Aldo Ceresa and Bentley McGuire 426b; Vicki See and Billy See 108b.

After announcements, Karen Rollins and Philip Denney led 46 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Karen Rollins; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Secretary—Judy Chambless

### **CLIFFORD WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL SINGING** **King Schoolhouse, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church** **Natural Bridge, Alabama** **Sunday, June 21, 2015**

The 107th annual session of the Clifford Wakefield Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the third Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Don Keeton leading 32t. He then offered the opening prayer.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Wayne Horton; Secretary—Debbie Hall; Arranging Committee—Betty Baccus and Faye Donaldson.

Leaders: Wayne Horton 470, 388; Debbie Hall 432, 426b; Warren Steel 183, 179; Darrell Swarens 72b, 507; Wanda Capps 546, 299; Loretta Whitman 373, 354b;

Linton Ballinger 187, 186; Amber Davis 302, 295; Shirley Tidwell 111t, 111b; Seth Poston 275b, 358; Mike Hankins 410t, 480.

#### RECESS

Don Keeton led 145t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Roma Rice 273, 104; Ken Tate 107, 114; Leon Ballinger 490, 297; Wayne Baines 274t, 410b; Gravis Ballinger 182, 110; Ann Jett 88t, 512 (in memory of Harrison Creel); Anne Gilliland 81t, 102; Lisa Geist 472, 528; Chris Ballinger 170, 270; Eric Conrad 38b, 38t; Earl Ballinger 439, 441; Wakefield family (Larry Wakefield, Clara Stults, Betty Baccus, Faye Donaldson, Julia Poston, Tammy Wakefield, Lisa Ingle, Sharon Spangler, Lynn Donaldson, Junior Poston, Kathy Buchanan, and Debbie Hall) 333 (in memory of family members), 339 (in memory of Hazel Wakefield).

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Don Keeton leading 145b. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 133, 157; Wendell Rinehart 68b, 159; Steve Miles 454, 147b; Leon Ballinger 313b; Linton Ballinger 212; Ann Jett 37b; Warren Steel 375; Amber Davis 216; Anne Gilliland 143; Loretta Whitman 147t; Eric Conrad 142; Wayne Baines 298; Darrell Swarens 112; Wanda Capps 430; Lisa Geist 391, 517 (WB) (in memory of Nadine Willis); Gravis Ballinger 76b; Mike Hankins 282; Shirley Tidwell 63; Ken Tate 47t; Wayne Horton 39b; Wendell Rinehart 445; Steve Miles 234.

Don Keeton led 62 as the closing song. Wayne Horton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Wayne Horton; Secretary—Debbie Hall

### **MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** **Section, Alabama** **Sunday, June 21, 2015**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church, Section, Alabama, on the third Sunday in June was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Tom George leading 82t. Verlon Stiefel offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tom George; Secretary/Arranging Officer—Dennis George.

Leaders: Dennis George 155; Tom George 52t; Cheyenne Ivey 389, 128; Loretta Smith 39t; Charlotte Ehrman 486, 157; David Ivey 404, 406; Richard Ivey 150, 331; Henry Johnson 105, 109; Jessica Cheronas 299; David Light and Sandra Light 384, 354b; Pat Temple 232, 373; Jackson Fleder 30b, 398; Jerry Schrimsher 107, 547; Kelsey Ivey 435, 313t; Gedney Barclay 268, 455; Verlon Stiefel 348b; Ramona Light 216, 110; Mary Wright 35, 108t; Boyd Scott 68b, 127; Susan Cheronas 460, 564; Asa Horvitz 122, 111b; Jared Wootten 318; Judy Caudle 349, 399t; Shane Wootten 131b, 306; Angela Myers 56b, 177.

#### LUNCH

Leaders: Karen Freund 385t, 332; Jamey Wootten 89; Amy Wootten 448t; Marty Wootten and Anna Wootten 111t; Claudene Wootten 517 (WB); Darlene Dalton 454; Syble Adams 472; Charlotte Ehrman 549; Joyce Whittington 47t; Pat Temple 33t; Mary Wright 477; Jackson Fleder 271t; Asa Horvitz 542; Judy Caudle 69b; Nate Green and Norma Green 544; Karen Freund 421; Angela Myers 500; Kelsey Ivey 300; Jared Wootten and Jamey Wootten 371; David Light 436; Susan Cheronas 65. Dennis George and Tom George led 146 as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tom George; Secretary—Dennis George

**SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Farill Community, Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama**  
**Saturday, June 27, 2015**

The 14th session of the annual singing at Salem United Methodist Church in Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama, was called to order by Henry Johnson leading 60. Henry extended a very warm welcome to everyone in attendance. Jesse Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 42; Karen Rollins 162; David Brodner 48t; Isaac Sligh 159; Nathan Stewart 77t; Alanna Blanks 405; B.M. Smith 403; Ed Thacker 132; Abigail Beavin 58; Paula Oliver 142; Denney Rogers 143; Cindy Tanner 155; Bea Aaron 475; Faith Riley 111b; Chris Coughlin 176t; Nate Green and Norma Green 321; Jesse Roberts 567; Rachel Carlisle 460; Micah Roberts 148; Janice Paulk 517; Riley Lee 160b.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Jeffrey Richardson; Welcoming Committee: Patsy Richardson, Sherry Anderson, Hoyt and Carolyn Hanks; Arranging Officer and Secretary—Jeffrey Richardson.

**RECESS**

Henry Johnson called the class back to order leading 335. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 426b; Robert Chambless 70t; Jim Aaron 47b; Andy Ditzler 65; Scott Ivey 29b; Judy Chambless 97; Nathan Rees 425; Darrell Swarens 40; Ken Tate 446; Danny Creel 386; Hubert Nall 64; Asa Horvitz 122; Gedney Barclay 474; Philip Denney, Karis Askin, and Eva Grace Horsley 178, 300; Jared Wootten 182; Jonathon Smith 126; Lauren Bock 58; Eli Hinton 146; Claudene Townson and Shane Wootten 74b; Samuel Williams 372; Susan Cheronos 564; Sandra Wilkinson 45t; Shane Wootten 387; Salem Pastor, Justin Yarbrough, asked the blessing before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

Henry Johnson called the class back to order leading 138t. Leaders: John Plunkett 571; Anna Hinton 63; Ester Williams 75; Bobby Watkins 546; Doug Conn 482; Daniel Williams 81t; Jamey Wootten 349; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 498; Justin Bowen 159; Erica Hinton 350; Elizabeth Gentry 319; Judy Mincey 180; Cheyenne Ivey 222; Gedney Barclay 455; Riley Lee 228; Henry Johnson 206; Nathan Rees 423; Asa Horvitz 542; Darrell Swarens 208; Chris Coughlin 398; Jonathon Smith 422; Faith Riley 448t; Jim Aaron 503; Pam Nunn 269; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 128. Henry Johnson led 521 as the closing song. Doug Conn offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman and Secretary—Jeffrey Richardson

**LEEDS SACRED HARP SINGING DAY**  
**South Parade Baptist Church**  
**Leeds, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom**  
**Saturday, June 27, 2015**

The 3rd Leeds Sacred Harp Singing Day was held at South Parade Baptist Church, Leeds, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom. Chris Brown began the day by leading 82t. Ruth Moody welcomed the class, and offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Chris Brown 286; Calum Woods 496; Thomas Greig 39t; Bob Butler 84; Duane Nasis 60; Barry Parsons 88b; Lin James 335; Sarah West 111t; Ed Paton-Williams 77t; Helen Barber 42; Matthew Parkinson 56t; Andrew Clark 346; Fynn Titford-Mock 109; Erin Johnson-Hill 59; Benny Ross 29t; Samantha Cole 81t; Michael Walker 74t; Phil Tyler 157; Toby Goss 210; Ruth Steggles 334; Nigel Bowley 175; Sam Carter 32t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Chris Brown; Secretaries—Susan Carr and Thomas Greig; Arranging Committee—Eimear O'Donovan and Claire Singleton.

#### RECESS

Sarah West called the class to order by leading 330b. Leaders: Hannah Land 436; Cath Ingham 274t; Richard Mayers 299; Eimear O'Donovan 480; Claire Singleton 455; Calum Woods 327; Erin Johnson-Hill 186; Nigel Bowley 439; Helen Barber 296; Thomas Greig 67; Lin James 66; Sam Carter 207; Ruth Steggles 454; Fynn Titford-Mock 212; Barry Parker 502; Duane Nasis 187. Michael Walker returned thanks for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Eimear O'Donovan called the class to order by leading 131b. Leaders: Benny Ross 485; Toby Goss 313b; Cath Ingham 155; Andrew Clark 162; Chris Brown 28t. Richard Mayers spoke for the following sick and housebound: Norma Waterson, John Hopkinson, Stella Beaney, Cath Tyler, and Jackie Saunders. He conducted the memorial lesson and read the following list of names of the deceased: Kate Davis, Mary Newell, Raymond Hamrick, Bill Pritchard, Angela Ball, Jocelyn Fearney, Muriel Stoney, Drew Logan, Danny Arms, Evelyn Harris, Edith Kronenberger, Adrian Smith, Geoffrey Nathan, Lorna Redburn, and Billie Stadward. Richard concluded the memorial by leading 564.

Leaders: Hannah Land 569b; Phil Tyler 202; Sarah West 176b; Matthew Parkinson 177; Claire Singleton 448b; Michael Walker 213t; Fynn Titford-Mock 343; Ed Paton-Williams 196; Barry Parsons 192; Erin Johnson-Hill 528; Calum Woods 322.

#### RECESS

Duane Nasis called the class to order by leading 568. Leaders: Joy Spreadborough 73b; Eimear O'Donovan 410b; Thomas Greig 410t; Michael Walker 227; Hannah Land 351; Sarah West 114; Claire Singleton 33b; Ed Paton-Williams 314; Ruth Steggles 371; Nigel Bowley 330t; Newcastle singers 474; Benny Ross 178; Cath Ingham 350; London singers 475; Richard Mayers 107; Bristol singers 384. There was a business meeting in which it was agreed to reconvene in 2016. The Secretary reported that 75 songs had been sung, and the Treasurer reported that all expenses had been met.

After the notices, Chris Brown led 521 as the closing song. Ruth Moody offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Brown; Secretaries—Susan Carr and Thomas Greig

### **SHADY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** **Double Springs, Winston County, Alabama** **Saturday, June 27, 2015**

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 Don Keeton leading 30t. The morning prayer was offered by Don Keeton. The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed:

Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Kermit Adams; Arranging Officer—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Don Keeton 145b; Kermit Adams 47b, 49b; Roma Rice 358 (for Lola Ergle), 460; Joanna Nicovich 147b, 308; Velton Chafin 130, 187; Mike Hankins 410t, 282; Wayne Horton 317 (in memory of his grandmother, Lorna Horton), 480; Rebecca Over 475, 337; Warren Steel 213t, 211; Nicholas Thompson 112, 318; Lorene Gray, Roma Rice, Margaret Keeton, Loretta Whitman, Nellie Alexander, Betty Claborn, Ruby McCrory, Louise Yeager, and Carolyn Pipkins 146, 81t; Butch White 535, 504.

## RECESS

Don Keeton called the class back to order by leading 373. Leaders: Brenda Chafin 335, 171; Judy Caudle 121, 119; Daniel Bearden 81b, 572; Nancy Thompson 31t, 384; Hazel Heinze 68b, 496; Angela Myers 120, 97; Kermit Adams, James Livingston, Dwight Pelfrey, Nancy Cordell, Lucian Pelfrey, Steve Adams, Carla Trapp, and Brenda Morris 143, 145t; Kenneth Fannin, Carol Fannin, Aubrey Fannin, Susan Allred, Laura Hale, Adam Hale, Loretta Whitman, Nellie Alexander, Ruby McCrory, and Roma Rice 45t, 30b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Roma Rice and Don Keeton. Roma Rice read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Edith Adams, Jerry Kitchens, Lena Keeton, Elsie Moon, Philip Springfield, Paula Springfield, and Clarissa Springfield. She then read the following list of names of the deceased: Dawson Adams, Jerry Godsey, Jean Ballinger, Johnny Humber, and Rene Humber. Roma Rice led 425. Don Keeton closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

## LUNCH

Don Keeton called the class back to order. Leaders: Bridgett Hill Kennedy 82t, 101t (for Betty Shepherd); Glenn Keeton 86, 216; Amber Davis 348b (for her father), 150; Willodean Barton 322, 319; Carla Trapp 87, 183; Betty Baccus 491, 59 (in memory of Joan Gilbreath); Aubrey Fannin and Carol Fannin 565, 503; Susan Allred 482, 378b; Laura Hale 276, 78; Nicholas Thompson 436; Daniel Bearden 236; Joanna Nicovich 347; Angela Myers and Judy Caudle 542, 138t; Steve Adams and Nancy Cordell 99; Warren Steel 477.

Don Keeton led 159 as the closing song. Butch White offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

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

## OLD SONGS BOOK SINGING

Altamont, New York

Saturday, June 27, 2015

*The Sacred Harp* “Book Singing” at Old Songs Festival introduces new singers to a traditional book singing in abbreviated session. 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. Eric Bean called the class to order leading 34b.

Leaders: Chris Haller 325; Jean Seiler 106; Laura Densmore 500; Melody Johnson 475; Ginny Huszagh 299; Faiz Wareh 354t; Doug Kurtze 362; Cora Wareh 367; Patricia Geritz 38t; Tarik Wareh 38b; Barbara Swetman 179; Gerry Hoffman 99; Brian How 183; Adrienne Stevenson 504; Eric Bean 285t; Sarah Underhill 56b; Jim Ulrich 148; Chris Haller 267; Jean Seiler 68b; Laura Densmore 486; Ginny Huszagh 155.

Eric Bean invited new singers to find local singings and more information at [fasola.org](http://fasola.org), then led 62 as the closing song.

Chairman—Eric Bean; Secretary—Ginny Huszagh

## MT. LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Fayette County, Alabama

Sunday, June 28, 2015

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in June was called to order by Larry Ballinger leading 49t. 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; Secretaries—Amanda Hardiman and Teresa Hope; Arranging Committee—Buddy Ballinger and David Ballinger.

Leaders: Larry Ballinger 110; Chris Ballinger 111b; Amanda Hardiman 454; Gravis Ballinger 215; Mike Hankins 282; Lorrie Wootten and Lisa Geist 426t; Sherry Stover, Linton Ballinger, and Allie Ballinger 35; Don Keeton 480; Glenn Keeton 349; Lomax Ballinger 144; Nate Green and Norma Green 373; Hayden Wootten and Cole Wootten 47t, 59; David Ballinger 340; Daphene Causey 140; Teresa Hope 361; Jimmy Ballinger 84; B.M. Smith 318; Amber Davis 380 (for her parents); Albert Humber 565; Sharon DuPriest 137; Nicholas Holmes 30t; Jarrod Litton 111t; Leon Ballinger, Judy Thomas, and Cindi Cockrill 490.

#### RECESS

Earl Ballinger led 283 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Jagger Eastman and Anna Eastman 155; Chris Ballinger, Katie Ballinger, and Lauren Ballinger 146; Earl Ballinger, Joy Litton, and Amelia O'Dell 63; Buddy Ballinger, Jill Porter, Ella Porter, Eady Porter, Sam West, and Aiden West 45t (in memory of Lavaughn Ballinger and Jean Ballinger); Elene Stovall 436; Barbara Cooley, Johnny Mac Cooley, Nathan Cooley, Seth Cooley, Ethan Tolar, and Jacob Tolar 108t; Patrick Brady and Leslie Brady 31b; Janet Litton 312b; Case O'Dell 47b (in memory of Jean Ballinger); Tory Colvin, Ridley Colvin, and Beth Wallace 217; Charles Humber 405; Miranda Burns 143; Ken Tate 278t; Shirley Tidwell 159.

#### RECESS

Lisa Geist led 377 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Donald Jones 569b; Mike Richards 299; Susan Cheronos 300; Drew McGuire 148; Cole Wootten and Rodney Ivey 445; Josh Ballinger, Phillip Ballinger, and Jay Ballinger 68b; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 277; Warren Steel 296; Hubert Nall 313t; Arlon Gardner 70b.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Larry Ballinger leading 528. Leaders: Loyd Ivey 30b; Angela Myers 442; Danny Creel 485; Ann Jett 546; Darrell Swarens 507; Richard Mauldin 77t, 168; Henry McGuire 532; Marty Wootten 99; Judy Caudle 455; Tony Ivey 139; Wayne Baines 89; Nathan Rees 396; Rodney Ivey 432; Jonathon Smith 204; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 316 (for Toney Smith); Lauren Bock 202; Scott Ivey 212; Jack Pate 145b; Chuck Howell 112; Edwin Ballinger, Linton Ballinger, and Lomax Ballinger 270; Betty Baccus and Edwin Ballinger 448b.

Following announcements, Larry Ballinger led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Lomax Ballinger, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Secretaries—Amanda Hardiman and Teresa Hope

### **DELONG-ROBERTS MEMORIAL SINGING** **Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia** **Sunday, June 28, 2015**

The annual Delong-Roberts Memorial Singing was called to order by Brady DeLong leading 36b. John Plunkett offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Brady DeLong 37b; Matt DeLong 235, 282; Jessica Altman 34b, 142; Rachel Carlisle 95, 204 (for William DeLong); Will Ingram 146, 48t; Tony Hammock 83b, 112; Malinda Snow 512, 516; Charles Woods 482, 483; John Plunkett 541, 354t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Brady DeLong; Vice Chairman—Jessica Altman; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen

Bryson; Arranging Officer—Richard DeLong. Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church has again agreed to host the singing in 2016.

#### RECESS

Jesse Roberts brought the class to order leading 135 and 172. Leaders: Helen Bryson 217, 287; Virginia Dyer and Dalton Dyer 546, 454, 354b; David Brodeur 27, 28t; Richard DeLong 74t, 431.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Jessica Altman remarked that those of us who have been singing for a few years have probably experienced the loss of a valued singer. We fondly remember their voices, where they sat, what they cooked, and their individual characteristics. They remain in our hearts. This is the period of the singing devoted to the memory of these singers, their family, and friends. Jesse Roberts led 480 for the Roberts family and Richard DeLong led 472 for the DeLong family.

Matt Delong led 530 for the following sick and shut-ins: Lucy Garner, George Garner, and Donna Bell.

Rachel Carlisle led 111b in memory of the following deceased: Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, Inez Chandler, and Junie Wooten—Georgia; Danny Arms—North Carolina; Evelyn Harris—Alabama. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Jesse Roberts.

#### LUNCH

Micah Roberts called the class to order leading 384 (in memory of Horace DeLong) and 178. Leaders: Jerusha Wheeler 401, 455; Cecil Roberts 35, 89; Oscar McGuire 573, 515; Charlene Wallace 155, 171; Timothy Altman 45t, 40; Cathy Smith 442, 300; Andy Ditzler 88t, 41; David Smead 569t, 394; Ashley Thompson 38b, 328; Diane O'Shields 82t, 497; Faye Holbrook 542, 318.

#### RECESS

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 76t. Leaders: Kevin Kleinfelter 159, 117; Janice Paulk 392 (for Doris DeLong), 371 (for Kenneth DeLong); Leann Carter 332, 33t; Frances Carnell 66, 344; Leon Carnell 268; Debora Grosse 198, 569b; Andy Morse 313b, 349; Alice West 350, 32t.

Announcements were made. Brady DeLong and Jessica Altman led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jesse Roberts.

Chairman—Brady DeLong; Vice Chairman—Jessica Altman; Secretary—Helen Bryson

### **LEWES SACRED HARP SINGING DAY South Malling Parish Church, Lewes, Sussex, United Kingdom Saturday, July 4, 2015**

The annual Lewes Sacred Harp Singing Day was called to order by Rachel Jordan leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Mike Cooper.

Leaders: Nick Hall 420; Guy Hayes 36t; Ian Lamb 287; Tom Gerber 277; Sheila Girling Macadam 81t; Piers Blewett 32b; Steve Fletcher 47t; Paul Setford 46; Samantha Cole 30t; Edwin Macadam 171; Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 131b; Barry Parsons 106; Michael Walker 411; Nick Hall 73b; Piers Blewett 445; Rachel Jordan 52t; Guy Hayes 102; Steve Fletcher 53; Ted Brown 75; Ian Lamb 313b; Tom Gerber 108b; Helen Brown 32t; Paul Setford 40; Edwin Macadam 500.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Sheila Girling Macadam leading 39b. Leaders: Una Nicholson 314; Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 134; Barry Parsons 392; Piers Blewett 48b; Sheila Girling Macadam 464; Paul Setford 324; Michael Walker 506; Helen Brown 222; Nick Hall 105; Ian Lamb 354t; Steve Fletcher 216; Guy Hayes 398; Rachel Jordan 182; Ted Brown 313t; Tom Gerber 448t; Edwin Macadam 550; Jacqui Selby-

MacLeod 497; Barry Parsons 242; Michael Walker 137; Una Nicholson 107; Piers Blewett 480; Helen Brown 447; Ted Brown 101t; Nick Hall 515; Steve Fletcher 189; Edwin Macadam 332; Paul Setford 38t. Milly Murphy offered grace before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Samantha Cole called the class back to order leading 290. Leaders: Ian Lamb 452; Barry Parsons 419; Una Nicholson 474; Tom Gerber 448b; Sue Lanfear 159; Guy Hayes 511.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Michael Walker in memory of the following deceased: Christopher Baxter, Patricia Price, Peter Linwood, Harold Pigott, Flo Charles, Olga Dellaway, Danny Arms, Evelyn Harris, Raymond Hamrick, Patrick Moloney, Bill Kerridge, Rina Rogers, George Reed, Geoff Thorp, Evelyn May Quine, Marjorie Louise Franks, Richard Povall, Belinda Dobiec, and Peter Selby. He led 566 in their memory.

Werner Ullah spoke for the following sick and housebound: Paula Mogensen, John Taylor, Retel Zaider, Kath Mountstephen, Chris Broome, Sister Pippa, and Niamh Flannelly. Helen Brown led 129, and Martin Williams offered a prayer.

Leaders: Sheila Girling Macadam 564; Rachel Jordan 278t; Michael Walker 456; Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 282; Nick Hall 535; Steve Fletcher 196; Ted Brown 426t; Piers Blewett 231; Ian Lamb 99; Paul Setford 228; Helen Brown 475; Sue Lanfear 479; Una Nicholson 556.

#### RECESS

Guy Hayes brought the class back to order for the final session leading 30b. Leaders: Jacqui Selby-MacLeod 141; Rachel Jordan 373; Piers Blewett 48t; Tom Gerber 66; Steve Fletcher 146; Nick Hall 454; Sheila Girling Macadam 157; Barry Parsons 488; Helen Brown and Ted Brown 187; Michael Walker 492.

Announcements were made. Rachel Jordan thanked all who had helped in any way to make this singing possible. She led 347 as the closing song. Edwin Macadam offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rachel Jordan; Secretaries—Nick Hall and Gail Walker

## **HENAGAR-UNION CONVENTION** **Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama** **July 4-5, 2015**

### **Saturday, July 4**

The 99th annual session of the Henagar-Union Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Liberty Baptist Church on the first Sunday and Saturday before in July. David Ivey called the class to order at 9:00 a.m. by leading 36b. Bro. Ron Harper offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Shane Wootten 138t; Cheyenne Ivey 100; Chris Coughlin 30t; Cassie Allen 270; Henry Johnson 535; Lela Crowder 67; Boyd Scott 358; Sharon Strong 137; Hubert Nall 460; Phil Summerlin 225t; Tom Ivey 505; John Huffman, Mary Huffman, and Stephen Huffman 47t; David Killingsworth 416; Mary Wright 477; Philip Denney and John Huffman 120; Bill Beverly 297; Blake Sisemore 192; Rebecca Over 426b; Ken Kelley and Jamie Kelley 144; Daniel Lee 565; Pattie Wareh 299; Andy Ditzler 50t; Steve Brett 410b.

#### RECESS

Ricky Harcrow led 74b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Drew McGuire 472; Teresa Saylor and David Saylor 203; Jerusha Wheeler 352; Micah John Walter 99; Kate Fortin 349; Jesse C. Polhemus 96; Shirley Figura 318; Kevin Beirne 183; Lisa Bennett 191; Tullaia Powell and Sierra Saylor 300; Grace Patterson 344; Cora Wareh 110; Daniel Bearden 242; Jonathan Wood 216; Wyatt Denney 37b;

Annaliza Cull 155; Justin Bowen 35; Jonathon Gaylord 385b; Joshua Hoover 178; Faiz Wareh 392.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back together by Scott Ivey and Rodney Ivey leading 111t. Leaders: Martha Beverly 171; Eli Hinton 146; Nathan Stewart 228; Barrett Patton, Rodney Ivey, and Shane Wootten 73t; Roberta Strauss 269; Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest 196; Jimmy Ballinger and Buddy Ballinger 84; Pat Temple 481; Darrell Swarens and Janelle Davis 448t; Steve Adams and Cassie Allen 98; Michele Cull 168; Glenn Keeton 163b; Paul Figura 166; Ron Harper 454; Ryan Bowman and Nicole Bowman 542; Linda Sides 182; Marcus Whitman and Merlin Whitman 163t; John Kelso 214; Idy Kiser 112; Matt Hinton 217; Gail Doss 148; Nicholas Thompson 187; Mike Richards 320; Judy Mincey 346. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Buddy Ballinger.

#### LUNCH

Loyd Ivey led 97 to begin the afternoon session. The following officers were elected by written ballot and the results were announced by Blake Sisemore: Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—Jared Wootten; Secretary—Cheyenne Ivey. The Arranging Committee was appointed and included Cassie Allen, Chris Coughlin, and Shelley Calvert.

Leaders: Karen Freund 30b; Alvaro Witt Duarte 445; Nathan Rees, Jeff Wickes, and Jonathon Smith 304 (in memory of Danny Arms); Angela Myers and Judy Caudle 498; Reba Windom and Shelby Castillo 430; Lauren Bock 440; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 411; Emma Rose Brown 234; Aldo Ceresa 500; Elene Stovall, Ruth Jones, and George Jones 316; Steve Helwig 208; Cindy Tanner and Jackie Tanner 186; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 428; David Brodeur 302; Kelsey Ivey and Richard Ivey 298; Philippa Stoddard 534; Tom Owen 49b; Ann Jett 327; Gillian Inksetter 522; Evelyn Lamb 368; Carter Cook 142; B.M. Smith 475.

#### RECESS

The class was brought to order by Jared Wootten leading 101t. Leaders: David Carlton 77t; Bob Davis 47b; Brian Harris 399b; Sheila Patterson 70b; Tarik Wareh 43; Faith Riley 56b; David Smead 353; Amber Davis 395; Richard Mauldin 446; Philip Gilmore, Paula Gilmore, and Grace Gilmore 277; Susan Cheronos 564; Gary Wilson and Justin Bowen 63.

Shane Wootten and Jared Wootten led 521 as the closing song. Elder Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

#### Sunday, July 5

The Sunday session of the Henagar-Union Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Shane Wootten leading 82t. The opening prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

Leaders: Jared Wootten 48t; Cheyenne Ivey 76b; Shane Wootten and Nathaniel Ledbetter 45t, 505 (CB). Alabama State Representative Nathaniel Ledbetter presented a donation to the Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association.

Leaders: Cassie Allen and Shelley Calvert 512; Nate Green and Norma Green 472; Charles Franklin 74b; Laura Ann Russell 504; Richard Mauldin 168; Randall Smith and Rodney Ivey 137; Vickie See and Billy See 108b; Michael Darby 102; Judy Chambless and Robert Chambless 143; Sheila Patterson 528; Teresa Hope 384; Guy Bankes 556; Aaron Wootten and Hayden Wootten 39t; Jenny Whitman 86; Brian Kelley, Vance Kelley, Presley Kelley, Kate Kelley, and Jake Kelley 354b; James Nugent 59; Owen Stoddard 276; Judy Mincey 571; Brian Harris 83t.

#### RECESS

Jared Wootten led 56t to bring the class together. Leaders: Janelle Davis and Gail Doss 480; Kate Fortin and Evelyn Lamb 328; Ainslie Allen and Emma Calvert 196;

Eli Hinton 268; Anna Hinton and Annaliza Cull 300; Faiz Wareh 183; Cora Wareh 71; Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy 129; David Gooch 128; Nicholas Thompson and Roberta Strauss 436; Anna Bowen and Holly Mixon 475; Tom Owen 106; Steve Brett 456; Pat Temple and Mary Wright 373; Susan Cheronos and Barrett Patton 460; Pattie Wareh and Tarik Wareh 269.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Kelsey Ivey and Henry Johnson. Kelsey spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins, and read the following list of names: BeeGee Rechenberg, Doris Littrell, Phillip Springfield, Paula Springfield, Clarissa Springfield, Ernest Lee Hendrix, Jewel Wootten, S.T. Reed, Wayne Reed, Ruthie Greeson, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Loraine Bayer, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Robert DePoy, Ottis Sides, Velton Chafin, Steven Smith, and Victoria Aplin. She led 57 in their honor.

Henry spoke in remembrance of the deceased, and read the following list of names: Stanly Edwards, Betty Wright, Sammie Oliver, Evelyn Harris, Donna Ruth Wootten, Olivia Wootten Allen, Phillip Wootten, Carl Frame, Jean Ballinger, Johnny Humber, Rena Humber, Charles Kitchens, Stella Pratt, Dawson Adams, Eldagene Roberson, Big 'Un Peek—Alabama; Junie O. Wooten, Josephine Denney, Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, C.W. Garner—Georgia; David Rust and Daniel Sommers—Indiana; Danny Arms—North Carolina; Bob Sullivan—Illinois; Joe Fothergill—Ohio; Caroline Bonnet—California; Virginia Duke, David Hernandez, and Dale Johnson—Tennessee; Dan Adams—Connecticut; Rose Warnock—Massachusetts. He led 267 in memory of the deceased, and closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Ryan Bowman and Nicole Bowman 133; Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 546; Carter Cook 312b; Grace Patterson 278t; Marty Wootten, Jamey Wootten, and Anna Wootten 172; Nathanael Schultz, Evangeline Schultz, and Donnie Simmet 383; Jonathan Wood and Jonathan Gaylord 83b; Henry Johnson 322; Marcus Whitman and Merlin Whitman 547; Andy Ditzler and David Brodeur 492; Jesse C. Polhemus 224. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Eddie Mash.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Shane Wootten leading 89. Leaders: Paula Oliver 430; Eddie Mash and Brenda Waters 515; Kevin Beirne and Gillian Inksetter 532; Elene Stovall, Allison Davis, and Gresham Davis 192; Philippa Stoddard 222; Chris Coughlin and Fiona Nugent 216; Linda Sides and Amber Davis 215; Reba Windom, Shelby Castillo, and Drew McGuire 542; Judy Caudle and Angela Myers 348b; Linton Ballinger, David Ballinger, Larry Ballinger, Lisa Geist, and Teresa Hope 299; Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest 434; Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Aldo Ceresa 506; Ann Jett, Wanda Capps, Cindy Tanner, and Darrell Swarens 198; Lauren Bock and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 200; Dennis George and Tom George 439; Emma Rose Brown and Alvaro Witt Duarte 309; Matt Hinton, Erica Hinton, and Charlotte Hinton 432; Emily Wood and Rodney Ivey 39b; Jonathon Smith and Nathan Rees 80t; Shirley Figura and Paul Figura 30b; David Ivey, Karen Ivey, Stuart Ivey, Courtney Ivey, Richard Ivey, and Kelsey Ivey 34t (for Phil Summerlin); Buell Cobb 312t.

#### RECESS

The class was brought to order by Jared Wootten leading 111b. Leaders: Karen Freund and Lela Crowder 77t; Daniel Bearden and friends 84; Daniel Lee and Mike Richards 350; Micah John Walter 274t; Tullaia Powell and Sierra Saylor 481; Marlon Wootten, Eloise Wootten, Shane Wootten, Anna Wootten, Levon Wootten, Claudene Townson, Brenda Carroll, and Betty Wootten 445; David Saylor and Teresa Saylor 203; Nathan Stewart and Flora Eason 457; Loyd Ivey, Marion Biddle, Theresa Bethune, Lindsey Watkins, Callie Watkins, and Lilly

Underwood 501 (CB); Sylvia Ivey, Scott Ivey, Tony Ivey, Jared Wootten, Jamey Wootten, Hayden Wootten, Lorrie Wootten, Marty Wootten, and Sandy Ivey 278b; Ezra Lloyd, Elyssa Lloyd, Isaac Lloyd, and Gideon Lloyd 503; Coy Ivey 465 (CB). Announcements were made. Shane Wootten, Jared Wootten, Coy Ivey, and Loyd Ivey led 62 as the closing song. Tom Owen offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.  
Chairman—Shane Wootten; Vice Chairman—Jared Wootten; Secretary—Cheyenne Ivey

## **CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH** **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia** **Sunday, July 5, 2015**

The 102nd session of the Crossroads Baptist Church Sacred Harp singing and Decoration Day was held on the first Sunday in July. Cecil Roberts called the class to order, welcomed everyone, and then led 56t. Philip Denney offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 75; Miranel Swafford 153, 313t; Donna Bell 61, 441; Tom Ivey 565, 148; David Smead 171, 497; Lisa Bennett 549 (for Hayden Arp's family; his grandmother passed away this week), 434; Sharon Strong 162, 212; B.M. Smith 66, 34b.

A business session was held with the following officers retained or appointed: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Donna Bell; Memorial Lesson—Rebecca Over.

### **RECESS**

Steve Helwig brought the class back to order leading 31t and 28t. Leaders: George Garner 30b; Helen Bryson 89, 313b; Rebecca Over 453, 209; Rene Greene 208, 318; Eschol Hughes 316, 348b; Karen Clark 466, 467; Virginia Dyer and Dalton Lewis 472, 354b, 340; Philip Denney and Gayle Denney 143, 100; Earlis McGraw 312b (in honor of the Pope family and the Garner family), 435; Mike Castleberry 401, 490. Rebecca Over conducted the memorial lesson. She read an excerpt from a memorial lesson conducted by Berta Tant in 1987 at the Mt. Zion Memorial Sacred Harp singing. A portion of the excerpt included the phrase, "Those we hold most dear never truly leave us, they live on in the kindness they showed, the comforts they shared, and the love they brought into our lives." Rebecca led 70t for the following sick and shut-ins: Rodney Willard, Mattie Lou Pope, Lucy Garner, George Garner, Teddy Cauthen, James Hughes, Doyle Bentley, Frankie Albright, and Karen Rollins. Rebecca read the names of the following deceased, and then led 285t in their memory: Raymond Hamrick, Evelyn Harris, Inez Chandler, Donald Johnson, C.W. Garner, Stanly Edwards, Josephine Denney, and Grace Pope. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 354t, 105; James Newman 45t; Donna Bell and Rene Greene 454 (in honor of George Garner); Winfred Kerr 146, 282; Steve Helwig 48t. Edward Garner offered the blessing of the noon meal at the table.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session of singing began with Cecil Roberts leading 37b. Leaders: Karen Clark 43; Daniel Williams 74b, 30t; Hayden Arp 422, 390; David Smead 102; Lisa Bennett and John Plunkett 571; John Plunkett 308; Virginia Dyer 222; Charlene Wallace 205, 171; Tom Ivey 270 (for members of Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC); Rene Greene and Dalton Lewis 142; James Newman 59; Sharon Strong 218; Rebecca Over 445; Eschol Hughes 456; Rene Greene 294 (by request); Karis Askin 178 (for Eva Grace Horsley); Earlis McGraw 170; Sarah Roberts 127, 323b; B.M. Smith 225t; Karen Clark 234; Steve Helwig 325; Philip

Denney 347; Daniel Williams 32b; Hayden Arp 387 (in memory of his grandmother).

Following announcements, Cecil Roberts, Miranel Swafford, and Donna Bell led 46 as the closing song. Philip Denney 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 6, 2015**

The annual Independence Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at Lakeview Lodge, Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Rene Greene leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by Jack Nelson. Rene welcomed the class, and led 112 (for Sam Sommers).

A business session was held and the following officers were retained to serve: Chairman—Rene Greene; Vice Chairman—Samuel Sommers; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Pam Nunn.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 145t; Pam Nunn 186; Richard Mauldin 168; Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 45t; Winfred Kerr 89; Robert Chambless 84; Evelyn Lamb 326; Jack Nelson 560; Rebecca Over 224; Eugene Forbes 208; Samuel Williams 178; Judy Chambless 389 (for Karen Rollins); Micah Walter 441; Cora Wareh 169; Angela Myers 155; Hubert Nall 30t; Janelle Davis 421 (for Samuel Sommers's family and her parents); Cecil Roberts 477; Vickie Cook 335.

### **RECESS**

Rene Greene led 217 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Laura Hodges 440; Kevin Beirne 472; Pattie Wareh 47t; Paula Oliver 318; Alvaro Witt Duarte 276; Aldo Ceresa 556 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard); Daniel Bearden 160t; Lela Crowder 138b; Nicholas Thompson 283 (in memory of Bonnie Ozbolt); Chris Coughlin 75; Nicole Bowman 127; Carter Cook 128; Faiz Wareh 174; Holly Mixon 183; Isaac Lloyd and Gideon Lloyd 47b; Owen Stoddard 162; Laurel Dempsey 535; Andy Ditzler 565; Wyatt Denney 547. Philip Denney offered the blessing before the noon meal.

### **LUNCH**

David Ivey led 155 during lunch at Grove Dining Hall. Rene Greene called the afternoon session to order by leading 294. Leaders: Steve Helwig 228; Vale Cofer-Shabica 99; David Brodeur 505; Jesse C. Polhemus 209; Kate Fortin 272; Steve Brett 204; Philip Denney, Karis Askin, and Eva Grace Horsley 515; Amandeep Gill and Kirk Boyer 504; Annaliza Cull 448t; Daniel Williams 74t; Anna Hinton 40; Ryan Bowman 89; Jeannette DePoy 67; Guy Bankes 28t; B.M. Smith 28b; Reba Windom 195 (in memory of Shelbie Sheppard); Tarik Wareh 562; Erica Hinton 187; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 454; Mike Richards 189; Evangeline Schultz and Nathanael Schultz 106; Brian Harris 81t; Philippa Stoddard 373; Darrell Swarens 268; Donnie Simmet 68t; Matt Hinton 157.

Announcements were made. Rene Greene led 120 as the closing song. Jack Nelson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman-Rene Greene; Vice Chairman-Samuel Sommers; Secretary-Judy Caudle

**CAMP FASOLA, 2015, YOUTH EMPHASIS**  
**Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama**  
**July 6-10, 2015**

**Arrival, Registration, and Orientation.** Registration for Camp FaSoLa 2015, Youth Session, began at 4:00 p.m. Campers were issued t-shirts, procedures lists, maps, and identification badges. Campers had free time for recreation, followed by counselor orientation sessions, then dinner at 6:00 p.m. Every one attending camp met with David Ivey in Lakeview Lodge at 7:00 p.m. for orientation and instruction.

**Monday, July 6**

**Class Singing (Counselors).** 7:30 p.m. Chris Coughlin brought the class to order leading 35. Nathan Rees offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Chris Coughlin, Isaac Lloyd, Justin Corbett, Jacob Acton, and Samuel Williams 101t; Lela Crowder, Lilly Underwood, Fiona Nugent, Julia Edwards, Evie Eddins, Jessa Cheronas, Katy Brown, and AnnaMarie Bethune 274t; Drew Smith, Ethan Corbett, River Skrenes, and Nicholas Thompson 270; Rebecca Eldridge, Mary Andrews, Sierra Saylor, Mattie Sue Prewett, Lainey Martin, Eva Grace Horsley, and Karis Askin 33b; Tom George, Carter Cook, Wyatt Denney, and Eli Eddins 29t; Cheyenne Ivey, Ruby Francis, Julia Rikansrud, Sallie Rikansrud, and Lina Silva 354t; Alvaro Duarte, Spencer Hegwood, Gideon Lloyd, Jared Pope, and Faiz Wareh 49t; Ellen Culpepper, Dorothy Brown, Annaliza Cull, Anna Hinton, Tullaia Powell, and Jade Thompson 155; Rachel Rudi, Mary Andrews, Courtney Baine, Anna Bowen, Holly Mixon, and Emily Eddins 182; Evangeline Schultz, Vale Cofer-Shabica, and Joanna Nicovich 442; Mike Richards and Jerusha Wheeler 455; Daniel Bearden, Steve Brett, and Brian Harris 351; Keven Beirne, Laura Dempsey, and Lynn Wilson 68b; Nicole Bowman and Ryan Bowman 310; Kevin Eddins, Dana Eddins, Elam Eddins, Ewan Eddins, Ezra Eddins, Eli Eddins, Edith Eddins, Ethan Eddins, Emily Eddins, and Evie Eddins 474; Sam Culpepper and Philip Denney 84; Micah John Walter and Guy Bankes 348t; Paula Oliver, Kate Fortin, and Amandeep Gill 110; Laura Hodges and Jesse Polhemus 203; Devereux Fuller, Joanne Fuller, and Ruby Francis 388; Michael Darby and Laura Ann Russell 542; Stuart Ivey and Ewan Eddins 300; James Nugent and Will Schnorenberg 168; Tarik Wareh, Patti Wareh, and Cora Wareh 297; David Saylor, Teresa Saylor, and Sierra Saylor 209; Rodney Ivey, Judy Caudle, and Bridgett Hill Kennedy 31t; Aldo Ceresa, Pam Nunn, and Angela Myers 200; Vickie Cook and Karen Ivey 34b; Philippa Stoddard and Owen Stoddard 171; Jim Neal and Donnie Simmet 73t; David Ivey, Jonathon Smith, and Nathan Rees 303; Scott DePoy, Jeannette DePoy, and Caelan Tree Treacy 201. Alvaro Duarte conducted the evening devotional, and led 330b, followed by the closing prayer.

**Tuesday, July 7**

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.

**Lesson: Rudiments I/Youth I.** 9:00 a.m. Teachers—Stuart Ivey and Scott DePoy. Stuart explained the definition of music as a succession of pleasing sounds. A game was played to learn the major and minor scales. Stuart talked about rhythmic. The class looked at whole, half, quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes and rests, and determined the duration of each one. Scott DePoy demonstrated good and bad tone, high and low pitch, fast and slow time, and volume. Stuart told the class that the right note at the wrong time is a wrong note. Class dismissed.

**Lesson: Rudiments I/Youth II.** 9:00 a.m. Teacher—Nathan Rees. The class began by playing a game of Sacred Harp trivia. Nathan stated that the basic aspects of Sacred Harp are found in the Rudiments, and that learning intervals is important. The class



sang the scales and practiced intervals. The following songs were sung: 163b, 407, 359, and 116. Class dismissed.

**Lesson: Rudiments I/Adults.** 9:00 a.m. Teacher—David Ivey. David opened the class reading Genesis 1:1-5, and spoke of how music has been in existence from the beginning. He noted that humans have been putting form to music for the past one thousand years and that most of us have learned music by hearing it. He explained the goal of the Rudiments is to help us better understand the music we sing. On page 13 of the Rudiments, David discussed the significance of the “G” or treble clef and the “F” or bass clef. Sacred Harp singing uses relative pitch, but having knowledge of the notes, scales, and pitch is important. The class sang the major scale in unison, referring to page 18 of the Rudiments, and sang several scale drills. David led 49t with the class singing in parts, and then the class sang each line of notes, and then the words in parts. David mentioned the significance of the leader’s arm and mouth movements, and emphasized the importance of the front two rows watching the leader. The class sang the notes to 169, 188, 103, 198, 143, and the notes and words to 103. Class dismissed.

**Elective: Team Tunsmith I—Sacred Harp Composition 101.** 10:30 a.m. Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. The class began by singing 101t. Aldo stated that B.F. White’s inclusion of tunes by fellow singers enriched the repertoire and fostered greater community among singers. Our purpose is to write music to be sung by Sacred Harp singers: a gift we are giving to our friends. Aldo gave the following to think about when composing: learn from living composers and seek out comments from them; sing your own music; learn the function and characteristics of each voice part; study Sacred Harp harmony; make sure your tune is in the correct mode of time and key; keep accent in mind to follow the poetry. Aldo reminded the new composers that writing involves a lot of trial and error. Aldo broke down each part and discussed what to think about when writing each one. Class members were divided into eight groups of three to work on their compositions. Aldo remarked that this was the largest tunesmith group ever! Class was dismissed.

**Elective: Dinner on the Ground.** 10:30 a.m. Teacher—Karen Ivey. Karen presented some useful tips on preparing, packaging, and transporting dinner to Sacred Harp singings. The presentation included practical information, some fun stories, and class discussion. The class made punch bowl cakes from Marie Ivey’s recipe. Participants could also make a Camp Fasola cookbook with recipes from singers and their family members. Great information was shared about the dinner on the ground tradition as a necessary part of a successful Sacred Harp singing.

**Lesson: And Then I’ll Be At Rest.** 1:00 p.m. Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. Aldo provided a handout stating the definition of a rest and the importance of giving the proper observance of rests. The class led the following songs, paying special attention to commonly missed and poorly executed rests. Leaders: Alvaro Duarte 149; Vale Cofer-Shabica 71; Kevin Beirne 457; Amandeep Gill 38b; Evangeline Schultz 49t; Philippa Stoddard 156; Faiz Wareh 232; Jesse Polhemus 234; Judy Caudle 292; Nicholas Thompson 522; Aldo Ceresa 39t and 365. Class dismissed.

**Elective: Rudiments Applied/Sight-reading.** 2:10 p.m. Teacher—Stuart Ivey. The class sang the major scale and practiced intervals. Stuart stated the focus would be on intervals and learning to sing unfamiliar songs. The class was directed to 351, 188, 99, and 216. A handout of “Tools for Sight-reading” was provided. Stuart discussed starting pitch, rhythmic structure, interval combinations, and scale patterns from the handout. Stuart demonstrated the importance of singing the tenor line when leading by having the class say The Pledge of Allegiance while he said The Lord’s Prayer. Sight-reading exercises, composed by Stuart, were practiced. Class dismissed.

**Lesson: Leading Workshop/Adults.** 3:30 p.m. Teachers—Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Judy Caudle. The students worked on the basics of how to lead and how to communicate to the class at a Sacred Harp Singing. Leaders: Bridgett Hill Kennedy 82t; Philip Denney 448t; Wyatt Denney 542; Kevin Beirne 142; Brian Harris 128; Nicholas Thompson 528; Fiona Nugent 385b; Micah John Walter 228; Nate Schultz 371; Susan Cherones 65; Steve Brett 316; Chris Coughlin 179; Sally Langendorf 310; Judy Caudle 362. Class dismissed.

**Lesson: I Will Never Unloose My Hold.** 3:30 p.m. Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. The class began with Aldo leading 347. A handout was provided titled “A Practical Guide to Fermatas in the Sacred Harp”. Aldo made the statement “No pause should ever give pause to a prospective leader; no hold should ever hold us back”. Aldo discussed common time in reference to holds and stated that the downbeat hold should double the length of the note. Laura Ann Russell led 48b to demonstrate. Watching the leader’s hand motion and mouth helps the singer to follow with more accuracy. The class looked at holds in triple time. Daniel Bearden led 569t to demonstrate. Jerusha Wheeler led 163t and Ezra Eddins led 487 to demonstrate a half measure hold. Songs with holds on the third beat were discussed, as in 96 and 316. Evangeline Schultz led 96 and Daniel Bearden led 543. Michael Darby led 198 to demonstrate a full measure hold, and fermatas positioned at the end of a song were discussed. The class looked at different off-beat and unusual holds as in 321, 507, and 518. Aldo led 55 to end the lesson.

**Elective: Keying Music.** 4:45 p.m. Teacher—David Ivey. David stated that keying is an art, and the basic thing to master is the scale. The class was directed to page 17, Chapter III of the Rudiments. David made several suggestions about learning to key: begin at smaller local singings; know about your own voice and how the notes sound in your head; set the tonic note so that the other relative tones may be sounded comfortably; listen critically to the sounds at a singing. The tonic note determines the pitch for every piece of music. The bass part always ends on the tonic. The remaining time was spent with students practicing keying songs. Class dismissed.

**Class Singing (Youth Boys).** 7:30 p.m. The class was called to order by Wyatt Denney leading 100. Drew Smith offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Chris Coughlin, Justin Corbett, and Nicholas Thompson 131b; Alvaro Duarte and Isaac Lloyd 24t; Tom George 31b; Jesse Polhemus and Caelan Treacy 215; Anna Bowen, Faith Riley, and Mary Andrews 448b; Julia Edwards and Fiona Nugent 385b; Samuel Williams, Rebecca Eldridge, and Richard Ivey 448t; Idy Kiser, Holly Mixon, and Jade Thompson 354b; Tarik Wareh, Patti Wareh, Cora Wareh, Kate Agnew, Nancy Agnew, and Anna Strickland 535; Steve Brett and Jerusha Wheeler 170; Jeannette DePoy, Kate Fortin, and Philippa Stoddard 492; Donnie Simmet and Owen Stoddard 75; Judy Caudle, Cheyenne Ivey, and Jacob Acton 282; Bridgett Hill Kennedy, Susan Cherones, and Russell Pope 212; Paula Oliver and Laura Hodges 114; Aldo Ceresa, Faiz Wareh, and Vale Cofer-Shabica 477; Stuart Ivey, Ryan Bowman, and Nicole Bowman 503; Philip Denney, Guy Bankes, and James Nugent 327; Nathan Rees, River Skrenes, and Jared Pope 496; Pam Nunn and Angela Myers 87; Ezra Eddins, Ewan Eddins, Sam Culpepper, and Ellen Culpepper 89; Karen Ivey, Joanne Fuller, and Brian Harris 176t; Devereux Fuller and Ruby Francis 168; Rodney Ivey, Jonathon Smith, and Caleb Silva 347; Mike Richards, Will Schnorenberg, and Daniel Bearden 488; Jim Neal and Sallie Rikansrud 77t; Drew Smith, Nathanael Schultz, Amandeep Gill, and Micah John Walter 267; Sally Langendorf, Katy Brown, and Dorothy Brown 111t; Carter Cook and Gideon Lloyd 346; Sierra Saylor, Tullaia Powell, Annaliza Cull, and Karis Askin 300; Eli Eddins, Elam Eddins, and Eve Grace Horsely 481; Kevin Eddins, Abbie Glen, and Chrissy Glen 235; Anna Hinton, Lilly Underwood, AnnaMarie Bethune, Emily Eddins, and

Mattie Sue Prewett 146; Dana Eddins, Edith Eddins, Michael Darby, and Laura Ann Russell 566; Lynn Wilson, Laurie Dempsey, and Kevin Beirne 504; Rachel Rudi, Evangeline Schultz, Evie Eddins, and Joanna Nicovich 277. Wyatt Denney led 46 as the closing song. Drew Smith offered the closing prayer. The devotional was held at the campfire.

### Wednesday, July 8

**Lesson: Rudiments II/Youth II.** 9:00 a.m. Teachers—Nathan Rees and Richard Ivey. Nathan and Richard led 48t. A hand-out was provided displaying interval exercises. After singing the major and minor scales with intervals, Nathan proceeded to explain the modes of time. Richard reviewed pages 15 and 16 of the Rudiments, and the class sang songs in each mode of time. Primary and secondary accents were explained. Nathan presented a cube that had different notes printed on each side. Campers would roll the die to select notes and correctly place the selected note on a staff. The class then sang the ditties composed. Time changes were reviewed, and Nicholas Thomas led 43 to demonstrate. The class sang 49t, and was dismissed.

**Lesson: Rudiments II/Adults.** 9:00 a.m. Teacher—David Ivey. David led the class in a warm-up exercise using the major and minor scales. A review was done on notation, time signatures, and repeats. To demonstrate repeats the class sang 438 and 531. David explained the primary and secondary accents in each mode of time. The class sang 76t. David said, in reference to tempo, it is left to the reasonable discretion of the leader, but reminded the class, when leading think about the class, the occasion, the words, and the mood of the song. The class proceeded to sing songs at different speeds to demonstrate tempo. The class sang 329 and 448t. The class was dismissed.

**Elective: Old Minutes—What They Tell Us & What They Don't.** 10:30 a.m. Teacher—Buell Cobb. Buell recounts his research into old minutes. Buell expressed that we would like to know more about the values and ways of previous generations of singers; however, minutes were not framed for posterity, but compiled for the participants' own use, and so our curiosity about many subjects is often left unsatisfied. Early minutes were sometimes printed in newspapers or kept in convention ledgers. In general, a spirit of tight organization prevailed. Buell found one set of minutes from 1902 that did not specify the location with enough precision, but contributors of 5, 10 and 25 cents are carefully enumerated in the publication! Leaders often led for thirty minutes, and later on fifteen or twenty minutes, but often no page numbers were recorded. One set of minutes shows no repeated songs over three days of singing. The memorial lesson (or funeral lesson) could last up to one hour. Conventions established constitutions and by-laws stating their purpose, members, boundaries and adopted books. In several cases, with an explicit statement, only dispersed harmony and not modern harmony was to be sung unless overturned by a unanimous vote. The 1930 Alabama State Convention minutes only recorded the numbers of a few songs, but made extensive comment on how the cause of Sacred Harp music could be advanced. The E.E. Forbes Piano Company was thanked for the use of the organ installed in the courthouse for the convention. Around 1930, there were easily two hundred to two hundred and fifty annual singings in Alabama. In 1888, the Clear Creek Convention in Walker County adopted the following by-laws: a leader who refuses to keep up and down time can be called down; no scriptural debates; no unsolicited song requests from the class. In 1916, the forty-ninth session of the Union Convention, in Georgia, included the reading of the constitution, and stated that the music shall be soft and mild. In 1925, at the United Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, a children's contest was held with twenty-eight girls and fifteen boys. Judges divided the children into groups and four hundred dollars in prizes were awarded. African American singings focused more on

organization and ceremony, and effectively raised considerable funds. In closing, Buell stated that a general trend is the decrease in business formalities. In the 1950s, as minutes were gathered in a common book, the format became more standardized in a form more resembling our current practice. Class dismissed.

**Lesson: *The Memorial Lesson.*** 1:00 p.m. Teachers—Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Judy Caudle. Judy led 354b, and noted that the song is often used in singing schools, and contains a good message for a memorial lesson. Judy continued that the memorial lesson comes in the midst of the raucous sound of a Sacred Harp singing: it is a time of tranquility. Memorial lessons have been recorded for more than one hundred years, making it a long-standing tradition. The memorial lesson can have a different meaning to each person.

Bridgett talked about her introduction to Sacred Harp singing later in life and encountering the memorial lesson. She noted the significance of including the prayer for the families of the deceased and the sick and shut-ins. Bridgett read Matthew 6:26 and Romans 8:26, and spoke of a difficult time in her life. Bridgett and Judy solicited comments and experiences from the class about how Sacred Harp singing has affected them. A general consensus among class members was that singing was a sense of family and friendship. Bridgett commented that many instruments are not as interesting by themselves, but in an ensemble, they are beautiful. The discussion was then directed toward the words of the songs in Sacred Harp. Many singers expressed when at a singing they feel more at ease to express emotion, whether in sorrow or joy. The teachers turned the class over to the memorial committee for the memorial lesson.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Evangeline Schultz, Pattie Wareh, Amandeep Gill, Kevin Beirne, and Nicholas Thompson. Evangeline talked about the importance of building friendships. She challenged campers to reach out to those on the sick and shut-ins list with cards, phone calls, and songs. Pattie Wareh read the list of the sick and shut-ins, and led 70t. Amandeep talked about how the subject of death is rarely discussed in secular society, and was glad to be able to speak about death in Sacred Harp. She shared that at the death of a friend, a Sacred Harp song was the only way she could express herself. She noted that, when singing, we still feel the presence of those who have passed on. Kevin Beirne read the list of the deceased, and led 499 in their memory. Nicholas Thompson offered the closing prayer. Judy Caudle led 564, and the class was dismissed.

**Elective: *1944 Centennial Celebration in Winston County, Alabama.*** 1:00 p.m. Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. Aldo led 36b as the opening song. Jim Neal offered the opening prayer. A hand-out was provided of an overall history of Winston County, Alabama. Aldo highlighted one of the prominent singing families from Winston County, the Densons, giving an overview of their involvement in Sacred Harp. A monument to the Denson family stands in front of the historic Winston County Courthouse. George Pullen Jackson attended his first Sacred Harp singing in Winston County in the 1920s and began correspondence and a relationship with the Denson family. George Pullen Jackson helped inspire a Centennial Celebration and singing to commemorate the One-Hundredth Anniversary of Sacred Harp. The opening song, 36b, was the first song led at the Centennial Singing. Aldo noted that there are five annual singings currently being held in Winston County. The class sang the following songs recorded in the minutes of the Centennial Singing: Tarik Wareh 155; Steve Brett 426b; Kevin Beirne 224; Michael Darby 142; Sallie Langendorf 274t; Nicholas Thompson 392; Jim Neal 176t; Faith Riley 145t; Aldo Ceresa 62. Jim Neal offered the closing prayer. Class dismissed.

**Lesson: *Leading Workshop/Adult.*** 3:30 p.m. Teachers—Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Judy Caudle. Class members who wished to receive assistance and tips from the

teachers led songs of their choice. Leaders: Holly Mixon 475; Pattie Wareh 564; Ryan Bowman 234; Nicholas Thompson 500; Laura Ann Russell 532; Fiona Nugent 349; Emily Eddins 280; Katy Brown 550; Mary Andrews 378b; Michael Darby 463; James Nugent 143; Nicole Bowman 240; Nathanael Schultz 168. Class dismissed.

**Lesson: Accent.** 3:30 p.m. Teacher—Nathan Rees. The class reviewed each mode of time according to the Rudiments, pages 15 and 16. Nathan explained which part of each measure should get the primary and secondary accent. A variety of exercises were practiced. The class sang 347, 227, and 387 to focus particularly on placing accent on the appropriate notes. The class was dismissed.

**Elective: Styles of Sacred Harp Music.** 4:45 p.m. Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. Aldo led songs and made commentary on each one. He explained the particular style in which a song was written. The class sang 49t, the oldest dated song in the Sacred Harp tune book. It was rewritten with the Ninety-fifth Psalm as the lyrics. One note per syllable style became the framework for Anglican and French sacred songs. The class sang 38b, similar to American style, but it largely follows the English model and is homophonic. The class sang 503, which has characteristics of earlier songs like “Mear” and uses a wide variety of chords. The class sang 207 and 107. Daniel Reed heavily contributed to the popularization of fusing tunes. In “Russia”, the fusing parts have different melodies, but the same rhythmic structure. The class sang 36b: not all parts share poetry—a faux fugue. Comments on anthems: they are set to prose texts, they are show pieces, and fancier. Comments on odes: a musical setting of a poem of noble sentiment and dignity or style, as in “Mount Vernon” and “Claremont”. Comments on set pieces: music written to fit a certain text and that text only, as in 218 and 198. The class sang 162, folk hymn, often an adapted ballad or fiddle tune. The class sang 201, 499, 145b, and 274t as examples of camp meeting songs. Class dismissed.

**Elective: Thoughts on Sacred Harp Etiquette.** 4:45 p.m. Teacher—Buell Cobb. Buell began by saying that people seemed to be stricter about rules and regulations back in the old days. He read a few regulations from old conventions to give a sense of the protocol and decorum that people were expected to follow. Buell talked about leading, and led 425 with an unwritten verse to demonstrate what one can get a class to sing by using gestures, body language, and singing voice. A strong leader does not have to announce their intentions beforehand, and not doing so gives freedom for a change of mind while leading. He read a passage from “Miss Gracie’s Notes” explaining why it is good etiquette to limit the number of verses. Buell shared many entertaining stories, and offered observations that were thoughtful, illustrative, and amusing. Class dismissed.

**Class Singing (Youth Girls).** 7:30 p.m.—Katy Brown and Mary Andrews led 81t as the opening song. Evie Eddins offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Anna Strickland, Anna Bowen, AnnaMarie Bethune, Anna Hinton, and Annaliza Cull 457; Alvaro Duarte, Owen Stoddard, Cheyenne Ivey, and Fiona Nugent 349; Allison Whitener and Grace Whitener 67; Kevin Eddins and Kevin Beirne 38b; Drew Smith and Nancy Agnew 30b; Sallie Rikansrud and Sally Langendorf 34b; Julie Rikansrud, Julia Edwards, Justin Corbett, and Jerusha Wheeler 270; Nicole Bowman, Cora Wareh, and Vivian McDonald 448b; Lilly Underwood, Will Schnorenberg, and Holly Mixon 178; Jade Thompson and Ruby Francis 45t; Karen Ivey, Eric Eddins, Eli Eddins, and Elam Eddins 36b; Faiz Wareh, Nathan Rees, and Jonathon Smith 228; Emily Eddins and Rebecca Eldridge 108b; Mike Richards, Daniel Bearden, and Tarik Wareh 458; Ryan Bowman and Ewan Eddins 40; Russell Pope, Jared Pope, and Pam Nunn 268; Jessa Cheronos and Jessie Polhemus 144; Evie Eddins, Everett Daugherty, Eva Grace Horsley, and Evangeline Schultz 480; Kate Agnew, Katy Brown, Kate Fortin, and Karis Askin 212; Steve Brett and Aldo Ceresa 88b; Joanna

Nicovich and Joanna Fuller 439; River Skrenes and Vale Cofer-Shabica 164; Faith Riley, Chris Coughlin, Chrissy Glenn, and Casey Glen 159; Sierra Saylor, Tullaia Powell, and Mattie Sue Prewett 564; Richard Ivey and Brian Harris 345b; Paula Oliver, Amber Saylor, and Spencer Hegwood 277; James Nugent and Philippa Stoddard 129; Gideon Lloyd and Nathanael Schultz 421; Isaac Lloyd, Donnie Simmet, Ethan Corbett, and Carter Cook 148; Caelan Treacy and Ellen Culpepper 318; Tom George, Wyatt Denney, and Jacob Acton 274t; Lainey Martin, Abbie Glen, and Mary Andrews 445; Samuel Williams, John Micah Walter, and Ezra Eddins 196; Devereux Fuller and Dorothy Brown 231. Mary Andrews and Katy Brown led 347 as the closing song. Lina Silva offered the closing prayer.

#### Thursday, July 9

**Lesson: Rudiments III/Youth I.** 9:00 a.m. Teachers—Stuart Ivey, Scott DePoy, and Lauren Bock. Stuart began talking about four part harmony and where the four parts sit. Scott led 67 to practice accent. Stuart explained notations in a song, such as ties, slurs, triplets, holds (birds eye), D.C., D.S., and choice notes. Scott demonstrated a D.C. by leading 274t. Stuart then talked about repeats and double endings. The teachers answered questions from the class about the rudiments. Stuart described the habits of a good leader. He said a good leader has prepared (knows the song), observes mechanics (knows how to direct a song), and is inspired (has become comfortable and enjoys the best seat in the house). Lauren discussed sight-reading and learning new songs, using 87 as an example. Lauren stated that a leader should know the mode of time and where repeats occur. She suggested giving a preparatory hand gesture, and if the song is a fugging song, know which part comes in first. Ruby Francis and Devereux Fuller led 159. A scale game was played. Scotty, “the bad leader”, led 277. After receiving help from the class, Scotty, the bad leader, became Scotty, the good leader! Class dismissed.

**Lesson: Rudiments III/Adults.** 9:00 a.m. Teacher—Sam Sommers. Sam called the class to order leading 358. Sam informed the class that there are two keys within Sacred Harp, “Fa” and “La”. There are three clefs, three modes of common time, two modes of triple time, and two modes of compound time. He stated that rests are periods of silence within a song. A breach of silence is talking, audible foot patting, and other things of that nature. The class sang 98 to illustrate rests. Sam addressed the class about running away with a song by quoting a bumper sticker he once saw: “There they go. I must follow them, for I am their leader!” The leader is always right. Follow the leader! Micah John Walter led 198. Do not assume people will observe a hold. Watch the leader. There are two types of repeats: optional and mandatory. Scan songs for unnoticeable repeats. Bridgett Hill Kennedy led 438. In regard to accent, Sam remarked that if your hand is going down, it is worth a dollar; if your hand is coming up, it is worth fifty cents; if a note is positioned neither directly up or directly down, it’s chunk change. The two classifications of accent are primary and secondary. Tarik Wareh led 170. Slurs, ties, and joined flags were discussed. Sam led 419. The class sang tenor on 362. There was discussion about the word “beams” and correctly placing the slur. Sam closed by saying the songs we sing are older and stronger than we are; we cannot hurt them. We sing with full voices desiring earthy tones, but fog horns are really unnecessary. Dynamics are discretionary and discretion is a virtue (Rudiments, Chapter V). Sam led 92 and the class was dismissed.

**Elective: Musically Conservative & Materially Modern.** 10:45 a.m. Teacher—Jesse Karlsberg. The 1911 James book is one of three revisions in the early twentieth century. The James book is first in direct line to the 1911 edition. James considered the new edition to be a part of a sacred heritage. It embraced conservatism in musical style and sensibility, but modernized the appearance of the book. The cover of *The*

*Original Sacred Harp* implied primacy and authenticity. Standard melodies were not new-fangled, but familiar and time tested. The type-faces were scribal, but also had some new faces. There was contrast between the newness of presentation, age, and treatment of music. Reference of the vibrancy of the singing culture was called living and stirring, but powerful. The book was hardbound with good quality binding and not revised yearly, unlike other competitors. The song pages were cast as plates but covers were set type. The back cover drew a direct line to biblical history, positioning the book as deeply rooted in the Bible. The summary statement was an attempt to show modernity. The preface clearly marked out intent to stick to the older and more standard sacred tunes and against secular gospel, ragtime, and jig melodies. All of the songs from 1870 were retained and two-thirds of those removed were restored. The song layouts showed the tune composer on the top right and the poetry attribution to the left. James also introduced scriptural references for each song. There were many factual and editorial errors due to the rush to production. Jesse Karlsberg led 238. Nicholas Thompson led 82t. Page 489 was removed, revised, and placed back into the 1911 edition. Page 25, led by Kevin Beirne, was one of only two gospel songs in *The Original Sacred Harp*. Page 528, led by Steve Brett, was newly composed for *The Original Sacred Harp*. James was immediately sued by Cooper for theft of alto parts, but the case was thrown out. New songs were added with a historically resonant feel. It was a new book with an old standard feel. Class dismissed.

**Elective: Meter In Sacred Harp.** 10:45 a.m. Teacher—Sam Sommers. Sam began the class by leading 146, using first the words of “Amazing Grace”, and then the words to “Gilligan’s Island”. Sam offered the opening prayer. Sam talked about the difference in meter in time and meter in poetry. Samuel Williams led 27. Sam pointed out that 146 and 27 are both C.M., but they are in different modes of time. He stated that most Sacred Harp songs are iambic rather than trochaic. Poems are divided into feet, depending on where the accent falls. The class participated in an exercise demonstrating iambic meter and trochaic meter. Ryan Bowman led 418, which is iambic. Anything in C.M. or L.M. is usually iambic. Laura Ann Russell led 30t, which is trochaic. It starts with a down beat, which is typical, because the accent is on the down beat. Leaders: Nancy Agnew 82t; Sam Sommers 85; Sally Langendorf 106; Amandeep Gill 319. The triplets of meter are dactyl, anapest, and amphibrach. Sam led 231, which is mostly anapest with some iambic. Chris Coughlin led 342, which is amphibrach. Sam provided the class with a hand-out of Paine Denson’s Rudiments of Music in *The Original Sacred Harp*. Sam led 512. He read the words to 384, as an example of when musical accent is emphasized rather than poetic accent. Katy Brown led 384. Sam led 323t, and dismissed the class.

**Lesson: History and Anatomy of the Fuging Tune.** 1:00 p.m. Teacher—Jesse Karlsberg. Fugue: a song where the class starts and ends singing poetry together with a split in between; successive imitative entrances. It is from the Latin word “fugeri” meaning flee or to fly. English churches in the 1700s wanted to replace lined out hymnody and encouraged singing schools to teach note reading. This inspired a growth in the production of more complex tunes. Jesse explained different types of fuging songs and their meaning. They are plain tune (four phrases of a hymn); plain tune with extension (repeat of final phrase); antiphonal tune (splitting the third phrase with a repeat); integrated tune (the third phrase has staggered entries and the fourth phrase together); and fuging chorus (one to four repeats or repeats on the fourth phrase). In early Sacred Harp tune books, the fuging tunes were split into “Part II” for singing schools and societies, and “Part I” for church services. Fuging popularity in the early twentieth century remained due to Sacred Harp. The class

sang the following fugal tunes: “Psalm 34”, “Taunton”, “Lisbon”, 313t, “Russell”, “Fame of Jesus”, 430, 434, 548, and 472. Class dismissed.

**Lesson: Learning Songs/Boys.** 1:00 p.m. Teachers—Drew Smith and Richard Ivey. The class warmed up by singing the scales, and then sang 213b. Drew went over the S-T-A-R-S method of sight reading for Sacred Harp. S is for signature (major/minor), T is for time signature, A is for accent, R is for rhythm, and S is for stuff (weird stuff in a song). Drew explained each letter, and said to keep them in mind when learning and leading songs. The class sang the following songs, using the S-T-A-R-S method to learn: Faiz Wareh 213t; Jacob Acton 98; Nicholas Thompson 133; James Nugent and Faiz Wareh 355; Justin Corbett 344; Elam Eddins and Zachary Silva 449; Spencer Hegwood and Drew Smith 298; David Ivey and Jared Pope 450; Ethan Corbett 359; Russell Pope and River Skrenes 240. Class dismissed.

**Elective: Leading, Singing, and Remembering Jeff and Shelbie.** 2:10 p.m. Teachers—Rene Greene and Pam Nunn. Leaders picked a number from a hat. After successfully leading a song the camper considered challenging, a memento of Jeff’s or Shelbie’s was awarded. Leaders: Karis Askin, Amandeep Gill, Sally Langendorf, Philip Denney, Eva Grace Horsley, John Micah Walter, Bridgett Hill Kennedy, Jeannette DePoy. Between songs, many memories were shared, and stories told of Jeff and Shelbie. Class dismissed.

**Elective: Team Tunesmith II—Composium.** 4:00 p.m. Teacher—Aldo Ceresa. Campers had an opportunity to sing new music by the Team Tunesmith groups. The new compositions were completed during the week and were sung during the composium. Questions and comments were welcomed. Leaders: Daniel Bearden, Evie Eddins, Isaac Lloyd, Vale Cofer-Shabica, Laura Hodges, Kirk Boyer, Faiz Wareh, Owen Stoddard, Ryan Bowman, James Nugent, Steve Brett, John Micah Walter, Emily Eddins, Mike Richards, Joanna Nicovich, Aldo Ceresa, and Donnie Simmet. Class dismissed.

**Elective: Ruth Brown Bus Trips.** 4:00 p.m. Teachers—Jesse Karlsberg and Nathan Rees. Ruth Brown’s annual bus trips from Alabama to new Sacred Harp conventions provided southern singers with an opportunity for singing, travel, and fellowship. Jesse introduced Reba Dell Windom, B.M. Smith, Rodney Ivey, and Daphene Causey, who participated in a round-table discussion of Ruth Brown’s bus trips. There were over thirty trips organized by Ruth Brown with the first one in 1976. Jesse and Nathan provided an over-head projector, and presented a slide show of many pictures taken on the trips. Jesse remarked that it was a lengthy process for Ruth Brown to make the travel arrangements and requests necessary for a good trip. She always had an itinerary with the names and addresses of all riders. Most of the time the group had the same bus driver. If the bus wasn’t full of singers, it was opened up for anyone that wanted to go. B.M. Smith recalled that the singing in Chicago was the biggest singing they attended. The singers up north were all new and not experienced. It was like having a southern singing up north. Daphene recalled games and some mischief that took place on the bus: a mock trial and funeral services for a fly. Ruth Brown was a retired school teacher, but Reba Dell Windom recalled that she was outgoing, fun, and a bit mischievous herself. Pam and Rene, who are Jeff’s and Shelbie’s daughters, recalled their parents going on many bus trips, and they were left to take care of the family business. Daphene recalled on returning from one of the trips, the bus had to pass by Jeff’s and Shelbie’s business on the highway and she saw Pam and Rene standing out front holding up a large sign that read, “Under New Management”. All agreed that the bus trips were a wonderful way to spend time together and have an impact on new singers that provided a model of traditional Sacred Harp singing. Class dismissed.



**Community Singing (Young Adults).** 7:00 p.m. Steve Brett and Daniel Bearden called the class to order by leading 60. Vale Cofer-Shabica offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: The Young Adults sang an original arrangement of “Call John” (from the 1911 J.S. James Original Sacred Harp). Leaders: Jim Neal, Dana Eddins, and Edith Eddins 47t; Laurie Dempsey, Michael Darby, and Laura Ann Russell 72b; Richard Ivey, Kate Agnew, and Anna Strickland 317; Gideon Lloyd, Isaac Lloyd, AnnaMarie Bethune, and Lilly Underwood 496; Sally Langendorf, Dorothy Brown, Tarik Wareh, and Cora Wareh 40; Everett Dougherty, Jacob Acton, Julia Edwards, and Nathan Rees 371; A.J. Glen, Caleb Silva, and Jerusha Wheeler 87; Jade Thompson and Karen Rollins 354b; River Skrenes, Justin Corbett, James Nugent, Will Schnorenberg, Ethan Corbett, and Russell Pope 250; David Brodeur 325; David Saylor, Amber Saylor, and Spencer Hegwood 504; Jesse C. Polhemus, Laura Hodges, and Vale Cofer-Shabica 298; Samuel Williams, Ethan Eddins, and Kevin Eddins 445; Angela Myers, Rachel Rudi, and Ewan Eddins 99; Bridgett Hill Kennedy, Jeannette DePoy, and Scott DePoy 102; Elam Eddins, Eric Eddins, Sallie Rikansrud, Mike Richards, and Pam Nunn 384; Faith Riley and Caelan Treacy 410t; Ellen Culpepper and Sam Culpepper 472; Reba Windom, Amandeep Gill, and Lela Crowder 192; Sam Sommers 422; Eugene Forbes and Idy Kiser 208; Jared Pope, Owen Stoddard, and Pattie Wareh 436; Susan Cheronas and Jessa Cheronas 460; Joanne Fuller and Kate Fortin 211; Nicole Bowman, Ryan Bowman, and Emily Eddins 240.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Lauren Bock 411; David Ivey, Karen Ivey, Grace Whitener, and Allison Whitener 138t; Paula Oliver and Donnie Simmet 101b; Anna Hinton, Cheyenne Ivey, and Virginia Eldridge 59; Nicholas Thompson and Rene Greene 522; Daphne Causey 222; Aldo Ceresa and Katy Brown 550; Drew Smith, April LaFollette, Caroline LaFollette, and Lillian Taylor 129; Kevin Beirne, Carter Cook, and Fiona Nugent 442; Judy Caudle, Mattie Sue Prewett, and Evie Eddins 282; Loyd Ivey, Scott Ivey, and Rodney Ivey 283; Daniel Williams 123b; Jonathan Smith, Rebecca Eldridge, Annaliza Cull, and Michele Cull 155; Mary Andrews and Holly Mixon 475; Philip Denney, Wyatt Denney, Eva Grace Horsley, and Karis Askin 276; Richard Mauldin 168; Faiz Wareh and Chris Coughlin 414; Sierra Saylor, Tullaia Powell, and Lainey Martin 142; Alvaro Witt Duarte, Eli Eddins, and Ezra Eddins 448t; Micah John Walter and Joanna Nicovich 313b; Ruby Francis and Devereux Fuller 186; Guy Bankes and Anna Bowen 344; Tom George and Julia Rikansrud 49b; Evangeline Schultz and Kirk Boyer 503.

Steve Brett and Daniel Bearden thanked all those who helped. Announcements were made. They led 323t as the closing song. Vale Cofer-Shabica offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairmen—Steve Brett and Daniel Bearden; Arranging Committee—Kate Fortin, Evangeline Schultz, Philippa Stoddard, and Nicole Bowman; Secretary—Amandeep Gill; Chaplain—Vale Cofer-Shabica; Keyers—Micah John Walter and Mike Richards.

#### Friday, July 10

Following breakfast at 8:00 a.m., campers met in the Ark to take the parting hand. The Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization whose purpose is the perpetuation and preservation of Sacred Harp singing and its traditions. Camp Fasola is sponsored by SHMHA, and tax-deductible contributions are gratefully accepted.

Camp Director—David Ivey

**MOUNTAIN VIEW SINGING**  
**Old Mountain View High School, Mountain View, Arkansas**  
**Saturday, July 11, 2015**

The first Mountain View Singing was called to order by Dan Brittain leading 21b (CH). The opening prayer was offered by Andrew Albers.

Leaders: Dan Brittain 46t (CH); Gaylon Powell 206 (CH), 203 (CH); Holly Ruth Gale 89 (CH), 323 (CH); Charley Sandage 91 (CH), 207t (CH); Andrew Albers 133 (CH), 172 (CH); Kristie Powell 78b (CH), 70b (CH); David Johnson 359 (CH), 367 (CH); William Price 107 (CH), 109 (CH); Janelle Davis 346 (CH), 343 (CH).

RECESS

Katy Black brought the class back together leading 348b and 472. Leaders: Nancy Price 480, 171; Linda Funderburk 143, 47b; Anita Buswell 473, 496; Anthony Graham 312b, 448t.

LUNCH

Dan Brittain brought the class back to order leading 113 (MH) and 138 (MH).

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 223, 236; Holly Ruth Gale 49b, 49t; Charley Sandage 460, 523; Janelle Davis 65, 421; William Price 66, 84; Kristie Powell 85, 71; Andrew Albers 162, 551; Nancy Powell 222, 498; Katy Black 177 (MH); Dan Brittain and Katy Black 160 (MH); Linda Funderburk 373, 39t; Anita Buswell 323b, 100.

RECESS

Gaylon Powell brought the class back to order leading 332 (CH). Leaders: Holly Ruth Gale 117 (CH); Charley Sandage 218t (CH); Anthony Johnson 154 (CH), 155 (CH); William Price 153 (CH); Janelle Davis 175 (CH); Kristie Powell 361 (CH); Andrew Albers 131 (CH).

Announcements were made, including the second Mountain View Singing on Friday and Saturday following the first Sunday in July, 2016.

Dan Brittain led 347 as the closing song. Andrew Albers offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Dan Brittain; Vice Chairman—Gaylon Powell; Secretary—Katy Black

**FLAT SHOALS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING**  
**Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church, Stockbridge, Georgia**  
**Saturday, July 11, 2015**

The 9th annual session of the Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church singing was called to order by Jessica Altman leading 34b. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jesse Karlsberg 37b; Ashley Thompson 344; Judy Chambless 142; Nathanael Schultz 503; Faye Hollis 299; Helen Bryson 522; Oscar McGuire 556; Micah Roberts 91; Malinda Snow 36b; Reba Windom 155; Evangeline Schultz 383; Donnie Simmet 74t; David Brodeur 195; Jesse Roberts 95; Andy Ditzler 316; Lauren Bock 351; Steven Taylor 82t; B.M. Smith 49b.

RECESS

Jesse Karlsberg brought the class together leading 313t. Leaders: David Smead 234; Andrew Royappa 504; Stephen Latimer 192; Tim Royappa 39t.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jessica Altman; Vice Chairman—Jesse Karlsberg; Secretary—Ashley Thompson.

Leaders: Sarah Brock Carnell 236; Anne Royappa 47b; Timothy Altman 63; Laura DeLong 282; Eric Tweedy 200; Lisa Bennett 212; Brian Harris 101b; Brady DeLong 47t; Kathy Manning 411; John Plunkett 50b; Chelsea Miller 61; Kevin Beirne 384; John Kelso 83t; Sam Culpepper 472; Jesse Polhemus 441; Robert Chambless 72b; Sarah Rose Carnell 171. The lunch blessing was offered by Eric Carnell.

## LUNCH

Jesse Karlsberg brought the class back together by leading 332. Leaders: Jonathon Smith 360; Riley Lee 409; Frances Carnell 143; Nathan Rees 447; Jesse Roberts 82 (GH); Jessica Altman 217; Henry Johnson 296; Eric Carnell 379; Faith Riley 111b; Chris Carnell and daughters, Miriam and Gloria 326; Anna Hinton 196; Sandra Wilkinson 300; Leon Carnell 56b; Elijah Hinton 146; Ashley Thompson 436; Matt Hinton 187; Nathanael Schultz 168.

## RECESS

Nathan Rees brought the class back together leading 35. Leaders: Caleb Silva and Zachary Silva 317; Lori Ann Silva 448b; Evangeline Schultz 497; Donnie Simmet 567; Kathy Manning 500; Chelsea Miller 178; Kevin Beirne 542; Jesse Polhemus 499.

Following announcements, Jessica Altman and Jesse Karlsberg led 62 as the closing song. Riley Lee offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jessica Altman; Vice Chairman—Jesse Karlsberg; Secretary—Ashley Thompson

## SANTA CRUZ SINGING

### Live Oak Grange, Santa Cruz, California Saturday, July 11, 2015

The 2nd annual Santa Cruz Regional All-Day Singing was held at the Live Oak Grange in Santa Cruz, California, on Saturday before the second Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Edward Rice leading 31t. Edward Rice offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Edward Rice; Arranging Officer—Janet Herman.

Leaders: Edward Rice 99, 334; Mary Gowins 65, 181; Trish Neilsen 361; Jennie Brown 33b, 276; Leah Coffin 117, 277; Jeff Begley 278t, 349; Rebecca Edwards 32t, 402; Kathleen Eschen-Pipes 254; Dave Barber 59, 284; Lindy Groening 437, 446; Leigh Cooper 294, 493; Pat Coghlan 492; Greg Freed 148, 400; Mark Godfrey 83t, 74t; Janet Herman 172, 203.

## RECESS

Song selections in this session were from *The Shenandoah Harmony* (ShH). The class was brought back together by Rebecca Edwards leading 1b (ShH). Leaders: Linda Selph 226 (ShH); Edward Rice 15 (ShH), 374b (ShH); Linda Domholt 367 (ShH); Mary Gowins 310 (ShH), 431 (ShH); Jennie Brown 204 (ShH), 243 (ShH); Leah Coffin 51 (ShH), 108 (ShH); Edward Rice 264t (ShH); Jeff Begley 24t (ShH), 130 (ShH); Rebecca Edwards 438t (ShH), 53 (ShH); Dave Barber 162 (ShH), 243 (ShH); Lindy Groening 329 (ShH), 326t (ShH); Leigh Cooper 36 (ShH); Jennie Brown 254 (ShH). Celia Brown offered a prayer before the noon meal.

## LUNCH

Jeff Begley began the afternoon session by leading 27. Leaders: Trish Neilsen 209; Christopher Putnam 236; Jocelyn Bergen 457; Cecil Godfrey 40; Linda Selph 384; Linda Domholt 499; Leigh Cooper 472; Jeff Begley 67; Greg Freed 84; Pat Coghlan 272; Mark Godfrey 196; Janet Herman 500; Lindy Groening 550; Dave Barber 383; Rebecca Edwards 447; Leah Coffin 216; Jennie Brown 558; Mary Gowins 568.

## RECESS

Mary Gowins brought the class back together by leading 145t. Leaders: Edward Rice 303 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard); Christopher Putnam 39t; Jocelyn Bergen 268; Cecil Godfrey 35; Linda Selph 208; Jeff Begley 501; Ruth McGurk 271t.

The class held a business meeting. Edward Rice reported that expenses had been met. Jennie Brown reported that seventy-seven songs were led by twenty leaders, and

that thirty-seven singers from three states were in attendance. Edward Rice thanked all who helped make the singing a success. Announcements were made. The officers led 157 (ShH) as the closing song. Celia Brown offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.  
Chairman—Edward Rice; Secretaries—Tané Tachyon, Jennie Brown, and Edward Rice

## **NORWICH SINGING** **St. George's Church Hall, Norwich, United Kingdom** **Saturday, July 11, 2015**

The 4th Norwich All-Day Singing was called to order by Sophie Sawicka-Sykes leading 30b. The opening prayer was offered by Thom Fahrbach. The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Sophie Sawicka Sykes; Secretary—Nic Zuppardi; Treasurer—Dianne Chittock.  
Leaders: Dianne Chittock 171; Cath Saunt 48t; Claire Shearman 567; Emma Rock 457; Fynn Titford-Mock 131b; Emily Verrier 40; Toby Goss 288; Mick Verrier 276; Steve Fletcher 228; Teresa Maguire 106; Philip Jacobs 47t; Matthew Parkinson 124; Victoria Timberlake 275t; Boyan Pohl 212; Matthew Robley 49t; Judy Whiting 34b.  
RECESS

Emma Hooper called the class to order leading 178. Leaders: Ann Chesterton and Nic Zuppardi 181; Leilai Immel 213t; Arthur Swindells 327; Adrian McKeogh 274t; Duane Nasis 170; Charlie Williams 430; Eva Striebeck 521; Vicki Elliott 421; Francis Gaskin 130; Kate Kirwan 99; Joe Jones 154; Barry Parsons 336; Ed Paton-Williams 318; Sarah West 444.

RECESS

Leaders: Samantha Cole 111t; Erin Johnson-Hill 491; Chris Brown 447; Beth Atkinson 111b.

Cath Saunt spoke for the sick and housebound and led 77t for Emma Shorten, John Hopkinson, Zam Walker, Mike Smith, Catherine Harkin, Jackie Saunders, Nigel Bowley, Kerry Bloom, Josie Bloom, Martin Bloom, Phoebe Davison, Helen Bushell, Joni Mitchell, Max Stepanuk, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Daphene Causey, Anne Lloyd-Davis, and Malcolm Craddock.

Emma Rock conducted the memorial lesson and led 131b in memory of the following deceased: Seán Johnston—Tipperary; Brunhilde Laabs—Wetzlar, Germany; Tony Pink—Trowse; Anthony Pears—France; Marko Van Der Horst—Rotterdam; Raymond Hamrick and Joyce Harrison—Georgia, USA; Mary Newell—Dalton; Kate Davis—Dublin, Ireland; Stanly Edwards—Alabama and Oregon, USA; Sarah Hauser—Oregon, USA; Evelyn Harris—Alabama, USA; Danny Arms—North Carolina, USA; Keith Bushell—London; George Reed—Bedford; Jean Ritchie—Kentucky, USA; Packie Byrne—Donegal, Ireland; Evelyn May Quine—Bridgend, Glamorgan; Marjorie Louise Franks—Chandlers Ford; Geoff Thorp—Maulden; Richard Povall—Mikron Theatre Company; Kathy House—Pikeville, North Carolina, USA; Bill Kerridge—London; Rina Rogers—London.  
Marjorie Brown led 159. Elynn Stokes Ross offered grace before the midday meal.

LUNCH

Susannah Gill called the class to order leading 113. Leaders: Cornelia van den Doel and Michael Walker 477 (for the Tylers); Steve Brett 348b; Lisa O'Grady 475; Calum Woods 439; Magdalena Gryzsko 480; Thom Fahrbach 507; Alison Brown 176b; Sarah Hill 512; Yotin Tiewtrakul 373; Corrina Frische 142; Sadbh O'Flynn 201; Michael Walker 462; Leah Hearne 187; Andreas Manz 433; Helen Brown 436; Guy Hayes 396; Ian West 102; Joanna Bennett 377.

RECESS

Calum Woods called the class to order leading 406. Leaders: Elyn Stokes Ross 107; Amelia Lytton 344; Lottie Sumner and Emily Verrier 146; James Buckley 29t; Scott Lewin 440; Willy Bailey 503; Eimear O'Donovan 460; Ted Brown 225t; Ed Paton-Williams and Erin Johnson-Hill 31t; Julie Russell 30t; Joe Jones and Susannah Gill 354t; Toby Goss and Calum Woods 404 (for their birthdays); Bristol singers 370t; Yorkshire singers 176t; Ireland singers 442; Germany singers 506; London singers 76b; Norwich singers 523 (for Emma Shorten).

Sophie Sawicka-Sykes extended thanks to all those who had helped during the day. The secretary reported that 71 leaders had led 78 songs. Note: The London singers coincidentally selected 76b as the 76th song of the day. Announcements were made. Sophie Sawicka-Sykes led 62 as the closing song. Calum Woods offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sophie Sawicka-Sykes; Secretary—Nic Zuppari

## **CULLMAN COUNTY CONVENTION** **Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama** **July 11-12, 2015**

**Saturday, July 11**

The 122nd annual Cullman County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the Cullman County Courthouse on the second Sunday and Saturday before in July. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Glenn Keeton leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by Butch White.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 349; Butch White 535; Brenda Scott 146; Susan Cheronos 300; Patti Wareh 171; Eugene Forbes 195; Rebecca Over 380; Jim Aaron 47b; Susan Allred 378b; Lisa Geist 273; Cheyenne Ivey 222; Geraldine Sharpton 542; Charles McCravy 428; Adrian Eldridge 278t; Kate Fortin 411; Joanna Nicovich 87; Philippa Stoddard 440.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton called the class back to order leading 270. A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Lisa Geist; Arranging Officer—Carolyn Thompson; Finance Officer—Bea Aaron; Chaplain—Butch White; Memorial Committee—Susan Allred and Amber Davis.

Leaders: Charles McCravy 176b (for the Umphries family); Amber Davis 150; Henry Guthery 112; Karen Rollins 168; Vickie See and Billy See 178; Brenda Chafin 436; Loretta Whitman 373; Cora Wareh 481; Linda Thomas 391; Darrell Swarens and Katherine Eldridge 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson); Christopher Mann 86; Tarik Wareh 472; Álvaro Witt Duarte 232; Richard Mauldin 446; Mary Amelia Taylor 474; Ron Harper 442; Buell Cobb 525; Owen Stoddard 107; Daniel Bearden 140.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Glenn Keeton leading 46. Leaders: Greg Allred 452; Hazel Heinze 515; Chris Coughlin 426b; Beth Branscomb 477; Kaitlyn Bailey 480; Marlin Beasley 455; Steve Adams 99; Jack Pate 569b; Ginger Davis and Katherine Eldridge 63; Aldo Ceresa 132; Carolyn Thompson 507 (in memory of Josie Hyde). Butch White offered the blessing before the noontime meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Glenn Keeton leading 64. Leaders: David Carlton 424; Faiz Wareh 456; Robert Dupree 40; Katherine Eldridge 329; Nicholas Thompson 192; Larry Ballinger 291; Jessa Cheronos 299; Logan Green 315; Mike Richards 528; Peggy Strickland and Marlin Beasley 277; Kathy Williams 142; Virginia Eldridge 102; Justin Bowen 122 (for Margret Bryson); Luke Bryson 448t;

Bridgett Hill Kennedy 383; Bob Simmons 66; Pattie Wareh 564; Rebecca Over 39t; Kate Fortin 419; Philippa Stoddard 440; Cora Wareh 473; Darrell Swarens and Kathy Williams 208; Adrian Eldridge 569t; Tarik Wareh 48b; Owen Stoddard 42; Alvaro Witt Duarte 430; Chris Coughlin 278b; Nathan Stewart 438 (in memory of George Easley); Aldo Ceresa 550; Virginia Eldridge and Katherine Eldridge 531; Faiz Wareh 486; Justin Bowen and Luke Bryson 59; Vickie See and Billy See 288; Nathan Stewart 148.

Glenn Keeton led 267 as the closing song. Butch White dismissed the class with prayer.

### Sunday, July 12

The Sunday session of the Cullman County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 63. The opening prayer was offered by Butch White.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 274t; Bea Aaron 175, 475; Lisa Geist 527, 394; Butch White 354t, 37b; Carolyn Thompson 180, 196; Rebecca Over 493, 340; Adrian Eldridge 505, 571; Kevin Beirne 42, 108b; Kate Fortin 313b, 215; Alvaro Witt Duarte 186, 216.

#### RECESS

Glenn Keeton led 504 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Nicholas Mann 159; Eugene Forbes 218; Chris Coughlin 170; Faiz Wareh 543; Darrell Swarens 111b (in memory of Harrison Creel); Delone Cobbs 341; Faith Riley 72b; Logan Green 245; Larry Ballinger 203; Hazel Heinze 145t; Linda Booth 147t; Henry Johnson 337; Tarik Wareh 309; Joanna Nicovich 405; Steve Adams 99; Riley Lee 182; Virginia Eldridge 413.

#### RECESS

Cora Wareh brought the class back together leading 547. The memorial lesson was conducted by Amber Davis and Susan Allred. Amber spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins, and read the following list of names: Helen Beauchamp, Juanita Beasley, Elsie Moon, Phillip Springfield, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Floy Wilder, Litefoot, S.T. Reed, Lena Keeton, and Ropy Davis. She led 167 in their honor.

Susan spoke in remembrance of the deceased, and then read the following list of names: Dennis Beasley—Florida; Jean Ballinger, Johnny Humber, Rena Humber, Betty Wright, Dawson Adams, Jerry Godsey, Sammie Oliver, Stanly Edwards, Charles Kitchens, Eldagene Roberson—Alabama; George Easley—Mississippi; Dale Johnson—Tennessee; David Rust—Indiana; Danny Arms—North Carolina; Dan Adams—Connecticut; Caroline Bonnet—California; George Garner, Josephine Denney, Raymond Hamrick, C.W. Garner—Georgia; Reuben Summerlin—Fiji. She led 59 in memory of the deceased. Butch White closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 399b; Gravis Ballinger 36b; Kelsey Ivey 374; Billy See 163b; Danny Creel 512; Richard Mauldin 43. Butch White offered our mealtime blessing.

#### LUNCH

Glenn Keeton led 282 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Katherine Eldridge 412; Elene Stovall and Aldo Ceresa 411; David Ivey 487; Philippa Stoddard 500; Mark Davis 198; Kathy Williams 276; Buell Cobb 268; Owen Stoddard 155; Karen Ivey 391; Mike Richards 546; Pattie Wareh 496; J.C. Rutledge 441; Mark Davis and Carolyn Thompson 236; Susan Allred 183; Loretta Whitman 81t; Sonya Sipe 30b; Karen Freund 33b; Ateven Sanderson 107; Angela Myers 122; Richard Ivey 214; Willodean Barton 480; Amber Davis 224; Geraldine Sharpton 318; Anna Grace Sipe 335; Faiz Wareh 292; Rebecca Over 445; Chris Coughlin 205; Tarik Wareh 283; Aldo Ceresa 286; Virginia Eldridge 378b; Alvaro Witt Duarte 24b; Katherine

Eldridge 67; Owen Stoddard 277; Ateven Sanderson 178; Karen Freund 332; Cora Wareh 535; Philippa Stoddard 387; Adrian Eldridge 349.

Glenn Keeton led 62 as the closing song. Butch White offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Lisa Geist

## **NORWICH CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING AND BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE OF SUSANNAH GILL AND JOE JONES**

**St. George's Church Hall, Norwich, United Kingdom**

**Sunday, July 12, 2015**

The 2nd Norwich *Christian Harmony* singing was held at the Church Hall of St. George's Roman Catholic Church, Sprowston Road, Norwich. Michael Walker called the class to order by leading 32b and saying a few words of welcome. The Rev. Marjorie Brown offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Michael Walker; Chaplain—the Rev. Marjorie Brown; Arranging Committee—Vicki Elliott, Arthur Swindells, Sam Cole, and Eimear O'Donovan; Secretary—Arthur Swindells.

Leaders: Sam Cole and Barry Parsons 121t; Cath Saunt 67t; Arthur Swindells 111b; Emma Rock 503; Alan (Bear) Williams 143; Ellyn Stokes 354; Matthew Parkinson and Leilai Immel 345; Matthew Robley 261t; Steve Brett 20; Sarah Hill 268; Teresa Maguire 109; Joe Vickers 66t; Sarah West 548; Tom Macarte 216t; Hannah Land 1; Ed Paton-Williams 103; Fynn Titford-Mock 105t.

### **RECESS**

Michael Walker brought the class back together by leading 307, welcomed guests of the bride and groom, who were new to singing, and opened the service of blessing by leading 26t. The Rev. Marjorie Brown presided over a Service of Prayer and Dedication after Civil Marriage as in the Church of England's Common Worship. During the service, Calum Woods read Isaiah 62:1-5 in English and Welsh and led 114; Christopher Neale read Colossians 3:12-17 and Josie Gunn led 67b; Aimee Packwood read Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 and Francis Gaskin led 142. The Rev. Marjorie Brown gave a lesson reflecting on the hollow square as a symbol of the community of love and support surrounding the newly married couple, on the themes of love, fidelity and constancy in adversity expressed in the readings and on the harmony to be found in the love between bride and groom, among the community of singers present and in the love of God. The couple proclaimed their resolve to be faithful to their marriage vows as followers of Christ, and the class resoundingly proclaimed their resolve to support and uphold the couple in their marriage.

The Rev. Marjorie Brown closed the service of blessing by leading 26b, after which the bride and groom led 94 together and then, with the encouragement of the class, 210t.

Duane Nasis resumed the singing by leading 91. Leaders: Helen Brown 281b; Thom Fahrback 308; Sadhbh O'Flynn 168b; Erin Johnson-Hill 128t.

### **RECESS**

Michael Walker brought the class back together by leading 327. Leaders: Guy Hayes and Vicki Elliott 346; Magdalena Gryzsko 337; Yotín Tiewtrakul 419t; Charlie Williams 372; Joanna Bennett 275; Cornelia van den Doel and Cath Saunt 293; Alison Brown 64; Lisa O'Grady and Dianne Chittock 184; Chris Brown 53; Emma Hooper 253; Thom Fahrback 90; Joe Vickers 417t; Sadhbh O'Flynn 262; Jo Ellis 165; Ed Paton-Williams and Erin Johnson-Hill 365 (for Ella Cumber); Barry Parsons 125b; Willy Bailey 65; Ann Chesterton and Fynn Titford-Mock 418b.

The bride and groom spoke a few words of gratitude and led 204t. Announcements were made. Michael Walker closed the singing by leading “Mostyn”, a new composition written by him in honor of the occasion. The Rev. Marjorie Brown offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.  
Chairman—Michael Walker; Secretary—Arthur Swindells

**CAPITOL CITY SHAPE NOTE SINGING**  
**Loeb Reception Center, Montgomery, Alabama**  
**Thursday, July 16, 2015**

The annual Capitol City Shape Note Singing was held at the Loeb Reception Center, Montgomery, Alabama, on the third Thursday in July. Four books were used during the day as follows: *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*; The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision (CB); *The Christian Harmony* (CH); and *The Colored Sacred Harp* (CSH). Bill Hogan called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. by leading 455t/b (CB). The director of Old Alabama Town, Marion Baab, and Joey Brackner of the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture welcomed the singers to Montgomery. Bill Hogan led 36b (CB). The morning prayer was offered by Tommy Spurlock. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 64 (CB); Joey Brackner 137 (CB); Kevin Eddins and Ethan Eddins 76b (CB); Ewan Eddins 70t (CB); Evie Eddins and Callie Smith 373 (CB); Nancy Hogan 464 (CB); Rebecca Over 514 (CB); Callie Smith 378b (CB); Wynette Smith 507b (CB); Barbara Jones 276 (CB); Chita Blakeley 83b (CB); Jillian Parris and Bill Hogan 179 (CH); Mary Amelia Taylor 50 (CH); Steve Grauberger 117 (CH); Tim Taylor 322 (CH); Stanley Smith 51 (CH); Karen Clark 189 (CH); Eli Eddins 58b (CH); Billy See 91 (CH); Judy Chambless 58t (CH).

**RECESS**

Wendy Anderson brought the class back to order by leading 101t. Leaders: Ava Bohannon 143; Tim Taylor 39 (in honor of Christine Keeble); Robert Chambless and Chris Parris 384; Sam Wright 373; David Ivey 358; Wayne Jones 488; Ann Gray 178; Linda Thomas 131b; Vickie See 354b; Audrey Blakeley 35; John Tyler Blakeley 67; Jonathan Blakeley 383; Gary Padgett 442; Bill Hogan 6 (CSH); Joey Brackner 24 (CSH); Robert Vaughn 61 (CSH); Mary Amelia Taylor 4 (CSH); Rebecca Over 31 (CSH); Steve Grauberger 25b (CSH); Karen Clark 12 (CSH); Stanley Smith 87 (CSH). Jonathan Blakeley offered the blessing before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

Bill Hogan brought the class back to order leading 287 (CB). Stanley Smith led the class in singing “Lord, Give Me Just A Little More Time”. Leaders: Elam Eddins 282 (CB); Wynette Smith 146 (CB); Robert Vaughn 453b (CB); John Tyler Blakeley 492 (CB); Rebecca Over 156 (CB); David Weaver and Ezra Eddins 159 (CB); Emily Eddins and Kathrine Weaver 85 (CB); Callie Smith 280 (CB); Gary Padgett 170 (CH); Sam Wright 372 (CH); Evie Eddins 326 (CH); Karen Clark 168 (CH); Nancy Hogan 214 (CH); Stanley Smith 54 (CH); Elam Eddins 89 (CH); David Weaver 361 (CH); Evie Eddins 198 (CH); Mary Amelia Taylor 258 (CH); Deborah Boykin 81t; Dana Eddins 39t; Billy See and Vickie See 163b; Robert Vaughn 490; Tim Taylor 474; Tommy Spurlock 475; Joey Brackner 47b; Judy Chambless 389; Evie Eddins 183; David Ivey 440; Ezra Eddins 89.

After announcements, Bill Hogan, Judy Chambless, Stanley Smith, and Joey Brackner led 56t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer.  
Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—Nancy Hogan; Secretary—Judy Chambless



**MICHIANA SINGING**  
**Southwest Bible Church, Goshen, Indiana**  
**Saturday, July 18, 2015**

The 28th annual Michiana Singing was called to order by Matthew Lind leading 34b. Pastor David Stump (of the Southwest Bible Church) offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were appointed: Chairman—Matthew Lind; Treasurer—James Nelson Gingerich; Arranging Officer—Henry Schuman; Secretary—Samuel Sommers.

Leaders: James Nelson Gingerich 29t; Samuel Sommers 492; Henry Schuman 318; Michael Miller 551; Ann Miczulski 282; Nathan Zweig 161; Angela Myers 171; Jim Helke 512; Marian Mitchell 44; Gerry Hoffinan 142; Gillian Inksetter 546; Steve Warner 474; Shirley Figura 499; Tom George 176b.

**RECESS**

James Nelson Gingerich called the class to order leading 87. Leaders: Sarah Trumbore 217; Zachary Rohrbach 39t; Rochelle Lodder 36b; Paul Figura and Shirley Figura 438; Carol Ann Munro 392; Kent Beck 81t; Cecelia Kramer 444; Tom Ivey 538; Anne Heider 455; Wendy Wahn 269; Nathan Stewart 386; Jo Dell Albi 201; Adam Brasich 58; Rachel Rodgers 406; Brad Bahler and Karen Bahler 192; Kit Canright 47t.

**RECESS**

The class was called to order by Matthew Lind leading 145t. Leaders: Beth Todd 411; Jan May 454; Claudia Dean 333; Andy Ditzler 99; Lori Graber 500; Darrell Swarens 507; Anne Steel 271t; Presley Barker 344; Nancy Britton 367.

Michael Miller conducted the memorial lesson. He read a psalm, and then the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Tom Dean, Marlen Rust, Charles Lauer, James Page, Lance Barkley, Melanie Hauff, Frank Fraembs, Beegee Rechenberg, Loraine Bayer, Stephani Slutz, and Susan Bingham.

Michael then read the following list of names of the deceased: Betty Wright, Sammie Oliver, Stanly Edwards, Evelyn Harris—Alabama; Robert How, Caroline Bonnet, and Walt Bowman—California; Dan Adams—Connecticut; Raymond Hamrick, Junie Wooten, Josephine Denney, Joyce Harrison, C.W. Garner, and George Garner—Georgia; Bob Sullivan and Greg Oakes—Illinois; Daniel Sommers, Arthur Hall, David Rust, Dorothy Glanzer, Edna Miller, and Millard Lind—Indiana; George Easley—Mississippi; Danny Arms—North Carolina; Joe Fothergill—Ohio; Timothy Paul—Pennsylvania; Val Brunk Hertzler and Catheryn Bearov—Virginia. Michael Miller offered prayer, and then led 452.

Leaders: John Fink 515; Katie White 547.

**LUNCH**

Sam Sommers called the class to order leading 207. Leaders: Cathryn Bearov 426b; Peter Trumbore 189; Judy Caudle 336; Henry Schuman 522; Anna Pfau 328; Ginny Landgraf 370; Catherine Brown 66; Warren Steel 230; Anne Missavage 280; Elisabeth Pixley-Fink and John Fink 503; Richard Ivey 556; Pat Callahan 568; Suzanne Flandreau 68b; Will Fitzgerald 418; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 564; Linda Heemskerk 421; Malachi Lind 337.

**RECESS**

Michael Miller called the class to order leading 155. Leaders: Justin Bowen 145t; Martha Beverly 383; John Hoerr 186; Janelle Davis 504; Dean Knuth 33t; John Seaton 47b; Rebecca Edwards, Ellen Edwards, Sue Bridge, and Nick Bridge 440; Ted Mercer 468; Christine Guth 35; David Brodeur 448t; Jan May and Gillian Inksetter 228; Angela Myers, Judy Caudle, and Bridgett Hill Kennedy 348b; Justin

Bowen, Tom George, and Richard Ivey 345b; Tom Ivey 460; Pat Callahan and Rachel Rodgers 82t; Rebecca Edwards and Nancy Britton 376. Announcements were made. Matthew Lind led 62 as the closing song. Sam Sommers dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Matthew Lind; Secretary—Samuel Sommers

**WALKER COUNTY CONVENTION**  
**Boldo United Methodist Church Boldo, Alabama**  
**Saturday, July 18, 2015**

The 101st session of the Walker County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 63. Hubert Nall offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Honorary Vice Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Secretary—Lisa Geist; Arranging Officer—Margaret Keeton; Chaplain—Hubert Nall; Memorial Committee—Rebecca Over and Brenda Chafin. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 59; Don Keeton 491, 490; Lisa Geist 209, 269; Hubert Nall 217, 287; Rebecca Over 286, 399t; Richard Mauldin 143, 349; Mike Hankins 282, 480; Geraldine Sharpton 84, 299; Seth Poston 275b, 108b; Loretta Whitman 312b, 343.

**RECESS**

Glenn Keeton led 150 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Brenda Chafin 142, 168; Kaitlyn Bailey 347, 107; Willodean Barton 454, 391; Eugene Forbes 172, 189; Mary Amelia Taylor 55, 472; Jack Pate 152, 569b; Bea Aaron 426b, 475; Tim Taylor 131t, 228; Jim Aaron 231, 47b.

**RECESS**

Glenn Keeton called the class back to order leading 270. Leaders: Bill Hogan 109, 456; Betty Baccus 499, 418; Chris Ballinger 424, 29t; Linda Sides 225t (in memory of the marines and sailor killed in Chattanooga), 82b; Earl Ballinger 392, 375. Hubert Nall returned thanks before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 61 (in honor of Juanita Beasley). Leaders: Larry Ballinger 540, 528; Mike Richards 313t, 202; Tommie Spurlock 430, 432.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Brenda Chafin and Rebecca Over led 530 in honor or the following sick and shut-ins: Ottis Sides, Floy Wilder, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Aubrey Barfield, Margaret Spurlock, Velton Chafin, Johnnie Chafin, Norman Crider, Ercyl Vidrine, Lena Keeton, Mark Davis (Amber Davis's husband), Juanita Beasley, Steve Adams, Kermit Adams, Ralph Anton, and Jerry Boyd.

Rebecca Over spoke in memory of the following deceased: Jean Ballinger, Rena Humber, Johnny Humber, C.W. Garner, George Garner, Dennis Beasley, Stanly Edwards, Betty Wright, Josephine Denney, Charles Kitchens, Eldagene Roberson, Sammie Oliver, Raymond Hamrick, Stella Pratt, Dawson Adams, Charles Ray Ledbetter, and Reubin Summerlin. She led 30b, and Brenda Chafin closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Cathy Jones 524, 457; Nicole Bowman 547, 127; Ryan Bowman 157, 410t; Stanley Smith 411, 271t; Wanda Capps 272, 203; Danny Creel 170, 492; Nicole Bowman 146; Ryan Bowman 410b; Bill Hogan 442; Kaitlyn Bailey 147t; Tommie Spurlock 496; Mary Amelia Taylor 546; Tim Taylor 354t; Rebecca Over 145t; Stanley Smith 498; Mike Richards 500; Seth Poston 235 (in memory of his cousin, Shelia Kay).

Following announcements, Glenn Keeton and Brenda Chafin led 267 as the closing song. Hubert Nall dismissed the class prayer.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Honorary Vice Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Secretary—Lisa Geist

## **GWEHELOG SINGING**

### **Gwehelog Methodist Chapel, Monmouthshire, United Kingdom Saturday, July 18, 2015**

The 16th annual Gwehelog Sacred Harp and Moody and Sankey singing weekend was held at Gwehelog Methodist Chapel in Wales. The class was called to order by Liam Kirby, who welcomed everyone, and then led 176t. Matthew Parkinson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Barbour 494; Leilai Immel 49b; Marcos Sullivan 29b; Judy Whiting 150; Phil Owen 30b; Leila Gamaz 48b; Steve Brett 32t; Susannah Gill 29t; Barry Parsons 145t; Vicki Elliott 81t; Matthew Parkinson 66; Joe Jones 108b; Lin James 76b; Ruth Steggles 33b; Chris Brown 350.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Liam Kirby; Chaplain—Matthew Parkinson; Arranging Officer—Samantha Cole; Treasurer—Phil Owen; Secretary—Barry Parsons.

#### **RECESS**

The class was brought back to order by Phil Owen leading 111b. Leaders: Benny Ross 556; Sarah West 154; Ted Brown 105; Mryka Hall-Beyer 551; Shannon Primm 65; Michael Walker 207; Helen Brown 379.

Chris Brown spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins, and led 49t in their honor.

Judy Whiting read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: John Hopkinson, Cath Tyler, Steve Harrison, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Felipe Ortega, Nadia Abdelaziz, Sister Pippa, Doug Spreeman, and Marjorie McGrath.

She then read the following list of names of the deceased: Cyril Guy—Llangybi; Kate Davis—Dublin; Mary Newell—Dalton; Drew Logan; Edith Kronenberg—Whitley Bay and Vienna; Geoffrey Nathan—Essex; Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, and George Garner—Georgia, USA; Ann Bates—Sussex; Dan Adams—Connecticut, USA; Bruce Cairns—Alberta, Canada; John Selvey—Derby; Ron Green—London; Stanly Edwards and Evelyn Harris—Alabama, USA; Danny Arms—North Carolina, USA; Margaret Wealsley—Sibford Gower; Duncan Copper—Scunthorpe; Trevor Clews—Broad Campden. Joe Jones offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Vicki Elliott 68b; John Barbour 128; Susannah Gill 278t; Marcos Sullivan 300; Lin James 285t; Ruth Steggles 335; Judy Whiting 472; Joe Jones 30t; Steve Brett 374; Matthew Parkinson 63. Helen Brown offered the blessing before the noon meal.

#### **LUNCH**

Leilai Immel called the class back together by leading 290. Leaders: Liam Kirby 401; Sarah West 208; Benny Ross 324; Helen Brown 518; Michael Walker 396; Mryka Hall-Beyer 454; Shannon Primm 455; John Williams 274t; Vicki Elliott 426b; Barry Parsons 292; Susannah Gill 269; Matthew Parkinson 383; Joe Jones 388; Lin James 84; Chris Brown 138t; Steve Brett 418; Leila Gamaz 117; Ted Brown 176b; Ruth Steggles 203; Phil Owen 187; Judy Whiting 492.

#### **RECESS**

Samantha Cole brought the class back together by leading 129. Leaders: Marcos Sullivan 288; Leilai Immel 92; Phil Owen 111t; John Barbour 99; Helen Brown 430; John Williams 183; Michael Walker 304 (in memory of Danny Arms); Mryka Hall-

Beyer 497; Ted Brown 496; Sarah West 37b; Benny Ross 505; Shannon Primm 98; Joe Jones, Susannah Gill, and Michael Walker 327.

Following announcements, Liam Kirby led 425 as the closing song. Matthew Parkinson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Liam Kirby; Secretary—Barry Parsons

### **SPIVEY HALL SINGING** **Spivey Hall, Morrow, Georgia** **Saturday, July 18, 2015**

The 13th annual Sacred Harp singing at Spivey Hall was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in July. Malinda Snow called the class to order leading 77b. She welcomed everyone. John Kelso offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Malinda Snow 157; Eric Tweedy 301, 200; Kevin Kleinfelder 159, 117; John Kelso 33b; Andy Morse 73b, 176b; Gaston White 66, 155; Kurt Zeller 40; George Burnette 101t, 81t; Caleb Silva 87, 317; John Plunkett 318 (for Amy, Anders, and Corinne Wells), 84 (in memory of Robert DuPree); Chris Tweedy 100; David Smead 99, 268; Lisa Bennett 68t, 77t.

#### **RECESS**

The class was called together by Andy Morse leading 475. Lori Silva led 448b.

The class entered into a business session and elected the following officers:

Chairman—Malinda Snow; Vice Chairman—Andy Morse; Secretary—Lisa Bennett.

Leaders: Eric Tweedy 35t; Kevin Kleinfelder 178; John Kelso 123b; Andy Morse 189; Kurt Zeller 34b; Gaston White 148; George Burnette 129; Caleb Silva 79; John Plunkett 271t; Chris Tweedy 282; Lisa Bennett 47b; David Smead 47t; Lori Silva 430.

#### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session was brought to order by Lisa Bennett leading 59. Leaders: Eric Tweedy 385t; Andy Morse 497; Malinda Snow 217; Gaston White 46; John Plunkett 49b; George Burnette 128; Chris Tweedy 409; Noelle Silva and Lina Silva 65; Lisa Bennett 163b (for Joseph Mancuso); David Smead 106; Lori Silva and family 196.

Announcements were made. Malinda Snow led 62 as the closing song. Andy Morse dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Malinda Snow; Vice Chairman—Andy Morse; Secretary—Lisa Bennett

### **COWETA COUNTY COURTHOUSE SINGING** **Newnan, Georgia** **Sunday, July 19, 2015**

The 2nd annual Coweta County Courthouse Singing was held on the third Sunday in July at the Coweta County Courthouse in Newnan, Georgia. The class was called to order by Mark Puckett leading 59. Jim Neal offered the morning prayer. Mark Puckett welcomed all of the singers, and made several announcements.

Leaders: Mark Puckett 176b; John Plunkett 81t, 321; Lela Crowder and Teresa Parker 39b, 441; Philip Denney 535, 84; David Smead 77b, 48t; Cecil Roberts 75, 97; Wyatt Denney 32t, 547; Rebecca Over 453, 197; Richard DeLong 432, 325; Lisa Bennett 68t, 106.

#### **RECESS**

John Plunkett called the class back together leading 52t. Leaders: Jim Neal 111b, 155; Karis Askin 504, 448t; Oscar McGuire 276; Charles Woods 168, 283; Earlis McGraw 76b, 544; Sheri Taylor 42, 278b; Virginia Dyer 217, 456; Charlene Wallace

208, 171; Janet Shepherd 384, 114; Mark Puckett, Leighanna Beatenbough, and Haley Beatenbough 45t.

The class entered into a business session and elected the following to serve: Chairman—Mark Puckett; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Lela Crowder. A motion was made and approved to move the singing to the fourth Sunday in October. The next singing will be held the fourth Sunday in October, 2016.

#### LUNCH

John Plunkett brought the class back to order leading 418. Leaders: Lela Crowder 224; Philip Denney 61; David Smead 312t; Cecil Roberts 312b, 229; Karis Askin 457; Ken Ashley 128; Jim Neal 282; Lisa Bennett 340; Wyatt Denney 300; Rebecca Over 375; Virginia Dyer 63, 454 (for Donna Bell); Mark Puckett, Leighanna Beatenbough, and Haley Beatenbough 112, 408 (for Allen Lambert); Oscar McGuire 163b; Charlene Wallace 167; Earlis McGraw 225t; Janet Shepherd 107.

Announcements were made. Mark Puckett and his granddaughters, Leighanna and Haley Beatenbough, led 45t as the closing song. Ken Ashley offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Mark Puckett; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Lela Crowder

### **KALAMAZOO SINGING** **Wesley Foundation, Kalamazoo, Michigan** **Sunday, July 19, 2015**

The 17th annual Kalamazoo Singing was held on the third Sunday in July. Dean Knuth welcomed the singers to the Wesley Foundation Student Center on the campus of the University of Michigan. Martha Beverly led 171. The opening prayer was offered by Will Fitzgerald.

Leaders: Will Fitzgerald 65; Jan Wright 313b; Henry Schuman 456; Ann Miczulski 441; David Brodeur 466; Nancy Britton 77t; Peter Trumbore 84; Marian Mitchell 48b; Mary List 338; Bob Borcharding 168; Charlotte Wolfe 64; John Fink 49b; Claudia Dean 341; Ted Mercer 210; Carol Ann Munro 550; Rachel Rodgers 144; John Seaton 47t; Katie White 114; Matthew Lind 36t; Rochelle Lodder 39t; Gerry Hoffman 477; Shirley Figura 209.

#### RECESS

Dean Knuth called the class to order leading 66. Leaders: John Hoerr 528; Rebecca Edwards 558; Paul Figura 358; Nicoletta Rogers 434; Justin Bowen 319; Cecelia Kramer 71; Jan May 474; Jim Helke 196; Kit Canright 129; Richard Ivey 464; Lori Graber 540; Steven Rogers 68b; Eileen Ferguson 38t; Tom George 88b; Sarah Trumbore 113; Andy Ditzler 316; Anne Heider 198; Bill Beverly and Judy Shamu 547; Janelle Davis 505 (for James Page); James Nelson Gingerich 285t; Steve Warner 475; Idy Kiser 448b; Will Fitzgerald and Rebecca Edwards 448t; Beth Todd 373; Darrell Swarens 208; Tom Ivey 562.

#### LUNCH

John Fink called the class to order leading 38b. Leaders: Anna Pfau 480; Sam Sommers 112; Tom George 385b; Annie Grieshop 344; Nate Zweig 170; Dean Knuth 107; Cathryn Bearov 216; Nathan Stewart 269; Anne Missavage 362; Brandon Buxton and Will Fitzgerald 335; Bess Fitzgerald and Will Fitzgerald 131t; Richard Ivey, Tom George, and Justin Bowen 201; Martha Beverly 197 (in memory of C.W. Garner and George Garner); Mark Clague 183; Ginny Landgraf 214; Dean Knuth 27; Steven Rogers and Nicoletta Rogers 276; Gerry Hoffman and Katie White 192; Rachel Rodgers, Sarah Trumbore, and Nathan Stewart 148; Jan May 351; Beth

Todd and Annie Grieshop 430; Tom Ivey 236; Kit Canright and Anna Pfau 224; Andy Ditzler and David Brodeur 384.

Announcements were made. Dean Knuth and James Nelson Gingerich led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Will Fitzgerald.

Chairman—Dean Knuth; Secretary—Henry Schuman

### **CHAFIN, HARBINSON, AND HOLLIS MEMORIAL New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama Sunday, July 19, 2015**

The 143rd session of the Chafin, Harbinson, and Hollis Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at New Prospect Church on the third Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 59.

Danny Creel welcomed everyone. He presided over the business session and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Ann Jett; Arranging Officer—Rodney Ivey.

Leaders: Danny Creel 56b, 112; Rodney Ivey 170, 511; Jared Wootten 460, 56t; Richard Mauldin 35, 64; Ryan Bowman 81t, 300; Eugene Forbes 137, 318; Mike Richards 187, 426t; Brenda Chafin 215, 542.

#### **RECESS**

Danny Creel led 354t to bring the class together. Leaders: Mary Amelia Taylor 276, 396; Lisa Geist 532, 151; Tim Taylor 29b, 111b; Steve Adams 99, 101t; Tommie Spurlock 273, 426b; Nicole Bowman 344, 294; Betty Baccus 417, 100; Glenn Keeton 86, 163b; Willodean Barton 111t, 145t.

#### **RECESS**

The class was brought back to order by Rodney Ivey leading 138t. Leaders: Loretta Whitman 343, 373; Buell Cobb 105, 515; Ken Tate 535, 73b; Cheyenne Ivey 512, 168; Scott Ivey 452 (in memory of Robert DuPree), 371; Stanley Smith 377, 216; Reba Windom 36b, 299; Larry Ballinger 298, 425. Danny Creel returned thanks before the noon meal.

#### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Danny Creel leading 283. Leaders: Greg Allred 68b; Ann Jett 172, 167; Susan Allred 186, 65; Elene Stovall 432, 222; Rodney Ivey 384; Jared Wootten 475; Mary Amelia Taylor 189; Mike Richards 193; Scott Ivey 49b; Steve Adams 378t; Stanley Smith 434; Tim Taylor 200; Ken Tate 547; Brenda Chafin, Velton Chafin, and George Chafin 448t; Eugene Forbes 212; Tommie Spurlock 430; Glenn Keeton 178; Lisa Geist 546; Velton Chafin 483 (by request). Announcements were made. Danny Creel led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Ken Tate, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Ann Jett

### **HILLABEE SACRED HARP SINGING Daviston, Alabama Sunday, July 19, 2015**

The annual Hillabee Sacred Harp Singing was held on the third Sunday in July at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Charlotte Bishop leading 45t and 63. Kenny Whitehead offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Daryl Forehand 108t, 45b; Jordan McGuire 111t, 405; Sharon Whitehead 274t, 46; Dwaine McGuire 354b, 47b; Kenny Whitehead 297, 145b.

#### **RECESS**

Leaders: Jordan McGuire 159, 145t; Kenny Whitehead 285t; Charlotte Bishop 569b; Douglass Hubbard 225 (CB). The memorial lesson was conducted by Charlotte Bishop, who led 186 in memory and honor of members of the Avery family. Jordan McGuire led 472 for the sick and shut-ins.

#### LUNCH

Leaders: Charlotte Bishop 358; Jerald Sellers and Douglas Hubbard 288; Sharon Whitehead 143; Douglas Hubbard 159.

Charlotte Bishop led 59 as the closing song. Douglas Hubbard offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Sharon Whitehead

### **COTACO CONVENTION**

#### **Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Morgan County, Alabama Saturday, July 25, 2015**

The 127th session of the Cotaco Convention was held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July. The class was called to order by J.L. Hopper leading 49t and 91. The opening prayer was offered by Nicholas Thompson. Judy Caudle led 40 (in memory of Dennis Beasley) and 61 (for Juanita Beasley).

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Nicholas Thompson.

Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 322, 340; Delone Cobbs 147t, 146; Chris Ballinger 44, 350; Mike Richards 473, 171; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 276, 82t; Jim Aaron 231, 47b; Henry Johnson 138t, 205; Nancy Thompson and Wanda Brothers 373, 65; Geraldine Sharpton 515, 229; Cheyenne Ivey 213t, 30b.

#### RECESS

J.L. Hopper led 129 to bring the class together. Leaders: Richard Ivey 192; Karen Freund 101b, 370; Tom George 141, 108b; Marlin Beasley 460, 318; Cindy Tanner 208, 336; David Ivey 558; Darrell Swarens 324, 72b; Vickie See and Billy See 163b, 288; Carol Newman 220, 358; Becky Strickland 481, 59. Delone Cobbs offered a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with J.L. Hopper leading 394. Leaders: Justin Bowen 274t, 454; Reba Windom 222, 542; Daniel Hopper 450, 451; Dennis George 486, 177; Larry Ballinger 121; Kelsey Ivey 230, 47t; Bea Aaron 441, 426b; Ron Harper 173, 203; Eugene Forbes 155, 39b; Joanna Nicovich 41, 452; Loyd Ivey 204, 270; Loretta Whitman 48t, 143; Steve Adams 99 (for Kermit Adams), 331; Elizabeth Gentry 178, 319 (for friends in Sydney, Australia); Daniel Hopper 254 (by request of J.C. Rutledge); Luke Bryson 63, 232; Wanda Brothers and Joanna Nicovich 45t. The opportunity for hosting the next Cotaco Convention was given, and no requests were received, so the convention will remain with Gum Pond Church for another year. Announcements were made.

J.L. Hopper led 46 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle

**SWANNANOA GATHERING SHAPE NOTE SINGING**  
**Warren Wilson College, Asheville, North Carolina**  
**Saturday, July 25, 2015**

The Swannanoa Gathering Shape Note Singing was held in Morris Pavilion, Warren Wilson College, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July in conjunction with Old Time Music and Dance Week. Sarah Kehrberg was Acting Chairman in the absence of Jane Spencer. Singers were greeted by Ron Pen, who led 73b, and then offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: David Wilson 178; Kevin Kehrberg 155; Dave Farmer 282; Sarah Kehrberg 86; Mary Baumeister 28t; Chris Wilhelm 87; Robert Kelley 455; Diane Eskenasy 180; Michael Spencer 354t; Myfanwy Godfrey and Michael Spencer 277; Tom Dillon 569b; Lynda Hambourger 29t; Ron Pen 146; David Wilson 163b; Kevin Kehrberg 268; Dave Farmer 148; Sarah Kehrberg 472; Mary Baumeister 225t (in memory of Robert DuPree).

**RECESS**

The class was brought together by Chris Wilhelm leading 485. Leaders: Robert Kelley 338; Diane Eskenasy 181; Michael Spencer 278t; Tom Dillon 446; Lynda Hambourger 300; Jeff Hamilton 410t; Madeline Wadley and Ron Pen 340; Ellie Snyder 344.

The following lessons were from *The Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Dorothy Lane 109 (CH); Ron Pen 117 (CH); David Wilson 180 (CH); Kevin Kehrberg 248 (CH). Kevin returned thanks before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

Upcoming singings were announced. Ron Pen thanked our host, Warren Wilson College, and all who had contributed to the singing and bountiful dinner. He stated that current officers would be continued for the 2016 singing.

Leaders: Ron Pen and Milt Crofts 78b (CH); Mary Baumeister 491 (CH); Robert Kelley 488 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 64 (CH); Diane Eskenasy 51 (CH); Michael Spencer 493b (CH); Sarah Kehrberg 165 (CH); Dorothy Lane 249 (CH); Jonathon Gaylord 24t (CH); Lynda Hambourger 184 (CH); Dave Farmer 458 (CH); Tom Dillon 339 (CH); Ron Pen 87 (CH); David Wilson 67b (CH); Kevin Kehrberg 235 (CH); Mary Baumeister 455b (CH); Robert Kelley 255 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 294 (CH) (for David and Leslie Booher); Diane Eskenasy 89 (CH); Michael Spencer 465t (CH); Sarah Kehrberg and Mandy Rose 88 (CH); Dorothy Lane 327 (CH).

**RECESS**

The class led lessons from *The Southern Harmony*. Leaders: Jonathon Gaylord 193t (SoH); Lynda Hambourger 46 (SoH); Dave Farmer 109 (SoH); Ron Pen 19b (SoH); Kevin Kehrberg 56 (SoH); Mary Baumeister 148 (SoH); Robert Kelley 145 (SoH); Chris Wilhelm 125 (SoH); Michael Spencer 41 (SoH); Sarah Kehrberg 16 (SoH); Ellie Snyder 49 (SoH).

In conclusion, the officers led 267 as the closing song. Ron Pen offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Acting Chairman—Sarah Kehrberg; Vice Chairman—Ron Pen; Secretary—Chris Wilhelm

**LUNSFORD AND JOLLY MEMORIAL SINGING**  
**Escondido, California**  
**Saturday, July 25, 2015**

The 19th annual Lunsford and Jolly Memorial Singing (renamed in 2014) was held at the Trinity Episcopal Church, Escondido, California. The class was called to



order at 10:00 a.m. by Jerry Schreiber leading 473. Midge Harder offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held, and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed: Chairman—Mairye Bates; Vice Chairman—Jerry Schreiber; Secretaries—Whitney Clapp and Judy Getrich; Treasurer—Mairye Bates; Arranging Committee—Whitney Clapp, Judy Getrich, Carla Smith; Resolutions—Rick Russell.

Leaders: Whitney Clapp 294; Judy Getrich 228; Mairye Bates 84; Midge Harder 470; Carla Smith 170; Rick Russell 148; Jeri Segal 128; Pat Keating 377; Steven Toriello 332; Laura Boyd Russell 540; Peter Stenshoel 285t; Alison Fisher 300; Bruce Hayes 320; David Olson 489; Larry Arnstein 163b.

RECESS

Jerry Schreiber brought the class back together by leading 313t. Leaders: Esteban Veliz 213t; Marilyn Murata 195; Jeff Begley 312t; Kathy Sawada 83t; John Marr 335; Andrew Mashchak 66; Nicholas Vence 164; Tony Parkinson 186; Bruce Teter 145t; Max Wright 448t; Susan Willis-Powers 142.

RECESS

Jerry Schreiber brought the class back together by leading 312b. Leaders: Mairye Bates 59; Ron Huss 157; Kevin Liu 86; Luke Sayers 63; Midge Harder 56b; Jerry Schreiber 532; Jeri Segal 277; Rick Russell 37b; Karen Huss 236. Midge Harder offered grace for lunch.

LUNCH

Jerry Schreiber brought the class back together by leading 203. Leaders: Carla Smith 123t; Duane Gruber 496; Susanna Ball 178; Steven Toriello 47b; Pat Keating 272; Laura Boyd Russell 440; Peter Stenshoel 240; Alison Fisher 198; David Olsen 235; Marilyn Murata 423; Bruce Hayes 254; Kathy Sawada 497; Larry Arnstein 313b; Karen Huss 454; Esteban Veliz 383.

RECESS

Whitney Clapp and Jerry Schreiber brought the class back to order by leading 384. Leaders: John Marr 319; Susan Willis-Powers 299; Clinton Davis 378t; Jeff Begley 266; Ron Huss 489; Steven O'Leary 475; Andrew Mashchak 268; Kevin Liu 506; Jerry Schreiber 556; Nicholas Vence 49t; Max Wright 146; Mairye Bates 551; Jerry Schreiber 274t.

Mairye Bates led 347 as the closing song. Midge Harder offered a prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mairye Bates; Vice Chairman—Jerry Schreiber; Secretaries—Judy Getrich and Whitney Clapp

## **MAINE SINGING** **The Old Town House, Union, Maine** **Saturday, July 25, 2015**

The 13th session of the Maine All-Day Singing met on Saturday before the last Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Pat Callahan leading 171. Corrone Bryant offered the opening prayer, and then led 31b.

Leaders: Peter Golden 111b; Elizabeth Stoddard 32t; Bill Holt 47t; Molly Brewer 59; Owen Stoddard 68b; Stephanie Kierstead 48t; Kris Paprocki 45t; Barb Ames 472; John Travers 448t; Ally Talbot 378t; Bobbie Goodell 151; George Pomfret 496; Philippa Stoddard 85; John Hughes 84.

RECESS

Chris Noren called the class back together leading 117. Leaders: Clara Fagan 33b; Robert Stoddard 187; Pleasance Crawford 474; Donna Carlson 178; Eric Hildebrant 236; Troad Richmond 481; Kerry Cullinan 29t; Robert Stoddard 313t; Pattie Wareh

106; Celia Devine 362; Terry Ryan 216; Laura Hodges 128; Chris McKnight 110; Ines Lüttgen 206; Patrick Friesen 326.

#### RECESS

Bill Holt called the class back to order by leading 148. Leaders: Alexa Gilmore 39t; Scott Luscombe 68t; Joanne Fuller 196; Eric-Dardan Ymeraga 53; Anya Skibbie 203; Mary Skidmore 250.

Emily Hancock conducted the memorial lesson, reading the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins and leading 34t in their honor: Berkley Moore, Frank Fraembs, Ruth Anne Bryant, Juanita Beasley, Marcia Rutledge, Johanna Fabke, Julie Ve, Christine Andrews, Ted O'Connell, David Strother, Toni Strother, Tom Padwa, Joanne Haskell-Katz, and Matt Pugh.

Emily then read the following list of names of the deceased and led 347 in their memory: David Hanson, Bill Booth, Betty King, Sarah Doableday—Maine; Alice Hildebrant, Scott Curtis—Massachusetts; Richard Dukette, Sharill Bradley, Diane Maynard—Vermont; Dan Adams—Connecticut; Roy Skidmore—New York; Bob Scorgie—Wisconsin; Juliette Ayotte—Florida; George Garner—Georgia; Robert DuPree—Alabama; Sandra Baird—Illinois; David Wampler—Pennsylvania; Abe Shoter—Ohio. Chris Holley closed the memorial lesson with prayer, and then led 285t.

Leaders: Leyland delRe 134; Jonathan Spencer 332; Traci Naylor 430; Faiz Wareh 26; Cora Wareh 142; George Dymont 198. Liz Cantrell offered a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Chris McKnight called the class back to order by leading 277. Leaders: Julie Botnick 383; Tarik Wareh 428; Sarah Underhill 278b; Hans Guttman 480; Sophie Soloway 384; Chris Noren 306; Liz Cantrell 300; Leonard Spencer 245; Carly Goss 269; Ben Bath 411; Katy Brown and Dorothy Brown 274t; Henry Schuman 318; James Page 297; Larry Jalbert 38b; Charles Biada 208; Hal Booth 254; Aldo Ceresa 532; Jesse Vear 385b; Deborah Marsh 569b.

#### RECESS

Owen Stoddard led 282 to bring the class together. Leaders: Chuck Micciche 503; Kathe Pilobosian 422; Will Rivitz 66; Mary Skidmore 189; John Hughes 112; George Pomfret 192; Ines Lüttgen 506; Terry Ryan 218; Laura Hodges 376; Kerry Cullinan 280; Pattie Wareh 36b; Patrick Friesen 421; Troad Richmond 95; Katy Brown 107; Jonathan Spencer 455; Joanne Fuller 460.

A short business meeting was held and Robert Stoddard was elected Chairman of the 2016 session of the Maine All-Day Singing.

Pat Callahan, Robert Stoddard, and Peter Golden led 62 as the closing song. Chris Holley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Pat Callahan; Secretary—Peter Golden

### **CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA SACRED HARP SINGING**

#### **Centre Hall, Pennsylvania**

**Saturday, July 25, 2015**

The 6th 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 Tim Wheeler leading 56b, followed by announcements. Lamar Matthew offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairperson—Tim Wheeler; Secretary—Chas Brua.

Leaders: Barb VanderJagt and Joshua Wetstein 146; Tim Culberston 39t; Len VanderJagt 66; B.C. Condon 47t; Mike Robinson and Gabrielle Robinson 87; Sandy

Cryder 300; Ginny Huszagh and Marielle Minutella 228; Michael Sensor 198; Bob Wheeler 171; Tom Stokes 102; Fay Hughes 312b; Gerry Hoffman 318; Lori Cabirac 40; Elizabeth Pilar 313b.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Doron Henkin leading 30b. Leaders: Brian How 183; Ruth Wampler 428; Guy Bankes 444; Will Fesperman 186; Laura Densmore 76b; Ben Fink 240; Leon Pulsinelle 293; Sasha Hsuczyk 203; Dev Crasta 481; Barbara Swetman 480; Graham DeZarn 126.

Abby Minor conducted the memorial lesson, leading 31t in memory of the following deceased: Stanly Edwards, Robert DuPree, Sammie Oliver, Betty Wright, Evelyn Harris, and Philip Wootten—Alabama; Junie Wootten, Josephine Denney, Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, C.W. Garner, and George Garner—Georgia; David Rust—Indiana; Danny Arms—North Carolina; Bob Sullivan—Illinois; Joe Fothergill—Ohio; Caroline Bonnet and Robert How—California; David Wampler, Irene Carr, Ruth Densmore, Bill Sims, and Jane Brooks—Pennsylvania; Dan Adams—Connecticut/New York; Tommy Soper—Florida; Alex Federman—Maryland.

Liora O'Donnell Goldensher spoke of the sick and shut-ins, leading 52t in honor of the following: Stephani Slutz, Melanie Hauff, Beegee Rechenberg, Frank Fraembs, Lance Barkley, Susan Bingham, Steve Hoyt, Lynne Hoyt, Claudene Townson, Sybil Adams, Bill Gray, Don Staebler, Ron Bornick, and Scott Robinson.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Kelly Macklin and Stuart Jackson leading 312t. Leaders: Ina Shea 447; Marielle Minutella 47b; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 532; Jan May 276; Leah Coffin 215; Anne Missavage 556; Dan Coppock 380; Cecelia Kramer 176b; Thom Metzger 296; Martha Beverly 504; John Daniel delRe 201; Joyce Saxon and Ben Fink 236; Marian Mitchell 202; Nora Miller 474. Lamar Matthew offered the blessing for the meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Chas Brua leading 159. Leaders: John W. delRe 125; Eileen Metzger 83t; Bill Beverly 547; Rachel Speer 546; Ted Stokes 506; Nathan Berry 400; Micah John Walter 445; Jesse Krikorian 189; Joel Bassett 212; Lamar Matthew 154; Corinne Ducey 338; Matt Roberts 82t; Dann Pell 81t; Harry Scott 524; Dean Jens 371; Doron Henkin and Laura Densmore 304; Kelly Macklin 485; Brian How and Gerry Hoffman 270; Ginny Huszagh 269.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ben Fink and Fay Hughes leading 148. Leaders: Jan May 344; John delRe, Liora O'Donnell Goldensher, and Abby Minor 425; Leah Coffin 328; Tom Stokes 192; Sasha Hsuczyk 402; Dan Coppock 534; Cecelia Kramer, Marian Mitchell, and Anne Missavage 71; Barbara Swetman 542; Leon Pulsinelle 99; Martha Beverly and Judy Bond 217; Doron Henkin and Laura Densmore 333; Ruth Wampler and Joel Bassett 440; Will Fesperman 410t; Dev Crasta 277; Dann Pell, Corinne Ducey, and Nathan Berry 436; Sandy Cryder 288; Hal Kunkel 89; Marielle Minutella and Rachel Hall 335.

Announcements were made. Tim Wheeler thanked all who helped to make the singing a success. He led 347 as the closing song. Lamar Matthew offered the closing prayer.

Chairperson—Tim Wheeler; Secretary—Chas Brua

## MT. ZION MEMORIAL SINGING

Mt. Zion, Georgia

July 25-26, 2015

Saturday, July 25

The 123rd 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 together leading 30t. Hugh McGraw offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Earlis McGraw 225t; Lela Crowder 162, 131b; Judy Chambless 548, 549; Carol Chapman 317, 268; Philip Denney 164, 84; Robby Rivers 480, 384; Judy Henry 117, 144; B.M. Smith 143, 138t; Esther Williams 33t, 63; Richard DeLong 28t, 132; Robert Chambless 75, 503; Samuel Williams 445, 229.

### RECESS

Earlis McGraw brought the class back together leading 399b. Leaders: Wyatt Denney 47t, 209; George Burnett 128, 131t; Rebecca Over and Eugenia Ridinger 295, 395; Andy Ditzler 54, 101t; Daniel Williams 240, 74t; Karen Rollins 220, 222; Eric Tweedy 88b, 112; Bill Hollingsworth 489, 569t; Tony Hammock 464, 465.

### LUNCH

Earlis McGraw brought the class back to order by leading 283. 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 Officer—Judy Chambless; Memorial Committee—Rebecca Over and Cecil Roberts. Leaders: Rene Green 421, 32t; John Hollingsworth 434, 418; Sandra Wilkinson 297, 82t; David Brodeur 28b, 29t; Oscar McGuire 276, 515; Chris Tweedy 535, 282; John Kelso 24b, 124; Charlene Wallace 171, 155; Donna Duke and Gene Duke 145t, 100; Leanne Carter and Haven Carter 354b, 82b; Rebecca Over and Eugenia Ridinger 114; Charlene Wallace, Judy Henry, and Earlis McGraw 77t; Daniel Williams, Samuel Williams, and Esther Williams 57.

Announcements were made. Earlis McGraw led 544 as the closing song. Philip Denney offered the closing prayer.

### Sunday, July 26

Earlis McGraw called the Sunday session of the Mt. Zion Memorial Sacred Harp Singing to order by leading 32t. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Tommy McGraw 542, 383; Lela Crowder 68b, 138t; Judy Chambless 516, 517; Daniel Williams 29b, 74b; Cecil Roberts 75, 31t; Helen Bryson 27, 217; Henry Johnson 289, 435; Malinda Snow 556, 512; Jeannette DePoy 34t; Samuel Williams 567; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 79, 88b; Virginia Dyer 137, 186; Oscar McGuire 485, 56b.

### RECESS

Tommy McGraw brought the class back together leading 399b. Leaders: Lauren Bock 131b, 492; Reba Windom 276, 145t; Wesley Haley 45t, 122.

A presentation was made by Hugh McGraw on behalf of the Sacred Harp Publishing Company in honor of Carlene McGraw Griffin. A plaque was presented to her brothers, Earlis McGraw and Ricky McGraw, and sister, Judy Henry, to recognize the commitment and support Carlene gave to Sacred Harp singing.

Rebecca Over and Cecil Roberts conducted the memorial lesson. Cecil Roberts read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: James Hughes, Doyle Bentley, Robert DePoy, Don Bowen, Tom Crawford, and Lucy Garner. Rebecca and Cecil led 340 for them.

Rebecca recalled Erlene McGraw, who conducted memorial lessons for this singing in times past. In records that Rebecca found belonging to Erlene McGraw, she found notes made in preparation for a memorial lesson where Erlene jotted down ideas about honoring and remembering great men and great lives. Rebecca reminded us that each of the names on the list of deceased represents a great life that should not be forgotten. The names of the deceased included Inez Chandler, Josephine Denney, C.W. Garner, George Garner, Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, and James Jordan—Georgia; Stanly Edwards, Evelyn Harris, Effie Nan Watkins, Betty Wright—Alabama. Rebecca and Cecil led 30b in remembrance of the deceased. Cecil closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 358 (in memory of Effie Watkins), 77b (for Don Bowen); Richard DeLong 36t, 116; Rita Haley 268, 269.

#### LUNCH

Earlis McGraw brought the class back to order leading 271t. Leaders: John Plunkett 160b, 569t; Faye Hollis 168, 318; Christian Webb 401, 294; Robert Chambless 66; Rebecca Over, Eugenia Ridinger, and Earlis McGraw 483, 471; Karen Rollins 540; Laura Frey 178, 124; Lisa Bennett 549; 548; Judy Henry 392, 396; B.M. Smith 389, 448b; Carol Chapman 46, 47b; David Brodeur 30t, 31b; Judy Mincey 504, 368; David Smead 225t, 530; Winfred Kerr 146, 89; Jason Stanford and Leela Stanford 35, 500; Sheri Taylor and Christian Webb 156, 142.

Announcements were made. Earlis McGraw, Tommy McGraw, and Lela Crowder led 62 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Vice Chairman—Tommy McGraw; Secretary—Lela Crowder

### **CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA SHENANDOAH HARMONY SINGING Progress Grange Hall, Centre Hall, Pennsylvania Sunday, July 26, 2015**

The 3rd annual Central Pennsylvania All-Day Shenandoah Harmony Singing was held on the fourth Sunday in July in Centre Hall, Pennsylvania. All selections were from *The Shenandoah Harmony*.

Tim Wheeler led 265 as the opening song. The opening prayer was offered by Corinne Ducey.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tim Wheeler; Secretary—Rachel Hall.

Leaders: Kelly Macklin 89t; Rachel Hall 385; Nora Miller 129t; John delRe 178; Bill Beverly 242; Eileen Metzger 130; Dann Pell 41; Corinne Ducey 322; Hal Kunkel 282; Joel Bassett 152; Cecelia Kramer 300b; Marian Mitchell 1t; Dan Coppock 228; Leah Coffin 170; Martha Beverly 310; Nathan Berry 125.

#### RECESS

Matt Roberts called the class to order leading 1b. Leaders: Rachel Speer 326t; Harry Scott 311; Doron Henkin 57; Ted Stokes 162; Jesse Krikorian 429; Micah John Walter 285; Matt Roberts 288t; Thom Metzger 241t; John D. delRe 153; Joyce Saxon 191; Erin Gum 332; Ina Shea 369; Tim Culbertson 434t; Len VanderJagt 22b; Lamar Matthews 367; John delRe 56; Kelly Macklin 417; Rachel Hall 19; Nora Miller 402; Marian Mitchell 140b. Dan Coppock offered the noon blessing.

#### LUNCH

Micah John Walter called the class to order leading 76b. Leaders: Dann Pell 4b; Len VanderJagt 264b; Eileen Metzger 116; Corinne Ducey 76t; Hal Kunkel 180; Joel

Bassett 431; Dan Coppock 392; Leah Coffin 156; Nathan Berry 105; Liora O'Donnell-Goldensher 422; Doron Henkin 60b; Ted Stokes 232; Jesse Krikorian 276b; Micah John Walter 89b; Tom Metzger 200; John D. delRe 280; Erin Gum 163; Ina Shea 79; Tim Culbertson 136; Barb VanderJagt 129b; Leah Coffin and Rachel Hall 254; Dann Pell, Corinne Ducey, and Nathan Berry 124; Ted Stokes 290; Nora Miller 112; Tim Wheeler 157. Corinne Ducey offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tim Wheeler; Secretary—Rachel Hall

## **EUGENE SINGING**

### **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Eugene, Oregon**

### **Saturday, August 1, 2015**

The 18th annual Eugene singing was held in the sanctuary of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Eugene, Oregon. Dave Tobin called the class to order at 9:30 a.m., and Jack Lofton led 82t. John Dinsmore offered the invocation.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Dave Tobin; Secretary/Treasurer—Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey; Arranging Committee—Jim Brock, Nina Hoffman, Vicki Morgan, Rachel Foster, Suzanne Denker, Paula Rogers, Fran Ross, and Jean Murphy; Memorial Committee—Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey, Karen Stingle, and Dave Tobin; Chaplain—John Dinsmore.

Leaders: Jane Grant 171; Fran Ross 85; Anne Huckins 501; Dave Landazuri 189; Reed Schilbach 297; Scott Kennedy 86; Karen Stingle 203; John Dinsmore 378t; Gary Plouff 318; Jean Murphy 117; Melissa Stephenson 378b; Vicki Morgan 472; Scott Kennedy 162; Rachel Foster 335; Anne Huckins 276.

#### **RECESS**

Martha Sherwood brought the class back to order by leading 168. Leaders: Suzanne Denker 180; Jack Lofton 181; Martha Johnson 532; Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey 344; Dave Tobin 47b; Fran Ross 184; David Landazuri 327; Reed Schilbach 39t; Karen Stingle 277; John Dinsmore 461; Gary Plouff 300.

Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey conducted the memorial lesson. Dave Tobin led 457 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Peggy Stahlberg, Peggy Durbin, David Olysyk, Austin Robert, Mary B. Johnson, Scarlet Craig, Cynthia Olsen, Maresh Kennedy, Shelly Kennedy, Lorraine Stingle, and Paul Harrison.

Karen Stingle then led 163b in memory of the following deceased: Tammi Ziola, Ruth Ross, James Luckey, and Violet Johnson—Oregon; Lois Brandt Miller—Texas; Boyd Dron and Richard Lefrak—California; Allan Armstrong—Colorado; Don Stingle—Florida; Jim Roe—Washington; Margie Bryan—Pennsylvania; Murray Nash—Alaska; Jacqueline Miller and Carl Miller—New Mexico; Jimmy Joranger, and Phyllis Quigley.

Leaders: Anne Huckins 66; Suzanne Denker 268 (in honor of Austin Robert); Rachel Foster 84; Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey 350; Scott Kennedy 228; Vicki Morgan 474; Jack Lofton 475; Karen Stingle 284; Dave Tobin 569.

John Dinsmore asked a blessing on the noon meal.

#### **LUNCH**

Dave Tobin brought the afternoon session to order leading 178. Leaders: Fran Ross 380; David Landazuri 497; Jim Brock 551; Reed Schilbach 61; Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey 142; John Dinsmore 106; Martha Sherwood 183; Jane Grant 480; Anne Huckins 324; Rachel Foster 454; Melissa Stephenson 294; Jean Murphy 107; Nina Hoffman 448b; Vicki Morgan 200; Jack Lofton 528; Karen Stingle 385b.

#### **RECESS**

Jack Lofton brought the class back together leading 72b. Leaders: Scott Kennedy 546; John Dinsmore 496; Martha Sherwood 114; Anne Huckins 312b; Suzanne

Denker and Jayne Mondello 209; Jane Grant 147t; Rachel Foster 34b; Nina Hoffman and Suzanne Denker 122; Vicki Morgan 146; Melissa Stephenson 479; David Tobin 65; Reed Schilbach 288; Jack Lofton and Susan Joyce 126; David Landazuri 373; Jack Lofton 274t.

Reports from committees were given. Jean Murphy announced that 29 people were registered for the singing, and 81 songs were sung. Carolyn Gilkey reported that the expenses of the singing were met. Dave Tobin thanked everyone who made the singing a success. Fran Ross was thanked for hosting the Friday night social, and Jim Brock was thanked for hosting the Saturday night party.

John Dinsmore offered the closing prayer. Karen Stingle led 155 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Dave Tobin; Secretary—Carolyn Flatley-Gilkey

## **CHATTAHOOCHEE CONVENTION**

**Wilson's Chapel, Carrollton, Georgia**

**August 1-2, 2015**

**Saturday, August 1**

The 163rd session of the Chattahoochee Convention was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in August, at Wilson's Chapel, Cross Plains, Georgia. Sheri Taylor opened the convention by leading 29t and 84. Jesse Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Laura Frey and Jenna Frey 358; Lisa Webb 276; Robert Kelley 163t; John Kelso 165; Phillip Langley 172; Donna Duke 142; John Plunkett 492; Charlene Wallace 155; Henry Johnson 398; Judy Chambless 209; Andy Ditzler 329; Jesse Roberts 505; Karen Rollins 446; Samuel Williams 372; Darrell Swarens 36b; Jerusha Wheeler 107; Robert Chambless 77b; Lisa Bennett 30b; David Brodeur 534; Debora Grosse 324; B.M. Smith 350; Richard DeLong 175; Daniel Williams 74t.

### **RECESS**

B.M. Smith called the class to order by leading 101t. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 548; Michael Thompson 436; Sarah Ward 178; Daniel Lee 565; Joyce Walton 439; Eric Tweedy 327; Jim Neal 77t; Faye Hollis 299; Charles Woods 197; Judy Whiting 472; Tony Hammock 348t; Ellen Culpepper 480; Elijah Hinton 146; Oscar McGuire 573; Nathan Stewart 170; David Smead 169.

### **RECESS**

Aldo Ceresa called the class back to order by leading 82t. The convention went into a business session. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve for the 2015 session: Chairman—Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairmen—Laura Frey and Lisa Webb; Secretary—Donna Duke; Chaplains—Jesse Roberts and Aldo Ceresa; Arranging Committee—Robert Kelley and Karen Rollins; Finance Committee—Jenna Frey and Lori Goode; Resolutions Committee—Phillip Denney and Judy Mincey; Memorial Committee—Lisa Bennett and Rebecca Over.

Leaders: Lori Goode 435; Phillip Denney 168; Dick Plunkett 268; Eva Striebeck 311; Judy Mincey 468; Greg Saue 99; Matt Hinton 151; Karen Willard 536; Willis McCumber 377.

### **LUNCH**

Sheri Taylor and Jenna Frey brought the class to order leading 47b. Leaders: Chris Brown 546; Winfred Kerr 282; Rebecca Over 112; Anna Hinton 196; Lucinda Saue 86; Lindy Groening 440; Harry Eskew 49b; Kathy Williams 222; Leanne Carter 448t; J.R. Hardeman 228; Esther Williams 33t; Kris Tweedy 156; Judy Whiting 208; Bob Davis 378b; George Burnette 129; Marilyn Bradley 159; Brad Oglesby 192; Nathan Stewart 528; Willis McCumber 318; Karen Willard 319; Samuel Williams 163t; Greg Saue 523.

## RECESS

Leaders: Robert Kelley 303; Eva Striebeck 521; Lucinda Saue 532; Chris Brown 447; Darrell Swarens 198; Rebecca Over 123b; Sarah Ward 504; Lindy Groening 89; Daniel Williams 275t; Jerusha Wheeler 269; Henry Johnson 338; Ellen Culpepper 212; Jesse Roberts 69t; Jenna Frey 408.

Sheri Taylor and Laura Frey led 323t as the closing song. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer.

## Sunday, August 2

The Sunday session of the Chattahoochee Convention was brought to order by Sheri Taylor leading 503. Aldo Ceresa offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Laura Frey 178; Donna Duke 101t; Daniel Lee 43; Helen Bryson 328; Phillip Denney 535; Jenna Frey 408; Lucinda Saue 40; Judy Chambless 37b; Andy Ditzler 41; Richard DeLong 399b; Scott DePoy 448t; John Kelso 29b; Lauren Bock 212; Oscar McGuire 485; John Plunkett 486; Wyatt Denney and Karis Askin 504; Kathy Williams 506; Karen Willard 326; Robert Chambless 225t; Chris Brown 108b; Fred Eady 413.

## RECESS

Leaders: Lisa Webb 155; David Brodeur 353; Dave Hardeman 84; Winfred Kerr 146; Robert Kelley 118; Bill Hollingsworth 56b; Malinda Snow 28b; Aldo Ceresa 411; Matt Hinton and Karen Rollins 365; B.M. Smith 300; Cecil Roberts 312b; Lisa Bennett 393; Mike Spencer 308; Elijah Hinton 82t; Rebecca Over 527; Willis McCumber 27.

## RECESS

Leaders: Michael Thompson 283; Earlis McGraw 284.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Lisa Bennett and Rebecca Over. Lisa read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Lois Bowman, Barbara Willard, Rodney Willard, Linda Cole, Jimmy Cole, Robert DePoy, Lucy Garner, Louise Holland, Doyle Wilson, Melanie Hauff, Loraine Bayer, Edith Owen, Curtis Owen, John Hopkinson, and Oath Tyler. Lisa led 340.

Rebecca read the following list of names of the deceased: Robert DuPree, Stanly Edwards, Evelyn Harris, Betty Wright—Alabama; Caroline Bonnet—California; Dan Adams—Connecticut; Inez Chandler, Josephine Denney, C.W. Garner, George Garner, Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, Bonnie Kiddle, Jacob A. Larsen, and Billy Wilson—Georgia; David Rust—Indiana; Cyril Guy—United Kingdom; Kate Davis—Ireland; George Easley—Mississippi; and Kerene Box—Tennessee. Rebecca led 381 in their memory. John Kelso closed the memorial session with prayer.

Leaders: Matt Hinton 309; Greg Saue 147t; Judy Whiting 105.

## LUNCH

David Smead led 436 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Eva Striebeck 441; Jesse Karlsberg 183 (in memory of George Seiler); Lori Goode 345t; Bob Davis 47b; Judy Mincey 279; John Hollingsworth 240; Dick Plunkett 45t; Anna Hinton 564; Charlene Wallace 171; Jeannette DePoy 306; Erica Hinton 492; Gene Duke 345b; Brad Oglesby 39b; Lucinda Saue 143; Chris Brown 273; Dave Farmer 454; Aldo Ceresa 556 (in memory of Jeff Shepperd); Rebecca Over 569t; Willis McCumber 383.

## RECESS

Sheri Taylor and Janet Stogner led 203. Leaders: Greg Saue 490; Judy Whiting 176t; Karen Willard 235; Eva Striebeck 83t; Joyce Heath 72b; Jesse Karlsberg 88t; Lori Goode 358; Bill Hollingsworth 186; Winfred Kerr 89; Mike Spencer 420; Robert Kelley 132.



The convention went into a business session. Committee reports were read as follows: Lori Goode, Finance Committee, reported a collection of \$557.00. Donna Duke, Secretary, reported there were 68 leaders on Saturday and 58 on Sunday. The Resolutions Committee gave the following resolution: "We, the members of the 163rd Chattahoochee Convention, do hereby make the following resolutions: We offer thanks to God for his merciful bounties to us, for the gift of these songs and the ability to sing them, bringing joys to our hearts and increasing our love for one another. We are grateful for the Wilson family and their ongoing efforts to preserve and improve this special place we call Wilson's Chapel. We thank the wonderful cooks for the bounty spread upon the tables for our refreshment and nourishment. We thank the officers who make this convention run so smoothly, the keyers, arrangers and all those willing hands behind the scenes whose hard work goes unnoticed. We rejoice in new friends and old joining voices and hearts in this convention and resolve to carry this joy into the world. May we join in song wherever we may travel introducing as many people as possible to this special music, and the community it creates all around the world. And, we make a special resolve to meet again in this hallowed place on the first Sunday in August and the Saturday before in 2016 for the 164th Chattahoochee Convention." Respectfully submitted, Judy Mincey and Philip Denney.

A second resolution was added as follows: "Secondly, be it resolved that we the members of the 163rd session of the Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Singing Convention commend the members of the Coweta County Sacred Harp Singing Convention on the recent reactivation of their singing at the historic Coweta County Courthouse. We urge active singers and the people of Coweta County to join in supporting this Sacred Harp singing on the fourth Sunday in October, 2016. We recognize that our neighbor, Coweta County, was a great factor in the early decades of the Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Singing Convention, having hosted the singing numerous times in the 19th and 20th centuries. We look forward to helping your county keep this important piece of living history alive with the singing of Sacred Harp music in your beautiful Courthouse." Motion was made and carried that the reports be accepted as read, and added to the convention's minutes.

Announcements were made. Sheri Taylor and Jenna Frey led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Aldo Ceresa.

Chairman—Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairmen—Laura Frey and Lisa Webb; Secretary—Donna Duke

## **FAYETTE COUNTY CONVENTION** **Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Fayette, Alabama** **Sunday, August 2, 2015**

The 116th 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 56t. David Ballinger offered the opening prayer.

Following welcoming comments, the class organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Lisa Geist; Secretary—Beth Wallace; Arranging Committee—Lomax Ballinger and Linton Ballinger.

Leaders: Chris Ballinger 49t; Lomax Ballinger 144, 389; Beth Wallace 560, 442; Mike Hankins 63, 143; Gravis Ballinger 168, 120; Arlon Gardner 448t, 67; Teresa Hope 212, 384; Faye Donaldson 430, 138t; Hubert Nall 40, 421; Albert Humber 313t, 565; Ann Jett 43, 37b; Nicholas Holmes 47t, 72b; Linda Sides 530 (for Ottis Sides), 170.

## RECESS

The class was called back to order by Buddy Ballinger leading 45t and 108t. Leaders: Amanda Hardiman 454, 142; Hayden Wootten 42, 101t; Don Keeton 544, 477; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 273, 112; Buell Cobb 303; Shane Wootten 317; Drew McGuire 204, 203; Loretta Whitman 312b, 293; Steve Adams 99, 331.

## RECESS

Chris Ballinger, Katie Ballinger, and Lauren Ballinger led 84 and 147t. Leaders: David Ballinger 340, 111b; Darrell Swarens 512, 507; Judy Caudle 97, 417; Jared Wootten 472; Glenn Keeton 475, 349; Reba Windom, Shelby Castillo, and Drew McGuire 546, 542; Ken Tate 107, 129; Earl Ballinger 131b, 187. Danny Creel asked a blessing before the noon meal.

## LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Lisa Geist leading 528 and 527. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 551, 217; Danny Creel 182, 222; Karen Freund 312t, 456; Henry McGuire 34t, 232; David Ivey 36t, 110; Betty Baccus 388, 339; Willodean Barton 480, 564; Richard Mauldin 34b, 146; Amelia O'Dell 155, 455; Wendell Rinehart 445, 31t; Wayne Baines 30t, 318; Linton Ballinger and Larry Ballinger 460.

Announcements were made. Chris Ballinger led 46 as the closing song. Buddy Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Lisa Geist; Secretary—Beth Wallace

## **CALHOUN COUNTY MUSICAL ASSOCIATION** **Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Bruce, Mississippi** **Saturday, August 8, 2015**

The 138th annual session of the Calhoun County Sacred Harp Musical Association convened at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Bruce, Mississippi. President Henry McGuire called the class to order leading 100 (WB). John Van Horn offered the morning prayer.

The Executive Committee was retained from last year, and included the following members: Mark Davis (Chairman), Drew McGuire, Warren Steel, and Henry McGuire.

Leaders: Henry McGuire 505 (WB); Anne Steel 34b (in memory of George Easley), 171; Mark Davis 56b, 217; Amber Davis 389, 391; Robert Earl Alexander 35, 124; Shelby Castillo 383, 172; Jeff Corbett 66, 99; Will McGuire 317b (WB), 486t (WB); Lisa Geist 377, 269; Matt Bell 284t (WB), 138t (WB); Andy Davis 254, 434; John Van Horn 77t, 168.

## RECESS

Leaders: Chris Ballinger 56t, 270; Arlon Gardner 111b, 278t; Judy Caudle 432, 403; Wendell Rinehart 457, 31t; Darrell Swarens 40, 208; Nathan Stewart 445, 530; Dan Brittain 399b, 375; Wilma Mitchell 147t, 480; Warren Steel 45b (WB), 137 (WB); Drew McGuire 348b, 472, 236.

## LUNCH

After a plentiful and delicious lunch, President Henry McGuire restored order and led 492 (WB). Leaders: Anne Steel 209; Mark Davis 436; Amber Davis 380; Shelby Castillo 183; Jeff Corbett 53; Will McGuire 511 (WB); Andy Davis 196; John Van Horn 273; Arlon Gardner 67; Matt Bell 150 (WB); Judy Caudle 480t (WB); Darrell Swarens 480b (WB); Nathan Stewart 215; Dan Brittain 448b; Warren Steel 36t; Drew McGuire 512.

In a business session, Drew McGuire was elected as President. The newly elected President appointed John Van Horn, Henry McGuire, and Nathan Stewart as delegates to the Mississippi State Convention.

## RECESS

Drew McGuire restored order, and led 76b. Leaders: Darrell Swarens 507; Dan Brittain 481, 465; Judy Caudle 422; Amber Davis 150; Matt Bell 318 (WB). The Executive Committee reported that the Association agreed to meet again at Bethel in 2016, with a start time of 9:30 a.m. The secretary position will be vacant until a new appointee is selected. Seventy-four dollars in monies were collected for the day, to be dispersed as directed by the Executive Committee. Following announcements, the day of singing was closed by Drew McGuire leading 146 as the closing song. Arlon Gardner dismissed the class with prayer.  
President—Drew McGuire; Secretary—Anne Steel

**EAST TEXAS SACRED HARP CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)**  
**Henderson Civic Center, Henderson, Texas**  
**August 8-9, 2015**

**Saturday, August 8**

The 160th session of The East Texas Sacred Harp Convention met at the Henderson Civic Center in Henderson, Texas on the second Sunday and Saturday before in August. The class was called to order by John Morris leading 63. Gaylon Powell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Tom George 480; Vickie Cook 293b; Will Fitzgerald 54t; Leon Ballinger 120; Chris Brown 95b; Adam Brasich 273; Tommie Spurlock 464; Buddy Ballinger 377b; Bess Fitzgerald 191; Bob McLemore 522; Judy Whiting 171; Stanley Smith 497; Ryan Bowman 137; Carter Cook 203; Rodney Ivey 559; Eddie Huckaby 40; Robert Handel 210; Tammy Powell 222; Larry Ballinger 224; Silas Huckaby 383; Dale Redmond 507b; Troxel Ballow 508; Sarah Huckaby 155; Earl Ballinger 217; Owen Ross 164. Mayor Pat Brack gave the singers a warm welcome from the city before recess.

**RECESS**

Liz Owen led 189 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Chris Nicholson 264t; Daphene Causey 304; Jo Elmore 107; Sharon DuPriest 300; Findley Ross 146; Karen Rollins 220; Beverly Coates 380t; Donn Howard 505; Ainsley Ross 540; Shannan McKenzie 240; Gaylon Powell 543; Lauren Owen and Addison Bowles 159; Kris Wiggins 388; Reba Windom 478; Ryan Ross 402; Janie Short 544; Sue Bunch 274t; Kay Weidner 143; Cory Winters 198; Morgan Bunch 98; Aubrey Barfield 214; Priscilla Wiggins 463; Kevin Powell 142. Gary Rogan asked a blessing before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

John Morris led 58 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Jeb Owen 96; LuAnn Thomas 303; Jerry Ryan 408; Olivia Powell 36b; Catherine Rogan 192; Sonny Erwin 569; Gary Rogan 567; Crystal Meadows 168; Ben Copenhaver 471; Bruce Coates 571; Donald Ross 591; Jackson Owen 53; Tom Owen 416t; Scott Curran and Reba Windom 196; Baron Powers 239; Diane Ross 132; Michele Curran 129; Cassie Allen and Jeb Owen 514; Ron Bernucho 572; Riley Owen 47b; Amanda Bowles 179.

**RECESS**

John Morris led 73t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Greg Bowles 268t; Charlie Soape 127; David Rousseau 447t; Joan Smith 49t; Robert Vaughn 341; Jeb Owen, Zachary Powell, and Crystal Meadows 133; Troxel Ballow 148; Owen Ross 376; Bob McLemore 337; Jo Elmore 367; Liz Owen 470; Donn Howard 484; LuAnn Thomas 65; Jerry Ryan 111t; Will Fitzgerald and Robert Vaughn 38t. Gaylon Powell led 323t as the closing song. Robert Vaughn dismissed the class with prayer.

## Sunday, August 9

The Sunday session of The East Texas Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by John Morris leading 421. The morning prayer was offered by Tom Owen. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 356; Adam Brasich 378b; Karen Rollins 30b; Ryan Ross 404; Stanley Smith 405; Janie Short 430; Brody Ross 78; Daphne Causey 500; Rick Foreman 179; Leon Ballinger 588; Henry McGuire 464; Findley Ross 401; Aubrey Barfield 200; Sharon DuPriest 212; Amanda Bowles 68t; Drew McGuire 563; Wanda Gregg 573; Buddy Ballinger 377t; Greg Bowles 38b; Larry Ballinger 215; Ryan Bowman 172; Judy Whiting 72; Reba Windom 505; Tom George 433.

### RECESS

John Morris led 31t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 89; Eddie Huckaby 323b; Shannan McKenzie 154b; Kris Wiggins 60; Carter Cook 288; Chris Brown and Stanley Smith 268b; Tommie Spurlock 98; Will Fitzgerald 411; Jackson Owen 274t; Robert Handel 511t; Tammy Powell 217; Bess Fitzgerald 131t; Cory Winters 112; Dale Redmond and Heather Redmond Goodgion 540; Chris Nicholson 290; Beverly Coates 343; Sue Bunch and Morgan Bunch 516; Kay Weidner 82.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Crystal Meadows and Gaylon Powell. The list of names of the sick and shut-ins was read by Crystal Meadows, and she led 68b in honor of the following: Myrl Jones, Dorothy Price, Frank Price, John Hopkinson, Virgie Toller, Marion Grant, Virginia Glass, Cath Tyler, S.T. Reed, Coy Ivey, Wayne Reed, Margaret Spurlock, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, and Sam Craig. Gaylon Powell spoke and read the list of names of the deceased. He led 77t in memory of the following: Kate Davis—Ireland; Raymond Hamrick and Josephine Denney—Georgia; Randall Cathey—Oklahoma; Evelyn Harris and Betty Wright—Alabama. The memorial service was concluded with prayer offered by Greg Averill. Leaders: Priscilla Wiggins 512; Ben Copenhaver 526; Riley Owen and Silas Huckaby 171; Kevin Powell 126; Catherine Rogan 99; Sonny Erwin and Rodney Ivey 113; Lauren Owen and Addison Bowles 146. Stanley Smith asked a blessing before the noon meal.

### LUNCH

John Morris led 53 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Olivia Powell 106; Ainsley Ross 159; Drew McGuire 54t; Gary Rogan 48t; Donald Ross 539; Baron Powers 79; Diane Ross 300; Cassie Allen 355; Henry McGuire 229; Bruce Coates 575; Sarah Huckaby 76b; Michele Curran 140; Tom Owen 138t; Crystal Meadows 553; Scott Curran 218; Joan Smith 100; Gaylon Powell 183; Morgan Bunch 269; Robert Vaughn 276; Charlie Soape 47b; David Rousseau 119; Rick Foreman and Cheryl Foreman 385t; Will Fitzgerald and Bess Fitzgerald 39; Chris Brown 30t; Judy Whiting 176t; Reba Windom 572; Cory Winters 182; Kris Wiggins and Priscilla Wiggins 189; Carter Cook 384; Chris Nicholson 558.

Donald Ross led 496t as the closing song, and then offered the closing prayer.

Note: There were 326 people from fourteen states and one country who attended the convention. Eighty-one leaders led 173 songs. There were forty people who attended the social, and sang a new tune by Cory Winters entitled “Lee Creek”, followed by singing from the 2012 *Cooper Book*.

Chairman—Sam Craig; Vice Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Carole Watts

## KITCHENS MEMORIAL SINGING

Zion Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Jasper, Alabama

Saturday, August 15, 2015

The 4th annual Kitchens Memorial Singing was held at Zion Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Jasper, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in August. The class

was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Linda Sides leading 512. Adam Kinsaul offered the opening prayer, and welcomed the class.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Linda Sides; Vice Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Financial Officer—Jerry Kitchens.

Leaders: Linda Sides 225t; Brenda Chafin 76b, 222 (for Ozella Blackmon); Kermit Adams 99, 39b; Jack Pate 503, 75; Velton Chafin 38t, 271t; Joye Kitchens Leggett 568 (in memory of her parents, sister, and son); Bea Aaron 438, 441; Kathy Jones 282, 140; Richard Mauldin 64, 143 (in memory of his mother), 146 (in honor of his sister); Steve Adams 331, 378t.

RECESS

Larry Ballinger brought the class back to order leading 56t and 57. Leaders: Betty Baccus 285t, 417 (for Steve Adams); Ottis Sides 145t, 530; Darrell Swarens 111b (in memory of Harrison Creel), 40; Mike Richards 523, 323b; Loretta Whitman 418, 454; Willodean Barton 440, 290; Danny Creel 340, 348b; Henry Guthery 291, 527; Lisa Geist 197, 273; Laura Rhodes 480, 178; Emily Brown 213t (in memory of Liz Bogart), 212; Richard Mauldin 43 (in memory of John and Josie Hyde); Kermit Adams 47b; Jack Pate 569b. Richard Mauldin offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Linda Sides opened the first hour of the afternoon session by introducing “A Sampler of New Songs by Alabama Composers”. Leaders: Linda Sides “Swarens”, “Chafin”; Lisa Geist “Ashley”, “Joshua”; Mike Richards “McDowell”; Brenda Chafin “Spurlock”; Danny Creel “Longview”; Emily Brown “Lamb of God”; Brenda Chafin “Town Creek”; Linda Sides “Roscoe”; Kathy Jones “Tamed”.

RECESS

Leaders: Darrell Swarens 481; Emily Brown 411; Bea Aaron 475; Lisa Geist 472; Laura Rhodes 33t; Larry Ballinger 177; Steve Adams 309; Mike Richards 77b; Danny Creel 77t.

Following announcements, Linda Sides led 276 as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Linda Sides; Vice Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

## **ROME SACRED HARP SINGING** **Midway Primitive Baptist Church, Armuchee, Georgia** **Saturday, August 15, 2015**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Rome Midway Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in August was called to order by B.M. Smith leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Jesse Roberts.

Leaders: Judy Chambless 37b; Cindy Tanner 155; Cecil Roberts 89; Philip Denney and Shane Buris 535. Elder Hayes, pastor of the church, welcomed the class.

Leaders: Eric Tweedy 174; Samuel Williams 228; Charlene Wallace 171; Micah Roberts 432; J.R. Hardman 189; Louis Hughes 166; Margaret Thacker 39b; Wyatt Denney 240; Lisa Bennett 379; Michael Thompson 532; Susannah Gill 473; Rodney Ivey 383; Jeannette DePoy 384 (for Scott DePoy); Robert Chambless 480; Cheyenne Ivey 500.

RECESS

B.M. Smith led 101t to bring the class together. Leaders: Ed Thacker 149; Nathan Stewart 172; Judy Caudle 528; John Plunkett 50b; Jesse P. Karlsberg 275b; Ann Jett 88t; Henry Johnson 206; Joe Jones 569b; Darlene Dalton 503; Joyce Walton 269; Shane Wootten 106; Alison Brown 472; Daniel Williams 458; Karen Rollins 436 (in honor of her daughter's birthday); Reba Windom 182; Helen Bryson 348t; Jesse

Roberts 538; Sybil Adams 63; Nate Green and Norma Green 354t; Lela Crowder 186.

## LUNCH

The afternoon session began with B.M. Smith leading 318. Leaders: Phillip Langley 411; Matt Hinton 203; Katie White 547; Eli Hinton 65; David Smead 399t; Erica Hinton 180; Judy Mincey 279; John Kelso 360; Sandra Wilkinson 405; Michael Spencer 393; Pam Nunn 280.

Karen Rollins conducted the memorial lesson, and spoke of being thankful for our Sacred Harp traditions, friendships, family, health, (past, present, and future) and for the assurance of our heavenly home. The list of names of the sick and shut-ins included Amacia Smith, Elsie Moon, Lois Bowman, Doug Webb, Chloe Webb, Robert DePoy, Geneva Prichard, Lucy Garner, and Virginia Glass. The list of names of the deceased included George Garner, Josephine Denney, George Easley, Raymond Hamrick, Timothy Paul, Earlene Bradshaw Chandler, Joyce Harrison, Evelyn Harris, and Robert DuPree. Karen led 475. Elder Jesse Roberts closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Susannah Gill 68b; Joe Jones 523; Alison Brown 77t; Katie White 344; Judy Caudle and Nathan Stewart 437; Wyatt Denney, Philip Denney, Karen Rollins, and Gail Denney 340; Ann Jett and Cindy Tanner 327; Lisa Bennett, David Smead, and Judy Mincey 224; John Plunkett and Henry Johnson 230; Pam Nunn, Sybil Adams, and Reba Window 192; Samuel Williams and Daniel Williams 123b; Matt Hinton, Erica Hinton, Anna Hinton, Charlotte Hinton, and Eli Hinton 196; Lela Crowder and J.R. Hardman 284; Jesse Roberts, Micah Roberts, and Jesse P. Karlsberg 546; Sandra Wilkinson, Darlene Dalton, and Philip Langley 448t; Nate Green, Norma Green, and Margie Smith 61; Michael Spencer, Cecil Roberts, and Ed Thacker 225t. B.M. Smith led 46 as the closing song. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Cindy Tanner

## RAMAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

**Lenox Community, Conecuh County, Alabama**  
**Saturday, August 15, 2015**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Ramah Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in August was called to order by Ryan Bowman leading 40 and 108t. Wayne Jones offered the opening prayer.

All song selections were from the B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision. The introductory lesson was conducted by Tim Taylor, who led 108b, 101t, and 36b.

Leaders: Nicole Bowman 384, 143; Aubrey Barfield 497, 404; Ken Kelley 59, 32t; Gary Padgett 503, 505; Adrian Nall 540, 507b; Ken Sundberg 326, 123b.

## RECESS

Ryan Bowman called the class back to order by leading 547. Leaders: Victoria Aplin 345t, 270 (for Jewell Rowland); Billy Kelley 442t; Ken Kelley 466 (for Billy); Janice Gardner 273, 293b; Tommie Spurlock 264b (for Amacia Smith); Barbara Jones 140, 324; Hubert Nall 107, 84; James Gardner and Rebecca Bass 447t, 544; Wayne Jones 395b, 464; Ernest Cockcroft 401, 505. The class sang 369 before the noon meal.

## LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Adrian Nall leading 96. Leaders: Nicole Bowman 463; Rebecca Bass 587, 574; Tim Taylor 516; Joe Nall 558, 443; Brenda Kyser 573, 391; Wayne Jones 500; Aubrey Barfield 49b; Gary Padgett 278b; Adrian Nall 393; Ken Sundberg 378t; Janice Gardner 575; Tommie Spurlock 183; Hubert Nall 155;

James Gardner 74t; Ernest Cockcroft 553; Rebecca Bass 215; Joe Nall 504t; Brenda Kyser 572.

Announcements were made. Ryan Bowman led 81 as the closing song. Adrian Nall offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ryan Bowman; Secretary—Aubrey Barfield

## **MOUNT RAINIER SINGING (COOPER BOOK)**

**Buckley Hall, Buckley, Washington**

**Saturday, August 15, 2015**

The 7th annual Mount Rainier Singing held on Saturday before the third Sunday in August was called to order by Kathy Vlach and Karen Willard leading “Cascadia” (by Kevin Barrans). William Price offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers: Chairperson—Kathy Vlach; Assistant Chairperson—Karen Willard; Secretary—David Wright; Treasurer—Nancy Price; Arranging Officer—Bob Schinske.

Leaders: Karen Willard 97; William Price 29t; Kathy Vlach 54t; Bruce Rowland 503; Laura McMurray 416b; Kate Fine 505; Peter Schinske 508; Ana Tighe 378t; Harrison Bernstein 492; John Wiens 53; Marla Elliott 393; Anne Huckins 163t; Greg Saue 38t; Jen Rymut 567; Kevin Beirne 145t; Sophia Schinske 100; Kramer Klein 112; Erik Schwab 210; Clarissa Fetrow 98; Steve Cackley 55.

### **RECESS**

Kathy Vlach called the class back to order leading 384. Leaders: Bob Schinske 512; Mary Taylor 518; David Wright 350; Nell Whitman 140; Destiny Woods 441; Jerry Schreiber 39; Susan Helf 293b; Kari Lundgren 571; Jack Lofton 137; Nancy Price and Zoe Scofield 575; Lucinda Saue 463; Kevin Barrans 448; Marilyn Murata 229; Cornelia Stanton and Susan Fortin 500; Steve Helwig 183; Linda Selph 577; Carol Selleck 511t; William Price 101t; Marla Elliott 587; Karen Willard 590; Kramer Klein 76b; Sophia Schinske 30b; Harrison Bernstein 106; Ana Tighe 182; Greg Saue 133; John Wiens 67. William Price offered prayer before the noon meal.

### **LUNCH**

Karen Willard opened the afternoon session leading 543. Leaders: Erik Schwab 156; Nancy Price 580; Jerry Schreiber 522; Carol Selleck 450; Jack Lofton 196; Linda Selph 397; Steve Cackley and Marty Fortin 373; Marilyn Murata 392; Steve Helwig 105b (in memory of Tammi Ziola); Kari Lundgren 484; David Wright 114b; Cornelia Stanton and Susan Fortin 410; Kevin Barrans 497; Clarissa Fetrow 110; Kevin Beirne 417; Mary Taylor 146.

### **RECESS**

Kathy Vlach brought the class back to order by leading 81. Leaders: Bob Schinske 464; Kate Fine 559; Laura McMurray 159; Peter Schinske 449; Anne Huckins 42; Destiny Woods 594; Bruce Rowland 563; Nell Whitman 65; Susan Helf 91; Lucinda Saue 427; Kathy Vlach 411.

There were 53 singers present from seven states and Canada. Kathy Vlach and Karen Willard led 147 as the closing song. William Price dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Kathy Vlach; Secretary—David Wright

## **SCOTLAND SINGING**

**Kelvinside Hillhead Parish Church, Glasgow, Scotland**

**Saturday, August 15, 2015**

The Scotland All-Day Singing was held at Kelvinside Hillhead Parish Church in Glasgow, Scotland. Karen Turner and Jan Geerts called the class to order leading 49t.

Leaders: Jan Geerts 565; Ruth Holman 350; Tony Irwin, Sr. 452; Harry Campbell 569b; Marisa Strutt 535; Gordon Kennedy 503; Margaret Bradshaw 87; Tom Gordon 287; Viv Imrie-O'Duffy 178; Sandy Semeonoff 133; Zem Moffat 146; Sula O'Duffy and Harry Campbell 45t; Ewan Paterson 59.

#### RECESS

Marisa Strutt brought the class back to order leading 47t. Leaders: Calum Woods 171; Zilpha K. Cornett 480; Lin James 148; Steve Brett 488; Cath Ingham 155; Fynn Titford-Mock 179; Andy Ditzler 474; Mark Wardlaw 153; Alex Dixon 228; Helen Barber 38b; Eli Petzold 344; Phil Tyler 442; Benny Ross 421; Beth Dixon 277; David Brodeur 48b; Sandy Semeonoff 496.

#### RECESS

Tony Irwin, Sr. brought the class back to order leading 159. Leaders: Ewan Paterson 290; Joan Gordon and Benny Ross 282; Gordon Kennedy 210; Deedee Cuddihy and Harry Campbell 86; Fynn Titford-Mock 390.

Tom Gordon conducted the sick and housebound lesson, leading 68b for the following people: Zam Walker, Sylvia Smail, Bob Holman, Mike Smith, Catherine Harkine, Hazel Kitchens, Amacia Smith, Curtis Owen, and Edith Owen.

Sandy Semeonoff conducted the memorial lesson, leading 47b in memory of the following deceased: Gilbert Whale, Margaret Hughes, Rina Rogers, Bill Kerridge, Robert Hickman DuPree, Charles Kitchens, Dan Adams, Raymond Hamrick, Marko Van der Horst, Anthony Pears, Kate Davis, and Michael Spittal. Tom Gordon offered prayer to close the lessons.

Leaders: Karen Turner 122; Helen Barber 207; Zilpha K. Cornett 143; Jan Geerts 454. Ewan Paterson offered the Selkirk Grace to introduce the lunch break.

#### LUNCH

Gordon Kennedy brought the class back to order leading 49b. Leaders: Cath Ingham 30t; Beth Dixon 65; Eli Petzold 551; Lin James 84; David Brodeur 486; Harry Campbell 99; Mark Wardlaw 232; Alex Dixon 485; Calum Woods 456; Benny Ross 441; Andy Ditzler 329; Phil Tyler 332; Fynn Titford-Mock 327; Ruth Holman 274t.

#### RECESS

Margaret Bradshaw brought the class back to order leading 105. Leaders: Marisa Strutt 335; Zilpha K. Cornett 354b; Claire Welford 312b; Sula O'Duffy and Mark Wardlaw 117; Eli Petzold 542; Ewan Paterson 276; Helen Barber 245; Andy Ditzler 88b; Calum Woods 317; Beth Dixon 112; David Brodeur 422; Phil Tyler 477; Alex Dixon 77t; Mark Wardlaw 69t; Karen Turner 318 (in celebration of Frank and Zilpha Cornett's 50th wedding anniversary); Karen Turner and Jan Geerts 384.

Karen Turner and Jan Geerts offered closing thoughts, and the class was dismissed.

Chairpersons—Karen Turner and Jan Geerts; Secretaries—Cath Ingham, Marie Morris, DeeDee Cuddihy, and Margaret Bradshaw

### **BELTON AND EMMA BEASLEY AND PHILLIP LEE III MEMORIAL SINGING**

**Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama**

**Sunday, August 16, 2015**

The 48th annual Belton and Emma Beasley and Phillip Lee III Memorial Singing was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Earl Ballinger. Marlin Beasley led 40.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Lisa Geist.



Leaders: Glenn Keeton 349, 74t; Dorothea Maynard 319, 361; Don Keeton 100, 101t; Rickie Beasley 30b, 335; Betty Baccus 499, 495; Earl Ballinger 114, 162; Gary Smith 565, 66; Loretta Whitman 318, 343; Darrell Swarens 36b, 81t; Becky Briggs 329, 179; Eugene Forbes 482, 299.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Marlin Beasley leading 111b. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 34b, 64; Chuck Beasley and Ruth Nix 235, 33b; Mark Davis 96, 573; Amber Davis 402, 399b; Sarah Beasley 129, 354b; Marlin Beasley and Juanita Beasley 475, 61, 270; Willodean Barton 454, 498; Buell Cobb 410b, 81b. Darrell Swarens offered prayer before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Marlin Beasley leading 480. Leaders: Henry McGuire 437, 560; Greg Beasley and Seth Holloway 45t; Seth Holloway 268; Mike Richards 410t, 298; Cora Sweatt 49b, 47b; Steve Adams 99, 331; Bunk Beasley and Brooke Beasley 72b, 59; Larry Ballinger 112 (for Gravis), 217; Lisa Geist 528, 391; Darrell Swarens 507; Lisa Geist 546.

After announcements, Marlin Beasley and Glenn Keeton led 323t. The closing prayer was offered by Henry McGuire.

Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

### **WILLARD BIRTHDAY SINGING (COOPER BOOK)**

#### **Buckley Hall, Buckley, Washington**

**Sunday, August 16, 2015**

The 6th annual Willard Birthday Singing held on the third Sunday in August, using the *Cooper Book* and a Hymnary of Willard family favorites, was called to order by Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach leading “How Cheering Is The Christian’s Hope”. Destiny Woods offered the opening prayer.

The singing was organized with the following officers: Chairperson—Karen Willard; Assistant Chairperson—Kathy Vlach; Secretary—David Wright; Treasurer—Nancy Price; Arranging Committee—Jinx McGuire and Kathy Vlach.

Leaders: Kathy Vlach “Tallis’ Canon”; Destiny Woods 440b; Karen Willard “Jewels”; David Wright 573; Ana Tighe “Homeward Bound”; William Price “Abide With Me”; Kate Coxon 36b; Jerry Schreiber 478; Carol Selleck 38t; Kramer Klein 174; Anna Stoerch “Sweet Hour of Prayer”; Erik Schwab “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”; Lucinda Saue “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”; Bob Schinske “Seeking the Lost”; Darlene Simpson-Brown 581; Kevin Barrans 479; Linda Selph 336t.

#### RECESS

Karen Willard called the class back to order leading “Revive Us Again”.

Leaders: Jinx McGuire 30t; John David Thacker 122; Kate Fine 369; Thom Fahrback 404; Nancy Price 516; Eric Holt 411. The class sang happy birthday wishes for all singers with August birthdays.

#### RECESS

Laura McMurray called the class to order leading 68t. Leaders: John Wiens 45b; Cornelia Stanton and Carol Selleck 96; Kevin Beirne 474; Marilyn Murata 484; Steve Helwig 115; Greg Saue 515; Steve Cackley 517; Wing Mui 155; Clarissa Fetrow 222; David Wright 506; Jen Rymut 298; Kramer Klein 300; Anna Stoerch 364; Erik Schwab “Sine Nomine”; Kate Coxon 464; Destiny Woods 587. Destiny Woods asked the blessing on the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Kathy Vlach began the afternoon session leading 31b. Leaders: Carol Selleck 283; Nancy Price 571; Bob Schinske “Where We’ll Never Grow Old”; Lucinda Saue 393; Eric Holt 341; Melissa Stephenson 408; Kevin Barrans 399; Ana Tighe 505; Darlene Simpson-Brown 206; John David Thacker 99; Anne Huckins 98; John Wiens 361; Laura McMurray 376; Jerry Schreiber 235; Jinx McGuire 486; William Price 451.  
RECESS

Karen Willard brought the class back together by leading “At the Cross”. Leaders: Steve Helwig 514; Linda Selph 215; Thom Fahrback 133; Cornelia Stanton 573; Kevin Beirne 192; Marilyn Murata 200; Steve Cackley 550; Clarissa Fetrow 380; Greg Saue 507b; Kate Fine 584; Wing Mui 69.

Following announcements, Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach led “God Be with You”. Destiny Woods dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Karen Willard; Secretary—David Wright

### **INDIANA STATE FAIR SINGING** **Pioneer Village at the Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, Indiana** **Sunday, August 16, 2015**

Brad Bahler and John Hoerr called the 12th annual Indiana State Fair Singing to order by leading 32t. Adrian Eldridge offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: James Eldridge 108t; Adrian Eldridge 30b; Samuel Sommers 208; Robert Bahler 33b; John Bahler 276; John Hoerr 440; Janelle Davis and Susan Murphy 29t; Nate Zweig 146; Wayne Dell and Peter Evans 45t; Ruth Dolby and Todd Gable 277; Barbara Lund 384; Karen Bahler 128; Virginia Eldridge 318; Holly Austin and Dominick Austin 168; Brad Bahler 192; Katherine Eldridge 56b; Ray Rechenberg and Thea Smith 209; Ray Rechenberg 480; James Eldridge 540; John Bahler 196; Adrian Eldridge 150; Samuel Sommers 426t; Robert Bahler 332; Janelle Davis 448t; John Hoerr 282; Wayne Dell and Susan Murphy 47b; Pete Evans and Wayne Dell 49b; Randy West and John Hoerr 163b; Ruth Dolby 350; Barbara Lund 178; Karen Bahler 40; Virginia Eldridge 46; Katherine Eldridge 323b; Holly Austin 515; Brad Bahler 551; Rebecca Eldridge and Hayden Wolf 108b; Ray Rechenberg 203.

Brad Bahler, John Hoerr, Adrian Eldridge, and Samuel Sommers led 62 as the class took the parting hand. The session was closed with prayer offered by Adrian Eldridge.

Co-chairmen—Brad Bahler and John Hoerr; Chaplain—Adrian Eldridge;  
Secretary—Samuel Sommers

### **CLEBURNE COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION** **Edwardsville Baptist Church, Edwardsville** **Cleburne County, Alabama** **Sunday, August 16, 2015**

The 126th session of the Cleburne County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Edwardsville Baptist Church in Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama, on the third Sunday in August. Cecil Roberts called the class to order leading 56t.

Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer. Cecil Roberts, using a 1936 edition of *The Sacred Harp* donated to the convention in 1962 by Midge and Al Kuester in memory of J.W. (Uncle Will) Laminack, (the book was given with explicit instructions that the only time it can be used is for the introductory lesson of the Cleburne County Sacred Harp Singing Convention) led 35. Cecil Roberts welcomed the singers and visitors, and thanked the church for hosting the singing.

Leaders: Rene Greene 47b, 78; Judy Chambless 146, 142; Virginia Dyer 63, 40 (in memory of Shelbie Sheppard); Robert Chambless 72b, 32t; Margaret Thacker 503,

480; Winfred Kerr 282, 44; Ed Thacker 313t, 446; Susannah Gill 30b, 144; Dalton Lewis-Dyer 354b; Christian Webb and Philip Denney 87, 100.

#### RECESS

Rene Greene brought the class back together by leading 343. Leaders: Joe Jones 84, 47t; Lisa Webb 224, 126; Henry Johnson 55, 138t; Marilyn Bradley 312b, 288; Charlene Wallace 155, 154; Chance Cook 192; Sheri Taylor 148, 27; Philip Denney and Christian Webb 168, 143; Fallon Cook 37b, 216; Rene Greene 217, 276; Jack Nelson 358, 548.

Philip Denney conducted the memorial lesson, and led 28b for the following sick and shut-ins: Amacia Cooper Smith, Doug Webb, Lucy Garner, Hester Edwards, Mona Nelson, and Lois Bowman.

He led 340 in memory of the following deceased: Evelyn Harris, Raymond Hamrick, George Garner, C.W. Garner, Pam McKnight, James Jordan, Inez Chandler, Jonathan Chandler, and Eunice Webb. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

#### LUNCH

Cecil Roberts brought the class back to order leading 399b. Leaders: Susannah Gill 314; Joe Jones 113; Robert Chambless 225t; Virginia Dyer 472; Henry Johnson 164; Margaret Thacker 565; Winfred Kerr 45t; Ed Thacker 570 (in memory of Eunice Webb, James Jordan, and Stanly Edwards); Fallon Cook 274t; Sheri Taylor 117; Philip Denney and Christian Webb 313b; Lisa Webb and Sheri Taylor 566; Judy Chambless 209.

After announcements, Cecil Roberts and Rene Greene led 46 as the closing song. Philip Denney offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Rene Greene; Secretary—Judy Chambless

### **CEDAR CREEK SINGING**

#### **Cedar Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Crisp County, Georgia Sunday, August 16, 2015**

*The Sacred Harp* singing held annually at Cedar Creek Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in August was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by John Robinson leading 59 and 452. Bob Meeks offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kay Robinson 334, 294; Bob Meeks 235, 73b; John Plunkett 354t, 33b; David Grant 166, 97; Oscar McGuire 34b, 75; Tim Meeks 146, 45t; John Robinson 569b, 490; Kay Robinson 282, 231.

#### RECESS

Leaders: John Plunkett 81t, 495; David Grant 378t, 378b; Oscar McGuire 129, 128; Tim Meeks 491, 358.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by John Robinson leading 68b and 63.

Leaders: Kay Robinson 154, 145b; Bob Meeks 323b; John Plunkett 338, 71; David Grant 467, 523; Oscar McGuire 229.

Oscar McGuire led 503 in memory of Raymond Hamrick and Joyce Harrison (2015) and for shut-ins Milline Sanders and Marjorie Robinson. Tim Meeks led 542 and 383.

Announcements were made. Tim Meeks thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. The class sang 62, and took the parting hand. Tim Meeks offered the closing prayer.

Chairman and Secretary—Tim Meeks

**PALO ALTO SINGING**  
**Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, Palo Alto, California**  
**Saturday, August 22, 2015**

The 4th annual Palo Alto All-Day Singing was held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, Palo Alto, California, on the fourth Saturday in August. The class was called to order by Terry Moore leading 34b. Dan Harper led 46.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Leigh Cooper; Vice Chairperson—Leah Coffin; Secretary—Betty Marvin; Treasurer—Terry Barber; Chaplain—Joel Chan; Arranging Officer—Julian Damashek. Joel Chan offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Leigh Cooper 59, 32t; Leah Coffin 86, 107; Betty Marvin 66, 540; Joel Chan 268, 76b; Lindy Groening 34t, 208; Paul Kostka 49b, 198; Rebecca Edwards 72b, 205; David Fetcho 32b, 302; Cecil Godfrey and Leon Godfrey 40; Carolyn Deacy 29t, 372; Phil Jensen 216, 503; Linnea Sablosky 504, 112.

**RECESS**

The class was called together by Susan Fetcho leading 52t. Leaders: Jennie Brown 278b, 564; Linda Booth 196, 313b; Erika Wilson 560, 51; Brian Harris 101b, 182; Mary Gowins 498, 480; Pat Coghlan 542, 492; Taylor Warren 117, 410t; Jeannette Ralston 551, 224.

**RECESS**

The class was called back to order by David Fetcho leading 56t. Leaders: Linda Selph 30t, 475; Bob Jost 535, 68b; Gabriel Kyne 82b, 83t; Terry Moore 474, 218; Susan Fetcho 370, 464; Terry Barber 28b; Janet Herman 371, 442; Jeff Begley 50b, 284; Mark Godfrey 74t, 500; Julian Damashek 283. Joel Chan offered the prayer before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The class was called to order by Erika Wilson leading 145b. Leaders: David Fetcho 546; Phil Jensen 344; Sarah Kostka and Paul Kostka 178; Hannah Mae Blair 522; Pat Coghlan 444; Peter Ross 99; Joel Chan 148; Linda Booth 269; Jeff Begley 547; Mary O'Brien 128; Janet Herman 192; Linda Selph and Rebecca Edwards 377; Jeannette Ralston 175; Bob Jost 276; Gabriel Kyne and Jennie Brown 411; Dan Harper 236; Linnea Sablosky and Susan Fetcho 419; Carolyn Deacy and Lindy Groening 430.

**RECESS**

Linda Selph led 81t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Mary Gowins 511; Wren Hyde 162; Brian Harris 56b; Betty Marvin 538; Inder Khalsa 131t; Leah Coffin and Erika Wilson 506; Taylor Warren 346; Linda Selph and Terry Barber 197.

A business meeting was held. The Treasurer reported that expenses were met. The Secretary reported that eighty-nine songs were sung, and that there were thirty-eight leaders. Resolutions were presented by Jeff Begley, who thanked the officers, committees, and all who made the singing possible, and resolved to convene again next year. Announcements of singings were made.

Leigh Cooper and Mark Godfrey led 347 as the closing song. Joel Chan offered the closing prayer.

Chairperson—Leigh Cooper; Vice Chairperson—Leah Coffin; Secretary—Betty Marvin

**CENTRAL ONTARIO SINGING**  
**Detweiler Meetinghouse, North Dumfries, Ontario**  
**Saturday, August 22, 2015**

The 12th annual Central Ontario All-Day Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Frances Miller and Frank Griggs leading 47t. Anne Evers offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairpersons—Frances Miller and Frank Griggs; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Gillian Inksetter; Treasurers—Anne Evers and Tom Evers.

Leaders: Frances Miller and Frank Griggs 171; Gillian Inksetter 39t, 208; Jan May 569b, 540; Anne Evers 65, 117; Nicole Collins 178, 86; Idy Kiser and Sally Keisling 472, 108b; Faiz Wareh 418, 482; Elizabeth Barlow 328, 145b; Pleasance Crawford 187, 402.

**RECESS**

Kathleen McDonnell brought the class to order leading 217. Leaders; Brian How 547 (for Katie White), 183; Cindy Dymond 538, 66; Patty Wareh 479, 228; Lyn Caswell 371, 34b; Hanna Barlow 497, 496; Andrew Patten 284, 457; Cora Wareh 122, 481; Barbara Hohenstein 506, 445.

**RECESS**

Greg Jenkins brought the class to order by leading 32t. Leaders: Gerry Hoffman 101t, 564; Anne Evers and Tom Evers 180; Tarik Wareh 460, 424; Steve Rogers 439, 504.

Pleasance Crawford and Chuck Crawford conducted the memorial lesson. Pleasance spoke, and led 50b in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Ron Bornick, Margaret Bornick, Steven Hout, Lynn Hout, Susan Bingham, Claudene Townson, Bill Gray, Stephani Slutz, Maria S, Katie White, Lance Barkley, Frank Fraembs, Janet Fraembs, Beegee Rechenberg, Bess Fitzgerald, Emma Stoeperker, Julie Veal, Johanna Fabke, Berkley Moore, and Melanie Hauff.

Pleasance then spoke and led 176t in memory of the following deceased: Wendy Coburn and Victor McCorry—Ontario; Raymond Hamrick, Junie Wootten, Joyce Harrison, Josephine Denney, C.W. Garner, and George Garner—Georgia; Ruth Densmore—Pennsylvania; Robert DuPree, Stanly Edwards, Betty Wright, Sammie Oliver, and Evelyn Harris—Alabama; Dan Adams—Connecticut; David Rust—Indiana; Danny Arms—North Carolina; Joe Fothergill—Ohio; Caroline Bonnet and Robert How—California; Bob Scorgie—Wisconsin; Alfred McDounell—Colorado. Dean Knuth led 27 and 107. Frank Griggs led “Lutheran Table Grace” to the tune of 49t as a sung blessing before dinner.

**LUNCH**

Chuck Crawford brought the class to order leading 87. Leaders: Hanna Barlow 480, 299; Dean Knuth 28t, 180; Samuel Sommers 54, 548; Anne Steel 318, 348b; Giles Simmer and Gillian Inksetter 63, 228; Gerry Hoffman 458, 371; Cindy Dymond 65, 32b; Jonathon Smith 360, 419; Ellen Torrie 457, 64; Steve Rogers and Gary Roth “Geneva” (NHS/HS 85/96) (in recognition of the Harmonia Sacra tradition of the Detweiler Meetinghouse).

**RECESS**

Frances Miller led 31t to bring the class to order. Leaders: Marian Mitchell 267, 202; Laurie Dempsey 276; Jamie Yeats 154, 148; Brad Young 64; Barbara Swetman 254, 155; Dan Brown 147t, 147b; Doron Henkin 500, 501; David Mercer, Gwen Mercer, and Ted Mercer 411; Gary Roth and Gillian Inksetter 373, 195; Gillian Inksetter “Geneva” (HS).

**RECESS**

The class was brought back together by Frank Griggs leading 372. Leaders: Anne Missavage 474, 137; Kathleen McDonnell 209; Laura Densmore 522, 549; Laura Roth and Kim Kendrick 159; Bob Borcharding 440, 448b; Martha Beverly 368, 464 (for Melanie and Judy Hauff); Linda Heemskirk 452, 45t; Cecelia Kramer 198; 485; Jim Page 212, 351; Ted Mercer 352, 50t; Tom Evers 448t. Frank and Frances thanked all who helped make the singing a success. The Treasurers reported that expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that eighty-five singers from five states and one province had attended, and that forty-five leaders led eighty-five songs. Following announcements, Frances Miller and Frank Griggs led 347 as the closing song. Anne Evers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairpersons—Frances Miller and Frank Griggs; Secretary—Gillian Inksetter

## **CORK SINGING**

### **St. Fin Barre's Cathedral Hall, Cork, Ireland**

### **Saturday, August 22, 2015**

The 5th annual Cork All-Day singing was called to order at St. Fin Barre's Cathedral Hall, Dean Street, Cork, Ireland, by Lisa O'Grady leading 131b. Chris Lyons offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Bryan Seale 101t; Amanda Parkes 426b; Chris Lyons 228; Declan Synnott 142; Ewan Paterson 99; Sinéad Hanrahan 171; Joanna Bennett 227; Kevin Kennedy 170; Katie Ahern 436; Colleen Jones 318; Leah Hearne 47t; Cath Saunt 224; Dara Desmond 546; Kate Kirwan 298; Eli Petzold 40; Rebecca Over 410t (in memory of George Garner, Tallapoosa, Georgia); Jennifer Barry 268; Alex Dixon 300.

#### **RECESS**

Bryan Seale called the class back to order leading 88b. Leaders: Mike Morrisroe 187 (for Melissa Kelley); Rebecca French 65; Beth Dixon 335; Geoff Grainger 313b; Sadhbh O'Flynn 56b; Jessica Sligter 128; Cornelia van den Doel 117; Steve Brett 381 (for Sue Lord); Piers Blewett 29b; Kevin Kennedy 26; Declan Synnott 271t; Leah Hearne 42; Colleen Jones 368; Joanna Bennett 417; Dara Desmond 134; Sinéad Hanrahan 57; Cath Saunt 480; Kate Kirwan 392; Eli Petzold 504; Alex Dixon 198; Lisa O'Grady 59. A blessing before lunch was offered by Kate Kirwan.

#### **LUNCH**

Amanda Parkes called the afternoon session together by leading 270. Leaders: Ross Harbison 77t; Chris Lyons 344; Sadhbh O'Flynn 340; Rebecca Over 380; Steve Brett 411; Jessica Sligter 112; Beth Dixon 432; Jennifer Barry 383; Piers Blewett 290; Eli Petzold 542; Kate Kirwan 444; Katie Ahern 496; Cath Saunt 168; Ewan Paterson 236; Bryan Seale 306; Kevin Kennedy 398; Alex Dixon 89; Declan Synnott 528; Cornelia van den Doel 178.

#### **RECESS**

Dara Desmond led 133 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Leah Hearne 384; Joanna Bennett 506; Iona Wilson 37b; Geoff Grainger 156; Colleen Jones 365; Áine Uí Cheallaigh and Mike Morrisroe 564; Steve Brett 73t; Sinéad Hanrahan 532; Jessica Sligter 208; Chris Lyons 114; Lisa O'Grady 474; Piers Blewett 497; Rebecca Over 314; Amanda Parkes 500; Sadhbh O'Flynn and Eli Petzold 125; Ross Harbison 377; Beth Dixon 328; Bryan Seale and Kate Kirwan 442; Sinéad Hanrahan and Kate Kirwan 222; Cath Saunt and Amanda Parkes 434; Jennifer Barry 481.

Lisa O'Grady extended thanks to all those who helped during the day, and led 472 as the closing song. Colleen Jones offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Lisa O'Grady; Vice Chairman—Bryan Seale; Secretary—Amanda Parkes

## **LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONVENTION**

**Pine Grove Church, Collinsville, Alabama**

**August 22-23, 2015**

**Saturday, August 22**

The 112th session of the Lookout Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Pine Grove Church, Collinsville, Alabama, on the fourth weekend in August. The class was called to order by Wayne Reed and Scot Oliver leading 32t. Donny Reed offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Wayne Reed and Scot Oliver 59; S.T. Reed 388; Donny Reed 235; Cindy Tanner 498 (in memory of Lora Cargo); Judy Caudle 111t; Boyd Scott 58; Eugene Forbes 123t; Pat Temple 373; Hubert Nall 168; Margaret Thacker 303; Elene Stovall 534; Robert Chambless 77b; Phil Summerlin 354t; Sasha Hsuczyk 418; Loyd Ivey 454; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 296; Karen Rollins 446; Richard Mauldin 43; B.M. Smith 318; Kathy Williams 365.

### **RECESS**

The class was brought back to order by Wayne Reed and Scot Oliver leading 100. A business meeting was held and the following officers were retained to serve:

Honorary Chairman—S.T. Reed; Co-chairmen—Wayne Reed and Scot Oliver; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Cindy Tanner; Finance Committee—Rodney Ivey, Scott Ivey, and Chris Coughlin.

Leaders: Scott Ivey 126; Daphene Causey 172; Michael Spencer 205; Nate Green and Norma Green 136; Faith Riley 111b; John Tyler Blakeley and Audrie Blakeley 85; Angela Myers 110; Penny Kujawinski 564; Mike Hinton 475 (in memory of Robert DuPree); Shane Wootten 208; Ed Thacker 209; Paula Oliver 430.

### **RECESS**

Cindy Tanner led 275b to bring the class together. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 151; Mary Wright 328; Alanna Blanks, Arleigh Beard, and Bryant Beard 282; Lynne deBenedette 142; Douglas Conn 411; Erica Hinton 391; Riley Lee 511; David Ivey 222; Sharon DuPriest 546; Jonathon Blakeley 47b; Linton Ballinger 187; Karen Freund 300; Darrell Swarens 341; Kelsey Ivey 278t; Judy Chambless 531; Henry Johnson 322; Matt Hinton and friend, Tonya 448t. Donny Reed asked a blessing before the noon meal at the tables.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Scot Oliver and Paula Oliver leading 101t. Leaders: Richard Ivey 522; Chris Coughlin 106; Reba Windom 216 (for Betty Shepherd); Allison Steel 542; Coy Ivey 384; Eli Hinton 146; Louis Hughes 496; Nicholas Thompson 439; Judy Mincey 468; Lou Kujawinski 515; Jan Eric Steel 99; Susan Cheronas 460; David Carlton 224; Gail Doss 66; Daniel Bearden 386; Vickie See and Billy See 178; Mike Richards 528; Cheyenne Ivey 166; Mark Eirich 455; Elizabeth Gentry 569b; Kate Agnew 313b; Jesse P. Karlsberg 315; David Gooch 128; Lauren Bock 374 (for Lela Crowder); Kelsey Ivey 512 (for Louis Hughes). Phil Summerlin offered a special prayer for Louis Hughes.

Scot Oliver and Donny Reed led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

## Sunday, August 23

The Sunday session of the Lookout Mountain Convention was called to order by Scot Oliver and Donny Reed leading 82t. Henry Johnson offered the opening prayer. Scot welcomed the class, and led 42.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 437; Cindy Tanner 436; Buell Cobb 69b; David Light 200; Laura Hodges 218; Mairye Bates 551; Kate Agnew 168; Kris Richardson 217; Joe Jones 473; Marty Wootten 546; Anna Hinton 196; Jim Carnes 440; Daniel Lee 36b; David Hufstetler 68b; Alison Brown 228; Jackie Tanner 314 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Jamey Wootten 373; Susannah Gill 327; Donna Wootten and Anna Wootten 56t; Chita Blakeley 430; Lisa Bennett 50b (for Lela Crowder, Greg Hughes, and her dad).

### RECESS

Rodney Ivey and Oliver Kindig-Stokes led 378t to bring the class together. Leaders: Boyd Scott 358; Delone Cobbs 354t; Paula Oliver, Morgan McElroy, Caleigh McElroy, and Sarah Mikeal 354b; Gavin Blakeley 189; Rose Yntema 501; Linda Thomas 474; Waylon Blakeley 138t; Pam Nunn 216; Mary Ruth Stiefel 322; Karen Ivey and Richard Ivey 270 (in memory of Bud Oliver); David Smead 273; Mark Carroll 480; Eli Hinton 65; Chris Coughlin 278b; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 181; Nicholas Thompson 192; Faith Riley 63; Lynne deBenedette and Rodney Ivey 30b (in memory of Noah Lacy and Jerry Enright).

### RECESS

Shane Wootten led 129 to bring the class to order. Leaders: S.T. Reed, Eulene Dobbs, Sue Wills, and Rex Reed 421, 108b; Pat Temple 481; Kathy Williams 532; Mike Hinton 456; Richard Ivey and Kelsey Ivey 426t; Arleigh Beard, Alanna Blanks, and Eric Blanks 405; Allison Steel 345b; Erica Hinton 175; Sasha Hsuczyk 74t; Judy Chambless and Robert Chambless 472; B.M. Smith 441; Scott Ivey 76b (for Louis Hughes). Donny Reed asked a blessing before the noonmeal at the tables.

### LUNCH

Scot Oliver and Eric Blanks led 176b to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Daphene Causey 291; Wayne Reed 108b; Riley Lee 370; Coy Ivey 465 (CB).

Alanna Blanks and David Ivey conducted the memorial lesson. David Ivey spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins and the deceased. Alanna Blanks read the following list of names of the deceased: Lora Cargo, Dr. Robert DuPree, Charles Kitchens, Eldagene Roberson, Sammie Oliver, Johnny Humber, Stella Pratt, Dawson Adams, Dwight Moody, and Evelyn Harris—Alabama; Robert DePoy and Raymond Hamrick—Georgia; David Rust and Dorothy Glauzen—Indiana; Reuben Summerlin—Tennessee. David led 138b.

Alanna read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Lela Crowder, Louis Hughes, Melanie Hauff, Judy Hauff, Elsie Moon, Greg Hughes, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Lynn Duvall, Loraine Bayer, Doris Hill, Ann Mauldin Chalker, and Amacia Smith. She led 47t. Jim Carnes offered prayer to conclude the memorial service.

Leaders: Jesse P. Karlsberg 48t; Loyd Ivey 283; Mary Wright 477; Sharon DuPriest 137; Larry Ballinger 215; Nate Green and Norma Green 282; Richard Mauldin 35; Lauren Bock and Kelsey Ivey 120; Henry Johnson 539; Reba Windom and Elene Stovall 500; Darrell Swarens and Cindy Tanner 198; Matt Hinton 542; Judy Mincey 571; Hubert Nall 288; Karen Freund 77t (in memory of Jerry Enright); Ed Thacker 57 (in memory of Milton Oliver, Bud Oliver, Sammie Oliver, Lessie Dean Reed, and Nora Higginbotham); Cheyenne Ivey 182; David Gooch 112; Gail Doss 547; Mike Richards 371; Rodney Ivey and Chris Coughlin 73t; Elizabeth Gentry 81t (for Vickie Burger); Laura Hodges 284.



Announcements were made. Scot Oliver and Wayne Reed led 146 as the closing song. Shane Wootten offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Co-chairmen—Scot Oliver and Wayne Reed; Secretary—Judy Caudle

**MISSISSIPPI STATE CONVENTION**  
**Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Forest, Mississippi**  
**August 22-23, 2015**  
**Saturday, August 22**

The 86th session of the Mississippi State Convention was called to order by Mark Davis leading 316. Arlon Gardner offered the opening prayer. Mark Davis welcomed everyone and thanked Antioch Primitive Baptist Church for hosting the convention again.

Leaders: John Van Horn 155; Darlene Reynolds and Olivia Way 188 (CH); Arlon Gardner 95b (CB); Judy Whiting 472; Chris Brown 459t (CH); Nancy Van den Akker 142 (CH); Mike McNeil 172 (CH); Elizabeth Muhleisen 163b; Nathan Stewart 352; Linda Funderburg 85; Hugh McGuire 205 (CH); Warren Steel 346 (CH); Danny Creel 1 (CH); Ann Jett 149 (CH); Joe Jones 540 (WB); Allison Brown 138 (CH); Michael Walker 322 (CH). President Davis appointed Henry McGuire, Hugh McGuire, and Drew McGuire to the Business and Credentials Committee.

**RECESS**

Mark Davis and Sandra Jager called the class back to order leading 145b (CB).

Leaders: Robert Vaughn 489t (WB); Henry McGuire 543t (WB); Will McGuire 486t (WB); Todd Derstine and Regina Derstine 102 (CH) 333 (CH); Drew McGuire 552 (CB); Ryan Bowman 69 (CB); John Hollingsworth 518 (CB); Tim Gray 140 (CH); Bill Hollingsworth 168b (CH); Yancey Jett 354 (CH); Amy Wells 112; Lisa Geist 527.

**RECESS**

Leaders: John Van Horn 146; John Plunkett 535 (WB); Wilma Mitchell and Mike McNeil 204t (CH); Bobby Caldwell 82 (CB); Susannah Gill 121t (CH); Nancy Hogan 464 (CB); Bill Hogan 522 (CB); Sarah McGuire 49t; Anders Wells 89; John Van Horn 280; Arlon Gardner 70b.

**LUNCH**

Darlene Reynolds, Hugh McGuire, and Henry McGuire brought the class back together by leading 511 (WB); Judy Whiting 492; Chris Brown 95t (WB); Nancy Van den Akker 454; Elizabeth Muhleisen 239 (CB); Nathan Stewart 572 (CB); Linda Funderburg 47b; Natalie Davis 84; Lisa Davis 528; Warren Steel 442; Danny Creel 54 (CH); Ann Jett 170 (CH); Yancey Jett 258 (CH); Regina Derstine 280 (CH); Amy Wells 384; Sarah McGuire 63; Mark Davis led 117 (CH) (for the people of Antioch Primitive Baptist Church); John Plunkett 320 (CB); Lisa Geist 456; Joe Jones 499t (WB); Alison Brown 430.

A business meeting was held at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing officers. A motion and a second was made to keep the same officers as follows: President—Mark Davis; Vice President—John Van Horn; Chaplain—Arlon Gardner; Secretary—Darlene Reynolds.

Warren Steel announced new business concerning a trophy cup dating from 1924. It was first presented to the Webster County Old Harp Singers for their performance in the Community Singing Contest at the North Mississippi Fair, Grenada, in October, 1924. The winners presented the trophy to W.T. Gwin in appreciation of forty years of faithful service as Director. Gwin was the first president of the Mississippi State Sacred Harp Singing Convention when it was organized in 1929. The trophy has been preserved by Mr. Gwin's granddaughter. Warren suggested we send the trophy to the Sacred Harp Museum in Carrollton, Georgia. John

Hollingsworth suggested we wait until Sunday to vote so we could all think about what to do.

Leaders: Mark Davis 236; Michael Walker 411; Alison Brown 432 (CH); Nancy Hogan 114b (CB); Bill Hogan 186 (CH); Anders Wells 99; Hugh McGuire 487t (WB); Bill Hollingsworth 11 (CH); Drew McGuire 312t.

Announcements were made. Mark Davis, Drew McGuire, and Henry McGuire led the Drone. Mike McNeil offered the closing prayer.

### Sunday, August 23

The Sunday session of the Mississippi State Convention was called to order by Mark Davis leading 101b. Arlon Gardner offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Van Horn 573 (CB), 142 (CB); Darlene Reynolds, Bentley Rose, and Olivia Way 484 (CB), 189 (CH); Arlon Gardner 96 (CB), 455; Hugh McGuire 196; Judy Whiting 354t, 174; Chris Brown 50 (CH), 51 (CH); Jane Armstrong 77t, 159; Anders Wells 128, 110; Amy Wells 393 (CB), 76b (CB). Mark Davis appointed Wilma Mitchell and Mike McNeil to the Memorial Committee.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Mark Davis 448t; Nancy Hogan 178, 392 (CB); Bill Hogan 98 (CB), 156 (CB); Nancy Van den Akker 77b, 228; Dorothea Maynard 131 (CH), 361; Regina Derstine and Todd Derstine 189, 86, 208; John Plunkett 462t (CH), 493b (CH); Nathan Stewart 107 (CH), 172. Mark Davis appointed Nathan Stewart and Bill Hogan to the Resolutions Committee and Henry McGuire, Hugh McGuire, and Drew McGuire to the Finance Committee.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Mark Davis 136; Wilma Mitchell 490, 480; Amber Davis 216, 142; Henry McGuire 518 (CB), 98 (CH); Drew McGuire 55t (WB), 446t (WB). Arlon Gardner offered prayer before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Leaders: Drew McGuire 61t (CH); Will McGuire 119, 45t; Mike McNeil 286, 372 (CH); Ryan Bowman 198 (CB), 199 (CB); Helen Tester and Nathan Stewart 63; Mr. and Mrs. McLeod 569b, 112; Natalie Davis 273, 442; Erica Martinez 362 (CH), 421; Logan Hollarsmith 410t, 457; Andy Davis 254, 198; Lisa Davis 200, 504; Carey Armstrong and Jane Armstrong 209, 59.

Mike McNeil and Wilma Mitchell conducted the memorial lesson. The following sick and shut-ins were honored: Stites Gardner, Billie Gardner, Henry Reynolds, Elsie Moon, Amacia Cooper Smith, Mark A. Davis, Cath Tyler, Merle Jones, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, and Phillip Springfield. The following deceased were remembered: George Easley—Mississippi; Jimmie Ruth Hawkins Melvin and Lora Cargo—Alabama; Kate Davis—Ireland; Raymond Hamrick—Georgia. They led 239t (CH).

In a business session, it was decided to loan the trophy cup to the Sacred Harp Museum in Carrollton, Georgia. The convention retains ownership.

The report from the Business and Credentials Committee is as follows: Total money collected—\$610.00; \$350.00 to Antioch Primitive Baptist Church; \$84.00 to minutes; \$40.00 to WCPC Radio Broadcast, Houston, MS.

The report from the Resolutions Committee follows: Be it resolved that the class would like to show our appreciation and thank God for the following: The members of Antioch Primitive Baptist Church for the use of their church; all those who brought food and supported this singing in their own various ways; for all the preparation put into making this a successful singing by the officers; and for the beautiful weather, and God's great spirit of communion in this joyful praise and worship. The business meeting was closed.

Judy Whiting led 521 and Chris Brown led 28b. Announcements were made. Mark Davis, Hugh McGuire, Henry McGuire, and Drew McGuire led the Drone. The closing prayer was offered by Mike McNeil.  
President—Mark Davis; Vice President—John Van Horn; Secretary—Darlene Reynolds

## **YOUNG PEOPLE'S SACRED HARP SINGING** **Morton, Washington** **Saturday, August 29, 2015**

The 35th annual Young People's Sacred Harp Singing Association met in Morton, Washington, on Saturday before the first fifth Sunday following the fourth of July. The class was called together by Richard Ivey leading 52t. The opening prayer was offered by Ethan Hardy.

A business session was held with the following officers elected: Co-Chairpersons—Kate Coxon and John Wiens; Vice Chairwoman—Miranda Fetrow; Secretary—Sophia Schinske; Treasurer—Peter Schinske. The business session was closed. Leaders: Kate Coxon and John Wiens 144; Sophia Schinske 68b; Miranda Fetrow and Clarissa Fetrow 40; Ethan Hardy 133; Kate Fortin 421; Bruce Roberts and Karen Willard 172; Marla Elliott 501; Sean MacPhearson 285t; Cecil Godfrey 37b; Lyle Lindsey 466; Anne Huckins 313b; Steve Helwig and Margie Marten and Zachary Marten 163b; John Berendzen 73b; Stephanie Argo and Ben Copenhaver 270; Kathy Vlach 565; Dan Thoma 42; Betsy Jeronen 422.

### **RECESS**

The class was called back together by Steve Cackley leading 61. Leaders: Jennie Brown 171; Kate Fine 369; Steve Copeland 455; Jack Lofton 215; Brian Harris 81t; Kramer Klein 378b; Peter Schinske 186; Joel Menk 137; Amandeep Gill 448t; Dave Barber 444; John David Thacker 56t; Jake Hachey 300; Susan Helf 112; William Gilman 410b; Leigh Cooper 456; Evelyn Lamb 352.

### **RECESS**

The class was called back together by Marla Elliott leading 31t. Leaders: Elaine Denny 38b; Marie Brandis 212; Pat Coghlan 542; Ben Copenhaver 543; Emily Owens 182.

The memorial lesson was held, and Adam Berey read the list of names of the sick and shut-ins. He led 47t in their honor. Ethan Hardy then read the list of names of the deceased, and led 320 in their memory.

Leaders: David Wright 368; Richard Ivey 411; Stephanie Fida 567; Nathan Berry 132; Amanda Jokerst 67; Aldo Ceresa 532; Mary Gowins 192; Wing Mui 324; Chris Coughlin 399b; Becca Gibson 430; Erik Schwab 140; Lindy Groening 214.

### **LUNCH**

Anna Stoerch opened the afternoon session leading 445. Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 362; Thom Fahrback 553; Erika Wilson 51; Alexa Copeland 474; Gabriel Kyne 436; Kevin Beirne 340; Clarissa Fetrow 202; Nancy Mandel 564; Kevin Barrans 399; Edward Rice 201; Mark Godfrey 204; Elise delMas 216; Jeff Begley 284; Cornelia Stanton 473; Jenna Tompkins 551; Joel Chan 148; Ana Tighe 500; Noelle Copeland 70b; Bob Schinske and Zoe Scofield 550; Steve Cackley 502; Evelyn Lamb 486; Lu Zeng 29b; Adam Berey 86; Laura McMurray 512; Harrison Bernstein 457.

### **RECESS**

Marie Brandis led 29t to bring the class together. Leaders: Mary Gowins 283; Karen Willard 151; Linda Berkemeier 480; Nathan Berry 227; Mark Godfrey and Leigh Cooper 384; Amanda Jokerst 59; Chris Coughlin 425; Jake Hachey 108b; Noelle Copeland 518; Dave Barber 272; Aldo Ceresa 280; Amandeep Gill 48t; Lindy

Groening 548; Dan Thoma 64; Nancy Mandel 313; Emily Owens 385b; David Wright 442.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports from all the committees. The Location Committee reported that the 36th session of the Young People's Singing, in 2016, will be held in Atlanta, Georgia. The Resolutions Committee expressed thanks and resolved to meet again next year. The Finance Committee was pleased to report they met their expenses. Announcements were made.

John Wiens and Kate Coxon led 45b as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Adam Berey.

Co-Chairpersons—John Wiens and Kate Coxon; Vice Chairwoman—Miranda Fetrow; Secretary—Sophia Schinske

## **SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP CONVENTION FALL SESSION (COOPER BOOK)**

**Waldorf School, Austin, Texas**

**August 29-30, 2015**

**Saturday, August 29**

The Fall session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Convention was held on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in August. The class was called to order by Vivian Rogan leading 508. After prayer, offered by Elder Jeb Owen, she welcomed the singers and listeners, and then led 49t.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Chairwoman—Vivian Rogan; Vice Chairwoman—Janie Short; Secretaries—Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates.

Leaders: Janie Short 276; Bruce Coates 30b; Gary Rogan 511b; Kristie Powell 411; Jeb Owen 515; Carter Cook 110; Linda Booker and Donna Jackson 38t; Silas Huckaby 196; Catherine Rogan 168; Riley Owen 40; Sarah Huckaby 101t; Rick Cunningham 65; Lauren Owen 401; Josh Rogan 383; Sonny Huckaby and Abby Huckaby 146; Katie Mahoney 111t; Jackson Owen 63; Vickie Cook 38b; Robert Vaughn 496b; Amy Peveto 54t; Liz Owen 567; Sonny Erwin 511t; Brennan Leigh 72; Scott Curran 200.

### **RECESS**

Vivian Rogan opened this session by leading 67. Leaders: Al Rogers 575; Cassie Allen 443b; Reed Coates 416b; Marilyn Solomon 470; Chris Brown 220; Alexa Gilmore 300; Tom Owen 69; Sonya Lee 323b; Bill Bailey 121; Diane Ross and Dara Allen 171; William Price 268t; Michele Curran 98; Donald Ross 448; Judy Whiting 176t; Beverly Coates 464; Nancy Price 559; Leon Ballinger 297; Cheryl Foreman 53; Jesse Latimer 428; Olivia Powell 183; Scott McCown 122; Amanda Bowles 99; Daniel Allcock 126; Kevin Powell 553; Rick Foreman 265b; Jessica Garris and Vivian Garris 416t; Rich Lee 144; Sonny Huckaby 450; Robert Vaughn 131t; Gaylon Powell 329. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Elder Sonny Huckaby.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Riley Owen leading 47b. Leaders: Gary Rogan 384; Nancy Price 546; Jackson Owen 274t; Jesse Latimer 376; Alex Hawk 27; Judy Whiting 212; Donald Ross 284; Carter Cook 148; Rick Foreman 152; Silas Huckaby 222; Marilyn Solomon 361; Reed Coates 330t; Cassie Allen 522; Rick Cunningham 60; Cheryl Foreman 478; Chris Brown 95b; Tammy Powell 137; Sonny Erwin 344; Diane Ross 365; William Price 102; Sonya Lee 31t; Josh Rogan 239.

### **RECESS**

Vivian Rogan brought the singers together by leading 140. Leaders: Vickie Cook 335; Alexa Gilmore and Vivian Garris 424; Jeb Owen 73t; Sarah Huckaby and Cassie Allen 355; Tom Owen, Liz Owen, and Amanda Bowles 386; Bill Bailey and Leon Ballinger 280; Liz Owen 408; Scott Curran 543; Amanda Bowles 285t; Michele Curran 129; Rich Lee 203; Jessica Garris 106; Kevin Powell 138t; Katie Mahoney 95t; Daniel Allcock 224; Amy Peveto 563.

Vivian Rogan led 343 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Donald Ross.

### Sunday, August 30

The Sunday session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention was brought to order by Vivian Rogan leading 282. The opening prayer was offered by Gaylon Powell.

Leaders: Janie Short 35; Bruce Coates 31b; Beverly Coates and Abby Huckaby 40; Gaylon Powell 142; Tammy Powell 189; Carter Cook 120; Kristie Powell 497; Jackson Owen 53; Linda Booker 293b; Silas Huckaby 171; Al Rogers 505; Riley Owen 268t; Scott McCown 558b; Ainslie Allen 217; Leon Ballinger 216; Rick Cunningham 514; Lauren Owen and Addison Bowles 159; Josh Rogan 414; Sonya Lee 49b; William Price 563; Vickie Cook 28t; Rick Foreman 273; Nancy Price 96; Sonny Erwin 597.

#### RECESS

Janie Short led 128 to open the second morning session. Leaders: Greg Bowles 133; Diane Ross 210; J.T. Harechmak 381t; Marilyn Solomon 573; Donald Ross 591; Alexa Gilmore 270; Chris Brown 504b; Cassie Allen 114b; Sonny Huckaby 168; Judy Whiting 268b; Cheryl Foreman 101b; Gary Rogan 299; Amanda Bowles 422b.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Janie Short quoted the scripture from Philippians 1:3 "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." Using the theme of "remembering", she read the following list of names of the sick and homebound: Cath Tyler, Delores Lee, Myrl Jones, Doug Webb, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Amacia Smith, Virginia Glass, and Rev. Hunt Cunningham. She then led 511t in remembrance of those listed.

Diane Ross read the words of the song "The Christian's Love", emphasizing that our Sacred Harp community is a family. Tom Owen read the list of names of the deceased, and then read the words of "Eden of Love". The deceased are as follows: Kate Davis—Ireland; Jacque Bass—Texas; Cyril Guy—United Kingdom, and Raymond Hamrick—Georgia. He led the congregation in singing page 39. The memorial lesson was closed by prayer offered by Elder Sonny Huckaby.

Leaders: Jeb Owen 418; Sarah Huckaby 380t; Scott Curran 444t; Liz Owen and Lauren Owen 288 (in memory of Jacque Bass); Rich Lee 172; Catherine Rogan 140; Michele Curran 192; Bill Bailey 581; Daniel Allcock 224; Amy Peveto 571; Tom Owen 319. The blessing for the food was offered by Scott Curran.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by Silas Huckaby leading 36b. Leaders: Katie Mahoney 89; Alex Hawk 260; Abby Huckaby, Lauren Owen, and Michele Curran 146; William Price 486; Jackson Owen 572; Nancy Price 590; Chris Brown 504t; Carter Cook 300; Riley Owen 32t; Kevin Powell 383; Marilyn Solomon 405; Rick Foreman 179; Judy Whiting 356; Sonny Erwin 569; Sonya Lee 165; Alexa Gilmore 29t; Cheryl Foreman 465; Donald Ross 466; Cassie Allen 304; Diane Ross 332; Rich Lee and Katie Mahoney 283.

Announcements were made. The officers led 95b as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Jeb Owen, and the class was dismissed.  
Chairwoman—Vivian Rogan; Vice Chairwoman—Janie Short; Secretaries—Bruce Coates and Beverly Coates

**LACY MEMORIAL**  
**Fuller Cemetery, Ider, Alabama**  
**Sunday, August 30, 2015**

The annual Lacy Memorial Sacred Harp singing held on the first fifth Sunday following the 4th of July was called to order by Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd leading 59. Eddie Mash offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd 101t; Elene Stovall, Rodney Ivey, and David Ivey 47t (in memory of Marie Ivey and Hobert Ivey); Cheyenne Ivey 176b; Ed Thacker 330t; Judy Chambless 318; Sarah Wootten 460; Loyd Ivey 426b; Hubert Nall 129; Blake Sisemore 532; Randall Smith and Rodney Ivey 137; Adrian Eldridge 166; Katie White 163b; Jamey Wootten 445; Sandie Scott 472; B.M. Smith 475; Henry Johnson 409; Buell Cobb 308; Nate Green and Norma Green 225t; Richard Mauldin 146; Mary Blake Thompson and Sarah Trumbore 277; David Smead 372; Margaret Thacker 480; Mary Ruth Stiefel 234; Earl Ballinger 439; Charlene Wallace 283.

**RECESS**

Shane Wootten led 313t (in memory of Noah Lacy). Leaders: Linton Ballinger 224; Lisa Bennett 122 (for her dad); Hayden Wootten and Shane Wootten 42; Karen Rollins 327; Darrell Swarens 208; Janelle Davis 142; John Plunkett 571; Virginia Eldridge 422; Daniel Williams 47t; J.R. Hardman 506; Eli Hinton 82t; Katherine Eldridge 418; Holly Mixon 182 (in memory of her grandpa); Anna Hinton 209; James Eldridge 97; Faith Riley 288; Aaron Wootten 378b; Alison Brown and Susannah Gill 350; Nicholas Thompson 302.

**RECESS**

The class was brought together by Rodney Ivey leading 111t. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 349; Susan Cheronos 564 (in memory of Litefoot); Robert Chambless 68b (for his granddaughters); Gerry Huffman 500; Reba Windom, Betty Shepherd, Shelby Castillo, Casey Castillo, Kathy James, Sharon King, Noah King, Jared King, Dot Crow, Deborah Morton, Josh Collier, Garrett Morton, and Lacy Collier 159; Tim Morton 229; Hayden Arp 434; Jeannette DePoy 339; David Ivey 371; Betty Shepherd and Reba Windom 216; Jarrod George, Tom George, and Dennis George 300; Rene Greene 436; Stephen Miller 178. Shane Wootten asked a blessing before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd leading 36b. Leaders: Betty Shepherd, Deborah Morton, Josh Collier, Lacy Collier, and Garrett Morton 477; Eddie Mash 381; Lisa Geist 304; David Brodeur 352; Judy Caudle and Angela Myers 348b; Joe Jones 30t; Lynne deBenedette 456; Henry McGuire 240; Kelsey Ivey 419; Mike Richards 189; Lela Crowder 157; Nathan Stewart 280; Daphene Causey 200; Chris Ballinger 120; Cindy Tanner, Ann Jett, and Wanda Capps 546; Phillip Langley 542; Karen Freund 567; Larry Ballinger 217; Sharon DuPriest 299; Matt Hinton 112; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 192; Drew McGuire and Reba Windom 196; Scott DePoy 48t; Kate Agnew 323t; Andy Ditzler 316; Pam Nunn and Reba Windom 269; Jackie Tanner 336; Joyce Walton 292; Scott Ivey, Sylvia Ivey, and Hayden Wootten 448b; Elizabeth Gentry, her niece, and Anna Hinton 47b; Karen Ivey and David Ivey 39b (in memory of Marie Ivey and for Vivian Margaret Ivey); Jackson Fleder 400; Eloise Wootten 186; Rodney Ivey 384

(for Coy Ivey); Garrett Morton 282; Loretta Smith, Jaren Maxwell, Virginia Eldridge, and Anslee Maxwell 274t; Verlon Stiefel and Mary Ruth Stiefel 75; Charles Stiefel 123b; Sarah Trumbore 81t; Reba Windom and Rodney Ivey 30b (in memory of Noah Lacy).

Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd led 146 as the closing song. Verlon Stiefel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairladies—Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd; Secretary—Cheyenne Ivey

## **MORTON SINGING**

**Morton, Washington**

**Sunday August 30, 2015**

The Morton All-Day Singing was brought to order by Kate Fortin leading 100. Vicki Westerberg opened the business meeting, and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Vicki Westerberg; Treasurer—Cece Callison; Chaplain—Bruce Roberts; Secretary—Marty Fortin. The meeting was suspended. Bruce Roberts offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Vicki Westerberg 87; Susan Fortin 49t; Cece Callison 46; Kramer Klein 335; Linda Berkemeier 270; Susan Helf 497; Marla Elliott 312t; Steve Helwig 58; Peter Schinske 102; John Berendzen 74b; Kathy Vlach 33b; Jenna Bond Tompkins 278t; Wing Mui 107; Laura McMurray 49b; Jerry Schreiber 306; Ana Tighe 162; Jeff Begley 201; Betsy Jeronen 105.

### **RECESS**

Cornelia Stanton called the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Kate Fine 91; Cecil Godfrey 40; Steve Copeland 504; Jen Rymut 168; Brian Harris 56b; Anna Pfau 196; Adam Berey 481; Elise del Mas 522; Lu Zeng 515; Gabriel Kyne 419; Clarissa Fetrow 187; Kevin Beirne 480; John David Thacker 47b; Stephanie Fida 156; Steve Cackley 494; Joel Chan 547; Amandeep Gill 117; Dave Barber 164; Emily Owens 141; Mark Godfrey 277.

### **RECESS**

Marla Elliott called the class back to order leading 334. Leaders: Bob Schinske 217; Bruce Roberts and Aldo Ceresa 159; Pat Coghlan 492; Elaine Denney 312b; Joel Menk 245; Chris Coughlin 145t; Cece Callison 68b; Kit Canright 48t; Edward Rice 448b; Leigh Cooper 542; Erika Wilson 123b; David Wright 389. Bruce Roberts offered the blessing before the noon meal.

### **LUNCH**

Peter Schinske called the class back to order leading 146. Leaders: John Weins 198; Cornelia Stanton 318; Ben Copenhaver 498; Jennie Brown 475; Richard Ivey 30b; Amanda Jokerst 111b; Erik Schwab 200; Noelle Copeland 228; Nathan Berry 65; Aldo Ceresa 506; Mary Gowins 328; Kevin Barrans 90; Alexa Copeland 373; Kate Coxon 430; Jake Hachey 354b; Evelyn Lamb 298; Cassandra Carlson and Kate Fortin 112; Tom Fahrback 556; Karen Willard 99; Sean MacPherson 235; Anna Pfau 269; Jerry Schreiber 304; Elise del Mas 532; Kit Canright 128; Gabriel Kyne 240; Stephanie Fida 131t.

### **RECESS**

Clarissa Fetrow called the class back to order leading 39b; Kate Fortin 330b (for Rogan Campbell); Steve Helwig 422; Erika Wilson 560; Steve Copeland 569b; Richard Ivey and Chris Coughlin 426b; Mark Godfrey 317; Ben Copenhaver 405; Emily Owens 183; Joel Menk 440; William Gilman 125; Joel Chan 319; Becca Gibson 160b; Jennie Brown 176t; Brian Harris 57; Edward Rice 377; Alexa Copeland 326; Jeff Begley 425; Elaine Denny 142; John David Thacker 122; Susan Fortin and Kate Fortin 276.

The business meeting was reopened to hear reports. The Arranging Committee and Secretary reported 102 tunes led and 105 attendees from fourteen states and British Columbia. After Resolutions and Announcements, the business meeting was closed. Vicki Westerberg led 347 as the closing song. Bruce Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Chairperson—Vicki Westerberg; Secretary—Marty Fortin

**THE GEORGIAN HARMONY SINGING**  
**Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia**  
**Saturday, September 5, 2015**

The 6th annual session of The Georgian Harmony singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in September at the Roberta Civic Center. Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 152. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Hollingsworth 11; Chris Brown 111, 94; Judy Whiting 126, 54; Charlene Wallace 255; Rosemund Watson 25, 95; Martha Harrell 109; Mary Brownlee 33, 6; John Plunkett 254, 240; Helen Bryson 50, 108; Oscar McGuire 49, 22.

**RECESS**

Bill Hollingsworth brought the class to order leading 110 and 204. Leaders: Harry Eskew 4, 22; Chris Brown 193.

**LUNCH**

Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 29. Leaders: Judy Whiting 107, 10; Rosemund Watson 15, 36; Martha Harrell 198; Mary Brownlee 136; John Plunkett 201, 141; Helen Bryson 116, 45; Oscar McGuire 26; Bill Hollingsworth 252; Judy Whiting 105; Martha Harrell 177; Mary Brownlee 179.

Announcements were made. Bill Hollingsworth led 208 as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Secretary—Mary Brownlee

**MAIDENCREEK SINGING**  
**Leesport, Pennsylvania**  
**Saturday, September 5, 2015**

The 20th annual Maiden creek All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before Labor Day at Maiden creek Friends Meeting House. The class was called to order by Oliver Kindig-Stokes leading 60.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ted Stokes; Vice Chairman—Peter Frank; Treasurer—Sasha Hsuczyk; Secretary—Lori Cabirac. Gabriel Kastle offered the opening prayer. The Chairman and Vice Chairman made opening remarks, and then led 135 and 401. Leaders: Sasha Hsuczyk 286; Lori Cabirac 318; Elizabeth Patton 142; Leon Pulsinelle 36t; Bethany Towne 35; Laura Densmore 528; Alex Forsythe 64; Paula Picton 146; Lamar Matthew 156; Theresa Rodriguez 236; Andre Kunej 299; Dann Pell 101t; Ben Bath 30t; Guy Bankes 532; Joel Bassett 145t; Fred Steinruck 28t.

**RECESS**

Oliver Kindig-Stokes called the class back to order leading 207. Rachel Hall led the traditional Pennsylvania German lesson with “Das Ketlicha Bloot”. Leaders: Sasha Hsuczyk 328; Terry Ryan 182; Elizabeth Pilar 197; Nancy Tkacs 26; Katie White 547; Scott Robinson 63; Nancy Mandel 275t; Barbara Hohenstein 344; Sam Kleinman 542; Harry Scott 104; Aldo Ceresa 189.

**RECESS**



The class was called together by Guy Bankes leading 486. Leaders: Dennis Leipold 503 (in memory of Raymond Hamrick); Jordan Steinruck 66; Jon Giles 389; Katy Hunter 176; Micah Walter and Anna Rose Walter 312b.

A memorial lesson was conducted by Deidra Montgomery and Rachel Rudi. Deidra Montgomery led 48t in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Betty Hanf, Lance Barkley, Phoebe Hopkins, Otto Rapp, Elsie Eberly, Skip Trout, Larry Wooten, Claudene Townson, Virginia Glass, Shisue Sugimoto Gardens, John Fruin, Hilde Ward, Elle Ard, John Golden, Annie Dawson, Katherine Glatter, Susan Bingham, Joel Remney, Barbara Sweatman, Loraine Bayer, Cynthia Wilson, Ethel Strube, and Lauren Scott.

Rachel Rudi led 521 in memory of the following deceased: Jane Brooks, Eleanor Anderson, and Timothy Florrant—Pennsylvania; Robert DuPree—Alabama; Brenda Hansen, Mike Shields, Joe Nishimura, Burdie Carter, Oscar Marin, Jim Sanchez, and Robert Hon—California; Dan Adams—Connecticut; Brendan Egan—New York; Renee Windsor—Oregon; Julia Reifel—Washington. Chris Holley closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Ina Shea 79; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 324; Forrest Quay 545; Becky Wright 71; Doron Henkin 192; Gerry Hoffman 176b; Lorah Hopkins 320; Erin Kelly 490; Gina Balestracci 524. A blessing before the noon meal was offered by Lamar Matthew.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Carol Huang leading 128. Leaders: Dan Hunter 42; Sonia Chin 419; Corinne Ducey 47t; Chris Holley 201; Jesse Polhemus 336; Marilyn Murata 319; Gabriel Kastle 77t; Chris Cotter 498; Angharad Davis 548; Gideon Dresdner 340; Ben Cocchiario 384; Tom Stokes 383; Linda Shea 448b; Gerald Clark 191; Ellen Lueck 377; Mike Nord 183; Chris Coughlin 436; Julie Botnik 216; Levi Silvers 285t; Roland Hutchinson, Leon Pulsinelle, and Mary Capron 254.

#### RECESS

Ian Quinn called the class back to order leading 105. Leaders: Tom Tucker 348t; Jordan Steinruck and McKenzie Steinruck 117; Jesse Vear 426t; Christine Andrews 445; Laura Hodges 454; Ian Quinn 269; Patrick Friesen 496; Carol Huang 399b; Clare Chapin 276; Emma Rose Brown 527; Will Fesperman 82t; Gwen Gethner 56t; Evan Druce 300; Jesse Krikorian 260; Jason Steidl 417; Doug Kurtze 47b (by request); Kirsten Jensen 385b; Jesse Flynn 282; Rachel Rudi and Deidra Montgomery 456.

Ted Stokes and Peter Frank led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Kirsten Jensen, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ted Stokes, Vice Chairman—Peter Frank; Secretary—Lori Cabirac

## **NEW PROVIDENCE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING** **New Providence Primitive Baptist Church, Ringgold, Louisiana** **Saturday, September 5, 2015**

The 9th annual Sacred Harp singing at New Providence Primitive Baptist Church, Ringgold, Louisiana, met on Saturday before the first Sunday in September. The morning session was called to order by Robert Vaughn leading 484 (CB). The opening prayer was offered by Elder Joe Asbell.

All songs in the morning session were from the 2012 *Cooper Edition*.

Leaders: Robert Vaughn 59b; Ryan Bowman 571, 36b; Peggy Ray 573, 64; Baron Powers 79, 159; Sonya Kirkham 40, 54t; Henry McGuire 140, 138t; Carole Watts 559, 424; Mallory Oliver 540, 388.

#### RECESS

Robert Vaughn called the class to order leading 107. Leaders: Odis Chapman 500, 501; Peggy Chapman 515, 518; Joe Asbell 332, 60; Ryan Bowman 543; Baron Powers 85; Henry McGuire 497; Carole Watts 392; Odis Chapman 503; Peggy Chapman 96; Joe Asbell 511t. Henry McGuire offered the noon prayer.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Robert Vaughn leading 343. All songs in the afternoon session were from the 1991 Edition.

Leaders: Ryan Bowman 163b, 133; Baron Powers 268, 127; Peggy Ray 143, 569b; Henry McGuire 542, 42; Odis Chapman 490, 61; Carole Watts 142, 319; Sonya Kirkham 47b, 282; Peggy Chapman 310, 354b; Robert Vaughn 73t (by request); Ryan Bowman 45t (by request); Baron Powers 457; Peggy Ray 63; Odis Chapman 43; Carole Watts 30b; Sonya Kirkham 358; Peggy Chapman 31b.

Robert Vaughn led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Bruce Ray.

Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Kim Vaughn

### **HAYNES CREEK SINGING**

#### **Haynes Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Loganville, Georgia Sunday, September 6, 2015**

The annual singing held at Haynes Creek Church was called to order by Oscar McGuire leading 34b. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Mary Brownlee.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 171; John Plunkett 569t, 197; Mary Brownlee 47b, 183; Martha Harrell 31t, 178; Sandra Wilkinson 46, 82t; Rosemund Watson 503, 341; Christine Tweedy 101t, 347; John Hollingsworth 192, 354t; Bill Hollingsworth 350, 66.

#### RECESS

Oscar McGuire led 32t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Malinda Snow 523, 512; Helen Bryson 100, 313b; Robert Kelley 349, 564; Eric Tweedy 540, 43; Russ Hanson 313t, 270; Wayne Watson 49b.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Oscar McGuire leading 63. Leaders: John Plunkett 409; Mary Brownlee 99; Mary Brownlee, John Brownlee, and Jennifer Delaney 448t; Martha Harrell 77t; Sandra Wilkinson 147t; Rosemund Watson 77b, 149, 94; Christine Tweedy 114; John Hollingsworth 186; Oscar McGuire 515; Bill Hollingsworth 230, 489; Malinda Snow 28t, 107; Helen Bryson 176t; Robert Kelley 543, 431; Eric Tweedy 442; Russ Hanson 300; Debora Grosse 155, 466; Sharon Hamrick 276.

Announcements were made. Rosemund Watson led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by John Brownlee.

Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Mary Brownlee

### **MULBERRY RIVER AND CLEAR CREEK WEST CONVENTION** **Old County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama** **Sunday, September 6, 2015**

The annual Mulberry River and Clear Creek West Convention was held at Old County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama, on the first Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 131b. He offered the opening prayer, and then led 167.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary—Ann Jett; Arranging Officer—Lisa Geist.

Leaders: Larry Ballinger 56t, 49t; Ann Jett 37b, 30t; Don Keeton 145t, 145b; Darrell Swarens 49b, 36b; Faye Donaldson 124, 129; Earl Ballinger 179, 203; Mako Cook 66, 503; Judy Whiting 150, 466; Eugene Forbes 168, 212; Lomax Ballinger 32t, 312b.

#### RECESS

Danny Creel led 318 to bring the class together. Leaders: Betty Baccus 134, 329; Richard Mauldin 148, 326; Adrian Eldridge 67, 217; Susan Cheronos 460, 300; Chris Brown 138b, 546; Tim Cook 86, 40 (in memory of Robert DuPree); Loretta Whitman 85, 270.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Larry Ballinger leading 101t. Leaders: Elene Stovall 189, 558; Yancey Jett and Ann Jett 172, 440; Cheyenne Ivey 432, 472; Glenn Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Isabella Keeton 282, 235; Gravis Ballinger 182, 200; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 278t, 225t; Tim Cook and Mako Cook 347; Ken Tate 330t, 330b.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Danny Creel leading 269. Leaders: Judy Caudle 317 (for Nora Parker), 336; Willodean Barton 480, 475; Emma Calvert 397, 400; Beth Branscome 208, 477; Mike Richards 202, 183; Steve Adams 99 (for Kermit Adams), 331; Elizabeth Gentry 384, 569b; Emily Brown 362, 448b; Wanda Capps and Emma Calvert 111b, 388; Glenn Keeton 163b, 178; Velton Chafin 227; Lisa Geist 228, 394; Judy Whiting 72b, 521; Darrell Swarens and Adrian Eldridge 507; Adrian Eldridge 309; Chris Brown 498.

Announcements were made. The 2016 session of the Mulberry River and Clear Creek West Convention will be held at Johnson Schoolhouse, Fayette County, Alabama.

Danny Creel led 45t as the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Secretary—Ann Jett

### **SHILOH-LITTLE VINE SINGING** **Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, Tallapoosa, Georgia** **Sunday, September 6, 2015**

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church on the first Sunday in September. Cecil Roberts called the class to order leading 138b.

Daniel Williams offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 82t; Judy Chambless 410t, 410b; Ester Williams 159, 33t; Marilyn Bradley 312b, 448b; Winfred Kerr 146, 282; Daniel Williams 48t, 74b; Charlene Wallace 85, 89; Robert Chambless 33b, 47t; Karen Rollins 46, 35; Dalton Lewis-Dyer 100, 354b.

#### RECESS

Rene Greene brought the class back to order by leading 40. The following officers were elected: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Daniel Williams; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Jack Nelson 334, 335; Rene Greene 49t, 313t; Charles Woods 30b (in honor of Arlene Woods), 81t; Virginia Dyer 28b, 34t; Cecil Roberts 37b, 163b; Daniel Williams 32b; Dalton Lewis-Dyer 63; Karen Rollins 56t (in memory of Homer Benefield), 162; Winfred Kerr 165, 47b.

#### LUNCH

Fallon Cook brought the class back to order leading 84. Leaders: Ester Williams 61; Robert Chambless 77; Fallon Cook 540, 178, 59; Jack Nelson 518; Karis Askin 535, 313b, 183; Jason Stanford 548, 568, 399b; Kathy Williams 205, 276; Philip Denney 120, 168, 87; Virginia Dyer 112, 472; Rene Greene 546, 208; Charles Woods 283 (in honor of McGraw family members).

After announcements, Rene Greene led 394 as the closing song. Philip Denney offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Daniel Williams; Secretary—Judy Chambless

## **FOX VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL SINGING** **Island Park, Geneva, Illinois** **Sunday, September 6, 2015**

The Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing was held on the Sunday before Labor Day at Island Park in Geneva, Illinois, as part of the Fox Valley Folk Festival. Jim Helke called the class to order at 11:00 a.m. leading 565. The session was opened with prayer.

Leaders: Jerry Gripshover 28b; Ted Mercer 27; Eileen Ferguson 34b; Mary Rogel 228; Rochelle Lodder 313t; Kris Richardson 155; John Seaton 37b.

Carol Ann Munro gave a short explanation of shape notes and Sacred Harp singing for newcomers and led 142. Leaders: Linda Selph 475; Sally Youngquist 186; Sarah Kierstead and Jim Helke 268; Janelle Davis 480; Orwin Youngquist 65; Susan Kauffman 40.

### **LUNCH**

Ted Mercer brought the class back to order leading 87. Leaders: Doug Stapleton 178 (for Carol Kimmel, who was sick that day); Michael Appert 535; Erica Detemmerman 89; Mary Rogel 150; Susan Kauffman 66; Eileen Ferguson 366; Kris Richardson 217; Rochelle Lodder 216; John Seaton and Hilda Fischer 47t; Lisa Grayson 268.

Carol Ann Munro gave another brief introduction to shape note singing, and led 392. Leaders: Linda Selph 384; Janelle Davis 29t; Jim Helke 198; Jerry Gripshover 49t; Kerry Cullinan and Ted Mercer 68b (for Mr. Cullinan's mother, who recently passed); Sally Youngquist and Martha Tabis 503; Doug Stapleton 99; Michael Appert 209; Susan Kauffman 117; Sue Kessel 288.

Announcements were made. Jim Helke led 347 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman—Ted Mercer; Secretary—Rochelle Lodder

## **LABOR DAY SINGING** **Shoal Creek Church, Cleburne County, Alabama** **Monday, September 7, 2015**

The 95th session of the annual Labor Day Singing was held at Shoal Creek Church, located in Talladega National Forest, Cleburne County, Alabama. The class was called to order by B.M. Smith leading 59. Darrell Swarens offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were retained to serve: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 101t; Cecil Roberts 87, 75; Judy Chambless 318, 82t; Judy Caudle 90, 91; Robert Chambless 66; Winfred Kerr 314; Nicholas Thompson 217, 102; Andy Ditzler 122 (for Lisa Bennet and David Smead), 39t; Pam Nunn and Rene

Greene 216 (in memory of Shelbie Sheppard), 556 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard); Karen Rollins 298 (in memory of Lonnie Rogers), 297; Brian Black 215, 172; Phil Summerlin 138t, 131b; Brian Park 86.

#### RECESS

B.M. Smith led 32t to bring the class together. Joe Jones addressed the class on behalf of the Shoal Creek Preservation Society, and welcomed the singers. He gave a brief summary of future maintenance projects for the church.

Leaders: Fallon Cook 47b, 146; Judy Whiting 472, 208; Mike Richards 354t, 187; Darrell Swarens 277, 36b; Chris Brown 28b, 40; Dennis George 211 (in memory of Shelbie Sheppard), 332; Tony Hammock 229, 105; Jesse P. Karlsberg 522, 126; Eric Tweedy 504, 535; Daniel Williams 523, 160b; David Brodeur 34b, 138b; Chance Cook and Dalton Dyer 192, 401; John Plunkett 275b, 227; Judy Mincey 176t, 177; Jack Nelson 497, 500; Samuel Williams 269, 411. Cecil Roberts asked a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with B.M. Smith leading 270. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 225t, 283; Jason Stanford 168, 73b; John Kelso 400, 407; Kathy Williams 186, 273; Adrian Eldridge 36t, 120; Nate Green and Norma Green 30t, 147t; Donna Bell and Rene Greene 436, 499 (in memory of George Garner); Philip Denney 148, 84; Glenda Collins and Burt Collins 76b, 340; Earlis McGraw 329 (by request); Andrew Greene 303; Judy Green 127 (in memory of William Lee Jones); Ann Simpson 358 (by request), 445; Rene Greene and Pam Nunn 528.

Announcements were made. B.M. Smith and Cecil Roberts led 521 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Judy Caudle

### **PIONEER DAY SINGING**

#### **Ora Old Fields Presbyterian Church, Culbertson Back Country Settlement, Gray Court, South Carolina Saturday, September 12, 2015**

The 10th Pioneer Day singing was called to order by Robert Kelley leading 354t. Jonathan Wood offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Robert Kelley 569t; Leon Carnell 569b, 56b; Chris Wilhelm 46, 481; Dave Farmer 479, 147t; Sharon Strong 24b, 52t; Tom Ivey 68t, 68b; Mary Baumeister 39t, 39b; Jonathan Wood 344, 67; Frances Carnell 448t, 146; Phil Perrin 452, 59; Chris Carnell 313b, 430; Jesse Roberts 500, 296; Eric Carnell 270, 47t.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Robert Kelley 145t; David Libbey 49b, 503; Jane Spencer 176t, 176b; Leon Carnell 268, 523; Chris Wilhelm 299, 564; Dave Farmer 455, 454; Sharon Strong 365, 352; Tom Ivey 196, 280; Mary Baumeister 64, 266.

#### LUNCH

Leaders: Robert Kelley 343; Jonathan Wood 303, 168; Frances Carnell 475, 143; Phil Perrin 35, 73b; Chris Carnell 70b, 326; Jesse Roberts 73t, 155; Isaac Iverson 163b, 128; David Libbey 504, 547; Jane Spencer 314, 315; Robert Kelley 312b, 53; Leon Carnell 497, 47b; Chris Wilhelm 141, 278b; Dave Farmer 324, 223.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Jesse Roberts 273; Sharon Strong 339, 436; Tom Ivey “Emanuel”; Jacob Lindler 370; Mary Baumeister 549; Jonathan Wood and Jane Spencer 157; Frances Carnell 376; Phil Perrin 27, 30b; Chris Carnell 378b, 165; Jesse Roberts 178; Sarah Hecox 444; Robert Kelley 209 (by request). Announcements were made.

Robert Kelley led 347 as the final lesson. Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Robert Kelley; Vice Chairman—Leon Carnell; Secretary—Chris Wilhelm

## **CAPE MEARES SACRED HARP SINGING** **Cape Meares Community Center, Cape Meares, Oregon** **Saturday, September 12, 2015**

The 6th annual Cape Meares All-Day Singing was called to order by Betsy Jeronen leading 448b. Kate Fine offered the morning prayer.

A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chairperson—Betsy Jeronen; Treasurer—Jen Rymut; Secretary—Dorothy Robinson.

Leaders: Jen Rymut 72t; Dorothy Robinson 77t; Linda Berkemeier 31b; Steve Cackley 88b; Kate Fine 171; Ana Tighe 40; Bradley Knoke 512; Meg Larson 178; Genevieve Lavaud 480; Ethan Hardy 523; Susan Helf 61 (for Elizabeth Berggren); Sophia Schinske 147b; Tom Payne 38b; Jenn Dolan 222; Erik Schwab 482.

### **RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Steve Helwig leading 81t. Leaders: Thom Fahrback 197; Jenna Bond Tompkins 143; Cornelia Stanton 490; Amanda Jokerst 319; Steve Tarr 500; Karen Rollins 273; John Wiens 542; Tamara Harris 464; Rogan Campbell 330b; Anna Stoerch 137; Laura McMurray 381; Stephanie Fida 396; Bob Schinske 562; Kate Coxon 522; Gabriel Kyne 434; Alberta Hardy 179; Eric Holt 354t.

### **RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Meg Larson leading 34b. Leaders: John Berendzen 452; Kate Fortin 475; Bradley Knoke 108t; Jennifer Jones 472; Betsy Jeronen 105; Kate Fine 112; Erik Schwab 365; Jenna Bond Tompkins 455; Jen Rymut 573; Steve Cackley 124; Susan Helf 290; Tom Payne 442; Genevieve Lavaud 30b; Dorothy Robinson 286; Sophia Schinske 460. The noon blessing was offered by Kate Fine.

### **LUNCH**

The class was called back to order by Thom Fahrback leading 388. Leaders: Steve Helwig 317; Gabriel Kyne 426b; Karen Rollins 227; Amanda Jokerst 539; Tamara Harris 548; Stephanie Fida 372; John Wiens 320; Kate Fortin 564; Steve Tarr 551; Ethan Hardy 191; Jenn Dolan 344; Anna Stoerch 505; Meg Larson 501; Kate Coxon 145t; John Berendzen 95; Ana Tighe 168; Alberta Hardy 426t; Rogan Campbell 496; Eric Holt 91; Laura McMurray 271t; Bob Schinske 429; Cornelia Stanton 297; Jennifer Jones 430; Linda Berkemeier 301.

### **RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Jenn Dolan leading 335. Leaders: Thom Fahrback 225t (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Tamara Harris 570; Stephanie Fida and Amanda Jokerst 111t; Karen Rollins 298; Gabriel Kyne 187; Steve Helwig and Cornelia Stanton 212; Tom Payne 300 (in memory of Paul Harrison); Jen Rymut and Anna Stoerch 309; Bradley Knoke 380; Betsy Jeronen and Concetta Branson 422; Bob Schinske 454; Steve Cackley 502; Erik Schwab and Ana Tighe 228; Laura McMurray 49b; Susan Helf 504; Ethan Hardy and Alberta Hardy 384.

The business session was reopened. The Treasurer reported the day's expenses were met. The Registration Committee and Arranging Committee reported a total of forty-eight attendees, and ninety-one songs led by thirty-seven leaders.

Betsy Jeronen led 36b as the closing song. Kate Fine offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Betsy Jeronen; Secretary—Dorothy Robinson

**RIVANNA RIVER SINGING**  
**Quaker Friends Meeting House, Charlottesville, Virginia**  
**Saturday, September 12, 2015**

The 13th annual Rivanna River All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Beverly Yaeger leading 77b. Pat Temple offered the morning prayer. Songs were selected from the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition in the morning and from both the Sacred Harp and the Shenandoah Harmony (ShH) in the afternoon.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bridget Camden; Vice Chairman—Zachary Bullock; Treasurer—John Alexander; Secretary—Beverly Yaeger; Arranging Committee—Diane Ober, Emily Owens, and Ben Griffin.

Leaders: Bridget Camden 457; Zachary Bullock 61; John Alexander 102; Les Updike 503; Miranda Elliott Rader 34b; Mary Wright 63; Hank Schutz 143; Pat Temple 59; Gillie Campbell 66; Tristan Cleveland 274t; Emily Owens 141; Chris Wolf 319; Claire Steiner 410t; Graham Dezarn 145t; John Feddersen 280; Denver Walker 547; John delRe 278t; Joshua Barnett 207; Lydia Lewallen 445; Jim Glaser 322; Richard Green 29t.

**RECESS**

John delRe brought the class back together leading 74b. Leaders: Kelly Macklin 206; Susan Green 171; Ateven Sanderson 155; Kathy Manning 383; Bev Yaeger 192; Zach Bullock 111t; Gillie Campbell 347; Chris Wolf 176b; Miranda Elliott Rader 448t; Jim Glaser 438; Claire Steiner 113; Josh Barnett 76b; Tristan Cleveland 112; Les Updike 373; Graham Dezarn 132; Denver Walker 404; Richard Green 47b; John Feddersen 415; Bridget Camden 111b; John delRe 354t; Lydia Lewallen 106; Hank Schutz 504; Mary Wright 405; Pat Temple 481.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Gillie Campbell leading 45t. A prayer was offered by Pat Temple.

**LUNCH**

The class was called back by John Alexander and Diane Ober leading 438 (ShH). Leaders: Matt Ference 429 (ShH); Roxanne Greenberg and Chris Wolf 57 (ShH); Kathy Manning 278 (ShH); Susan Green 266 (ShH); Jim Glaser 260 (ShH); Kelly Macklin 358 (ShH); Lydia Lewallen 277; Josh Barnett 114 (ShH); Claire Steiner 260b (ShH); John Feddersen 414t (ShH); Ateven Sanderson 3b (ShH); John delRe 428 (ShH); Chris Wolf 161 (ShH); Miranda Elliott Rader 105 (ShH); Emily Owen 416 (ShH); Richard Green 140b (ShH); Denver Walker 171 (ShH); Zach Bullock 413 (ShH); Les Updike 157 (ShH); Bev Yaeger 310 (ShH).

**RECESS**

Claire Steiner called the class back leading 307 (ShH). Leaders: Susan Green 363 (ShH); John Alexander 434 (ShH); Matt Ference 200 (ShH); Mary Wright 158b (ShH); Kelly Macklin 444b (ShH); Bridget Camden 3t (ShH); Tristan Cleveland 403 (ShH); Chris Wolf 422 (ShH); Kathy Manning 242 (ShH); John delRe 167 (ShH); Ateven Sanderson 101 (ShH); Josh Barnett 15 (ShH); Lydia Lewallen 122; John Feddersen 368 (ShH).

Announcements were made and resolutions offered. Bridget Camden led the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Pat Temple.

Chairman—Bridget Camden; Vice Chairman—Zachary Bullock; Secretary—Beverly Yaeger

**NALL AND FLOYD MEMORIAL SINGING (COOPER BOOK)**  
**Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church, Molino, Florida**  
**Saturday, September 12, 2015**

The 12th annual Nall and Floyd Memorial Singing was held at Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Ryan Bowman leading 411. Elder Bobby Willis offered the opening prayer.

Ryan Bowman led 508. Ken Kelley led 36b and 491 as the introductory lesson.

Leaders: Nicole Bowman 268t; Tim Royappa 77t; Gary Padgett 174; Charlotte Naylor 128; Eli Eddins 507b; Wynette Smith 282; Kevin Eddins and Ethan Eddins 534; Ellen Fournier, Morgan Bunch, and Sue Bunch 587; Lloyd Jones 45t.

**RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Ryan Bowman leading 378t. Leaders: Elam Eddins 384; Joy Pearson and Wynette Smith 49b (for Joy's sister, Jenny); Mike Jones 76b; Dawn Van Iderstine, Reagan Van Iderstine, and Evie Eddins 63; Ewan Eddins 556; Bobby Willis 165; Sue Bunch 520; Adrian Nall 540; Tommie Spurlock 574; Paulette Chavers 447t; Ernest Cockcroft 401.

**RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Aubrey Barfield leading 145b. Leaders: Aubrey Barfield 567; Paul White 235; Dana Eddins 163t; Wayne Jones 464; Joe Nall 504t. The memorial lesson was conducted by Gerald Manning, who spoke of the promise of meeting our loved ones again, and the hope for rest for those still suffering. He read the following list of names of the deceased: Arlie Nall, Agnes Nall, and Voncile Nall. He then read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Wilburn Ellison and Willodean Thrash. He led 558b, and offered the prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Hubert Nall 84; Tim Jones 47t; Victoria Aplin 516. The class sang 369, and Adrian Nall asked a blessing before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session brought to order by the class singing 96. Leaders: Ryan Bowman 345t; Ezra Eddins 280; Ken Sundberg 321; Morgan Bunch 514; Loretta Jones 380t; Henry McGuire 563; Evie Eddins 521; Marion Patrick 580; Chip Westbrook 398b; Emily Eddins 385t; Russ Scholz 585; Edith Eddins 76t; Anne Royappa 133; Mark Davis 54t, 522; Sue Bunch 142; Henry McGuire 497; Morgan Bunch 274t; Ryan Bowman 584; Ryan Bowman and Nicole Bowman 358; Joe Nall, Hubert Nall, and Marion Patrick 571; Reagan Van Iderstine and Emily Eddins 505. Announcements were made. Ryan Bowman led 336t as the closing song. Marion Patrick offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Ryan Bowman; Secretary—Nicole Bowman

**THE UNITED SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION**  
**Church of Our Savior, Atlanta, Georgia**  
**September 12-13, 2015**

**Saturday, September 12**

The 112th session of The United Sacred Harp Musical Association met at Church of Our Savior, Atlanta, Georgia, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in September. The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 47t. He offered the morning prayer, and then led 217.

Leaders: Jesse P. Karlsberg 48t; Angela Myers 63; Darrell Swarens 36b; Richard Mauldin 126; David Brodeur 486; Rodney Ivey 421; Eddie Mash 411; David Ivey 83b; Cindy Tanner 155; Warren Steel 163t; Justin Bowen 436; Eli Hinton 146;



Jenna Strizak 270; Zilpha Cornett 480; Clarissa Fetrow 50t; Jason Stanford 500; Jonathan Smith 419; Sandra Wilkinson 215; Rachel Rodgers 68b; Robert Raymond 368; the Silva family 56b.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Danny Creel leading 170. Leaders: Tim Reynolds and Cindy Marshall 128; Wyatt Denney 67; Gillian Inksetter 181.

A business session was held. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jesse Karlsberg; Vice Chairman—Kathy Williams; Secretary/Treasurer—Angela Myers; Arranging Committee—David Brodeur, Anna Hinton, and John Plunkett; Chaplain—Jim Neal; Finance Committee—Mike Spencer, Ellen Culpepper, and Wyatt Denney; Location Committee—Amy Wells, Danny Creel, and Eddie Mash; Resolutions Committee—David Wright, Sarah West, and Nathan Rees; Memorial Committee—David Ivey and Helen Brown. Leaders: Richard DeLong 123b; Nathan Stewart 193; Jim Neal 84; Charles Woods 330b; Anne Steel 318; Nathan Rees 208; Kathy Williams 142; Matt Hinton and Eddie Mash 365; Helen Brown 422; Mike Spencer 433; Karen Clark 234.

#### RECESS

Jesse Karlsberg called the class back to order leading 103. Leaders: Malinda Snow 191; Philip Denney 120; John Plunkett 492; Ellen Culpepper 212; George Burnette 129; Cecil Godfrey 40; April Watkins and Taylor Watkins 388; Fred Eady 236; Anna Hinton 209; Caleb Silva 51; Sarah Trumbore 179; Zachary Silva 317; Mary Amelia Taylor 55.

#### LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Amy Wells leading 335. Leaders: Mike Richards 362; Karen Edwards 378b; Andy Ditzler 329; Sarah West 568; Mark Godfrey 542; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 110; Ted Mercer 431; Kevin Beirne 532; Judy Caudle 428; Judy Whiting 472; Gwen Gethner 77t; Anna Pfau 485; David Wright 397; Robert Stoddard 80t; Lynne deBenedette 426b; Leigh Cooper 292; Chris Noren 112; Elizabeth Stoddard 124; Ted Brown 81t; Phillip Langley 522; Chris Brown 498; Erica Martinez 349; Elene Stovall 200 (dedicated to Kermit Adams); Laura Hodges 151; Rose Yntema 183.

#### RECESS

Lauren Bock called the class to order leading 145t. Leaders: Karen Freund 271t; Lela Crowder 29t; Jerusha Wheeler 53; Debora Grosse 198; Anders Wells 99; Roberta Strauss 384; Kate Agnew and Clay Henry 300; Judy Mincey and Marsha Drone 468; Tammy Heinsohn and Samantha Seifert 178; Cheyenne Ivey 172; Alex Smith 312b; Ellie Snyder 74t; Kay Huener 269; Lisa Bennett 501; Faith Riley 148; Erica Hinton 332; David Smead 369; Bobby Watkins and David Ivey 440; Henry Johnson 82b; Chris Coughlin 512.

Jesse Karlsberg led 521 as the closing song. Jim Neal offered the closing prayer.

#### **Sunday, September 13**

The Sunday session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association was called to order by Jesse Karlsberg and Father Zachary Thomas, from the Church of Our Savior, Atlanta, Georgia, leading 31t. Father Thomas offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Kathy Williams 47t; Jim Neal 111b; Angela Myers 345b; David Brodeur 396; Anna Hinton 142; Matt Hinton 131b; Helen Brown 475; Nathan Rees 435; David Ivey 90; John Plunkett 231; Ellen Culpepper 567; Eddie Mash 283; Amy Wells 299; Mike Spencer 191; Jessica Kelso 285t; Andy Ditzler 449; Chris Coughlin 123t; Erica Martinez 76b; Henry Johnson 326; Richard DeLong 116; Tammy Heinsohn 547; Jonathan Wood 348t; Kay Huener 344; Robert Chambless 303; Louis Hughes 512.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by John Kelso leading 101t. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 227; Bridgett Hill Kennedy and Judy Caudle 564; Glenn Keeton 365; Ann Jett, Wanda Capps, Danny Creel, and Cindy Tanner 340 (in honor of their great-aunt, Edna Graves); Roberta Strauss 456.

The memorial lesson was conducted by David Ivey and Helen Brown. David began by reading Hebrews 4:15-16. He spoke about infirmities, mentioned in verse 15, that we have in our bodies, minds, and souls. Referring to verse 16, he spoke about boldness and how we can go with confidence to our Heavenly Father with our petitions. He read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Doug Webb, Sharon DuPriest, Daphene Causey, David Strother, Toni Strother, Sister Pippa, Charlie Derleth, John Hopkinson, Melanie Hauff, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Ottis Sides, Linda Sides, Anne Mauldin Chalker, S.T. Reed, Wayne Reed, Floy Wilder, Kermit Adams, Geneva Prichard, Cath Tyler, Velton Chafin, and Johnnie Chafin. David Ivey led 70t in their honor.

Helen Brown spoke about the moment our lives begin, we all begin to die, and how we sing songs about going home. Helen said she has a picture of Jesus in her mind, who is standing to welcome those to rest and we that are still living have God's promise of eternal life and will see our loved ones again and sing around the throne. She read the following list of names of the deceased: Robert DuPree, Elder Lewis Norton, Dawson Adams, Stella Pratt, Johnny Humber, Sammie Oliver, Eldagene Roberson, Charles Kitchens, Betty Wright—Alabama; Caroline Bonnet—California; Dan Adams—Connecticut; Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, Dennis Valdez, Robert DePoy, Inez Chandler, James Jordan, George Garner, Josephine Denney—Georgia; Bob Sullivan—Illinois; David Rust—Indiana; Kate Davis—Ireland; Danny Arms—North Carolina; David Wampler—Pennsylvania; Kerene Ezell Box, Henry Cobb, Reuben Summerlin—Tennessee; Joan Mattock—United Kingdom. Helen Brown led 338 in their memory. Ted Brown offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: David Smead 413; Emma Hayden Calvert 388; Kate Agnew 268; the Silva family, Ellen Culpepper, and Sam Culpepper 117; April Watkins and Taylor Watkins 354b; Erica Hinton 464; Andrew Royappa 128; Linda Thomas 474; Darrell Swarens 186; Judy Chambless 318.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Richard Ivey leading 298. Leaders: Ted Mercer 275t; Clarissa Fetrow 392; Cecil Godfrey 288; Sarah West 367; Dennis George, Jarrod George, and Tom George 119; Buell Cobb 423; Kevin Beirne 454; Gwen Gethner 192; David Wright 171; Robert Stoddard 556; Elene Stovall 430; Chris Noren 168; Laura Hodges 550; Mark Godfrey 83t; Judy Whiting 176t; Eli Hinton 65; Anna Pfau 505; Lynne deBenedette 383 (in memory of Jerry Enright); Leigh Cooper 432; Elizabeth Stoddard 312t; Chris Brown 447; Gillian Inksetter 195; Ted Brown 460; Zachary Silva 169; Lauren Bock 156.

#### RECESS

Jonathon Smith brought the class to order leading 382. Leaders: Anders Wells and Bill Hall 502; Robert Raymond 122; Kelsey Ivey 215; Tim Reynolds 91; Richard Mauldin 446; Mike Richards 441; Phillip Langley 542; Judy Mincey 415; Bobby Watkins 546; Karen Freund 30b; Janet Shepherd 114; Lisa Bennett and Jerusha Wheeler 47b; Ellie Snyder 106; Cheyenne Ivey 389; Hubert Nall 176b; Faith Riley and Rose Yntema 501; Karen Edwards 282.

A business session was held to hear committee reports. The Secretary reported that all expenses were met with a positive balance going forward. The Arranging Committee reported that 204 leaders representing eighteen states, two Canadian Provinces, and the United Kingdom, led 189 songs. The Location Committee

reported that a request was made, by letter, that the 113th session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association be held at Camp McDowell located in Double Springs, Alabama. The committee recommended the request, and it was accepted. The Resolutions Committee offered praise and thanksgiving to God for His gifts and blessings upon us. Gratitude was expressed to the Church of our Savior, officers, singers, guests, and all those who made contributions and support to make a smooth and joyous time of singing and fellowship. Encouragement was offered to continue to support local singings and conventions. It was resolved to meet again for 113th session, 2016, at Camp McDowell. All reports were accepted, and the business session was closed.

Jesse Karlsberg led 62 as the closing song. Jim Neal offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jesse Karlsberg; Vice Chairman—Kathy Williams; Secretary—Angela Myers

## **KULTURNATT WEEKEND SINGING**

**Uppsala, Sweden**

**September 12-13, 2015**

**Saturday, September 12**

The first formal singing school and open singing in Sweden was called to order by Zack Lindahl. He offered the opening prayer, and then led 312b. One half hour of singing school followed, with Michael Walker leading 162, 49b, 101t, 153, 39t, 53, 47b, and 146 as illustrations of the teaching points.

**RECESS**

The class was brought back to order by Zack Lindahl leading 131t. Leaders: Andreas Manz 128; Werner Ullah 49t; Andreas Manz and Jacob Sidenvall 542; Charles Biada 299; Franziska Schmidt 335; Michael Walker 505; Werner Ullah and Annalinden Weller 457; Pamela Minor 569b; Eva Striebeck 276; Christina Schumann 448b; Cornelia van den Doel 159; Billie Lindahl 48b; Zack Lindahl 306; Geoff Grainger 178; Steve Schmidgall 496; Gill Minor 30t; Andreas Manz 37b. Zack Lindahl led 48t as the closing song.

**Sunday, September 13**

The Sunday session of the Kulturnatt Weekend Singing was called to order by Zack Lindahl, who then offered the opening prayer. Michael Walker taught a singing school. He led and illustrated the teaching with 448b, 162, 354t, 146, 275t, 53, 276, and 209.

**RECESS**

Leaders: Zack Lindahl 99; Franziska Schmidt 432; Andreas Manz 33b; Franziska Schmidt and Billie Lindahl 29b; Zack Lindahl and Alva Fröjmark 39t; Andreas Manz and Elias Hall 457; Werner Ullah 77t; Pamela Minor 128; Michael Walker 144; Christina Schumann 452; Eva Striebeck 270; Cornelia van den Doel 148; Geoff Grainger 156; Steve Schmidgall 333; Gill Minor 86; Zack Lindahl 406; Andreas Manz and Hampus Maijer 182; Franziska Schmidt 440; Andreas Man 187. Zack Lindahl led 62 as the closing song.

Chairman—Zack Lindahl; Secretary—Gill Minor

## ILLINOIS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

### Texas Christian Church, Clinton, Illinois

### Saturday, September 19, 2015

The 31st session of the Illinois State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Martha Tyner leading 59. The class was welcomed to the lovely, newly-restored church sanctuary by Pastor Scott Marsh, who offered the morning prayer.

The following officers and committees were previously elected or appointed: Chairperson—Martha Tyner; Vice Chairperson—Ryan Hill; Secretary—Janet Fraembs; Chaplain—John Huffman; Arranging Officer—Janet Fraembs; Memorial Committee—Janelle Davis and Presley Barker; Treasurer—Mark Graber; Food—Lori Graber, Terry Hogg; Registration—Frank Fraembs.

Leaders: Lori Graber 2 (MH); Terry Hogg 145 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 138 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 28b; Mary Huffman 273; Don Bardsley 198; Linda Selph 475; James Page 45 (MH); Steve Warner 86; Anna Pfau 30; John Huffman 528; Jonathon Smith 186; Jan Ketelle 168; Terry Cunningham 106; John Seaton 180 (MH); Stephen Huffman 569t; Ted Mercer 100 (MH); Presley Barker 474.

#### RECESS

Ryan Hill brought the class together by leading 338. Dave Ressler led 216.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Presley Barker and Janelle Davis. Presley Barker read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Mort Whitman, Charlie Derleth, Linda Domholt, Kermit Adams, Johanna Fabke, Loraine Bayer, Karen Hojnacki, Doris Steinmetz, and Melanie Hauff. He led 472 for them.

Janelle Davis spoke in memory of the following deceased: Bob Sullivan, Lee Dexheimer—Illinois; David Rust, Daniel Sommers (Samuel's Dad), and Virginia Duke—Indiana; Raymond Hamrick—Georgia; Bob Scorgie—Wisconsin. She led 209 in their memory, and shared how much naming and singing for our Sacred Harp friends both honors them and helps to heal our grief. Tune 318 expresses it well. We are the Present Joys; those on the memorial list are our Blessings Past; and we have the Hope of Heaven at Last where we all meet to sing again. John Huffman closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Darrell Swarens 72b; John David Thacker 344; Penny Kujawinski 142 (MH) (for Berkley Moore, who just came in and was joyfully removed from the sick and shut-in list); Jason Hosfield 63; Janelle Davis and Darrell Swarens 507; Berkley Moore 435; Terry Hogg 51 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 168 (MH); Linda Selph 372; Jonathon Smith 380; Don Bardsley 489; Lou Kujawinski 222; Anna Pfau 500; John Huffman 163b; Ted Mercer 147 (MH); James Page 139 (MH); Terry Cunningham 84; John Seaton 62 (MH); Steve Warner 131 (MH); Jan Ketelle 13 (MH); Stephen Huffman 327. John Huffman offered the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Penny Kujawinski called the class back together for the afternoon session leading 32t. Leaders: Darrell Swarens 49b; Joan Aldridge and Darrell Swarens 217; Presley Barker 12 (MH); Mary Huffman 178; Jason Hosfield 299; Dave Ressler 377; John David Thacker 122; Janelle Davis 142; Dave Ressler 78 (MH) (for Berkley Moore); Ryan Hill 79; Lori Graber 548; Linda Selph 430; John Huffman 362; Anna Pfau 392; Don Bardsley 99; Peggy Brayfield 145t; Jonathon Smith 108b; Lou Kujawinski 328.

#### RECESS

Ryan Hill led 143 to bring the class together. Leaders: James Page 67 (MH); Penny Kujawinski 135 (MH); Jan Ketelle 89 (MH); Ted Mercer 68 (MH); Terry Cunningham 200; John David Thacker 47b; John Seaton 47t; Mary Huffman 352; Steve Warner 81t; Stephen Huffman 304; Janelle Davis 480; Dave Ressler 300; Terry Hogg 133.

Mark Graber announced that expenses were met. Martha Tyner then thanked the Texas Christian Church for their warm welcome; various committees and individuals who had made the convention a success; those who had brought food; and those who had come from near and far to sing. Announcements were made. The 2016 Illinois Convention will again meet at the Texas Christian Church.

Martha Tyner led 347, as we bid each other a Christian's Farewell. John Huffman offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Martha Tyner; Vice Chairman—Ryan Hill; Secretary—Janet Fraembs

**NEW YORK CITY SINGING**  
**Middle Collegiate Church, New York, New York**  
**Saturday, September 19, 2015**

The New York City All-Day Singing was held at Middle Collegiate Church in New York, New York, on Saturday before the third Sunday in September. Jon Giles called the class to order leading 49b. The opening prayer was offered by Kevin Griffin Moreno.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Carol Huang; Vice Chairman—Gwen Gethner; Treasurer—Nancy Mandel; Secretary—Julie Botnick.

Leaders: Carol Huang 72b; Gwen Gethner 207; Julie Botnick 47t; Emma Rose Brown 40; Charles Biada 42; Mary Jane Wilkie 486; Paula Picton 36b; Michael Kaye 68b; Ellen Lueck 230; Buck Wanner 32t; Evan Druce 84; Leon Pulsinelle 83b; Al McCready 282; Claire Simon 270; Rebecca Blumenthal 25; Andre Kuney 129; Scott Luscombe 313t; Terry Ryan 550; Gary Ryan 569b.

**RECESS**

Jordan Lewis called the class back together by leading 82t. Leaders: Erik-Darden Ymeraga 548; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 39t; Douglas Fower 227; Sasha Hsuczky 422; Micah John Walter 384; Corinne Ducey 567; Ian McGullam 215; Ben Fink 242; Aldo Ceresa 411; Nancy Mandel 319; Patrick Friesen 480; Cora Wareh 481; Frederick Rosenberger 74b; Charlotte Ehrman 365; Tarik Wareh 222; Laura Hodges 496; Gideon Dresdner 406.

**RECESS**

Chris Cotter called the class back to order leading 213t. Leaders: Sally Langendorf 176b; Ian Quinn 225b; Anna Nowogrodzki 312b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Katie FitzGerald, leading 187 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Eileen Kelly, Elsie Eberly, Ethel Strube, Susan Bingham, Leon J. Pulsinelle, Bob Whittle, Don Staebler, Roz Payne, and Sister Pippa.

Katie led 157 in memory of the following deceased: Robert DuPree, Evelyn Harris—Alabama; Dan Adams—Connecticut; David Wampler, Lloyd Mary Staebler, Jeffrey Condon—Pennsylvania; Dwight Speer—Arkansas; Peg FitzGerald, Roberta Ronan, Joe Leonard, Marcia Rutledge—New York; Hayden Hurst—Virginia; Tommy Soper—Florida; Joan Mattock—United Kingdom; Raymond Hamrick, Robert DePoy—Georgia. Kevin Griffin Moreno closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Chris Coughlin 138b; Carson Evans 179; Thomas Ward 404; Leah Velleman 499; Dean Jens 208; Liz Cantrell 466; Faiz Wareh 292; Jessica Keyes 448b; Michael Sensor 163b; Ina Shea 312t; Mary Skidmore 306. Gary Ryan offered a prayer before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

Carol Huang called the class back to order leading 81t. Leaders: Joel Bassett 204; Lynne deBenedette 216; Linnea Sablosky 112; Kevin Griffin Moreno 396; Eva Striebeck 302; Helen Brown 436; David Smead 505; Becky Wright 498; Ted Brown

113; Anya Skibbie 340; Lisa Bennett 522; Guy Bankes 543; Angharad Davis 269; Philip Dupont 162; Ruth Wampler 474; Ezra Halleck 52b; Ruth Sgan-Cohen 535; Cory Noel 220; Sam Kleinman 272; Pattie Wareh 547; Tristan Gordon 376; Vicki Hayes and Kay Bailey 49t.

#### RECESS

Lindsay Kruse led 445 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Merv Horst 456; Jessica Keyes and Kevin Griffin Moreno 192; Jason Steidl 540; Ted Brown and Helen Brown 77t; Christopher Geisler 148; Daryl Tress 178; David Smead and Lisa Bennett 379; Jesse Krikorian 440; Stina Soderling 33b; Tarik Wareh and Pattie Wareh 373; Sarah Underhill 442.

Following announcements, Carol Huang and the other officers led 62 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. Gary Ryan dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Carol Huang; Vice Chairman—Gwen Gethner; Secretary—Julie Botnick

### **LEE ROGERS MEMORIAL SINGING (CHRISTIAN HARMONY) Home of John and Elsie Hollingsworth, Ila, Georgia Saturday, September 19, 2015**

The 7th 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. John Hollingsworth welcomed the class, and led 21. Andy Morse offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 45t; John Plunkett 44t, 163t; Shannon Primm 61t; Mildred Chandler 189; Andy Morse 432b, 219; Robert Kelley 299, 339; Mary Baumeister 187; Christy Sinksen 148, 167t; Helen Bryson 179, 210t; Angie Lawless 135, 180; John Hollingsworth 51; Bill Hollingsworth 510b, 546t (in memory of Raymond Hamrick).

#### RECESS

Judy Mincey called the class to order leading 63t. A business session was held and the class re-elected the following officers by acclamation: Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Mike Spencer; Secretary—Helen Bryson.

Leaders: Mike Spencer 543, 448t; Chris Brown 459t, 50; David Ziztman 343, 289; Judy Whiting 58b, 439; Chris Wilhelm 476b, 186; Judy Mincey 547; Shannon Primm 282 (for Inga Hubner); Andy Morse 203, 67b (in memory of his father-in-law); Robert Kelley 34, 272.

#### LUNCH

Judy Mincey called the class to order by leading 172. Leaders: Mildred Chandler 131, 369; Mary Baumeister 28t; Christy Sinksen 30b, 55b; Helen Bryson 300, 91; Ken George 255; Angie Lawless 140, 143; David Libbey 546b; John Hollingsworth 548; Bill Hollingsworth 448b, 26t; Mike Spencer 361, 193; Chris Brown 286, 161t; Ken George 107, 157; Judy Whiting 421b, 111b; Chris Wilhelm 84, 424.

After announcements, Judy Mincey led 64 as the closing song. Andy Morse offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Mike Spencer; Secretary—Helen Bryson

### **UNITED KINGDOM SACRED HARP CONVENTION Henry Wood Hall, London, United Kingdom September 19-20, 2015**

**Saturday, September 19**

The 20th annual session of the United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Henry Wood Hall, London, United Kingdom, on the third Sunday and

Saturday before in September. Erin Johnson-Williams brought the class to order by leading 32t. She welcomed everyone. Rev. Marjorie Brown offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Erin Johnson-Williams; Vice Chairman—Matthew Parkinson; Treasurer—Arthur Swindells; Chaplain—Rev. Marjorie Brown; Arranging Committee—Tom Macarte, Samantha Cole, Eimear O'Donovan, Sarah West, Susannah Gill, Vicki Elliott, and Matthew Parkinson; Secretary—Kate Kirwan.

Leaders: Matthew Parkinson 171; Marjorie Brown 70t; Kate Kirwan 36b; Arthur Swindells 70b; Tom Macarte 72b; Teresa Maguire 30b; Nigel Bowley 44; Ella Cumber 101t; Emily Isaac 40; Heather Thompson 31t; Megan Macarte 65; Sarah West 123b; Steve Brett 123t; Ruth Steggles 33b; Andrew Clark 535; Francis Gaskin 487; Colin Munson 102; Guy Hayes 186; Susannah Gill 350; Joe Vickers 314; Jo Ellis 473; Liam Kirby 134; Steve Biggs 276.

#### RECESS

Barry Parsons called the class to order leading 319. Leaders: Vicki Elliott 81t; Mark Wardlaw 445; Rachel Jordan 546; Leilai Immel 343; Florent Decherf and Frederic Eymard 399b; Joe Jones 477; Cath Tyler 391; Seth Dickens and Sarah Hill 47b; Rachel Idelstein 218; Ewan Paterson 569b; Jill Thompson 299; Arthur Swindells 454; Fynn Titford-Mock 385b; Rudi Schmidt 45b; Karen Turner 84; Edwin Macadam 444; Tom Greig 547; Cath Saunt 228; Mick Verrier 538.

Michael Walker conducted a celebration lesson to mark the occasion of the 20th United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention. Sheila Girling Macadam and Rachel Jordan, who were present at the first Convention, led 178 in memory of Chris Whiting, founder of the UK Convention, who died six months before the first Convention took place in 1996. Joe Vickers offered a prayer in remembrance and celebration.

Leaders: Ben Zuckor 410t; Hannah Land 505. Andrew Clark offered thanks before the noon time meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Eimear O'Donovan leading 145t. Leaders: Nick Hall 287; John Davis 542; Philip Langley 430; Elaine Denny 428; Zachary Marcus 271t; Steven Levine 474; Rachel Rudi 302; Henry Johnson 289; Lucinda Saue 143; Pamela Minor 312b; Richard Schmeidler 254; David Wright 196; Ginny Landgraf 290; Lisa O'Grady 332; James Baumgartner 383; Michael Walker 426b; Grey Lane 99; Katie Ahern 112; Ian West 500; Sarah Hill 189; Rebecca Over and Philip Langley 333; S. Fred Langridge 501; Piers Blewett 351; Steve Welsh 147b; Tom Gerbel 67; Ian Lamb 313b; Geoff Grainger 163b.

#### RECESS

Susannah Gill and Joe Jones called the class to order by leading 82t. Leaders: Ed Johnson-Williams 113; Jill Thompson 504; Sheila Girling Macadam 142; Anna Baldini, Sally Summer, and Mick Verrier 107; Emily Isaac 282; Ellen Southern and Phil Owen 106; Sue Lanfear 479; Ian Lamb 452; Tom Gregg 448t; Leila Gamaz 83t; Dan Arden and Guy Hayes 345t; Karen Turner, Margaret Bradshaw, and Sula O'Duffy 266; Barry Parsons 177; Sarah Wilcox and Emily Verrier 86; Joe Vickers 493.

The Chairman invited all the singers present at the first United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention in 1996 to lead a song. Ian West, Jill Thompson, Richard Schmeidler, Ruth Steggles, Mick Verrier, Rachel Jordan, Sheila Girling Macadam, Edwin Macadam, and Steve Biggs led 155.

The Chairman then invited all past Chairpersons of the United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention present to lead the closing song. Hannah Land, Erin Johnson-

Williams, Sarah West, Cath Tyler, Sheila Girling Macadam, Michael Walker, Edwin Macadam, and Mick Verrier led 521. Rebecca Over offered the closing prayer.

### **Sunday, September 20**

The Sunday session of the United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Erin Johnson-Williams leading 56t. Lucinda Saue offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Matthew Parkinson 49b; Teresa Maguire 39b; Tom Gerber 38b; Hannah Land 283; Geoff Grainger 523; Rebecca Over and Ann Chesterton 47b; Steve Welch 489; Sarah Hill 100; S. Fred Langridge 159; Mark Wardlaw 572; Sheila Girling Macadam 114; Arthur Swindells 77t; Steve Biggs 288; Sally Greaves-Lord 34b; Frances Gaskin 60; Ruth Steggle 45t; Nick Hall 455; Cath Tyler 531.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Josie Gunn spoke and read the names of the sick and housebound, and led 472 for the following people: Ellyn Stokes-Ross, Steve Atkinson, Martin, Kerry Bloom, Josie Bloom, Phoelse Davison, Lin James, Geoff Morris, Kirsty Grainger, Andrew Maguire, Dot Green, Gary Robley, Sam Walker, Catherine Harkin, Mike Smith, Chris Swayne, and Helen Bushell.

Tom Macarte spoke and led 69t in memory of the following deceased: Jacob Larsen, Jean Ritchie, Packie Manus Byrne, Noreen Read, George Garner, C.W. Garner, Raymond Hamrick, Captain Andrew Adams, Mike Spittal, Conrad Douma, Donald Capps, Lily Pratasik, Bill Kerridge, Rina Rogers, Danny Arms, Flo Charles, Drew Logan, Bryna Schwartz, Evelyn Mary Quine, Ken Quine, Marjorie Louise Franks, George Read, Peter Selby, Geoffrey Nathan, Farrin Eldora, Charles Steynor, Peter Linwood, Harold Pigott, Uncle Simon, Charles Gwilt, Keith Bushell, and Brian Sewell. Rev. Marjorie Brown closed the memorial lesson with a prayer. Leilai Immel led 494.

#### **RECESS**

The class was called to order by Marjorie Brown leading 59. Leaders: Joe Jones 270; Jacqui Selby 82t; Colin Monson 117; Steve Fletcher 216; Nigel Bowley 201; Frederic Eymard and Matthew Parkinson 354b; Susannah Gill 334; Fynn Titford-Mock 565; Lauren Ciancio 448b; Phil Tyler 369; Kate Kirwan 173; Arthur Swindells 48t; Sarah West 215; James Baumgartner 315; Ewan Paterson 335; Barry Parsons 336; Katie Ahern 217; Elaine Denny 481; Frederic Eymard and Michael Walker 306; Pamela Minor 277; Ella Cumber 292; John Davis 89; Steven Levine 441; Rachel Jordan 200; Lucinda Saue 276; Philip Langley 564; Greg Saue 198; Rebecca Over 372. Greg Saue gave thanks before the noon time meal.

#### **LUNCH**

Kate Kirwan called the class to order leading 172. Leaders: Erin Johnson-Williams 322; Richard Schmeidler 475; Rachel Rudi 548; David Wright 465; Ginny Landgraf 397; Zachary Marcus 294; Eimear O'Donovan 432; Erin Johnson-Williams 442; Steve Brett 386; Rachel Adelstein 269; Henry Johnson 418; Florent Decherf 460; Ruth Linehan and Katie Ahern 328; Matthew Parkinson 209; Hannah Land 316; Tom Macarte 324; Vicki Elliott 542; Sarah Hill 206; Fynn Titford-Mock and Daire O'Sullivan 318; Karen Turner 339; Guy Hayes 313t; Steve Fletcher 454; Matthew Robley-Siemonsma 444; Lisa O'Grady 183; Emily Isaac and Robert Spademan 424; Joe Jones 480.

#### **RECESS**

The class was called to order by Steven Levine leading 87. Leaders: Phil Tyler 451; Lauren Ciancio 268; Jacqui Selby 122; James Baumgartner 192; Piers Blewett 111b; Cath Tyler 499.

The Secretary reported that 163 singers had registered over the two days, with representation from six countries: UK, France, Germany, Ireland, Norway, and



USA. Thirteen American states were represented: Alabama, California, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Minnesota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington. There were 97 leaders and 179 songs were sung: 93 on Saturday and 86 on Sunday. Erin Johnson-Williams thanked everyone who had worked to ensure the success of the Convention. She led 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Joe Jones offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Erin Johnson-Williams; Vice Chairman—Matthew Parkinson; Secretary—Kate Kirwan

**CORNELIUS BENJAMIN KEETON AND  
TRAVIS KEETON MEMORIAL SINGING  
Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery), Walker County, Alabama  
Sunday, September 20, 2015**

The 44th annual Keeton Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the third Sunday in September. Glenn Keeton called the class to order by welcoming everyone and leading 72b. Don Keeton offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Lena Keeton.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 59; Isabella Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Glenn Keeton 108t, 282; Betty Baccus 418, 373; Buell Cobb 322, 389; Gravis Ballinger 200, 78; Amber Davis 150, 391; Earl Ballinger 97, 153; Mike Richards 37b, 91; Mike Hankins 68b, 410t; Lisa Geist 546, 471; Roma Rice 109, 432; Marlin Beasley 460, 137.

**RECESS**

Glenn Keeton led 270 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 207, 209; Willodean Barton 290, 297; Don Keeton 335, 100; Ernestine Parker 89; Loretta Whitman 101t, 343; Juanita Beasley 61; Julia Poston 145b, 166; Joey Clingan 131t, 44; Glenn Keeton 159 (for Bernice Wakefield and in memory of Cecil Wakefield).

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 74b. Leaders: Buell Cobb 69t; Brenda Chafin 48t, 63, 67; Velton Chafin 301; Steve Adams and Gwen Cornelius 99, 331; Gwen Cornelius, Steve Adams, and Joey Clingan 330b, 490; Alvin Beasley and Linda Beasley 45t, 81t; Mike Richards 377; Mike Hankins 527; Larry Ballinger 528; Lisa Geist 272; Gravis Ballinger 120; Don Keeton 225t; Amber Davis 142; Earl Ballinger 283; Betty Baccus 235; Marlin Beasley 318; Glenn Keeton 517 (WB) (for Maxine Keeton and in memory of Olen Keeton); Glenn Keeton and Lena Keeton 480, 475.

Announcements were made. Glenn Keeton led 267 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Lena Keeton

**THE ORIGINAL B. F. WHITE SACRED HARP SINGING  
CONVENTION (1911 J.L. WHITE REVISION)  
Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia  
Sunday, September 20, 2015**

The annual singing was called to order by John Plunkett, who led 30t for the opening song. A prayer was offered by Eric Tweedy.

The following officers were retained to serve: Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Russ Hanson; Secretary—Sandra Wilkinson.

Leaders: John Plunkett 491b; Russ Hanson 72b, 61; Sandra Wilkinson 108t, 120; Eric Tweedy 485b, 487t; David Brodeur 484t, 490b; Andy Morse 54t, 46t; Helen

Bryson 480t, 498t; Martha Ann Stegar 549b, 519; Chris Brown 396b, 545t; Oscar McGuire 155, 171; John Hollingsworth 480b; Judy Whiting 540.

#### RECESS

The class was reconvened by John Plunkett, who led 279. Leaders: Judy Mincey 55t, 544t; Carol Hanson 313; Tom Hanson 36b, 299; Chris Wolf 68t, 319; John Plunkett 414; Russ Hanson 470; Sandra Wilkinson 501b; Eric Tweedy 492; David Brodeur 222. Andy Morse offered a prayer before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was called together by John Plunkett leading 535. Leaders: Andy Morse 526; Helen Bryson 517, 217; Chris Brown 175, 481t; Oscar McGuire 486t; John Hollingsworth 511; Chris Wolf 512.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Sandra Wilkinson. The list of sick and shut-ins included the following: Leslie Hanson, Matt Jacobs, Bessie Prince, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Myrl Jones, and Cath Tyler.

The deceased remembered were as follows: Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, and Marjorie Robinson—Georgia; Hale C. Hall—Florida; Kate Davis—Ireland. Many remarks were made, but the focus was on Raymond Hamrick, with a tribute to him because of his undying faithfulness to and love for the J.L. White Singings. Since the mid to late 1960s he very rarely missed attending as many as two or three of these singings each year. Last year he could not come to this singing due to health issues. He will be missed. We will be forever grateful to him and many other members, past and present, of the South Georgia Convention who supported our singings through the many years up to the present day. Judy Mincey then came forward and led 60 for all those who had been named to be remembered. John Plunkett closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Jerusha Wheeler 517, 74b, 77t; Judy Whiting 182, 323t; Judy Mincey 440t, 441t; Russ Hanson 491t; Tom Hanson 186, 317b; Jesse Karlsberg 508b, 515; Sandra Wilkinson and Russ Hanson 527; Sandra Wilkinson 289 (for Carol Hanson); Chris Wolf and Roxanne 288.

Following announcements, John Plunkett led 389t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Eric Tweedy.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Russ Hanson; Secretary—Sandra Wilkinson

### **SMYRNA SACRED HARP SINGING**

#### **Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama Sunday, September 20, 2015**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in September. Jack Nelson brought the class together by leading 32t. Elder Ken Milner offered the morning prayer.

The class voted to retain the following officers: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral.

Leaders: Jack Nelson 40; Edna Ruth Phillips 354b, 143; Ed Thacker 147b, 149; Margie Smith 31b, 225t; Winfred Kerr 314, 46; Margaret Thacker 39b, 108t; Richard Mauldin 168, 205; B.M. Smith 340, 204; Robert Chambless 503, 303.

#### RECESS

Jack Nelson and Sidney Burleson (his great niece) brought the class back together leading 358. Leaders: Myrlene Redmond 452, 569b; Denice Burleson 300, 186; Judy Chambless 569t, 295; Marilyn Bradley 68b, 77b. Elder Louis Culver offered prayer before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Jack Nelson brought the class back together leading 551. Leaders: Karen Rollins 406, 405; Roy Nelson 30b, 69t; Eugene Forbes 155, 318, 566 (in memory of Betty Forbes); Cecil Roberts 277, 229; Wendy Anderson 294, 339; Myra Goss 208, 323b; William Futral and Wendy Anderson 61, 341; Roy Nelson 45t; Denice Bursleson 25 (WB); Ken Milner 77t, 72b, 39 (OSH).

The class ended the day by singing "God Bless America". Elder Ken Milner dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Vice Chairman—William Futral; Secretary—Virginia Futral

## **MOUNTAIN HERITAGE DAY** **Cullowhee, Jackson County, North Carolina** **Saturday, September 26, 2015**

Mike Nichols called the class to order, welcoming singers and visitors to Mountain Heritage Day. Judy Mincey led 59 as the first lesson. Ken Smith offered the opening prayer. Judy gave a brief explanation of the open square and singing parts, and then led 31t.

Leaders: Mike Nichols 72b; Ed Smith and family 45t; Ken Smith 44; Dan Huger 99; Steve Walker 49b; Wanda Queen 354b; Joyce Parton 441 (for Raymond Smith); Chris Wilhelm 66; Mary Baumeister 108t; David Smith 440; Kelly Smith 503; Will Peebles 155; Diane Eskenasy 180; Laramie Lapham 358; Michael Spencer 166; Ellie Snyder 270; Robert Varkony 68b; Jonathan Wood 354t; Jonathan Gaylord 82t; Annie Harlow 159; Ed Smith 277; David Smith 198; Ken Smith 112; Kelly Smith 426t; Jonathan Gaylord and Keri Gaylord 335; Dan Huger 86; Judy Mincey 282 (by request); Diane Eskenasy and David Smith 63; Jonathan Wood 417; Dan Huger 47b (by request); Kelly Smith 208; Steve Walker 107; Mike Nichols 128.

### **LUNCH**

Mike Nichols reconvened the class leading 117 (CH) (in memory of Dr. Eva Adcock, who held the first singing at Western Carolina University over 35 years ago).

Leaders: Ed Smith 355 (CH); Judy Mincey 50 (CH); Dan Huger 88 (CH); Steve Walker 131 (CH); Ken Smith 272 (CH); Ken George 228 (CH); Rory Smith 180 (CH); Angie Lawless 248 (CH); Jane Spencer 235 (CH); Wanda Queen 226t (CH); Mary Baumeister 70t (CH); David Smith 153 (CH); Kelly Smith 372 (CH); Will Peebles 344 (CH); Diane Eskenasy 51 (CH); Laramie Lapham 287 (CH); Michael Spencer 163t (CH); Ellie Snyder 307 (CH); Robert Varkony 76t (CH); Jonathan Wood 365 (CH); Jonathan Gaylord 67b (CH); Annie Harlow 165 (CH); Nick Gattis and David Smith 214 (CH); Wanda Queen and Ed Smith 258 (CH); Mike Nichols 255 (CH); Judy Mincey 64 (CH) (by request); Kelly Smith 204t (CH); Steve Walker 30t (CH); Jane Spencer 349 (CH); Ken George 109 (CH); Will Peebles 432b (CH); Dan Huger 369 (CH).

Following announcements, Kelly Smith, David Smith, and Ed Smith led 200 (CH) as the final lesson. David Smith offered the closing prayer.

Note: Over the course of the day the class learned that Ed Smith, a life-long singer, expected this to be his final singing at WCU due to illness. Many family members attended and led lessons in his honor.

Chairman—Mike Nichols; Vice Chairman—Judy Mincey; Secretary—Chris Wilhelm, substituting for Mary Baumeister

**TULSA SHAPE NOTE SINGING**  
**First Lutheran Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma**  
**Saturday, September 26, 2015**

P. Dan Brittain taught a shape-note singing school in the morning, teaching on the tradition and Rudiments of Sacred Harp singing.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon singing session began with Dan Brittain leading 31t. Leaders: Kerry Solomon 63; Bill Caldwell 99; George Carlisle 58; Betty Christel and Syd Caldwell 503; Rita Anich and Bill Caldwell 49b; Cheryl Ide and Dan Brittain 497; Sarah Morice-Rebaker and Cory Winters 274t; Charity Hracir 344; Myrna Jones 147t; Nancy Maddin 111t; Lori Cabirac 131b; Barbara Woltz 45t; Robyn Bundy 267; Janey Waters 30b; Nelson Wolfe 81t; Elaine King 47b; Syd Caldwell 276 (for Stanley and Amacia Smith); Jay Ide 336; Lynn Miller 28b; Marilyn Solomon 100; Kay Weidner 282; Thomas Winterhalter 472; Rob Martin 189; Cory Winters 106; Syd Caldwell 565 (for Tommy and Margaret Spurlock); Dan Brittain 116; Wyatt Ogle 335; Bill Caldwell 350; Syd Caldwell 384; Jean Wolfe and Bill Caldwell 30t; Syd Caldwell and Frank Christel 457; Lori Cabirac 506; Cory Winters and mom 112, 113 (for Holly Childs); Syd Caldwell 318 (for B.M. and Margie Smith).

Following announcements, Dan Brittain led 425 and 146. Rob Martin offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—P. Dan Brittain; Secretary—Syd Caldwell

**ALABAMA STATE CHRISTIAN HARMONY CONVENTION**  
**Union Missionary Baptist Church, Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**September 26-27, 2015**

**Saturday, September 26**

The Alabama State *Christian Harmony* Convention was held at Union Missionary Baptist Church, Jefferson County, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in September. Danny Creel called the class to order leading 31t. He offered the morning prayer, and then led 1.

Leaders: Ken Tate 168b, 133; Emily Brown 120, 14; Bea Aaron 131, 149; Chris Brown 145b, 459; Eugene Forbes 253, 117; John Hollingsworth 52, 136; Brenda Dunlap 129, 123; Rick Foreman 103, 421b; Wanda Capps 51, 170; Brenda Dunlap 256t, 184; Nicholas Thompson 135, 311; Cheryl Foreman 268, 75b.

**RECESS**

Ken Tate called the class back together by leading 50. Leaders: Henry Johnson 130t, 281t; Billy Thompson 355, 281b; Judy Whiting 111b, 546; Sonny Erwin 228, 214.

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

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary/Finance—Emily Brown; Arranging Officer—Ann Jett; Locating Committee—Mike Richards and Ken Tate. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Nathan Stewart 172, 142; Samuel Sommers 104, 54; Richard Mauldin 67b, 67t; John Plunkett 525, 509t; Judy Caudle 264, 322; Bill Hogan 372, 258; Cindy Tanner 43, 85; Velton Chafin 279.

**LUNCH**

Ken Tate led 432b to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Tammy Powell 189, 64; SuNell Ellis 82, 90; Sarah Beasley and Bill Hogan 56b, 59b; Emma Calvert 91, 142; Mike Richards 61t, 316; Ann Jett 96, 338; Sonny Erwin 120 (by request); John Hollingsworth 347; Judy Whiting 58b; Samuel Sommers 176; Rick Foreman 26b; Brenda Dunlap 256b; Chris Brown 143; Janie Short 255; Cheryl Foreman 339; Judy Caudle 76b; Nicholas Thompson 287; Bill Hogan 493; John Plunkett 515; Nathan

Stewart 541; Tammy Powell 248; Billy Thompson 277; Velton Chafin 57; Eugene Forbes 109; Richard Mauldin 63t (in memory of Robert DuPree); Mike Richards 424.

Announcements were made. Danny Creel led 60 as the closing song. Samuel Sommers offered the closing prayer.

### **Sunday, September 27**

The Sunday session of the Alabama State *Christian Harmony* Convention was called to order by Danny Creel leading 167b. He offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Danny Creel 166; Ken Tate 462t, 282, 121t; Emily Brown 171, 180, 186; Katlin Bailey 432b, 268, 22t; Eugene Forbes 307, 326; Tammy Powell 322, 400t, 19; Jeff James 50, 51, 168b; Darlene Reynolds 291, 355, 204t (in memory of Loretta Rigdon); Mike Richards 205, 276, 419t; Cheryl Foreman 261t, 498, 41b.

### **RECESS**

Danny Creel led 354 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Sam Wright 138, 292, 361; Janie Short 303, 49, 385; Wanda Capps 264, 258, 172; Brenda Dunlap 346, 130b, 86b.

### **LUNCH**

Danny Creel began the afternoon session by leading 308. Leaders: Rick Foreman 546b, 490, 109; Mary Amelia Taylor 9, 107, 336t; Sonny Erwin 250, 81t, 67b; Emma Calvert and Amelia Jett 85, 157b, 214; Cindy Tanner 234, 342, 14; Velton Chafin 113; Ann Jett 110, 238, 93.

A business session was held to hear committee reports. The 2016 session of the Alabama State *Christian Harmony* Convention will be held at Union again. The business session was closed. Announcements were made.

Danny Creel led 23b as the closing song, and then offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary—Emily Brown

## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN SACRED HARP CONVENTION**

**Lakewood, Colorado  
September 26-27, 2015**

**Saturday, September 26**

The 26th annual Rocky Mountain Convention was held in the Green Mountain Townhomes club house, courtesy of Karl Dise. Claire Singleton called the class to order leading 46. The opening prayer was offered by Jim Brown.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairperson—Stephanie Fida; Secretary/Arranging Officer—Paul Lindholm; Treasurer—Erik Mason.

Leaders: Stephanie Fida 176t; Ginnie Ely 228; Hill Grimmatt 556; Karl Dise 216; Amanda Jokerst 35; Erik Mason 135; Gabriel Kyne 131b; Betsy Jeronen 278t; David McPherson 430; Sally Gwylan 142; Steve Cackley 489; Steve Hoyt 282; Eric Metzler 421; Evelyn Lamb 396; Alfred Sausotte 112; Bonnie Dolan 499; Norma Ruptier 148; Amandeep Gill 455.

### **RECESS**

Joel Igli called the class to order leading 299. Leaders: Anita Landess 58; Sharon Kermiet 287; Jeff Begley 348t; Catie Van Duzer 280; Eddie Mash 543; Michele Cull 441; Erik Mason 68b; Leslie Alperin 547; Laura Densmore 328; Mary Ann Sausotte 171; Lamar Matthew 156; Ana Tighe 133.

### **RECESS**

Harlan Van Camp called the class to order leading 189. Leaders: Kate Coxon 105; MaryLou Van Laanen 540; Thom Fahrbach 464; Marilyn Murata 456; Carol Selleck 39t; Lynne Hoyt 490; Pat Coghlan 272; Barry Johnston 66; Harry Scott 318; Jessica Hahl 335; Darrell Swarens 507; Justin Phillips and Erik Mason 428; Sharon Kermiet

48t; Dani Lindholm 196; Chris Nicholson 34b; Susanne Livingston 47b; Penny Thome 147t; Paul Lindholm 419. Jim Brown offered the prayer before lunch.

#### LUNCH

Corrie Van Duzer called the class to order leading 84. Leaders: Corrie Van Duzer 362; Jeff Begley 128; Bonnie Dolan 440; Joel Iglı 236; Claire Singleton 82t; Eric Metzler 65; Steve Cackley 321; Amandeep Gill 268; Sally Gwylan 42; Ginny Ely 454; Betsy Jeronen 422; David McPherson 452; Amanda Jokerst 69t; Steve Hoyt 438; Mia Alvarado 565; Marilyn Murata 415.

#### RECESS

MaryLou Van Laanen called the class to order leading 474. Leaders: Chris Nicholson 569b; Evelyn Lamb 353; Michele Cull 448t; Laura Densmore 528; Claire Singleton 315; Judy Van Duzer 70b; Darrell Swarens 277; Kate Coxon 56t; Ana Tighe 284; Jessica Hahl 121.

Stephanie Fida led 414 as the closing song. Jim Brown offered the closing prayer.

#### Sunday, September 27

Stephanie Fida brought the Sunday session to order leading 59. Leaders: Karl Dise 38b; MaryLou Van Laanen 472; Barry Johnston 33b; Hill Grimmert 497; Steve Hoyt 549; Eric Metzler 505; Anita Landess 379; Gabriel Kyne 250; Bonnie Dolan 378b; Sally Gwylan 77t; Thom Fahrback 187; Ginnie Ely 542.

#### RECESS

Catie Van Duzer called the class to order leading 492. Leaders: Pat Coghlan 209; Lamar Matthew 154; Harlan Van Camp 86; Leslie Alperin 268; Harry Scott 524; Erik Mason 40; David McPherson 183; Darrell Swarens 198; Eddie Mash 263; Amandeep Gill 522; Lynne Hoyt 339; Julia Zaffarano 313b; Erik Mason 312b; Amanda Jokerst 81t; Karen Mathews 191; Carol Selleck 235.

Hill Grimmert conducted the memorial lesson, and led 260 for the following deceased: David Rust and Janet Davis—Indiana; Raymond Hamrick—Georgia; Wayne Walburn—New Hampshire; Elder Berwin Hand and Donna Barone—New Mexico; Don Ward and Don Rhodes—North Carolina; Sarah Hauser, Rene Windsor, and Tammi Ziola—Oregon; Robert John Evans—Illinois; Tom Wilson—Connecticut; Phillip Wootten and Olivia Wootten Allen—Alabama; Paul Butz—Peru; Shirley Begley, Mike Shields, Joe Nishimura, Alfonso Schettini, Clantille Louis, Brenda Hansen, Burdie Carter, Oscar Marin, Jim Sanchez, and Zana Mokrizhi—California; Eleanor Hanson and Timothy Florravit—Pennsylvania; Brendan Egan—New York; Julia Reifel—Washington.

Ginnie Ely led 340 for the following sick and homebound: Julie Veal, Susan Bingham, Nancy Trout Kruel, Skip Trout, Claudene Townson, Virginia Glass, Loraine Bayer, John Schaffer, Shisue Sugimoto, John Fruin, Elle Ard, Hilde Ward, Ed Stevens, and Nancy Nortz. Jim Brown closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Leaders: Corrie Van Duzer 556; Judy Van Duzer 291; Jeff Begley 344; Jean Merritt 36b; Justin Phillips and Chris Nicholson 182; Chris Nicholson 290; Betsy Jeronen 89. Jim Brown offered the prayer before lunch.

#### LUNCH

Ginnie Ely called the class to order leading 145b and 34b. Leaders: Eric Metzler 53; Jessica Hahl 176t; Steve Cackley 560; Evelyn Lamb 29t; Marilyn Murata 195; Ana Tighe 29b; Laura Densmore 311; Kate Coxon 460; Michele Cull 384; Stephanie Fida and Cheryl Waskiewicz 399b; Paul Lindholm and David Schmitt 447; Thom Fahrback 230; Karl Dise 320; Lynne Hoyt 535; Jeff Begley 300; Karen Mathews 547; Steve Hoyt 503; Chris Nicholson and Nancy Uzar 566; Harry Scott 99.

#### RECESS

Erik Mason called the class to order leading 48t. Leaders: Amandeep Gill 448t; Lamar Matthew 347; Betsy Jeronen 426b; Darrell Swarens 49b; Sharon Kermiet 534;

Eddie Mash 365; Bonnie Dolan 151; MaryLou Van Laanen 564; Barry Johnston 47t; Corrie Van Duzer 203.

Stephanie Fida led 62 as the closing song. Jim Brown offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Stephanie Fida; Secretary—Paul Lindholm

## **MINNESOTA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION**

**The Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota**

**September 26-27, 2015**

**Saturday, September 26**

The 26th annual session of the Minnesota State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Steve Luttinen and Dick Patterson leading 85. Joel Setterholm offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kevin Bullock 31t; Stacey Berkheimer 100; Nathan Berry 101t; AnnaLeigh Smith 187; Holly Powell, Jasper Powell, and Avery Powell 209; Gordon Olsen 277; Alex Dixon 276; Christine Stevens 159; Jake Kiakahi 504; Kevin Beirne 81t; Kevin Barrans 482; Cecelia Kramer 191; Larry Nothwehr 454; Nancy Koester 148; Dan Edwards 497; Michael Moore 566 (in honor of Camillo Wood); Erik McDonald 263.

RECESS

Donna Gunderson Rogers led 40 to bring the class together. Leaders: John Seaton 47t; Jacob Carrigan 87; Ann Sleeva 86; Pop Wagner 313b; Bob Borcherding 112; J.R. Hardman 512; Jenny Willard 422; Tullaia Powell 142; Dave Ressler 298; Rochelle Lodder 171; Nathan Rees 435; Kat Kohorst 163t; Gary Gronau 384; James Page 297; Elaine Denny 180; Linda Selph 336; Whitney Clapp and Midge Harder 146; Jim Pfau 300; Eamonn O'Neill 272.

RECESS

Cathy Lutz recalled the class leading 106. A brief business meeting was held. Paul Wyatt and Alec Jenkins-White were elected co-chairmen for next year.

Leaders: Alec Jenkins-White 383; Lisa Grayson 547 (for Julie Veal and Judy Hauff); Leslie Williamson White 287; John David Thacker 122; Shirley Figura 361; Carol Buche 178; Lindy Groening 411; Leon Pulsinelle 468. Aubrey Hemminger offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jeanette Nelson brought the class back to order by leading 66. Leaders: Aubrey Hemminger 344; Karen Edwards 378b; Paul Figura 43; Mike Hinton 426b; Karen Clark 534; Martha Henderson 470; Tim Eriksen 442; Darlene Dalton and Stephen Parker 99; Becky Browne 362; Anna Pfau 430; Ted Mercer 189; Elise DelMas 198; Ann Missavage 280; Midge Harder 448t; Presley Barker 474; Tamara Harris 458; Ben Copenhaver 477; Roberta Strauss 269; Dick Patterson 228.

RECESS

Steven Levine led 34b to recall the class. Leaders: Paul Landskroener 486; Janelle Davis 318; Joel Menk 475; Pattie Doss 76b; Becca Gibson 419; John Bankson 495; Dayle Dryer 162; Carol Crawford 144; Denise Kania 208; Steven T. Schmidgall 333; Jeanette Nelson 163b; Hans Guttman 480; Cathy Lutz 82t; Eleanor Haase 84; Valerie Stoehr 532; Matt Wells 348t; Donna Gunderson Rogers 466; Midge Olsen 528; Claudia Egelhoff 174; Steve Luttinen 399t; Ray Cott-Meissel 47b; Barb Patterson 61.

Steve Luttinen and Dick Patterson led 48t. Kit Canright offered the closing prayer.

## Sunday, September 27

The Sunday session of the Minnesota State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Steve Luttinen and Dick Patterson leading 63. Michael Moore offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Cathy Lutz 168; Eleanor Haase 29t; Janell Draper 68b; Pop Wagner 503; Presley Barker 505; Jake Kiakahi 149; Janelle Davis 196; Kim Bahmer 49b; Dan Edwards 129; Dave Ressler 214; Bill Waddington 218; John Seaton 106; Tamara Harris 27; Angie Payne 421; James Page 216; Colette Miller 436.

### RECESS

Nathan Berry led 399b to bring the class together. Leaders: Midge Olsen and Stephen Parker 454; Nathan Rees 56t; Ann Missavage and Bob Borcharding 176b; Becky Browne 222; Hollie Powell 564; Cecelia Kramer 444; Jim Crawford 569t; Paul Figura 358; Ben Fink 417; David Najjar 178; Elaine Denny 339 (for her grandmother); Ted Mercer 131t; Midge Harder 506; Ben Copenhagen 355; Karen Clark 234; Rochelle Lodder 335.

### RECESS

Denise Kania recalled the class by leading 128. Leaders: Michael Moore 48b; Leon Pulsinelle 111b; Leslie Williamson White 107.

Paul Wyatt led 340 for the following sick and shut-ins: Camillo Wood, Ben Crawford, Melanie Hauff, Robert Smith, Julie Vea, Johanna Fabke, Carol Sherbeck, Judith Klein, Elouise Jerome, Nathan Stevens, Dan O'Connell, Melissa Kelley, Robin Fox, Charlie Derleth, Nell Sasser, Amacia Smith, Loraine Bayer, Jack Kagay, Linda Domholt, Rodney Willard, Dee Hayes, and Francesca Ciseri.

Darlene Dalton led 28b in loving memory of the following deceased: Jane Brooks—Pennsylvania; James Wells—New Jersey; Caroline Bonnet, Barbara Jean Gurtz, Roger Jackman, Daniel Tamarro—California; Rebecca Schatz, Teagan Burchill, Lyle Lofgren, Gail Heil, Roy Wyatt, Andy Anderson, Gene Hennig, Clark Beyer, Shirley Madow—Minnesota; Bob Sullivan, Art Thieme—Illinois; Earlene Chandler, Raymond Hamrick—Georgia; David Klein—Delaware; Bob Scorgie—Wisconsin; John C. Landskroener—Ohio; Don Weishaar—Iowa; Gary Cappy—North Carolina; Paul Handler, David Walker—Florida; Virginia Duke—Tennessee; Olivia Wootten Allen—Alabama.

Leaders: Anna Pfau 30b; Alex Dixon 290; Shirley Figura 299; Ann Sleeva 496; Alexa Copeland 230. Martha Henderson offered the blessing before the noon meal.

### LUNCH

Kit Canright brought the class back to order by leading 159. Leaders: Tullaia Powell 472; Kevin Barrans 426t; Matt Wells 540; Noelle Copeland 532; Lindy Groening 89; Alec Jenkins-White 350; Gary Gronau 377; Will Gilman 278b; J.R. Hardman 455; Claudia Egelhoff 485; Kevin Beirne 548; AnnaLeigh Smith 111t; Linda Selph 197; Steven T. Schmidgall 369; Lisa Grayson 288; Denise Kania 564; Stacey Berkheimer 556; Steve Luttinen 121; Steven Levine 441; Carol Crawford 70t; Francis Gurtz 448t.

### RECESS

Jim Pfau led 270 to recall the class. Leaders: Jeff Bell 501; Mike Hinton 456; Roberta Strauss 282; Jenny Willard 32t; Tim Eriksen 385t; Carol Buche 66; Kevin Bullock 562; Christine Stevens 542; Scott Schroeder 189; Karen Edwards 203; Darlene Dalton 45t; Joel Menk 162; Hans Guttman 37b; Elise DelMas 224; Martha Henderson 368; Erik McDonald 39t; Jeanette Nelson 547; Paul Landskroener 155; Ray Cott-Meissel 479.



Steve Luttimen and Dick Patterson led 69t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Steven T. Schmidgall.  
Chairpersons—Steve Luttimen and Dick Patterson; Secretaries—Stacey Berkheimer and Cathy Jordan

**POLAND SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION**  
**The Central Archives of Historical Records, Warsaw, Poland**  
**September 25-27, 2015**

**Friday, September 25**

The 4th Poland Sacred Harp Convention was held the fourth Sunday and Saturday and Friday evening before in September in the Central Archives of Historical Records, Warsaw, Poland. Chairladies Anna Spruch and Joanna Mankiewicz introduced singing school teacher Helen Brown of Derby, England. Helen reviewed the scales by leading 34b and 39t. She demonstrated triple time by leading 503. The song on page 171 was used as an example of bringing in parts during a fugue. Helen asked the class to practice singing with accent and led 176t and 146 as examples. Helen continued with a leading workshop, and members of the class practiced on 155 and 183. She led 107 to close the singing school. Chairladies Anna Spruch and Joanna Mankiewicz thanked Helen for her singing school lesson, and class was dismissed.

**Saturday, September 26**

The Saturday session of the fourth Poland Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Anna Spruch and Joanna Mankiewicz leading 131b. Blazej Matusiak offered the opening prayer. Anna Spruch and Joanna Mankiewicz welcomed the guests. Leaders: Olgierd Orlikowski 101t; Dominika Jedrzejczak 34b; Jacek Borkowicz 36b; Gosia Perycz 63; Blazej Matusiak 171; Magdalena Gryszko 38t; Steve Helwig 32b; Anna Spruch 448b; Zack Lindahl 33b; Cath Saunt 270; Nick Hall 497; Cheri Neilson 39t; Ted Brown 74b; Cath Ingham 155; Edwin Macadam 472; Amanda Parkes 436; Richard Schmeidler 84.

**RECESS**

Kama Dembinska called the class back to order leading 65. Leaders: Kuba Choinski 40; Geoff Grainger 156; Franka Sprzagala 481; David Wright 273; Helen Brown 142; Rachel Jordan 492; Michael Walker 371; Justyna Orlikowska 442; Sheila Girling Macadam 500; Caro Stamm-Reusch and Helen Brown 278t; Joanna Mankiewicz 148; Zack Lindahl 306; Amanda Parkes 172; Steve Helwig 377; Cath Saunt 480; Blazej Matusiak 276.

**RECESS**

Kuba Choinski called the class back to order by leading 49b. Leaders: Anna Spruch 430; Cheri Neilson 290; Nick Hall 474; Cath Ingham 35; Gosia Perycz 352; Richard Schmeidler 475; Ulrike Tietjen 448t; Ted Brown 338; Joanna Mankiewicz 87; Sheila Girling Macadam 157; Rachel Jordan 189; Steve Helwig 379; Justyna Orlikowska 102; Helen Brown 556 (in memory of Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard); David Wright 112; Edwin Macadam 236; Geoff Grainger 143; Franka Sprzagala 547; Caro Stamm-Reusch 312b. Magdalena Gryszko asked the blessing before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

Dominika Jedrzejczak called the class back to order by leading 335. Leaders: Magdalena Gryszko 384; Zack Lindahl, Honorata Pawlicka-Zurakowska, and Bradd Libby 282; Jacek Borkowicz 198; Cath Saunt 350; Michael Walker 460; Sheila Girling Macadam 536; Blazej Matusiak 176t; Rachel Jordan 280; Amanda Parkes 206; Richard Schmeidler 543; Helen Brown 192; Gosia Perycz 269; David Wright

498; Cheri Neilson 163b; Ted Brown 391; Cath Ingham 72b; Anna Spruch 383; Nick Hall 515; Joanna Mankiewicz 274; Geoff Grainger 523.

#### RECESS

Bogna Rózczycka and Anna Spruch called the class back to order by leading 49t. Leaders: Sharon Spicher and Kuba Choinski 344; Anna Godlewska and Sheila Girling Macadam 105; Cornelia van den Doel 47b; Michael Walker 404; Magdalena Gryszko 318; Steve Helwig 60; Franka Sprzagala 268; Blazej Matusiak 28t; Helen Brown and Ted Brown 225t; Justyna Orlikowska and Gosia Perycz 123b; Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam 534; Amanda Parkes 315; Rachel Jordan and Nick Hall 228; Zack Lindahl 182; Caro Stamm-Reusch 159; David Wright 135; Cheri Neilson 285t.

Announcements were made. Anna Spruch and Joanna Mankiewicz led 76b as the closing song. Blazej Matusiak offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

#### Sunday, September 27

The Sunday session of the Poland Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Joanna Mankiewicz leading 106. Gosia Perycz offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Anna Spruch 31t, 133; Olgierd Orlikowski 56t; Blazej Matusiak 155, 503; Jacek Borkowicz 496, 288; Franka Sprzagala 86, 107; Kuba Choinski 49t, 112; Kama Dembinska 71, 179; Rachel Jordan 52t, 150; Magdalena Gryszko 480, 76b; Cheri Neilson 178, 421.

#### RECESS

Olgierd Orlikowski called the class back to order leading 159. Leaders: Gosia Perycz 333, 309; Steve Helwig 454, 528; Justyna Orlikowska 144, 58; Michael Walker 207, 234; Sheila Girling Macadam 553; Zack Lindahl 134, 445; Ulrike Tietjen 416, 30b; Nick Hall 217, 455; Ted Brown 77b, 33b; Cath Ingham 145t, 472 (in memory of Mike Smith); Anna Godlewska and Gosia Perycz 335.

#### RECESS

Jacek Borkowicz called the class back to order leading 122. Leaders: Dominika Jedrzejczak 89; Caro Stamm-Reusch 84, 163t; Cath Saunt 42, 299 (for Lin James); Helen Brown 61, 392; Edwin Macadam 320; Amanda Parkes 283, 411.

Michael Walker conducted the memorial lesson, and led 475 for the following sick and shut-ins: Kirsty Grainger, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Myrl Jones, Amacia Smith, Sister Pippa, Corinna Frische, Patty Mitchel, and Lynn James.

Zack Lindahl led 235 in memory of the following deceased: Olga Dellaway—France; Kate Davis—Ireland; Tomasz Wankowicz—Poland; Bill Kerridge, Rina Rogers, Brian Sewell, Joan Mattock, Mike Spitell, George Reed, Harold Pigott, Mike Smith—United Kingdom; Raymond Hamrick, Robert DePoy—Georgia; Danny Arms—North Carolina; Tammi Ziola—Oregon; Peter Linwood—Florida; Flo Charles—Wales; and Theresa Eichelberg. Michael Walker closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Zofia Przyrowska 224, 162; Geoff Grainger 535. Cath Saunt offered grace before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Magdalena Gryszko called the class back to order leading 113. Leaders: Piotr Zarzycki and Cornelia van den Doel 148; Geoff Grainger and Cornelia van den Doel 163b; Richard Schmeidler 66, 268; David Wright 567, 542; Amanda Parkes 532; Helen Brown 436; Jacek Borkowicz 236; Rachel Jordan 550; Kama Dembinska 340; Steve Helwig 522; Magdalena Gryszko 183; Zack Lindahl 324; Cheri Neilson 272; Sheila Girling Macadam 457 (for her parents); Franka Sprzagala 370; Cath Saunt 314.

#### RECESS

Kama Dembinska called the class back to order leading 128. Leaders: Kuba Choinski 401; Edwin Macadam 538; Michael Walker 69t; Cornelia van den Doel and Michael Walker 210; David Wright 85; Justyna Orlikowska 267; Richard Schmeidler 146; Ted Brown and Krzysztof Tomaszczyk 147t; Cath Ingham 334; Anna Spruch 504; Nick Hall 452; Caro Stamm-Reusch 118; Geoff Grainger 30t; Blazej Matusiak 77t; Zack Lindahl and Franka Sprzagala 425; Gosia Perycz 37b.

The class held a business session. The Treasurer reported that all expenses were met. The Secretary reported that the number of registered attendees was 64, representing the following countries: USA, United Kingdom, Germany, Ireland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Sweden, Norway, Netherlands, South Africa, and Poland, and that 189 songs were led by 39 leaders.

Announcements were made. Anna Spruch and Joanna Mankiewicz led 62 as the closing song. Blazej Matusiak offered the closing prayer, and class was dismissed.

Chairladies—Anna Spruch and Joanna Mankiewicz; Secretary—Olgierd Orlikowski

## **WINSTON COUNTY CONVENTION**

### **Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama Sunday September 27, 2015**

The Winston County Convention was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Double Springs, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday in September. Don Keeton called the class to order leading 477. The morning prayer was offered by Don Keeton.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Honorary Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Don Keeton; Arranging Officer—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Don Keeton 101t; Loretta Whitman 111b, 147t; Mike Hankins 145b, 314; Betty Baccus 285t, 460; Jerry Kitchens 166, 274t; Gravis Ballinger 312b, 76b; Amber Davis 49b, 276; Richard Mauldin 43, 35; Lisa Geist 91, 472; Roma Rice 503, 544; Willodean Barton 145t, 155.

#### **RECESS**

Don Keeton called the class back to order by leading 270. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 80b, 176b; Larry Ballinger 540, 133; Bonnie Baldwin 294, 57, 487; the class sang 45t, 406, 297, 309; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 99, 331; Jerome McVay 496; Faye Donaldson 168, 225t.

#### **LUNCH**

Don Keeton called the class to order by leading 498. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 208; Jerry Kitchens 480; Faye Donaldson 430; Amber Davis 224; Betty Baccus and Camilla Cox 388; Loretta Whitman 143; Mike Hankins 72b; Richard Mauldin 36b; Lisa Geist 528; Roma Rice 338; Larry Ballinger and Jerome McVay 56t; the class sang 457; Richard Mauldin and Wynette Knight 358, 146 (for his sister, Ann); Earl Ballinger 354t; Lisa Geist 234 (in memory of Josie Hyde).

Don Keeton led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Earl Ballinger, and the class was dismissed.

Vice Chairman—Don Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice

## **GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **Eva, Morgan County, Alabama Sunday, September 27, 2015**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in September was called to order by Nicholas Thompson leading 32t. Samuel Sommers offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 35; Judy Caudle 108t, 358; Samuel Sommers 87, 24b; Susan Cheronos 74b, 209; Ed Thacker 330t, 500; B.M. Smith 350, 229; Nancy Thompson 207, 204; Buell Cobb 71, 106; Judy Whiting 472, 72b; Lomax Ballinger 389, 430; Nathan Blackwood 49b (in memory of his grandmother), 40; Cheyenne Ivey 512, 335.

The following officers were previously elected to serve: Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

#### RECESS

Nicholas Thompson led 76b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Chris Brown 77t, 312b; Margaret Thacker 503, 426t; Carol Newman 137 (in memory of Aunt Vestie), 122 (in memory of Aunt Alta); Jonathon Thompson 313t, 326; Nate Green and Norma Green 119, 287; Milford Cobbs 127, 405; Oscar McGuire 441, 171; Brandon Thompson 39b, 340. Milford Cobbs returned thanks before the noon meal at the table.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Nicholas Thompson leading 64. Leaders: Chris Brown 498; Elizabeth Gentry 107, 319; Susan Cheronos 300; Daniel Hopper 240, 140; Ed Thacker 532; B.M. Smith 318; Judy Whiting 208; Craig Holmes 535; Joanna Nicovich 41; J.L. Hopper 304, 450; Cheyenne Ivey 166; Samuel Sommers 184; Oscar McGuire 485; Margaret Thacker 480; Lomax Ballinger 168; Buell Cobb 97; Nicholas Thompson 220 (for Carol Newman); Jonathon Thompson 84; Nathan Blackwood 186; Brandon Thompson 448t; Judy Caudle 66 (for Glenda Hopper). Nicholas Thompson led 62 as the closing song. Elder Daniel Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Vice Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle

## **SHADY GROVE CHURCH (COOPER BOOK)**

**Dutton, Alabama**

**Saturday, October 3, 2015**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Shady Grove Church, Dutton, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October was called to order by Syble Adams and Bro. Ben Barrentine leading 133. Tom Owen offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Rex Wilks 398; Rodney Ivey 567; Pam Wilkerson 505; Brad Bahler 546; Sonny Erwin 430; Janie Short 464; Vivian Rogan 559; Tommie Spurlock 594; Eddie Mash 273; Nathan Stewart 572; Hubert Nall 563; Ed Thacker 393; Claudene Townson 336t.

#### RECESS

Syble Adams led 478 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Syble Adams, Pam Wilkerson, and Stanley Smith 140; Darlene Dalton 587; Tammy Powell 137; B.M. Smith 38t; Donald Ross 123b; Chris Holley 199; Bea Aaron 453b; Ray Rechenberg 575; Kevin Eddins and Ethan Eddins 35; Jim Pfau 210.

Syble Adams conducted the memorial lesson. The class called out names of deceased or sick and shut-in friends. The deceased remembered were as follows: Donna Ruth Durdin, Phillip Wootten, Earlene Chandler, Olivia Wootten Allen, Arthur Hall, Carl Frame—Alabama; Millard Lind, Daniel Sommers—Indiana; Joe Fothergill—Ohio; David Wampler—Pennsylvania; Litefoot—Georgia. The sick and shut-ins honored were Ernest Lee Hendrick, Anne Chalker, Amacia Smith, BeeGee Rechenberg, Jeff Adcock, and Stephanie Mulinax. Syble Adams and Dylan Feezell led “When All of God’s Singers Get Home”. Syble Adams, Darlene Dalton, and Myra Dalton led 312t.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Scott Ivey leading 380t. Leaders: Emily Eddins 406; Ezra Eddins 47b; Eli Eddins 553; Elam Eddins 384; Ewan Eddins 507t; Dana Eddins 520; Evie Eddins 499; Cheyenne Ivey 511b; Sarah Trumbore 337; Nate Green and Norma Green 544; Elizabeth Gentry 571; Nicholas Thompson 192. Dennis George asked a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Mark Brown leading 573. Leaders: James Gingrich 50t; Henry Johnson 265b; Rick Foreman 76b; Karen Clark 514; Tom Owen 360; Ethan Eddins 282; Diane Ross 434; Cheryl Foreman 269; Eugene Forbes 203; Karen Bahler 55; Levon Wootten and Marlon Wootten 99; Matthew Lind 145b; Kathe Pilibosian 497; Denise Kania 392; Susan Cheronos 300; Richard Mauldin 36b; Dylan Feezell 414; Judy Caudle 98; Gary Rogan 268t; Samuel Sommers 450; Stanley Smith 590; Dennis George 552; Don Clark 436; Shane Wootten 86; Loyd Ivey and Pam Wilkerson 116; Phil Summerlin 95b; Eddins family 96 (in memory of John Etheridge); Syble Adams, Tom Owen, Mary Ann Owen, Gary Rogan, Vivian Rogan, Donald Ross, and Diane Ross “Blissful Hope”. Announcements were made. Mark Brown and Syble Adams led “Til We Meet Again” as the closing song. Shane Wootten dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Mark Brown; Secretary—Judy Caudle

### **MUNICH SACRED HARP SINGING AND WORKSHOP** **St. Martin Spirituelles Zentrum, Munich, Germany** **Saturday, October 3, 2015**

The first all-day singing in Munich, Germany, was held on the first Saturday in October at St. Martin Spirituelles Zentrum in the Glockenbach neighborhood of Munich. Chairpersons Peter Kocher and Naomi Kaye Honova welcomed singers. Peter Kocher offered the opening prayer. Naomi Kaye Honova led 448b. Franka Sprzagala then taught a singing school/workshop, introducing shapes to beginning singers. Franka led 77b.

Leaders: Philip Jacobs 48t; Andreas Manz and Inga Hubner 49b; Andreas Manz 33b; Emma Rock 34b, 335; Andreas Manz 45t.

#### RECESS

Laura Eisen and Andreas Manz then gave a workshop about leading, utilizing the songs on pages 66, 28t, 421, and 107.

#### LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Franka Sprzagala leading 148. Leaders: Elisabeth Schallwig 312b, 448t; Eva Striebeck 171, 42; Heather Thompson 146, 163b; Laura Eisen 547, 95; Franka Sprzagala 86, 107; Emma Rock 102, 277; Rudiger Forster 30t, 457; Inga Hubner 94; Philip Jacobs 31t; Andreas Manz 159; Erdmute Sabel 448b; Thomas Leineweber 29t.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Naomi Kaye Honova leading 71.

Leaders: Peter Kocher 82t, 276; Jan Hon 231, 32b; Amelie Kruger 111b; Naomi Kaye Honova 40, 270; Elisabeth Schallwig 271t; Heather Thompson 178; Eva Striebeck 155, 300; Laura Eisen 70t; Franka Sprzagala 117; Emma Rock 168; Philip Jacobs 414; Andreas Manz 47t; Peter Sabel 282; Thomas Leineweber 274t; Peter Kocher 47b, 347.

Announcements were made. There were thirty-nine people in attendance, from five countries (Germany, United Kingdom, Ireland, United States, Czech Republic). The closing prayer was offered by Peter Kocher, and the class was dismissed.

Chairpersons—Naomi Kaye Honova and Peter Kocher; Treasurer—Hinrich Kruger

**VANCOUVER SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**Grandview Calvary Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia**  
**Saturday, October 3, 2015**

The first Vancouver Sacred Harp All-Day Singing was called to order by Mark Miller leading 81t. Gillian Inksetter offered the morning prayer.

A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Co-Chairpersons—Caroline Helmecezi and Kevin Beirne; Treasurer—Tova Houpt; Secretary—Abi Avery.

Kevin Beirne and Caroline Helmecezi led 72b. A singing school was taught by Karen Willard aimed at beginner singers, explaining the shape notes, scales, and four-part harmony of Sacred Harp.

**RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Jake Hachey leading 89. Leaders: Caroline Helmecezi 32t; Kate Coxon 168; Erik Schwab 81b; Dorothy Robinson 71; Darlene Simpson-Brown and Brenda Flynn 335; Lyle Lindsay 34b; Tova Houpt 313b; Ana Tighe 29t; Mark Miller 368; Sophia Schinske and Joyce Hughes 548; Marie Brandis 422; Betsy Jeronen 564; Steve Helwig 93; Clarissa Fetrow 348t; Anna Stoerch 111t; Thom Fahrbach 536; Susan Helf 228; Carol Huang 399b; Karen Willard 293.

**RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Laura McMurray leading 111b. Leaders: Bob Schinske 539; Stephanie Fida 416; Kevin Barrans 379; Heidi Quicke 163b; Gillian Inksetter 34t; Ted Mercer 296; Darlene Simpson-Brown 396; Kevin Beirne 299; Bruce MacDonald 112; Adam Berey 328; Betsy Jeronen 560; Anna Stoerch 378t; Lyle Lindsay 38t; Marie Brandis 472; Thom Fahrbach 404; Kate Coxon and Adi Rosen 99. The grace was offered by Gillian Inksetter.

**LUNCH**

The class was called back to order by Bob Schinske leading 225t. Leaders: Carol Huang 411; Mark Miller and Benjamin Krawchuk-Miller 448b; Sean MacPherson 378b; Stephanie Fida 196; Chiara Ubertino-Coskun and Anna Stoerch 178; Erik Schwab 478; Clarissa Fetrow and Gillian Inksetter 528; Caroline Helmecezi 440; Ted Mercer 431; Heidi Quicke 107; Jake Hachey 215; Sophia Schinske 287; Steve Helwig 266; Adi Rosen 86; Kevin Barrans 123t; Tova Houpt 504; Ana Tighe 426b; Dorothy Robinson 506; Karen Willard 501; Susan Helf 163t; Tova Houpt 547.

**RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Adam Berey leading 425. Leaders: Laura McMurray 285t; Gillian Inksetter 345t; Sean MacPherson 49b; Thom Fahrbach and Clarissa Fetrow 383; Jake Hachey 300; Adi Rosen 31t; Erik Schwab 358; Heidi Quicke 457; Carol Huang 76b; Steve Helwig 95; Ana Tighe 458; Ted Mercer 542; Stephanie Fida 477; Kevin Barrans 428; Kevin Beirne, Joyce Hughes, Chantal Rodrigues, and Joel Phelps 47b.

The business session was reopened. The Treasurer reported that the day's expenses had been met. It was reported that there were sixty registered attendees from five countries including five US states and two Canadian provinces, and seventy-eight songs were sung. Announcements were made. Thanks were given to all who helped make the singing a success.

Caroline Helmecezi led 347 as the closing song. Gillian Inksetter offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Caroline Helmecezi and Kevin Beirne; Secretary—Abi Avery

**NEW ENGLAND SACRED HARP CONVENTION**  
**South Kingston Land Trust Barn, South Kingston, Rhode Island**  
**October 3-4, 2015**

**Saturday, October 3**

The 40th session of the New England Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Lynne deBenedette, who led 82t. Liz Cantrell offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 151; Liz Cantrell 52t; Jesse C. Polhemus 26; Laura Hodges 131b; Sophie Soloway 548; Vale Cofer-Shabica 215; Serena Putterman 399b; John Hughes 497; Tara Mulder 324; Chris Coughlin 432; Nathan Bergmann-Dean 77t; Pat Callahan 380; Patrick Friesen 299; Christina Wallin 187; Chris Noren 49b; Laura Borrelli 209; Bill Holt 352; Molly Bledsoe 200; Micah John Walter 111b; Emily Hale Sills 276; Sally Langendorf 540; Ron Trial 479; Susan Jaster 326.

**RECESS**

Kiri Miller brought the class back to order by leading 448b. Leaders: Michael Nord 371; Martha Murray and John Gamble 38b; Tom Malone 283; Celia Wolf-Devine 48t; Chris Coughlin 358; Mel Novner 396; Sheila Kelley 224; Kyle Greeling 91; Leah Velleman 500; Sharon Lehr 315; Willis McCumber 33t; Emma Swartz 37b; Eric Hildebrant 236; Claudia Smigelski 503; Jeremy Galvagni 379; Maura Burns 201; Cora Wareh 481; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 377; Ivy Hauser 464; Gabriel Kastle 506; Deborah Marsh 72b; Vicki Hayes 102; Jack Coughlin and Chris Coughlin 278t. The dinner blessing was given by Liz Cantrell.

**LUNCH**

Alvaro Witt Duarte brought the class back to order by leading 73t. Leaders: Sasha Hsuczyk 568; Tarik Wareh 44; Kelsey Ivey 309; Myles Louis Dakan 397; Elizabeth Stoddard 564; David Brodeur 368; Alexa Gilmore 424; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 470; Ann Riley Gray 523; Lu Zeng 203; Mike Richards and Richard Ivey 202; Ina Shea 204; Andre Kuney 440; Karen Freund and Gloria Freund 300; Terry Ryan 113; Cheri Hardy 542; Andy Ditzler 436; Emily Hancock 335; Faiz Wareh 292; Philippa Stoddard 320; Dan Hertzler 378t; Sam Kleinman 269; Anya Skibbie 474; Charles Biada 480.

**RECESS**

Ben Bath brought the class back to order by leading 192. Leaders: Allison Steel 328; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 228; Mary Andrews and Christine Andrews 378b; Neely Bruce 32t; Molly Merrett 214; Brooks Chupp 268; Linda Shea 306; Ann Kazlauskas 82b; Keillor Mose 332; DJ Hatfield 475; Dennis O'Brien and Lyra O'Brien 456; Bob Parr 142; Rebecca Maxfield 535; George Sigut 448t; Joanne Fuller 460; Becky Wright 322; Traci Naylor 383; Gerald Clark 36t; Jonathan Spencer and Leonard Spencer 245; Angharad Davis 428; Robert Stoddard 138b; Ines Luttgen 458; Jesse Vear 312b; Aldo Ceresa and Ian Quinn 156; Pattie Wareh 472; Scott Luscombe 127; Mary Skidmore 27.

Lynne deBenedette, Liz Cantrell, and Erik-Dardan Ymeraga led 146 as the closing song. Liz Cantrell dismissed the class with prayer.

**Sunday, October 4**

The Sunday session of the New England Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Lynne deBenedette, who led 36b. Liz Cantrell offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Liz Cantrell 40; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 61; Jesse C. Polhemus 495; Laura Hodges 168; Chris Coughlin 106; Molly Bledsoe 485; Elizabeth Pilar 505; Leah Velleman 423; Paula Picton 399t; Vale Cofer-Shabica 47b; Jeremy Galvagni 74b; Sophie Soloway 421; Emily Hancock 442; Tarik Wareh 64; Joanne Fuller 121; Philippa Stoddard 348b; Charles Biada 100; Kyle Greeling 178; Angharad Davis 57; Anya Skibbie 171; Sam Kleinman 313t; Deborah Marsh 134; Kiri Miller 430.

## RECESS

Patrick Friesen brought the class back to order by leading 319. Leaders: Eric Beecher 67; Ina Shea 404; David Brodeur 547; Chris Coughlin 176t; Joanna Lieberman and Natalie Lieberman 434; Laura Clawson 186; Chris Frantz-Dale 99; James Baumgartner 200; Devereux Fuller 268; Jesse Vear 159; Scott Luscombe 376; Ines Lutngen 419.

Elizabeth Stoddard led 201 for the following sick and homebound: Susan Bingham, Elsie Eberly, Marcia Rutledge, Joe Leonard, Doris Damon, Matt Pasl, Jeff, David Strather, Toni Strather, Dorothy Counor, Dot Goode, Gwen Gethner, Katherine Glatter, Loraine Bayer, Tom Padwa, Joanne DeVoe, Susan Mampre, and Pam Regan.

Kelsey Ivey directed the memorial lesson, leading 499 in memory of the following: William "John" Furness Maxfield—England; Raymond Hamrick and Robert DePoy—Georgia; Robert Kemper and Patrick Dugan—Tennessee; Robert DuPree—Alabama; David Wampler—Pennsylvania; David Hanson, Betty Kis, and Charles Kis—Maine; Arthur Tucker—Rhode Island; Dan Adams and Kathy Eastwood—Connecticut; Juliette Ayotte—Florida; Dwight Speer—Arkansas; Nicholas Polster—California; George Benedetto—New York; Anne Griffin—Virginia; Pete Juntunen and Amalie Scheltimier—Massachusetts. Liz Cantrell concluded the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Cheri Hardy 86; Cora Wareh 272; Leonard Spencer 250; Susan Jaster 157. The dinner blessing was given by Liz Cantrell.

## LUNCH

Nathan Bergmann-Dean brought the class back to order by leading 29t. Leaders: Ian Quinn 411; Andy Ditzler and Aldo Ceresa 532; Robert Stoddard 546; Karen Freund 308; Mel Novner 298; Kelsey Ivey 522; Lu Zeng 277; Alvaro Witt Duarte 528; Linda Shea 55; Mike Richards 498; Traci Naylor 142; Willis McCumber 500; Oliver Kindig-Stokes 386; Ivy Hauer 302; Tim Eriksen and Eliaz Eriksen 236; Ben Bath 196; Becky Wright 447; Deidra Montgomery 197; Dan Hertzler 198; Sasha Hsuczky 453; Chris Noren 162; Kelly House 384; Michael Nord 218; Emma Swartz 217; Faiz Wareh 471; Gedney Barclay 126.

## RECESS

Tara Mulder called the class back to order by leading 65. Leaders: Micah John Walter 216; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 189; Ann Riley Gray 454; Magdalena Eriksen 95; Donna Carlson 496; Richard Ivey 426t; Kshama Ananthapura 270; Julius Pascry 354b; Kerry Culinan 68b; Pat Callahan 101t; Gerald Clark 365; Pattie Wareh 327; Aldo Ceresa 297; Rebecca Maxfield 245; Elizabeth Stoddard 213t; John Hughes 70b; Jonathan Spencer 101b; Paula Picton and Alanna Pyke 300; Mary Skidmore 567; Jenny Wright 504; Elizabeth Pilar 373; Anne Kazlauskas 195.

Announcements were made, including the announcement that the 41st session of the New England Sacred Harp Convention will be held in Connecticut in 2016.

Treasurer Chris Coughlin reported that all expenses had been met. Lynne deBenedette thanked the convention officers and committee members for their service.

Lynne deBenedette, Liz Cantrell, and Erik-Dardan Ymeraga led 62, and the class took the parting hand. Chuck Micciche offered the closing prayer.

Chairperson—Lynne deBenedette; Vice Chairperson—Liz Cantrell; Vice Chairperson—Erik-Dardan Ymeraga; Secretary—Jesse C. Polhemus



**ALEXANDER, HULLETT, LOWE, BROTHERS, HYATT,  
PUTMAN, AND WOOTTEN MEMORIAL**  
**Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama**  
**Sunday, October 4, 2015**

The 49th 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; Rebekah Gilmore 276; Doyle Alexander 36b; Doug Conn 546; Bob Watkins 460; Tom Owen 426t; Karen Rollins 298; B.M. Smith 350; Tom George 60; Ed Thacker 388; Nicholas Thompson 151.

**RECESS**

The class was brought back together by Terry Hullett leading 340. Leaders: Darrell Swarens 72b (in memory of Nettie Green); Margaret Thacker 34b; Nate Green and Norma Green 334; Margie Smith 373; Vivian Rogan 84; Dennis George 390; Cheyenne Ivey 222; Richard Mauldin 35; Susan Cherones 564; Gary Rogan 324; Tammy Powell 163b; Earl Ballinger 389; Elene Stovall 208; Angela Myers 540; April Watkins 454; Taylor Watkins 146; Edith Eddins 49t; Eli Eddins 82t; Elam Eddins and Coy Ivey 384.

**RECESS**

The class was brought back together by Philip Gilmore leading 30t. Leaders: Philip Gilmore 272; Cheryl Foreman 187; Ewan Eddins 113; Evie Eddins 31t; Ezra Eddins 148; Janie Short 107; Sonny Erwin 111b; Rick Foreman 50b; Dana Eddins 47t; Grace Gilmore 196; Elizabeth Gentry 452; Kevin Eddins 38b; Debra Rich 200; Larry Ballinger 300.

**LUNCH**

The class was brought back together by Terry Hullett leading 189. Leaders: Terry Hullett 145b, 317 (in memory of John Alexander); Samuel Sommers 560, 413; Loyd Ivey 48t (for Jewel Wootten); Eloise Wootten 318; Judy Caudle 418 (in memory of Herby Bailey); Paula Gilmore 512; Rodney Ivey 29t (for Jewel Wootten); Linda Thomas and Rodney Ivey 73t; Shane Wootten 332, 500 (CB), 571 (CB); Philip Gilmore 47b, 39t; Elam Eddins, Ewan Eddins, Ezra Eddins, and Eli Eddins 30b; Evie Eddins and Edith Eddins 77t; Janie Short 312b; Vivian Rogan 56t; Rick Foreman and Cheryl Foreman 385b; Tammy Powell 542; Gary Rogan 40; Sonny Erwin 472; Kevin Eddins and Dana Eddins 448t; Philip Gilmore, Paula Gilmore, Rebekah Gilmore, and Grace Gilmore 45t; Coy Ivey and Elizabeth Gentry 465 (CB).

Terry Hullett, Philip Gilmore, and Doyle Alexander led 62 as the closing song. Elder Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.  
Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretaries—Rebekah Gilmore and Paula Gilmore

**SOUTH GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION**  
**Liberty Hill Community House, Barnesville, Georgia**  
**Sunday, October 4, 2015**

The 95th session of the South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by President Oscar McGuire leading 59. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 492; Mary Brownlee 47b; Bill Hollingsworth 50b; Wayne Watson 480.

President McGuire then appointed Bill Hollingsworth and Wes Haley as the nominating committee, and requested that the members of the class lead two-song lessons. Leaders: Helen Bryson 112, 299; John Hollingsworth 354t, 540; Jesse P. Karlsberg 351, 352; Lisa Bennett 121, 344; David Smead 213b, 489; Russ Hanson 49b, 384.

#### RECESS

John Plunkett brought the class together leading 225t. Leaders: Judy Chambless 413; Vickie See and Billy See 30b, 108b; Virginia Dyer 217, 460; Richard DeLong 374; Robert Chambless 154, 77b; Sandra Wilkinson 405, 388; Lauren Bock 486, 291; Charlene Wallace 283.

A motion carried to enter into a business session wherein the nominating committee recommended sustaining Oscar McGuire as president and John Plunkett as vice president. The following officers and committees were elected or appointed to serve: Secretary—Lauren Bock; Treasurer—Helen Bryson; Co-Chaplains—John Hollingsworth and Wayne Watson; Memorial Committee—Rosemund Watson and Sandra Wilkinson. The treasurer's report for 2014-2015 was presented and approved. The class received and accepted a list of 2016 singings to be printed in the convention's directory. The business session was closed. Wayne Watson offered grace.

#### LUNCH

Oscar McGuire brought the class together leading 34b. Leaders: Rosemund Watson 94, 149; Martha Harrell 74b, 75.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Sandra Wilkinson and Rosemund Watson. Sandra Wilkinson read the list of the following sick and shut-ins: Leslie Hanson, Carol Hanson, Matt Jacobs, Louise Holland, and David Grant.

Rosemund Watson read the names of the following deceased: Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, Marjorie Robinson, and Robert DePoy—Georgia; Evelyn Harris and Robert DuPree—Alabama. The memorial committee, as well as several members of the class, then spoke about the life of Raymond Hamrick, telling stories and confirming the great influence he had on the Sacred Harp community and individuals therein. Sandra Wilkinson and Rosemund Watson led 503. John Plunkett offered a prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Rita Haley 268, 120; Beth Haley Stewart, Thomas Stewart, Blakely Stewart, and Clark Stewart 46, 354b; Misty Haley Mullis, Levi Mullis, Elinor Ruth Mullis, Graydon Mullis, and Lorelei Mullis 373, 358; Tim Haley 117, 282; Wes Haley 198; Vickie See and Billy See 178; Robert Chambless 72b; Bill Hollingsworth 510; Lisa Bennett and David Smead 479; Russ Hanson 222; Mary Brownlee 556, 28b; Lauren Bock and Jesse P. Karlsberg 91 (in memory of Raymond Hamrick and for Neely Bruce on the occasion of the 40th New England Convention).

Announcements were made. Rosemund Watson led 347 as the closing song. Wayne Watson dismissed the class with prayer.

President—Oscar McGuire; Vice President—John Plunkett; Secretary—Lauren Bock

### **SAVANNAH SACRED HARP SINGING** **Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church, Savannah, Georgia** **Saturday, October 10, 2015**

The 11th annual Savannah Sacred Harp Singing was held at Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church in Savannah, Georgia, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by John Gentry leading 33b. The invocation was offered by Rev. Dr. Jeff Garrison.

Song selections were from the 1991 Edition of *The Sacred Harp* and the 2012 Edition of The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision (CB).

Leaders: John Gentry 45t (CB); Sharon Strong 24t; Myron House 207; Gene Pinion 209; Dawn Stanford 159; Jan House 75; Rob Dillon 505 (CB); Leslie Booher 145b; Thomas Smith 268; Chris Wilhelm 229 (CB); Frank DeBolt 328 (CB); Ellen Lea 445; Buck Lea 99; Joyce Heath 439; Chandler Thigpen 59; Agnes Roberts 64.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by John Gentry leading 145t. Leaders: Tom Ivey 200; Dana Savidge 574 (CB); Myron House 131t; Dawn Stanford 186; Thomas Smith 162; Chandler Thigpen 572 (CB); Leslie Booher 178; Rob Dillon 457; Sharon Strong 524; Joyce Heath 551; Chris Wilhelm 70t; Jan House 284. Rev. Jason Talsness offered a prayer for God's blessing on us and our meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was called back to order by John Gentry leading 85. Leaders: Gene Pinion 254; Ellen Lea 250; Buck Lea 542; Agnes Roberts 143; Rexanna Lester 142; Frank DeBolt 569b; Tom Ivey "Roberts" (words by E.S. Laminack, 1939); Dana Savidge 463 (CB); Myron House 479; Dawn Stanford 282; John Gentry 503; Thomas Smith 543 (CB); Chandler Thigpen 318; Leslie Booher 163b; Rob Dillon 392 (CB).

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by John Gentry leading 583 (CB). Leaders: Chris Wilhelm 286; Sharon Strong 269; Jan House 65; Joyce Heath 279; Rexanna Lester 46; Agnes Roberts 358; Gene Pinion 208; Ellen Lea 454; Frank DeBolt 515; John Gentry 148; Dawn Stanford 455; Buck Lea 428.

A short business meeting was conducted and it was agreed to retain the same officers as follows: Chairman—John Gentry; Secretary—Sharon Strong; Arranging Officer—Tom Ivey.

Following announcements, John Gentry led 347 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Rev. Buck Lea.

Chairman—John Gentry; Secretary—Sharon Strong

### **NORTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SACRED HARP SINGING** **First Universalist Church of Girard, Girard, Pennsylvania** **Saturday, October 10, 2015**

The 8th annual Northwestern Pennsylvania All-Day Sacred Harp Singing held on Saturday before the second Sunday in October at the First Universalist Church of Girard was called to order by Gerry Hoffman leading 37b. Katie White offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Gerry Hoffman; Secretary—Lisa Joyce; Treasurer—Gerry Hoffman; Arranging Officer—Laura Densmore.

Leaders: Gerry Hoffman 106; Laura Densmore 313t, 29t; Lisa Joyce 87, 117; Katie White 452, 171; Lindsey Scherloom 112, 146; Dave Witter 228, 327; Stephanie Phillips 48b, 159; Dan Brown 155, 49b; Marita Straffin 268, 50t; Guy Bankes 351, 352; Lois Hurt 34b, 198.

#### RECESS

Jan May called the class back to order leading 47t. Leaders: Pleasance Crawford 474, 475; Barbara Hohenstein 28t, 212; Chuck Crawford 535, 101t; Gillian Inksetter 373, 501; Jan May 569t, 300; Susan Turnquist 81t, 163b; Ben Fink 457, 280; Katie Reimers 547, 315; Lisa McDivitt 59; Daniel Allen 276, 147t; Greg Jenkins 122; Helen Hedderick 40; Rick Turnquist 182; Harry Webb 47b.

#### RECESS

Gerry Hoffman called the class back to order leading 145b. Leaders: Gerry Hoffman 440; Barbara Hohenstein 500; David Witter 410t; Lindsey Scherloom 282; Lois Hurt 551; Lisa Joyce 111b; Stephanie Phillips 107. The blessing before the noon meal was offered by Katie White.

#### LUNCH

Pleasance Crawford called the class back to order leading 73b. Leaders: Susan Turnquist 31t; Lisa McDivitt 229; Pleasance Crawford 488; Guy Bankes 532; Nick Stocks 56b; Dan Brown 178; Gerry Hoffman 68b; Marita Straffin 39t; Chuck Crawford 288; Rick Turnquist 107; Laura Densmore 365; Dan Allen 503; Greg Jenkins 32t; Jan May 362; Katie White 270; Gillian Inksetter 439; Helen Hedderick 84; Ben Fink 99; Katie Reimers 287; Harry Webb 86; Brian How 183; Issy Lawrie 49t.

#### RECESS

Ben Fink called the class back to order leading 148. Announcements for upcoming singings were made. Leaders: Jan May "Asia"; Pleasance Crawford and Gillian Inksetter 548; Daniel Allen, Dan Brown, Chuck Crawford, Greg Jenkins, and Jan May 63; Guy Bankes, Laura Densmore, and Barbara Hohenstein 486; Ben Fink 448t; Dave Witter 538; Katie Reimers, Susan Turnquist, and Rick Turnquist 479; Brian How, Gerry Hoffman, and Katie White 114; Lois Hurt, Linsey Scherloom, Nick Stocks, and Dave Witter 515.

In a brief business session, Gerry Hoffman announced that expenses were met, and travelers were thanked for coming to sing with us. Gerry Hoffman led 347 as the closing song. Katie White offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Gerry Hoffman; Secretary—Lisa Joyce

### **TAYLOR SINGING** **Lafayette County, Mississippi** **Saturday, October 10, 2015**

The 28th annual Sacred Harp singing at Taylor United Methodist Church (formerly held at Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church) was called to order by Warren Steel leading 129 and 274t. Matt Bell offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Van Horn 73t, 72b, 63; Nathan Stewart 341, 493, 329; Vicky Neyman 282, 457, 178; Billy See and Vickie See 30b, 108b, 288; Milano Neyman 398, 117; Anne Steel 67, 348b, 480.

#### RECESS

Warren Steel reassembled the class leading "Hurricane Creek" from The Trumpet. Leaders: Bobby Neyman 503, 309, 479; Jan Murray 31t, 31b, 285t; Andy Davis 47b, 400, 222; Matt Bell 160b, 271t, 495.

A memorial lesson was held. Warren Steel led 421 in memory of the following deceased: George Easley, Jerry Tidwell, Dixie Davis, Jimmie Ruth Melvin, Henry Pace, and Bill Day. He then led 65 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Kenneth Stead, Roy Davis, and Jack Barbera. John Van Horn led 29b and 106.

#### LUNCH

Warren Steel called the class together leading 36b. Leaders: Nathan Stewart 410t, 382; Vicky Neyman 268, 229; Billy See and Vickie See 146, 163b, 339; Milano Neyman 404, 409, 414; Anne Steel 419, 270, 179; Bobby Neyman 59, 105; Jan Murray 68b, 447; Abby Huggins 378b, 378t, 82t; Andy Davis 196, 434, 460; Matt Bell 275t, 80t; Warren Steel 440, 338.

Following announcements of future singings, Warren Steel led 313t (in memory of George Easley) as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by John Van Horn.

Chairman—Warren Steel; Secretary—Anne Steel

## **COLUMBIA SINGING** **Dripping Springs Christian Church, Columbia, Missouri** **Saturday, October 10, 2015**

The 21st annual Columbia Singing was held at Dripping Springs Christian Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October. Lou Kujawinski called the class to order leading 71. Meg Stauffer offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Sandy Falloon 105; Patti Doss 216 (in honor of Becky Browne); John Markovitz 268; Cindy Stone 277; Meg Stauffer 547; Cherry Hinderberger 107; Cindy Burlison 203; Emerald O'Brien 457; Carla Bermudez 153 (MH); Wendy Hoffman 448t (in honor of Ken Pike); Lou Kujawinski 131t; Penny Kujawinski 421; Donnie Simmet 477; Katie Dohman 361; Anna Dohman 73b; Jubal Schultz 338; John Huffman 499; Marcus Whitman 24 (MH).

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Lou Kujawinski; Chaplains—Meg Stauffer and John Huffman; Arranging Committee—Patti Doss and Penny Kujawinski; Finance Officer—Cherry Hinderberger; Secretaries—Carla Bermudez and Sandy Falloon.

### **RECESS**

Stuart Ivey called the class back to order leading 440. Leaders: Mary Huffman "Hamrick"; Les Sontag 452; Barbara Uhlemann 299; Patti Sontag 180 (MH); Presley Barker 147 (MH); John Uhlemann 564; Julie Thompson 485; Jenny Whitman 535; Anne Drexler 87; Dayle Black and Karen Isbell 362 (in honor of Becky Browne); Jedidiah Schultz 49b; Lori Graber 145 (MH); Mort Whitman 143. Lou Kujawinski led 164 (MH) as a blessing.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Tommy Schultz leading 168. Leaders: Paul Figura 127 (MH); Joan Aldridge 546; Jan Ketelle 340 (in honor of Julie Veal); Dan Brittain 160 (MH); Roberta Strauss 269; Dave Ressler 175 (MH); Shirley Figura 550; Karen Isbell 142; Susan Clauss "Nettleton"; Les Sontag and Patti Sontag 178; Dave Ressler 196; Stephen Huffman, Mary Huffman, and John Huffman 313b; Dayle Black 276; Marcus Whitman 152 (MH); Lori Graber 8 (MH); Jenny Whitman 455; Donnie Simmet 210; Tommy Schultz 177 (MH).

### **RECESS**

Jan Ketelle called the class back to order leading 137. Leaders: Joan Aldridge 270; Anna Dohman and Katie Dohman 503; Jubal Schultz and Jedidiah Schultz 565; Dan Brittain 209; Karen Isbell 75 (MH); Shirley Figura 30b; Roberta Strauss 436 (in honor of Geraldine and Dalton Sharpton); Paul Figura "Webster Groves"; Anne Drexler 335; Presley Barker 131 (MH); Mort Whitman 146; Carla Bermudez 56t; Wendy Hoffman 159 (MH) (in honor of Loraine Bayer); Meg Stauffer and Cherry Hinderberger 40; Cindy Stone and Dave Ressler 481; John Markovitz 278t.

Following announcements, Cindy Stone led 347 as the closing song. John Huffman offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Lou Kujawinski; Secretaries—Carla Bermudez and Sandy Falloon

## **TALLAHASSEE SINGING (COOPER BOOK)**

**Tallahassee Museum, Tallahassee, Florida**

**Saturday, October 10, 2015**

The 22nd annual Tallahassee Singing was called to order by Alice Bejnar and Morgan Bunch, who welcomed the class, and led 31t. Alice then led 393. Beverly Dayton offered the opening prayer.

Aubrey Barfield led 30b, 36b, and 171 as the introductory lesson. Leaders: Ellen Gwynn 295b, 76b; Wayne Jones 553b, 464; Victoria Aplin 277, 270; Ross Brand 106, 222.

### **RECESS**

Steve Talbert brought the class back to order leading 466. Leaders: Morgan Bunch 283 (by request); Nancy Hogan 49t, 84; Steven Taylor 82, 81; Marvin Reeves and Annie Reeves 404, 497; Loretta Jones 47t, 47b; Bill Hogan, Danny Brown, and Elliott Brown 98, 99.

### **RECESS**

Nancy Hogan called the class back to order leading 268t. Leaders: Jeffrey Forbes 132; Shannon Primm 210; Tor Bejnar 30t; Linda Westbrook 584; Nigel Bowley 113; Ross Brand and Haden MacBeth 112; Morgan Bunch 369. Bill Hogan offered the blessing before the noon meal.

### **LUNCH**

Aubrey Barfield brought the class back to order leading 96. Leaders: Beverly Dayton 127 (by request), 91; Tim Jones 591; Ann Blake and Basil Blake 68t; Chip Westbrook 336b; Sue Bunch 520; Ellen Fournier 587; Lloyd Jones 571; Sarah Kahre 514; Steve Talbert 156; Jeffrey Forbes 108b; Shannon Primm 590; Tor Bejnar 323b; Bella Folmar and Lilian Gonzalez 203; Nigel Bowley 243t; Grout Rustle and Bill Hogan 148; Tim Jones 461; Sue Bunch 516; Ellen Fournier and Beverly Dayton 505; Sarah Kahre 140; Basil Blake and Ann Blake 340; Nathan Calvert 43; Bella Folmar 282. Following announcements, Alice Bejnar and Morgan Bunch led 95b as the closing song. Tim Jones offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Alice Bejnar; Vice Chairman—Morgan Bunch; Secretaries—Sue Bunch and Ellen Gwynn

## **SHEFFIELD SINGING**

**Worrall Memorial Hall, Worrall, Sheffield, United Kingdom**

**Saturday, October 10, 2015**

The annual Sheffield All-Day Sacred Harp singing was called to order by Vicki Elliott leading 48t. Joe Vickers offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Joe Vickers 34b; Eimear O'Donovan 36b; Chris Brown 39t; Cath Ingham 35; Hannah Land 34t; Joy Spreadborough 45t; Judy Whiting 171; Colin Monson 106; S. Fred Langridge 107; Sula O'Duffy 38b; Ed Johnson-Williams 225t; Helen Brown 103; Ruth Steggles 33b; Fynn Titford-Mock 144; Sheila Girling-Macadam 173; Jan Geerts 340; Erin Johnson-Williams 75; Phil Tyler 399b; Ted Brown 290; Eva Striebeck 384; Edwin Macadam 351; Sarah West 215.

### **RECESS**

Eimear O'Donovan called the class to order leading 314. Leaders: Joy Spreadborough 73b; Judy Whiting 492; Phil Tyler 68t; Michael Walker 187; Rae Egglestone Evans 77t; Erin Johnson-Williams 212; Jan Geerts 195; Sarah West 445; Ted Brown 566; Ruth Steggles 100; Eva Striebeck 485; Edwin Macadam 534.

Joe Vickers conducted the memorial lesson and read the names of the following deceased: Claire Snaith—Maltby; Mark Newell—Dalton, Cumbria; Kate Davis—Dublin; Ashlee Fluxx—Northamptonshire; Charley Gwilt; Richard Furbey—

Oldham; Mike Smith—Malton; Geoffrey Nathan—Essex; Kit O'Sullivan—Kilgarvan, Kerry; Harold Pigott—Barking; George Reed—Bedford; Michael Spittal—Highgate, London; Eileen Crothers—Sheffield; Joan Mattock—Leicester; Raymond Hamrick and Joyce Harrison—Georgia, USA; Peter Linwood—Florida, USA.

He also spoke for the following sick and housebound: Cornelia van den Doel, Lin James, Delores Lee, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Robin Fox, Myrl Jones, Amacia Cooper Smith, Zam Walker, Catherine Harkin, Cath Tyler, Barbara Smith, Sister Pippa, and Sam Cole. Joe Vickers led 229. Michael Walker closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Helen Brown 354t; Fynn Titford-Mock 125. Hannah Land offered the blessing for the midday meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Sarah West leading 65. Leaders: Chris Brown 151; Cath Ingham 148; Colin Monson 128; Sheila Girling-Macadam 43; Ed Johnson-Williams 564; Hannah Land 316; S. Fred Langridge 480; Vicki Elliott 522; Michael Walker 506; Rae Egglestone Evans 448t; Joe Vickers 371; Eva Striebeck 383; Eimear O'Donovan 222; Phil Tyler and Byron Tyler 99; Erin Johnson-Williams 477; Fynn Titford-Mock 109; Judy Whiting 105; Helen Brown 30b; Edwin Macadam 528; Joy Spreadborough 350; Ted Brown 30t; Jan Geerts 454.

#### RECESS

Eva Striebeck called the class to order leading 29t. Leaders: Hannah Land 180; Colin Monson 324; Ed Johnson-Williams 113; Cath Ingham 155; Sheila Girling-Macadam 294; S. Fred Langridge 481; Michael Walker 205; Ruth Steggle 72b; Chris Brown 81t; Jan Geerts 344; Phil Tyler 69b; Amanda Elliott 547; Ed Johnson-Williams and Erin Johnson-Williams 111b; Joy Spreadborough 452; Joe Vickers 499; Judy Whiting 208; Edwin Macadam 466.

Vicki Elliott led 146 as the closing song. Ted Brown offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Vicki Elliott; Secretary—Cath Ingham

### DULUTH SINGING

#### St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Duluth, Minnesota Saturday, October 10, 2015

The 5th annual Duluth All-Day singing was called to order by Bonnie Ambrosi leading 97, followed by the opening prayer. Leaders: Paul Landskroener 128; Stacey Berkheimer 77t; Dick Patterson 28b; Jeanette Nelson 99; Paul Wyatt 125; Eleanor Haase 272; Leslie Williamson White 350; Joel Menck 144; Cathy Lutz 349; Alec Jenkins-White 348t; Kit Canright 171; Hans Guttman 480; Midge Olson 474; Jim Pfau 77b; Sam Esguerra 400; Ray Cott-Meisel 146; Denise Kania 36b.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Dick Patterson leading 82t. Leaders: Eric McDonald 43; Jake Kiakahi 504; Hannah Peterson 282; Elise delMas 306; Gordon Olson 547; Noelle Copeland 168; Nathan Berry 145t; Annie Choate 49b; Paul Landskroener 153; Sam Esguerra 472; Paul Wyatt 456; Stacey Berkheimer 157; Jim Pfau 411; Eleanor Haase 274t; Cathy Lutz 538; Lucy Stein-Cartford 186; Joel Menck 137; Bonnie Ambrosi 503; Hans Guttman 34b; Jeanette Nelson 107.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Paul Landskroener leading 129. Leaders: Denise Kania 208; Megan Holmes 47t; Janelle Draper 460; Cynthia Martz 455; Kevin Bullock 195; Ray Cott-Meisel 268; Midge Olson 362; Leslie Williamson White 448t; Dick Patterson 131t; Annie Choate 147b.

## LUNCH

The class was called to order by Jeanette Nelson leading 117. Leaders: Alec Jenkins-White 112; Elise delMas 189; Leslie Williamson White "Duluth"; Nathan Berry 320; Kit Canright 29t; Noelle Copeland 396; Kevin Bullock 121; Jake Kiakahi 378t; Janelle Draper 224; Hannah Peterson 108t; Gordon Olson 497; Cynthia Martz 178; Eric McDonald 222; Megan Holm 269; Paul Wyatt 551; Denise Kania 203; Joel Menck 448b; Eleanor Haase 270.

## RECESS

The class was called to order by Kevin Bullock leading 52b. Leaders: Sam Esguerra 76b; Hans Guttman 37b; Cathy Lutz 183; Stacey Berkheimer 440; Annie Choate 54; Paul Landskroener 231; Bonnie Ambrosi 71; Midge Olson 454; Hannah Peterson 376; Ray Cott-Meisel 496; Janelle Draper 109; Megan Holm 410t; Gordon Olson 313b; Eric McDonald 299; Dick Patterson, Paul Wyatt, and Jim Pfau 217; Jake Kiakahi 452.

After announcements, Bonnie Ambrosi led 347 as the closing song, and then she dismissed the class with a closing prayer.

Chairman—Bonnie Ambrosi; Secretary—Leslie Williamson White

## **SHEFFIELD ALTERNATIVE SOURCES SINGING** **Worrall Memorial Hall, Worrall, Sheffield, United Kingdom** **Sunday, October 11, 2015**

The annual alternative sources singing was called to order by Sarah West leading 61t (CH). Helen Brown offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Vicki Elliott 455b (CH); Eimear O'Donovan 16 (CH); Fynn Titford-Mock 282 (CH); Judy Whiting 546b (CH); Michael Walker 44b (CH), 38 (CH); Erin Johnson-Williams 49 (CH); Chris Brown 507b (CH); Helen Brown 471t (CH); Ed Johnson-Williams 268 (CH); Eva Striebeck 492b (CH); Hannah Land 184 (CH); Mark Wardlaw 467t (CH); Vicki Elliott 66t (CH); Sarah West 143 (CH); Fynn Titford-Mock 356 (CH); Eimear O'Donovan 64 (CH).

## RECESS

Erin Johnson-Williams called the class to order leading 166 (CH). Leaders: Eva Striebeck 354 (CH); Chris Brown 67b (CH); Mark Wardlaw 448b (CH); Julie Russell 216b (CH); Michael Walker 318 (CH), 308 (CH); Judy Whiting 142 (CH); Ruth Steggle 70b (CH); Ed Johnson-Williams 121t (CH); Helen Brown 307 (CH); Hannah Land 111b (CH); Sarah West 340 (CH); Eva Striebeck 316 (CH); Julie Russell 55b (CH); Mark Wardlaw 59t (CH); Michael Walker 372 (CH). Hannah Land offered the blessing for the midday meal.

## LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Eimear O'Donovan leading 76b (CB).

Leaders: Vicki Elliott 559 (CB); Ian West 501 (CB); Erin Johnson-Williams 393 (CB); Ted Brown 511t (CB); Judy Whiting 210 (CB); Cath Ingham 63 (CB); Fynn Titford-Mock 138t (CB); Ruth Steggle 571 (CB); Chris Brown 133 (CB); Helen Brown 96 (CB); Ed Johnson-Williams 486 (CB); Eva Striebeck 32b (CB); Hannah Land 38t (CB); Mark Wardlaw 78 (CB); Sarah West 522 (CB); Ian West 515 (CB); Chris Brown 295 (CB); Vicki Elliott 268b (CB).

## RECESS

Daire O'Sullivan and Chris Saywell called the class to order leading 113 (CB).

Leaders: Chris Brown 95b (CB); Eva Striebeck 500 (CB); Karen Turner, Jan Geerts, and Sula O'Duffy 587 (CB); Fynn Titford-Mock 347 (CB); Ian West 59 (CB); Mark Wardlaw 336t (CB); Ruth Steggle 505 (CB); Ed Johnson-Williams 270 (CB); Helen Brown 573 (CB) (for Rosalind and Daniel Oldham); Vicki Elliott 189 (CB); Karen Turner 340 (CB); Hannah Land 392 (CB); Erin Johnson-Williams 229 (CB).



Sarah West led 54t (CB) as the closing song. Ted Brown offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sarah West; Secretary—Cath Ingham

**CATES, BROWN, AND SHEPPARD MEMORIAL**  
**Muscadine Church, Muscadine, Alabama**  
**Sunday, October 11, 2015**

The annual Cates, Brown, and Sheppard Memorial Sacred Harp singing held at Muscadine Church on the second Sunday in October was called to order by Rene Greene leading 59. Jack Nelson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Pam Nunn 186 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard); Cecil Roberts 33b, 35; Winfred Kerr 146, 282; Glenda Collins and Burt Collins 101t, 340; Robert Chambless 569t, 303 (in memory of Keith Tony); Samuel Williams 36t, 142; Tony Hammock 47t (in memory of Evelyn Harris), 47b (in memory of George Garner); Marilyn Bradley 159, 124; Jack Nelson 147t, 147b; Margie Smith 499.

**RECESS**

Rene Greene led 172 to bring the class together. A business session was held and the following officers were retained: Chairman—Rene Greene; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary and Arranging Officer—Pam Nunn.

Leaders: Hubert Nall 119, 566; Dalton Dyer and Chance Cook 192; Dalton Dyer 354b; Nicholas Thompson 212, 436 (in memory of Bonnie Ozbolt); Richard Mauldin 77t, 168 (for Vera Nunn); Nigel Bowley 204, 398; Ann Simpson 122, 445; Rene Greene, Andrew Greene, Pam Nunn, Virginia Dyer, Fallon Cook, Chance Cook, Jimmie Little, Tony Hammock, and Dalton Dyer 127, 269 (in memory of Albright family); Buell Cobb 272, 349; Shannon Primm 58 (in memory of Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard), 564 (in memory of Evelyn Harris and George Garner); Karen Rollins 350 (in memory of J.L. Edge and Carl Hughes), 446. Robert Chambless asked a blessing at the table before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The class was brought to order by Cecil Roberts leading 277. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 276; Mike Castleberry 515, 76b; Angela Myers 111t, 373; Andy Ditzler 544, 426b; Judy Chambless 412; Fallon Cook 155; B.M. Smith 138t, 138b; Daniel Williams 522, 30t; Jeannette DePoy 201 (in memory of John Gray), 63 (for her dad); David Brodeur 348t, 411; Judy Caudle 472, 473; Charlene Wallace 217; John Plunkett 136; Judy Mincey 279; Richard DeLong 511 (in memory of Henry Kerr); Richard DeLong and Rene Greene 202; Nigel Bowley 439; Rene Greene, Andrew Greene, and Pam Nunn 556.

Announcements were made. Rene Greene led 32t as the closing song. Donald Payne offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rene Greene; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Pam Nunn

**TRI-STATE CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)**  
**Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Hoboken, Georgia**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2015**

The 19th annual session of the Tri-State Convention was called to order by Riley Lee leading 293b. Elder Terry Herrin offered opening prayer. Riley Lee offered opening remarks by welcoming those visiting.

Leaders: Clarke Lee 336t; David Lee 68t; Kendra Strickland 393; John Gentry 331b; Corinne Ducey 67; Anna Pfau 504t; Jessica Kelso 133; Sharon Kermiet 98; Nate Green and Norma Green 373; B.M. Smith 559; Louis Hughes 225t; John Kelso 293t; Faith Riley 72; Thomas Smith 543; Terry Herrin 328.

## RECESS

Riley Lee brought the class back together leading 76b. Leaders: Stanley Smith 390; Frank DeBolt 500; Michael Spencer 380t; Gene Pinion 414; Steven Taylor 110; Tony Batten and Lynn Batten 63; Sue Bunch 516; Tommie Spurlock 146; Nigel Bowley 380b.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Riley Lee; Vice Chairman—Shane O'Neal; Secretary—Kendra Strickland.

Leaders: Shane O'Neal 95b; Jeffrey Forbes 148; Morgan Bunch 280; Ashley Thompson 220; Julie Lee 558.

## RECESS

Chris Coughlin brought the class back together leading 74t and 123b. Leaders: Kathy Lee 171; Jessica Altman 203; David Lee 546; John Gentry 530; Corinne Ducey 96; Anna Pfau 140; Mary Elizabeth O'Neal 514; Clarke Lee 365; Jessica Kelso 123t; Sharon Kermiet 192; Nate Green and Norma Green 30t; B.M. Smith 45t; Louis Hughes 138t; Faith Riley 111b; Thomas Smith 587; Terry Herrin 478. The lunch blessing was offered by Tony Batten.

## LUNCH

The class was brought back to order by Riley Lee leading 329. Leaders: John Kelso 417; Frank DeBolt 574; Michael Spencer 455t; Gene Pinion 454; Steven Taylor 60; Stanley Smith 464; Tony Batten and Lynn Batten 515; Sue Bunch 585; Tommie Spurlock 217; Kendra Strickland 38t; Nigel Bowley 309; Johnny Lee and David Lee 30b; Jeffrey Forbes 132; Morgan Bunch 465; Julie Lee 508; Chris Coughlin 176t; Shane O'Neal and Mary Elizabeth O'Neal 392, 348b; Shannon Primm and Stanley Smith 156; Kathy Lee and Jessica Altman 112; Clarke Lee 149.

Following announcements, Riley Lee and Shane O'Neal led 283 as the closing song. Shane O'Neal offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Riley Lee; Vice Chairman—Shane O'Neal; Secretary—Kendra Strickland

## **TENNESSEE STATE SACRED HARP SINGING** **Christ Family Church at Arrington, Tennessee** **Saturday, October 17, 2015**

The Tennessee State Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Christ Family Church in Arrington, Tennessee. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Ron Harper leading 350. Bob Simmons offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Ron Harper; Vice Chairman—Justin Bowen; Arranging Officer—Justin Bowen; Secretaries—Janie Harper and Sandie Scott.

Leaders: Justin Bowen 81t; Richard Ivey 150; Nathan Stewart 171; Bill Hutcherson 457; Gail Doss 56b; Tim Reynolds 178; Peg Dunn and David Brodeur 39b; Vickie See and Billy See 30b; Mary Blake Thompson 277; Jackson Patterson and Ron Harper 354b; Susan Cheronos 300; Sandy Scott 282; John Went 229; Sam Seifert and Justin Bowen 455; Rodney Ivey 275b; Eddie Mash 499.

## RECESS

Leaders: Ron Harper and Jackson Patterson 315; John Huffman 528; Cheyenne Ivey 168; Chris Kinard 47b; Shane Brown 39t; Laurens Blankers 515; Carol Wendt 339; Jesse Karlsberg 417; Darrell Swarens 198; Barrett Patton 365; Sarah Trumbore 208; Andy Ditzler 299; David Carlton 424; Angela Myers 57; Daniel Lee 36b.

## RECESS

Leaders: Justin Bowen 145t; Karen Freund 309; David Brodeur 517; Judy Caudle 379; Stephen Huffman 448t; Jonathon Smith 214; Michael Penny 44; Brent

DeBoard 45t; Shane Wootten 440; Mary Huffman 74b; Syble Adams 445; Caleb Dillehay 48t; Claudene Townson 376; Rick Fretter 122; Peter Trumbore 59; Michelle Cull 236. Barrett Patton offered prayer before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Ron Harper leading 380. Leaders: Justin Bowen 532; Cheryl Wilson 63; Loyd Ivey 348b; Byron Burchett 108b; Sarah Trumbore 341; Shane Brown 569b; Nathan Stewart 240; Michelle Cull 76b; Peter Trumbore 270; Johanna Fabke 129; David Gooch 128; Jonathon Smith 126; John Huffman 163b; Sandie Scott 358; Darrell Swarens 507; Mary Blake Thompson and Shane Wootten 542; David Brodeur 392; Mary Huffman 163t; Jesse Karlsberg 272; Stephen Huffman 29t; Andy Ditzler 216; Karen Freund 378b; Daniel Lee 565; Judy Caudle 119 (in memory of Clayton Ezell and Kerene Box); Michael Penny 75; Susan Cherones 564; Cheyenne Ivey 222.

Following announcements, Ron Harper and Justin Bowen led 142 as the closing song. Eddie Mash offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ron Harper; Vice Chairman—Justin Bowen; Secretaries—Janie Harper and Sandie Scott

## **NEW YORK STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION**

**Unity Hall, Barneveld, New York**

**October 17-18, 2015**

**Saturday, October 17**

The 27th annual New York State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Dennis Leipold leading 61. He then offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Thom Metzger 76b; Eileen Metzger 65; Kathy Collett 38t; Tarik Wareh 39b; Mary Skidmore 81t; Barbara Swetman 107; Brian Collett 163b; Margaret Bornick 162; Ginny Huszagh 228; Melody Johnson 33b; Jeffrey Francom 148; Pattie Wareh 99; Eric Bean 270; Bob Wheeler 350; Jean Seiler 481; Faiz Wareh 466.

#### RECESS

Ben Fink called the class back to order by leading 34b. Leaders: Cora Wareh 122; Joanne Fuller 500; Autumn Capocci 146; Dev Crasta 86; Flip Filippi 47b; Elizabeth Stoddard 210; Michael Kaye 480; Ines Luttgen 197; Frederik (Fritz) Rasenberger 271t; Lyn Caswell 454; Philippa Stoddard 440; Terry Ryan 362; Pleasance Crawford 468; Robert Stoddard 316; Rebeka Radna-Crasta 290.

#### RECESS

Brian Collett called the class together by leading 68b. Leaders: Sally Langendorf 70b; Chuck Crawford 66; Laurel Dempsey 30b; Paula Picton 273; Tarik Wareh 486; George Sigut 178; Ben Fink 240; Lindsey Kruse 442; Jason Law 268; Dean Jens 379; Dan Hertzler 67; Leon Pulsinelle 70t; Elizabeth Barlow 503; Gideon Dresdner 131t. Eileen Metzger offered grace before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Dev Crasta called the class back to order by leading 155. Leaders: Dennis Leipold 224; Rachel Speer 204; Jan May 504; Laura Densmore 311; Ben Fink 522; Elizabeth Stoddard 216; Tarik Wareh 329; Dan Hertzler and Gracie Schell 282; Paula Picton 283; Jean Seiler 187; Thom Metzger 360; Ines Luttgen 160b; Dev Crasta 277; Pleasance Crawford 507; Robert Stoddard 456; Joanne Fuller 542; Philippa Stoddard 548; Chuck Crawford 114; Mary Skidmore 376; Eileen Metzger 383.

#### RECESS

Thom Metzger called the class together by leading 82t. Leaders: Michael Kaye 318; Elizabeth Barlow 501; Leon Pulsinelle 297; Laurel Dempsey 276; Ginny Huszagh 344; Sally Langendorf 401; Terry Ryan 198; Lindsey Kruse 432; Gideon Dresdner

217; Lyn Caswell 474; Jeffrey Francom and Laura Densmore 549; Bob Wheeler 142; Brian Collett 551; George Sigut 547; Rebeka Radna-Crasta 106; Jan May 540; Flip Filippi 200; Dean Jens 203; Melody Johnson 209; Faiz Wareh 446; Eric Bean 528; Cora Wareh 40.

Dennis Leipold led 208. Eileen Metzger offered the closing prayer.

### **Sunday, October 18**

The Sunday session of the New York State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Dennis Leipold leading 59. He offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Laura Densmore 313t; Fritz Rasenberger 101t; Barbara Swetman 335; Chuck Crawford 546; Margaret Bornick 77b; Kathy Collett 84; Dev Crasta 36b; Melody Johnson 31t; Tarik Wareh 138t; Leon Pulsinelle 64; Pattie Wareh 171; Joanne Fuller 182; Faiz Wareh 26; Mary Skidmore 564; Ben Fink 63; Paula Picton 180; Terry Ryan 218; Ginny Huszagh 195; Michael Kaye 72b.

#### **RECESS**

Kathy Collett called the class to order by leading 159. Leaders: Laurel Dempsey 66; Elizabeth Stoddard 411; Tarik Wareh 138b; Denise Morris 147t; Rachel Speer 421; Cora Wareh 178; Rebeka Radna-Crasta 47t; Thom Metzger 374; Eric Bean 532; Ines Luttgén 396; Jan May 313b; Jean Seiler 312b; Robert Stoddard 192; Pleasance Crawford 556; Eileen Metzger 58; Philippa Stoddard 112.

#### **RECESS**

Pleasance Crawford led 29t to bring the class back together.

Joanne Fuller and Jean Seiler conducted the memorial lesson. Joanne Fuller spoke, and led 72b for the following sick and shut-ins: Mabel Bankes, Julie Vea, Melanie Hauff, Skip Trout, Claudene Townson, Virginia Glass, Toni Strother, Edward Swetman, Bob Whittle, Susan Bingham, and Ronald Yearger.

Jean Seiler spoke, and led 86 in memory of the following deceased: Philip Wootten, Olivia Allen, and Robert DuPree—Alabama; Kathy Eastwood and Dan Adams—Connecticut; George Benedetto, Eileen Kelly, Ann Henry, Jean Novelli, Veronica Gilheany, Marion Fisher, Stephen Whitlock, and Steven Jalso—New York; David Strother and David Hanson—Maine; Dwight Speer—Arkansas; Raymond Hamrick—Georgia; Doyle Brubaker and Maxine Brubaker—Iowa; David Wampler and Jane Brooks—Pennsylvania; James Wells—New Jersey; Juliette Ayotte—Florida. Eileen Metzger offered a prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Dan Hertzler 315; Dennis Leipold 380; Denise Morris 405; Gracie Schell 122 (dedicated to the memory of Dan Adams); Laura Densmore 384; Margaret Bornick 472; Fritz Rasenberger 117; Dean Jens 126; Laurel Dempsey 49b; Rebeka Radna-Crasta 38b; Pattie Wareh 89. Eileen Metzger offered grace before the noon meal.

#### **LUNCH**

Margaret Bornick called the class back to order leading 106. Leaders: Candis Bailey 454; Rachel Speer 340; Ben Fink 417; Elizabeth Stoddard 196; Eric Bean 56b; Barbara Swetman 542; Dan Hertzler 189; Paula Picton 436; Ginny Huszagh 155; Robert Stoddard 477; Jan May 479; Pleasance Crawford 476; Ines Luttgén 349; Thom Metzger 29b; Pattie Wareh 373; Philippa Stoddard 434; Eileen Metzger 269; Joanne Fuller 134; Jean Seiler 236; Kathy Collett 245.

#### **RECESS**

Dan Hertzler called the class back to order leading 87. Leaders: Dev Crasta 299; Faiz Wareh 484; Michael Kaye 217; Dean Jens 278t; Gracie Schell 146; Leon Pulsinelle 378b; Melody Johnson 475; Chuck Crawford 300; Terry Ryan 473; Mary Skidmore 319; Fritz Rasenberger 276; Tarik Wareh 278b.

There was a short business meeting and announcements were made. Chuck Crawford and Pleasance Crawford offered the resolutions. Tarik Wareh announced

that expenses had been met. Eighty-five singers attended; fifty-one leaders led 185 songs. Next year's convention will be in Ithaca, New York.

Dennis Leipold, Barbara Swetman, Tarik Wareh, Laura Densmore, and Kathy Collett led 62 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. Eileen Metzler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dennis Leipold; Secretary—Kathy Collett

## **PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION, OREGON**

**Milwaukie Community Club, Milwaukie, Oregon**

**October 17-18, 2015**

**Saturday, October 17**

The 24th annual Oregon portion of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the Milwaukie Community Club, Milwaukie, Oregon, on the third Sunday and Saturday before in October. Tom McTighe and Kate Fine called the class to order leading 448b. Dorothy Robinson offered the morning prayer.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Chairperson—Tom McTighe; Vice Chairperson—Kate Fine; Treasurer—Nell Whitman; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen.

Bridgett Hill Kennedy was introduced as the singing school teacher. She stated that she is not a music scholar, but is interested and schooled in the social aspects of singing. Her talk focused on the human interactions of the singing community. She led 82t. Bridgett told of her first experience singing at Carbon Hill, Alabama, and the lasting impact it had on her. She talked about being mentored by experienced singers, and traveling around Alabama to rural churches that were so welcoming to her. She led 276, which was the first tune she led in the hollow square. She used the terminology of the social sciences to describe the Sacred Harp community as demonstrating mutual obligate symbiosis, meaning we need each other to live fully and that both the individual and the community benefit from the relationship. She also gave tips and demonstrated effective leading techniques, emphasizing minimum movement with maximum communication, and that your enthusiasm should be displayed through your voice, not your body movements.

### **RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Thom Fahrbach leading 89. Leaders: Betsy Jeronen 225t; Nell Whitman 107; Martha Sherwood 117; Tom Payne 163b; Cornelia Stanton 473; Ruby Fore 56b; Bruce Rowland 426b; Ann Huckins 350; Susan Helf 352; Dan Thoma 274t; Corinne Serfass 65; Ethan Hardy 462; Jen Rymut 498; Ana Tighe 269; Bob Schinske 197; Darlene Simpson Brown 464; Steve Cackley 41; Kate Fortin 432.

### **RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Bradley Knoke leading 410t. Leaders: Steve Tarr 433; David Wright 536; Wing Mui 142; Karen Willard 573; Erik Schwab 196; Sofia Schinske 544; Lucinda Larsen Sae 306; John Wiens and Yu Wei Li 344; Kathy Vlach 84; Laura McMurray 176b; Greg Sae 99; Kate Coxon 113; Steve Helwig 30t; Clarissa Fetrow 423; Lyle Lindsey 384; Tom McTighe 348t.

### **LUNCH**

The class was called back to order by Kate Fine leading 33b. Leaders: Kevin Barrans 505; Natalie Sims 284; John Plunkett 354t; Gillian Inksetter 377; Stephanie Fida 215; Mike Hinton 534; Carolyn Thompson 550; Lindy Groening 419; Hugh McGuire 528; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 411; Ted Mercer 139; Steve Luttinen 192; Stacy Berkheimer 157; Jennie Brown 456; Amandeep Gill 535; John Seaton 47t; Nell

Whitman 39t; Gabriel Kyne 434; Bob Hume 63; Amanda Jokerst 97; Kevin Beirne 362; Dave Barber 189.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Alberta Hardy leading 278b. Leaders: Greg Freed 472; Evelyn Lamb 397; Jeff Begley 506; Karl Oswald and Phoebe Oswald 250; Erika Wilson 201; Marilyn Murata 351; Linda Booth and Bob Jost 503; Sean MacPherson 235; Pat Coughlan 444; Carolyn Helmeczi 332; Delia Barrans 354b; Bea Aaron 475; Scott Kennedy 178; Dorothy Robinson 349; Linda Berkemeier 566; Mary Gowins 181.

Dorothy Robinson offered the closing prayer. Kate Fine invited attendees to stay for the composium to sing new tunes and give feedback to the composers.

#### Sunday, October 18

The Sunday session of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention was brought to order by Tom McTighe leading 28b. The morning prayer was offered by Cornelia Stanton.

Leaders: Steve Cackley 88b; Kate Fine 77b; Dorothy Robinson 33b; Jennifer Jones 162; Dan Thoma 421; Linda Berkemeier 270; Thom Fahrback 403; Corinne Serfass 268; Kramer Klein 282; Bob Hume and Peg Faithful 38b; Tina Cramer 501; Greg Saue 163t; Stacy Berkheimer 178; Jeff Begley 539; Laura McMurray 159; Jean Murphy 171; Lyle Lindsey 40; John Wiens 179; Kathy Vlach 122; John Plunkett 297; Cornelia Stanton 480; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 383; Ann Huckins 474.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Scott Kennedy leading 228. Leaders: Lucinda Saue 532; Chrissy Rauwolf 77t; Karen Stingle 318; Kevin Barrans 230; Amandeep Gill 98; Susan Willis-Powers 538; Joey Rauwolf 448t; Mike Hinton 434; Bruce Rowland 513; Martha Sherwood 53; John Seaton 277; Hugh McGuire 82t; Clarissa Fetrow and Gillian Inksetter 245; Sophia Schinske 148.

Linda Berkemeier read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Valerie Ward, Judy Linn, Mary Metzger, Paul Wyatt, Jake Hachey, Albert Whittaker, Will Marcotte, Don Fisher, Johanna Fabke, Julie Veal, Fran Ross, John Shaffer, Hilde Ward, Elle Ard, Shisue Sugimoto, Debby Zeller, Ed Rose, and James Kyne.

Steve Tarr gave the memorial lesson, and led 418 in memory of the following deceased: Caroline Bonnet, John Andrew Dunn, Alfanso Schettini, Clautille Louis, Brenda Hansen, Mike Shields, Joe Nishimura, Burdette Carter, Oscar Marin, Jim Sanchez, Zana Mokricki, Tom Fagen, and Paula Botti—California; Austin Robert, Marcy Westering, Jim Newell, Jeannie Crabtree, Renee Windsor, Tammy Ziola, Sarah Hauser, Paul Harrison, Jim Newcomb, Phyllis Quigley—Oregon; Julia Reifel, Fred Olson, Dorothy Herivel, Gary Copeland, Jim Roe, Gordy Adams, and Marilyn Rotschley—Washington; Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, Jacob Larsen—Georgia; David Wampler, Timothy Florravit, Eleanor Anderson—Pennsylvania; Brendan Egan and Ann Henry—New York; Janet Davis and David Rust—Indiana; Delores Two Bulls—South Dakota; Eveline Inksetter—Quebec; Bob Sullivan—Illinois; Clark Beyer—Minnesota; Rose Warnock—Massachusetts.

Leaders: Steve Helwig 472; Jen Rymut 298; Ted Mercer 345b; Linda Booth 273; Kevin Beirne 198; Darlene Simpson Brown 400; Steve Luttinen 387; Dave Barber 497; Bradley Knoke 380.

#### LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Steve Cackley leading 72t. Leaders: Tom McTighe 224; Bob Schinske 114; Kate Fortin 522; Gabriel Kyne 564; Marie Brandis 212; Jennie Brown 192; Lindy Groening 34t; Karen Willard 81b; David Wright 217; Natalie Sims 299; Stephanie Fida 36t; Caroline Helmeczi 567; Ethan Hardy 315; Amanda Jokerst 69b; Erika Wilson 416; Marilyn Murata 105; Bill Walters and

Jimmy Palmer 86; Betsy Jeronen and Anna Berry, and Sarah Berry 111b; Nell Whitman 34b; Sean MacPherson 545; Kate Coxon 328.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Anna Stoerch leading 445. Leaders: Scott Kennedy 454; Evelyn Lamb 370; Mary Gowins 500; Susan Willis-Powers 142; John Plunkett and Jesse Brownlee 350; Alberta Hardy 424; Steve Luttinen and Stacy Berkheimer 477; Ted Mercer and John Seaton 324; Natalie Sims 203; Amanda Jokerst, Stephanie Fida, and Amandeep Gill 436; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 31t; Gillian Inksetter 542; Mike Hinton 340; Kevin Beirne, Tina Cramer, Sean MacPherson, and Carolyn Helmeczi 227; Jeff Begley 410t; Marilyn Murata 146; Evan Palmer 344; Evelyn Lamb 442.

A business meeting was held to hear committee reports. The treasurer reported that all expenses had been met. Registration and Arranging Committees announced that 138 attendees from eleven states and five countries registered, and 169 tunes were led. The Resolutions Committee (Natalie Sims and Kevin Beirne) thanked everyone for all their hard work and making the weekend a success. Gifts were presented to Bridgett Hill Kennedy for her wonderful singing school.

Announcements were made. Tom McTighe led 36b as the closing song. Cornelia Stanton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tom McTighe; Vice Chairperson—Kate Fine; Secretary—Betsy Jeronen

### **ANDREWS CHAPEL SCHOOL SINGING** **Thomaston, Georgia** **Sunday, October 18, 2015**

The annual Andrews Chapel School singing was held on the third Sunday in October. Oscar McGuire brought the class together leading 34b and 33b. Wayne Watson offered morning prayer.

The class entered into a business session and elected the following officers: Chairman—Bentley McGuire; Secretaries—Mary Brownlee and Lisa Bennett. Leaders: Bentley McGuire 56b, 56t; Judy Chambless 37b, 527; Trent Peachey 37t, 317; Malinda Snow 32t, 73b; Lisa Bennett 70t, 127; David Smead 229, 52t; Mary Brownlee 47b, 84; Earlis McGraw 225t, 283.

#### RECESS

Bentley McGuire brought the class to order by leading 47t. Leaders: David Grant 409, 421; Wayne Watson 112; Rita Haley 373, 120; Martha Harrell 503, 77t; Rosemund Watson 77b, 49t; Charlene Wallace 133; Bill Hollingsworth 500, 466; John Hollingsworth 460, 182. Hugh McGraw offered the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Oscar McGuire led 163b to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Robert Chambless 145t, 175; Judy Mincey 86, 475; Judy Chambless 412; Trent Peachey 318; Malinda Snow 217; David Grant 119; Lisa Bennett and Oscar McGuire 485; David Smead 423; Judy Mincey 176t; Mary Brownlee 66, 350 (in memory of Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, and Marjorie Robinson); Earlis McGraw 284; Martha Harrell 67; Bill Hollingsworth 549; Bentley McGuire 542, 198.

Announcements were made. Rosemund Watson led 347 as the closing song. Wayne Watson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Bentley McGuire; Secretaries—Mary Brownlee and Lisa Bennett

**REID MEMORIAL**  
**County Line Church, Corner, Alabama**  
**Sunday, October 18, 2015**

The 96th session of the Reid Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Danny Creel leading 30t and 31t. The opening prayer was offered by Jerry Ryan. Leaders: Ken Tate 335; Don Keeton 284; Michele Cull 36b; Jerry Kitchens 166; Eugene Forbes 189; Faye Donaldson 40; Earl Ballinger 167; Philip Denney 454; Jackie Tanner 89; Judy Caudle 85; Willodean Barton 439; Henry Johnson 289; Hannah Tate 268; Richard Mauldin 34b; Karen Rollins 317; Emily Brown 456; Bobby Watkins 436.

**RECESS**

The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 111b. Leaders: Cindy Tanner 220; Lisa Geist 377; Cheyenne Ivey 500; Eddie Mash 492; Sharon DuPriest 209; Gravis Ballinger 112; Angela Myers 187; Linda Thomas 299; Jerry Ryan 319; Elene Stovall and Lucy Heidorn 336 (in memory of Harrison Creel and Marie Aldridge); Brenda Chafin 74b; Buell Cobb 312b; Rodney Ivey 314; Yancey Jett 440; Betty Baccus 99 (for Kermit and Steve Adams); Larry Ballinger 540; Linda Sides 182; Taylor Watkins and April Watkins 388.

**RECESS**

The class was called to order by Taylor Watkins leading 45t. Leaders: Drew McGuire 106; Amber Davis and Paula Springfield 480; Jim Carnes 203; Julianna Jett and Amelia Jett 142; Chris Ballinger 512; Shelby Castillo and Lisa Geist 411; Darrell Swarens 208; Cassie Allen 475; David Heidorn and Lucy Heidorn 275b; SuNell Ellis and Ken Tate 460; Ann Jett 269; Ainslie Allen, Amelia Jett, and Emma Calvert 196, 76b, 108b; Wanda Capps, Shelley Calvert, and Amelia Calvert 146; Lucy Heidorn 192; Paula Springfield and Amber Davis 380; Danny Creel and Esheron McKay 59. Danny Creel offered the blessing before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The class was called to order by Ken Tate leading 485. Leaders: Velton Chafin 113; Larry Ballinger 133 (by request); Danny Creel, Wanda Capps, Ann Jett, and Cindy Tanner 342; Eddie Mash and Cassie Allen 444; Karen Rollins 327; Darrell Swarens and Cindy Tanner 198; Philip Denney 448t; Michele Cull 300; Drew McGuire 352; Bobby Watkins 441; Shelby Castillo, Shawn Guess, and Drew McGuire 186; Jerry Ryan 408; Paula Springfield and Amber Davis 297; Taylor Watkins 345b; Cassie Allen 341 (in memory of Earnie Jett); Cassie Allen and Julianna Jett 328; Lisa Geist and Chris Ballinger 472; Jim Carnes, Linda Thomas, and Elene Stovall 534; Ken Tate and Hannah Tate 457; Rodney Ivey and Angela Myers 432; Emily Brown and Yancey Jett 35; Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest 434; Henry Johnson and Judy Caudle 322; Betty Baccus and Faye Donaldson 168; Earl Ballinger and Larry Ballinger 389; Eddie Mash, Richard Mauldin, and Eugene Forbes 218; Linda Sides and Brenda Chafin 530 (for Ottis Sides); Don Keeton and Jerry Kitchens 61; Jerry Ryan and Lucy Heidorn 143; Cindy Tanner, Ann Jett, and Wanda Capps 546. After announcements, Ken Tate led 56t (for Kathleen Robinson) as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Ken Tate.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Honorary Vice Chairperson—Kathleen Robinson; Acting Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn



**ALASKA SACRED HARP CONVENTION**  
**The See House of St. Peter's By The Sea Episcopal Church**  
**Sitka, Alaska**  
**October 23-24, 2015**

**Friday, October 23**

The 8th session of the Alaska Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. Chairman Steve Helwig called the class to order leading 37b. Steve introduced singing school teacher Jesse P. Karlsberg from Atlanta, Georgia. Jesse spoke about rudiments beginning with scales both major and minor. Jesse also demonstrated the modes of time leading 70t, 34t, and 345b as examples of common time. Jesse led 29b and 71 as examples of triple and compound time. The class then sang 176t in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes and Jesse spoke about Oliver for a few moments.

**RECESS**

Steve Helwig called the class to order leading 274t. Jesse P. Karlsberg continued his singing school by speaking about some history of the 1991 revision. Jesse then gave a lesson on traditional leading styles and invited members of the class to lead songs with which they might have had difficulties in the past. The class thanked Jesse for a fine and informative singing school. Steve Helwig led 122 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

**Saturday, October 24**

Steve Helwig called the class to order leading 171. Charley Basham offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Kari Lundgren 448b, 318; Judy Gangle 378t, 354b; Sara Beaber-Fujioka and Alexandra Fujioka 34b, 31t; Steve Helwig 131t, 133; Tom Craine 155, 501; Charley Basham 312b, 180; Kathy Kyle 82t, 268; Anna Lee Hirschi 344.

**RECESS**

Kari Lundgren called the class to order leading 49t. Leaders: Maria D'Agostino 159, 128; Melissa Stephenson 457, 144; Jesse P. Karlsberg 32b, 181; Cornelia Stanton 73b, 87; Robert Sullivan 217, 299; Sylvia Friske 31b, 45t; Scott Kennedy 229, 347; Lynn Basham 173, 479; Marilyn Murata 378b, 274t.

**RECESS**

Scott Kennedy called the class to order leading 228. Leaders: Brian Harris 29t, 196; Karen Willard 81b, 200; Campbell Longworth 218, 242; Linda Mason 452.

Karen Willard conducted the memorial lesson. She led 330b and 340 for the following sick and shut-ins: Kathryn Hoop, Bernice Harvey, Evelyn Cashman and Margaret Gross Hope.

Karen Willard spoke and led 348b, 101b, and 472 in memory of the following deceased: Nancy Baker, Ulises Diaz, Elmer Diaz, William Stortz, John Little Field, Scott Willis—Alaska; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Sarah Hauser, Tammi Ziola—Oregon; Raymond Hamrick—Georgia; James Ipe, Madeline Sue Martin—Minnesota. Charley Basham closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Steve Helwig led 282. Cornelia Stanton blessed the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

Kari Lundgren called the class to order leading 32t. Leaders: Adam Berey 388, 274b; Steve Cackley 279, 568; Charley Basham 66, 523; Melissa Stephenson 333, 138t; Jesse P. Karlsberg 291, 192; Cornelia Stanton 565, 99; Scott Kennedy 163b, 68b; Lynn Basham 122, 288.

**RECESS**

Steve Helwig called the class to order leading 208. Leaders: Maria D'Agostino 84; Joe Linden 473; Brian Harris 215, 162; Campbell Longworth 86, 106; Robert

Sullivan 510, 474; Nathan Banning 112; Karen Willard 102, 267; Anna Lee Hirschi 47b; Marilyn Murata and Jesse P. Karlsberg 423, 177 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Kari Lundgren 236, 361; Steve Cackley 321, 345t; Adam Berey 569b; Tom Craine 341, 178; Sara Beaber-Fujioka 38t.

The class again thanked Jesse P. Karlsberg for his singing school. A presentation was made to Kari Lundgren in appreciation for her hard work for Alaska Sacred Harp. Steve Helwig led 62 as the closing song. Charley Basham offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Steve Helwig; Secretary—Julia Smith

**PUTNAM, LIGHT, AND KING MEMORIAL**  
**Mt. Oak Methodist Church, Arab, Alabama**  
**Saturday, October 24, 2015**

The annual Putnam, Light, and King Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by David Light leading 274t. The morning prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper. Leaders: David Light 100, 112; Judy Caudle 30t, 40, 176t; Nicholas Thompson 176b (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes), 64; Daniel Bearden 360, 325, 275t, 132; Nancy Thompson 35, 27 (in memory of Elvin Holcomb), 36b; Nathan Stewart 491, 39t, 404 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes).

**RECESS**

David Light led 354b and 143 for Sandra Light. Leaders: Gary Glover 312b; J.L. Hopper 184, 361, 76t, 80b; Elizabeth Gentry 282, 81t (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes), 569b; Nicholas Thompson 405 (for Kenneth Fannin), 358; Judy Caudle 276 (for Glenda Hopper). Nicholas Thompson asked the blessing before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with David Light leading 101t. Leaders: David Light 441 (in memory of Hershel King); Nathan Stewart 493, 492; Gary Glover 146; Daniel Bearden 458, 274b, 50t, 51; Nancy Thompson and Lillie Gentry 335 (for Brandon Thompson), 204, 384; Elizabeth Gentry and Lillie Gentry 410t, 319; J.L. Hopper 318, 503; Nicholas Thompson 186, 192, 340 (in memory of Hershel King); Daniel Bearden 499; Judy Caudle 310 (by request); Elizabeth Gentry 347; David Light 436.

David Light led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Light; Secretary—Judy Caudle

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS SHILOH SINGING, FALL SESSION**  
**First Security Bank, Springdale, Arkansas**  
**Saturday, October 24, 2015**

The Northwest Arkansas Shiloh Singing, Fall Session, was called to order by Syd Caldwell. He led 82t. Springdale Mayor Doug Sprouse welcomed the class, and offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Syd Caldwell 59; Stanley Smith 90, 36b; Andrew Albers 36t, 547; Robert Vaughn 22 (MH), 19 (MH); Katy Black 384, 143; Cory Winters 142, 300; Bill Caldwell 497, 217.

Stanley Smith gave a brief description of Sacred Harp. He 72b with Flip Putthoff of the Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette.

**RECESS**

Cory Winters called the class back together leading 13 (MH) and 57 (MH).

Leaders: Elaine King and Andrew Albers 47t; Syd Caldwell 140 (CB), 575 (CB); Darryl Criss 496; Will Sims 178, 125; Chris Nicholson 34b, 490; Alexis Walker 354b; Andrew Albers 318 (CB), 507b (CB).

#### RECESS

Syd Caldwell called the class back together leading 78 (CB). Leaders: Syd Caldwell 393 (CB); Frank Christel 159 (CB), 492 (CB); Betty Christel and Bill Caldwell 503. Robert Vaughn opened the memorial service by reading the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Holly Childs, Floy Wilder, Jewel Wootten, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Margie Smith, John Bayer, Loraine Bayer, Curtis Owen, and Edith Owen. Robert Vaughn led 207b (CB) in honor of the sick and shut-ins.

Stanley Smith read the following list of names of the deceased: Raymond Hamrick, C.W. Garner, George Garner—Georgia; Evelyn Harris, Phillip Wootten, Olivia Allen, Elder Lewis Norton, Sammie Oliver—Alabama; Estelle Samson, Charles Polston, Suzie Dickerson—Arkansas; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania. Stanley led 176t in their memory. Stanley Smith led 369.

#### LUNCH

Bill Caldwell led 49b and 113 (MH) to bring the class back into session.

Leaders: Lewis Garner 573 (CB), 587 (CB); Syd Caldwell 225t, 317; Katy Black 551, 572 (CB); Bonnie Wood and Chris Nicholson 463; Cory Winters 441; Cory Winters and Will Sims 112 (for Holly Childs); Darryl Criss 277; Darryl Criss and Alexis Walker 294; Robert Vaughn 77b (CB). Robert Vaughn and Syd Caldwell led “Syd” (an original composition).

#### RECESS

Cory Winters called the class back together leading 182 and 138 (MH).

Leaders: Bill Caldwell 180 (MH) (for Oklahoma State); Elaine King 47b; Syd Caldwell and Stanley Smith 171, 453 (CB) (in memory of the Cagle family and in honor of Don and Karen Clark).

Syd Caldwell led 146 (CB) as the closing song. Bill Caldwell offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Syd Caldwell; Secretary—Katy Black

### **SEED AND FEED SACRED HARP SINGING Emory Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia Saturday, October 24, 2015**

The Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Debora Grosse leading 77b. Eric Tweedy offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Debora Grosse 157; Lisa Bennett and David Smead 28b, 31b; Laura Akerman 411, 176b; Andy Morse 73b, 209; Virginia Dyer 460, 480; George Burnette 81t, 101t; Susan Firestone 84, 475; Charles Woods 30b, 100; Karen Morris 430, 148; Andy Ditzler 354b, 383; Helen Bryson 454, 81b; Eric Tweedy 273, 200.

#### RECESS

The class returned with Kelly Morris leading 147t and 159. A business session was held and the following officers elected: Chairman—Lisa Bennett; Vice Chairman—David Brodeur; Secretary—Laura Akerman.

Leaders: Lisa Bennett 182; David Brodeur 38t, 29b; Sandra Wilkinson 441, 49b; Richard DeLong 28t, 36t; April Watkins 146, 282; John Whittemore 47b, 40; Charlene Wallace 155, 171.

A memorial lesson was held. Jim Neal spoke and led 527 for the following sick and shut-ins: Geneva Prichard, Louise Holland, and Matt Jacobs.

Helen Bryson spoke and led 523 in memory of the following deceased: Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Hale C. Hall, Raymond Hamrick, Robert DuPree, Robert DePoy, Ricky Burdette, George Garner, and Inez Chandler.

## LUNCH

Andy Ditzler brought the class back to order by leading 30t. Leaders: Judy Mincey 474, 528; Taylor Watkins 345t, 388; Margie Dietz 89, 108b; Lauren Bock 176t (in memory of Oliver Kindig Stokes), 432; Oscar McGuire 163b, 515; Ann Riley Gray 142, 178; Phillip Langley 318, 56t; Ellen Ray 34t, 215; Daniel Williams 499, 74t; Bobby Watkins 512, 111b; Malinda Snow 547, 29t; Rosemarie Yntema 501, 228; Jim Neal 117, 59; Henry Slack 535, 300; Maryann (Peaches) Dunlap Sansom and Debora Grosse 236.

Lisa Bennett, David Brodeur, and Laura Akerman led 347 as the closing song. Andy Morse offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Lisa Bennett; Vice Chairman—David Brodeur; Secretary—Laura Akerman

## BLOOMINGTON SINGING

### Fairview United Methodist Church, Bloomington, Indiana Saturday, October 24, 2015

The 12th annual Bloomington, Indiana, all-day singing was held at the Fairview United Methodist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. John Hoerr brought the class together by leading 33b. Carol Ann Munro offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Hoerr; Arranging Officer—William Shetter; Secretary—Darrell Swarens. Leaders: Darrell Swarens 36b, 72b; Tim Morton 34b, 175; Beth Garfinkel 196, 504; Joan Aldridge 110; Carol Ann Munro 66, 77t; Eloise Clark 472, 344; Nate Zweig 146, 75; William Shetter 547; Randy Weber “Rust”; Wayne Dell 45t; Brad Bahler 200.

## RECESS

Karen Bahler called the class back together leading 40. Leaders: Janelle Davis 122; Linda Selph 217; Len VanderJagt 350; Brad Bahler 550; John David Thacker 99; Barb VanderJagt 112; Jonathon Smith 298; Cindy Overmyer 299; Darrell Swarens and Joan Aldridge 198; Tim Morton 203; Beth Garfinkel 159; Carol Ann Munro 192; Eloise Clark 475; Darrell Swarens 128; William Shetter 178; Nate Zweig 318; Martin Shedd 47b; Randy Weber “Charlestown”; Wayne Dell 268. Brad Bahler offered grace before the noon meal.

## LUNCH

The singing resumed for the afternoon session with John Hoerr leading 47t. Leaders: John Bealle 373; Cindy Overmyer 474; John David Thacker 49b; Jonathon Smith 202; Len VanderJagt 62 (in memory of Oliver Stokes); Nate Zweig 308 (ShH); Brad Bahler 29t; Michele Cull 168; Barb VanderJagt 496; Linda Selph 430; Annaliza Cull 277; Janelle Davis 269; Karen Bahler 33b; Tim Morton 94; Carol Ann Munro 556; Eloise Clark 532; Randy Weber 236; Nate Zweig 371; John Bealle 434; Wayne Dell 282.

## RECESS

John Hoerr led 32b. Leaders: Cindy Overmyer 209; Beth Garfinkel “Madison”; John David Thacker 56t; Karen Bahler 569b; Len VanderJagt 515; Brad Bahler 68b; Janelle Davis 107; Barb VanderJagt 294; Linda Selph 354t; Michele Cull and Annaliza Cull 300; Annaliza Cull 49t; William Shetter 546; Beth Garfinkel 91; Michele Cull and Annaliza Cull 448t.

Announcements were made. John Hoerr led 347 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Brad Bahler.

Chairman—John Hoerr; Secretary—Darrell Swarens

**DENNEY MEMORIAL**  
**Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia**  
**Saturday, October 31, 2015**

The Denney Memorial was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Tony Hammock leading 59. Philip Denney offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Tony Hammock 39b (in memory of George Garner); Philip Denney 47t, 84 (in memory of the Atlanta singers, who helped with this singing throughout the years); Wyatt Denney 504; Judy Chambless 549 (in memory of B.J. Harris, Evelyn Harris, and Ruth Daniel's son-in-law); Cecil Roberts 97, 399b; Winfred Kerr 45t, 47b; Eli Hinton 274t, 146; Jack Nelson 344 (for all veterans), 480; Anna Hinton 300, 142; Denney Rogers 143 (in memory of his mother, and his aunt, Josephine); 345t; Charlene Wallace 155, 171.

**RECESS**

Wyatt Denney brought the class back to order leading 74t. The following officers were elected: Chairman—Tony Hammock; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Michael Thompson 111t, 56b; Ester Williams 152, 75; Richard DeLong 36t, 322; Jesse P. Karlsberg 423 (in memory of Oliver Stokes), 396; Karen Rollins 168, 448t (in memory of her Grandpa Denney); Reba Windom 195 (in memory of Shelbie Sheppard), 436 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard); Jean Seiler 147t, 217; Robert Chambless 494 (for all veterans).

**LUNCH**

Tony Hammock brought the class back to order leading 569t. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 405 (in memory of Everett Denney), 387 (in memory of Felton Denney); Daniel Williams 186, 34t; Sharon DuPriest 63, 314; David Smead 492, 478; B.M. Smith 475, 454; Andy Ditzler 167 (in memory of Oliver Stokes), 176b; Joyce Walton 67 (in memory of Jap Walton), 392 (in memory of Loyd and Ruth Redding); Lisa Bennett 284, 306; Matt Hinton 176t (in memory of Oliver Stokes); David Brodeur 52b, 36b; Oscar McGuire 229, 441; Erica Hinton 139, 201; Susan Cherones 460, 564; Fallon Cook 203, 37b; John Kelso 70b (in memory of Oliver Stokes); Pam Nunn 112; 192; Faith Riley 111b, 409; Lauren Bock 27 (in memory Oliver Stokes), 181; Philip Denney, Gayle Denney, and Eris Muse 340.

After announcements, Tony Hammock and Philip Denney led 62 as the closing song. John Kelso offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Tony Hammock; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Secretary—Judy Chambless

**VELTON CHAFIN BIRTHDAY SINGING**

**Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Alabama**  
**Saturday, October 31, 2015**

The annual Velton Chafin Birthday Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 33b. Danny Creel offered the morning prayer, and welcomed everyone.

The class was organized by retaining the same officers as follows: Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Officer—Bea Aaron.

Leaders: Danny Creel 133 (CB), 355 (CB); Mike Richards 63, 28b; Larry Ballinger 101t, 133; Brenda Chafin 42, 76b; Mary Amelia Taylor 380t (CB), 567 (CB); Beth Branscome 77t, 299; Eugene Forbes 505 (CB); Don Keeton 159, 290; Jim Aaron 47b, 231.

**RECESS**

Danny Creel led 276 and 275b to bring the class together. Leaders: Ken Tate 511b (CB), 546 (CB); Richard Mauldin 84, 126; Betty Baccus 161, 464 (CB); Steve Adams 99 (for Kermit Adams), 331; Angela Myers 140 (CB), 497 (CB); Sarah Trumbore 37b, 339; Wanda Capps 298, 168; Nathan Stewart 411, 559 (CB); Hubert Nall 54t (CB), 84 (CB); Willodean Barton 480, 475; Tim Taylor 474, 354t; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 212, 213t; Ann Jett 515 (CB), 580 (CB). Richard Mauldin asked the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Danny Creel leading 131b. Leaders: Emily Brown 98 (CB); Bea Aaron 426b, 456, 175; Mike Richards 351; Don Keeton 438; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 88t (for Eugene Forbes); Nathan Stewart 220; Beth Branscome 283; Sarah Trumbore 58; Tim Taylor 546; Ann Jett 503 (CB); Larry Ballinger 224 (CB); Wanda Capps 430; Angela Myers 340; Brenda Chafin 478 (CB); Mary Amelia Taylor 35 (CB); Ken Tate 54t (CB), 463 (CB); Richard Mauldin 446, 43; Hubert Nall 573 (CB), 422b (CB); Bridgett Hill Kennedy 38t (CB); Jim Aaron 503; Betty Baccus 501 (CB); Steve Adams and Richard Mauldin 378t, 101t (in memory of Nell Adams).

Announcements were made. Danny Creel led 56t as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Margaret Keeton

### HYDE PARK SINGING

#### Religious Society of Friends, Hyde Park, Chicago, Illinois

Saturday, October 31, 2015

The 17th annual Hyde Park All-Day Singing was held at Quaker House, Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. The class was brought to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mary Rogel leading 49t. Jim Swanson offered the opening prayer. This singing uses the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, and the *Missouri Harmony* (MH).

Leaders: Jim Helke 46 (MH); Rochelle Lodder 171; Linda Selph 144; Jim Swanson 149 (MH); Ginny Landgraf 103 (MH); Janelle Davis 106; Nick Pasqual 335; Bill Beverly 180 (MH); Michael Mosley 373 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes).

A business session was held to elect the following officers: Chairman—Jim Helke; Vice Chairman—Mary Rogel; Secretary—Erica Detemmerman; Arranging Officer—Ginny Landgraf; Finance Officer—Cathryn Bearov; Chaplain—Jim Swanson; Resolutions Officer—Gerry Gripshover.

Leaders: Jo Dell Albi 501; Peter Bradley 539; Chuck Crawford 101t.

#### RECESS

Will Fitzgerald brought the class back together leading 151 (MH). Leaders: Will Fitzgerald 7 (MH); Lisa Cohen 148 (MH); Pleasance Crawford 174 (MH); Anne Heider 475; Terry Cunningham 106; Jacob Lee 111b; Ted Mercer 71 (MH); Gerry Gripshover 344; Martha Beverly 138 (MH); Cathryn Bearov 127 (MH); Susan Geil 177 (MH); John Seaton 147 (MH).

#### RECESS

Ginny Landgraf brought the class back together leading 56 (MH). Leaders: Bill Hamblin 47b; Erica Detemmerman 267; Carol Ann Munro 145 (MH); Darrell Swarens 507; Ann Sleeva 70t; Dave Barford 56t; Mary Rogel 150; Jim Helke 142 (MH); Rochelle Lodder 135 (MH); Linda Selph 382; Jim Swanson 70 (MH); Ginny Landgraf 62 (MH); Janelle Davis 421 (in memory of her parents); Nick Pasqual 131 (MH). Jim Swanson offered a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

John Seaton brought the class back together leading 31t. Leaders: Bill Beverly 78 (MH); Lisa Grayson 113 (MH); Debbie Barford 112; Michael Mosley 172; Jo Dell

Albi 75 (MH); Peter Bradley 228; Chuck Crawford 546; Will Fitzgerald 168 (MH); Pleasance Crawford 488; Lisa Cohen 485; Anne Heider 192; Terry Cunningham 200; Cathryn Bearov 528; Jacob Lee 481; Ted Mercer 61 (MH); Gerry Gripshover 268; Martha Beverly 217; John Seaton 47t; Bill Hamblin 49b; Erica Detemmerman and Anne Heider 163t; Anne Heider 82t; Lisa Grayson 383; Michael Appert 535; Carol Ann Munro 550; Darrell Swarens 208; Nate Zweig 64; Daniel Braithwaite 42; Ann Sleeva 39t; Susan Geil 369; Dave Barford 65 (MH); Cathryn Bearov 372; Debbie Barford 384; Chuck Crawford and Pleasance Crawford 51 (MH); Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 43; Darrell Swarens and Nate Zweig 36b; Peter Bradley, Bess Fitzgerald, and Will Fitzgerald 362; Nate Zweig 37 (MH); Michael Appert and Daniel Braithwaite 312b.

Gerry Gripshover thanked each of the organizers and all of the singers in attendance. Announcements were made. Cathryn Bearov, speaking on the behalf of the Finance committee, reported that expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that eighty-one songs were led by thirty-seven leaders from four states and one Canadian province.

Jim Helke and Mary Rogel led 347 as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand. Jim Swanson offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Jim Helke; Vice Chairman—Mary Rogel; Secretary—Erica Detemmerman

## **LONDON SINGING** **Highgate URC Chapel, London, United Kingdom** **Saturday, October 31, 2015**

The 7th annual London All-Day Singing was held at Highgate URC Chapel, Pond Square, London, and was called to order by Alison Brown leading 34b. Helen Brown offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Alison Brown; Treasurer—Werner Ullah; Chaplain—Rev. Marjorie Brown; Arranging Officer—Susannah Gill; Secretary—Erin Johnson-Williams.

Leaders: Ed Johnson-Williams 31t; Francis Gaskin 60; Matthew Robley- Siemonsma 30b; Erin Johnson-Williams 68b; Susannah Gill 176b; Barry Parsons 129; Piers Blewett 332; Jacqui Knowles 117; Victoria Timberlake 102; Joe Jones 489; Matthew Parkinson 121; Inga Hubner and Calum Woods 467; Marjorie Brown 122; Una Nicholson 49t; Guy Hayes 441; Teresa Maguire 32t; Joel Wallenberg 99; Tom Gerber 133; Charlie Williams 101t; Werner Ullah 37b; Toby Goss 210; Nick Hall 543; Marcos Sullivan 209; Emma Hooper 335; Andrew Clark 38t; Thomas Greig 354b.

### **RECESS**

Tom Marcarte called the class to order leading 105. Leaders: Sarah Hill 492; Rachel Jordan 391; Chris Brown 396; Michael Walker 454; Joe Vickers 464; Cath Saunt 217; Ann Chesterton and Fynn Titford-Mock 71; Calum Woods 398; Edwin Macadam 280; Judy Whiting 466; Ted Brown 97; Eva Striebeck 458.

Andrew Clark gave the sick and housebound lesson, and led 330b for the following people: Ruth Steggles, Ellyn Stokes Ross, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Delorese Lee, Robin Fox, Cornelia Van Den Doel, Myrl Jones, David Thorpe, Jackie Saunders, Brian Partridge, Phoelse Davidson, Martin, Josie, Kerry Bloom, Mary Wray, Mike Clark, Peter Bernays, Derek Winstanley, Steve Harrison, and Lin James.

Rebecca Over gave the memorial lesson, and led 410t in remembrance of the following people: Bill Kerridge, Rina Rogers, Joan Mattock, Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Raymond Hamrick, Mary Newell, Kate Davis, C.W. Garner, George Garner, Flo Charles, June Howieson, Packie Manus Byrne, Margaret Owen, Eileen Wilson,

Michael Spittal, and Drew Logan. Michael Walker closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Zack Lindahl 505; Sadhbh O'Flynn 67; Helen Brown 542; Sheila Girling Macadam 377; Fynn Titford-Mock 295; Elise Cavicchi 300. Rev. Marjorie Brown gave thanks for the midday meal.

#### LUNCH

Barry Parsons called the class to order by leading 171. Leaders: Joanna Lewis 95; Amanda Parkes 498; Bruce Randall 327; Mairye Bates 312b; Elene Stovall 430; Will Fesperman 186; Eli Petzold 384; Kevin Kennedy 345t; Colleen Jones 442; Eva Striebeck 415; Thomas Greig 378b; Nick Hall 455; Zack Lindahl 198; Rebecca Over 397; Matthew Parkinson 411; Judy Whiting 208; Rachel Jordan 193; Chris Brown 195; Sarah Hill 389; Cath Saunt 272; Joel Wallenberg 268; Joe Jones 496; Piers Blewett 497; Victoria Timberlake 339; Matthew Robley-Siemonsma 182.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Toby Goss leading 313b. Leaders: Elene Stovall and Michael Walker 436; Bruce Randall, Shelia Girling Macadam, and Edwin Macadam 474; Francis Gaskin 131t; Roland Ketteler and Joe Jones 100; Eli Petzold 499; Tom Macarte 287; Ian Lamb 503; Helen Brown and Elene Stovall 475; Will Fesperman 112; Amanda Parkes and singers from Cork, Ireland 426b; Joe Vickers 213t; Fynn Titford-Mock 418; Sadhbh O'Flynn 76b; Ed Johnson-Williams and Erin Johnson-Williams 314; Sarah Hill and singers from Brighton 511; Calum Woods 83b; Teresa Maguire 77t; Charlie Williams and Emma Hooper 333; Marcos Sullivan 349; Elise Cavicchi 89.

The Secretary reported that seventy-eight singers had registered, with representation from seven countries: UK, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Peru, Sweden, and USA. Five American states were represented: Alabama, California, Colorado, Maryland, and Massachusetts. There were sixty leaders and ninety-six songs were sung.

Alison Brown thanked everyone who had worked to make the singing a success and who had attended. She led 62 as the closing song, and invited everyone to take the parting hand. Zack Lindahl offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Alison Brown; Secretary—Erin Johnson-Williams

## **HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** **South of Bremen, Georgia** **Sunday, November 1, 2015**

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church on the first Sunday in November. Charlene Wallace brought the class to order by leading 59. Ed Thacker offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 101t; Earlis McGraw 111b, 225t; Judy Chambless 516; 318; Winfred Kerr 314, 282; Margaret Thacker 39b, 35; B.M. Smith 138t, 389; Daniel Williams 455, 458; Richard DeLong 410b, 158; Lisa Bennett 527, 36b; Lela Crowder 391, 68b; Robert Rivers 76b, 384; Jessica Kelso 74b, 95.

#### RECESS

David Brodeur brought the class back to order leading 30b and 33b. Leaders: Judy Henry 77b, 396; Henry Johnson 375, 539; Helen Bryson 224, 348t; Jesse P. Karlsberg 348b, 227; Ed Thacker 500 (in honor of Mildred Patterson), 505; David Killingsworth 448b, 49b; Karen Rollins 354t, 354b; Hubert Nall 313t, 368; Phillip Langley 385b, 172; Sharon DuPriest 472, 503; Rene Greene 311, 528; Lauren Bock 330b; Lauren Bock and Jesse P. Karlsberg 41; Eli Hinton 82t, 99; Buell Cobb 92, 303; Jeannette DePoy 177; John Kelso 390, 426t; Robert Chambless 77t, 501.

#### LUNCH



Earlis McGraw brought the class back to order leading 283. Leaders: Tommy McGraw 475, 542; Matt Hinton 228, 131b; Louis Hughes 565, 166; Reba Windom 546, 196; Jack Nelson 164, 408; Andy Ditzler 437, 275t; David Smead 173, 114; Samuel Williams 372; Samuel Williams and Daniel Williams 269; Cecil Roberts 31t, 312b; Oscar McGuire 573; Oscar McGuire and Lisa Bennett 485; Pam Nunn 200, 189; Philip Denney, Gayle Denney, and Karis Askin 313b, 112; Nathalie Levine and Ellen Ray 148, 81t; Ellen Johnson and Lisa Bennett 159, 128; Mike Richards 534, 229; Fallon Cook 215, 216; Faye Holbrook 376, 380; Judy Mincey 530 (in honor of Ottis Sides), 191; Emma Dean and Tim Williams 421; Sheri Taylor and Lisa Webb 430, 222; Jason Stanford 285b, 340; Donna Duke and Gene Duke 217 (in memory of Naomi Sailors).

After announcements, Charlene Wallace and Judy Henry led 46 as the closing song. Jason Stanford offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Secretary—Judy Chambless

### **MT. EBRON CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING** **Near Double Springs, Alabama** **Sunday, November 1, 2015**

The 109th session of the Mt. Ebron Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Don Keeton leading 31t and 59. The opening prayer was offered by Don Keeton.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Jayne Fulmer; Arranging Officer—Margaret Keeton. Leaders: Roma Rice 149, 109; Theresa Westmoreland 39t, 39b; Betty Baccus and Pastor Steve Wakefield 46, 445; Faye Donaldson 124, 78; Jayne Fulmer 99, 454; Loretta Whitman 343, 312b; Lisa Geist 530 (for Mr. Sides), 273 (for Jayne Fulmer); Willodean Barton 137, 145t; Gravis Ballinger 56t, 120; Ozella Blackmon 192, 436.  
**RECESS**

Leaders: Richard Mauldin 64, 77t (in memory of Amanda Denson); Amber Davis 110, 224; Larry Ballinger 108t, 76t; Betty Baccus, Adrian Blancas, and Malinda Bell 59, 45t; Julia Poston 145b, 201; Bernice Wakefield 282, 111t; Steve Adams 378t, 101t; Don Keeton 480, 498.

#### **LUNCH**

Don Keeton brought the class together leading 335. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 43; Theresa Westmoreland 200; Gravis Ballinger 215; Lisa Geist 546; Jayne Fulmer 297; Amber Davis 391; Faye Donaldson 430; Julia Poston 421; Loretta Whitman 399b; Roma Rice 66; Jerome McVay 306; Nellie Alexander 81t.

Announcements were made. Don Keeton led 62 as the closing song. He offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Don Keeton; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Jayne Fulmer

### **IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH** **Nashville, Tennessee** **Saturday, November 7, 2015**

The 31st annual Sacred Harp singing held at Immanuel Baptist Church was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Tim Reynolds leading 34b. Roy Turrentine offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 145b; David Carlton 134, 48t; Sandie Scott 176t, 530; Kelsey Ivey 36b, 303; Laurens Blankers 155, 479; Marilyn Burchett 154, 49t; Caleb Dillehay 47t, 108t; John Wendt 46, 105; Rick Fretter 350, 286.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Vickie See and Billy See leading 178 and 288. Leaders: Justin Bowen 32t, 29t; Sarah Trumbore 37b, 160b; Chris Kinard 47b, 455; Faye Jennings-Thompson 380, 53; Roy Turrentine 378t, 107; Nathan Stewart 48b, 317.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds led 348b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Kelsey Ivey and Julie Russell 38b, 159; Justin Bowen 39t, 335; Sarah Trumbore 270, 81t; Chris Kinard 547, 146; Sandie Scott 225t, 162; Tammy Heinsohn 504, 294; Caleb Dillehay 34t, 472. John Wendt offered the noon blessing.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Tim Reynolds leading 148. Leaders: Nathan Stewart 74b, 491; Vickie See and Billy See 163b, 108b; David Gooch 312b, 112; Lewis Frost 565, 450; Laurens Blankers 553; Roy Turrentine 35, 186; John Wendt 473, 398; Marilyn Burchett 438, 128; Rick Fretter 314, 349; Michael Speck and David Carlton 332, 198; Sam Seifert and Justin Bowen 30b, 384; Laurens Blankers 40; Billy See and Vickie See 503; Mary Roberts and Kelsey Ivey 300; Marilyn Burchett 551; Sarah Trumbore and Nathan Stewart 220; Laurens Blankers 334. After announcements, Tim Reynolds led 217 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Caleb Dillehay, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Secretary—Sandie Scott

## **SOUTHERN WISCONSIN SINGING**

### **Plum Grove Church, Folklore Village Farm, Dodgeville, Wisconsin Saturday, November 7, 2015**

The 29th annual Southern Wisconsin All-Day Singing was held at Plum Grove Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. Thad Walker called the class to order leading 149. David Hoffelt offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Carl Houtman 171; Julie Vea 151; Marjorie Matthews 198; Michael Mosley 340; Barb Patterson 176t; Jan Kettle 216; Susan Geil 474; Gordon Olsen 86; Presley Barker 505; Peggy Brayfield 267; David Hoffelt 169; Lori Graber 39b; Kit Canright 34b; Cathryn Bearow 426b; Barbara Chopin 313b; Alec Jenkins-White 191; Rochelle Lodder 36b; Jeff Bell 448t; Becca Gibson 133.

The following officers and Committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Peter Bradley; Arranging Officer—James Page; Finance Committee—Marjorie Matthews and Carl Houtman; Memorial Committee—James Page and Julie Vea; Chaplain—David Hoffelt; Secretary—Carole Briggs.

RECESS

Peter Bradley called the class to order leading 228. Leaders: Myles Alexander 328; Anne Heider 468; Bruce Western 430; Gary Alexander 63; Michael Moore “Alabama” (by Oliver Holden); Nick Pasquale 121; Dick Patterson 193; Anna Pfau 392; Colette Miller 547.

Julie Vea and James Page conducted the memorial lesson. Julie Vea led 315 for the following sick and shut-ins: Elouise Jerome, Paul Wyatt, Mellisa Kelly, Robin Fox, Loraine Bayer, Mary Grayson, Melanie Hauff, Don Fahrback, Gary Gronau, Becky Browne, Barbara Berry, Karen Hojnacki, and Nathan Harvey.

James Page led 126 in memory of the following deceased: Tom Zajac—Massachusetts; Camillo Wood, Edwin (E.V.) Hauff, and Vang Miller—Iowa; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Roger Jackman and Barbara Gurtz—California;

Cathryn Bearov—Virginia; Bob Scorgie and Jack Crosby-Piper—Wisconsin; Ernest Neufeld and Clark Beyer—Minnesota; Vida Bardsley—Maine; Bob Piacenza—Alaska. The chaplain closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Tamara Harris 566; Steve Warner 220; Carol Crawford 539; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 466; Sam Singleton-Freeman 532. The chaplain offered the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Denise Kania called the class to order leading 106. Leaders: Randy Neufeld 99; Midge Olsen 362; Donny Simmet 480; Eleanor Haase 384; Scott Schroeder 515; Ted Mercer 210; Johanna Fabke 84; Julie Thompson 163b; Jim Crawford 538; Marjorie Matthews 475.

#### RECESS

Bill Waddington called the class to order leading 217. Leaders: Benjamin Bedroske 299; Steven Levine 496; John Seaton 47t; Francis Gurtz 125; Denise Kania 208; Jim Helke 266; Elise delMas 306; Jacob Kiakahi 235; Marjorie Matthews 212.

#### RECESS

Anne Heider called the class to order leading 82t. Leaders: Lou Kujawinski 477; James Page, Camilla Carlyon, Eric Carlyon, and Carole Briggs 272; Annaleigh Smith 168; Joel Mink 112; Penny Kujawinski 377; Eamon O'Neill 203; Jenny Jones 45t; Nathan Berry 41; Ann Sleeva 155; Steve Luttinen 375; Ben Crawford 146; Noelle Copeland 441; Jim Pfau 472; Peter Bradley 276; Thad Walker 117.

The Chairman thanked everyone who helped make the singing a success.

Announcements were made. Peter Bradley led 347 as the closing song. David Hoffelt dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Peter Bradley; Secretary—Carole Briggs

### **BOILING SPRINGS CONVENTION**

#### **Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Clay County, Ashland, Alabama Saturday, November 7, 2015**

The 149th session of the Boiling Springs Sacred Harp Convention was held at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church near Ashland, Alabama, on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Eugene Forbes at 9:30 a.m. leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

The following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Vice Chairman—Jack Nelson.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 101t; Oscar McGuire 34b, 172; Judy Chambless 37b, 171; Richard Mauldin 143, 446; Jacob Acton 282, 294; Mike Richards 228, 283; Buell Cobb 337, 325; Hubert Nall 135, 287.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Eugene Forbes leading 405. Leaders: Jenny Acton 340, 108b; Winfred Kerr 89, 146; Phillip Denney 47t, 84; Shane Brown 39t, 34t; Daniel Williams 74t, 347; Susan Cheronos 564, 300; Eddie Mash 114; Eddie Mash and Eugene Forbes 218.

Buell Cobb conducted the memorial lesson. He spoke and read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Ottis Sides, Floy Wilder, S.T. Reed, Neal Anderson, Donald Forbes, Lori Hinesley, Nell Estes, and Anne Chalker. He led 153 in their honor.

Buell read the following list of names of the deceased: Dawson Adams, Gib Amason, Sammie Oliver, Raymond Hamrick, Johnny Humber, Stella Pratt, Robert DuPree, and Oliver Kindig-Stokes. Buell led 176t in memory of Oliver. Jack Nelson led 472. Hubert Nall offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Jack Nelson 408, 411; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 277, 440.

## LUNCH

The class was called to order by Jack Nelson leading 480. Leaders: Eugene Forbes 189 (in memory of his sister, Vernelle Amason); Beth Branscome 456, 344; Jacob Acton 186, 196; Myrline Redmon 569b; Edna Phillips, Myrline Redmon, Donald Forbes, and Kenneth Forbes 45t; Jenny Acton 112; Judy Chambless 318; Oscar McGuire 336; Richard Mauldin 64; Mike Richards 550; Robert Chambless 303; Hubert Nall 168; Winfred Kerr 314; Shane Brown 133; Daniel Williams 123t; Susan Cheronos 460; Eddie Mash 454; Jack Nelson 551; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 30t, 88t; Beth Branscome 565; Myrline Redmon 341.

Jack Nelson and Eugene Forbes led 145b as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jack Nelson, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Vice Chairman—Jack Nelson

## DALLAS COUNTY SINGING

### Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas

Saturday, November 7, 2015

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 Ben Brown leading 148. Bruce Coates offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Diane Ross 34b; Rick Foreman 84; Cheryl Foreman 492; Sonny Erwin 534; Donald Ross 331; Tammy Powell 542; Jerry Ryan 490; Chris Nicholson 290; Kristie Powell 95; Mike Hinton 495; Danny Creel 485; Sarah Huckaby 565; Harry Scott 171; Gaylon Powell 538; Beverly Coates 33t; Steve Helwig 71; Kris Wiggins 183; Evelyn Lamb 67; Lamar Matthew 35; Rick Cunningham 53; Robert Vaughn 487.

## RECESS

Rick Foreman called the class together by leading 31b. Leaders: Bruce Coates 30b; Cassie Allen 560; Zachary Bealmear and Cheryl Foreman 455; Ken Tate 426b; Owen Ross 217; John Plunkett 354t; Tom Owen 503; Ben Brown 58; Sara Hood 86; Sonny Erwin 441; Diane Ross 497; Jerry Ryan 145t; Donald Ross 225t; Tammy Powell 454; Chris Nicholson 480; Kristie Powell 500; Ben Copenhaver 453; LuAnn Thomas 481.

Donald Ross and Beverly Coates conducted the memorial lesson. Beverly Coates read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Tony Shrader, Virginia Glass, Joe Colley, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Don Huckaby, Doug Webb, Myrl Jones, Frank Price, Dorothy Price, Virgie Toller, Jimmy Foreman, Sue Harju, and Ron Ryan. She led 549.

Donald Ross read the following list of names of the deceased: Ray Hanks, Barbara Steinle, Dave Cumming, H.P. O'Mary—Texas; Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, George Garner, C.W. Garner—Georgia; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania. He led 512 and 513. Rick Foreman closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Mike Hinton 475; Danny Creel 530; Sarah Huckaby 472; Harry Scott 524; Evelyn Lamb 187; Steve Helwig 411; John Plunkett 76t. Mike Hinton offered a prayer before the noon meal.

## LUNCH

Ben Brown called the class to order by leading 150. Leaders: Ken Tate 147b; Lamar Matthew 522; Kris Wiggins 163t; Gaylon Powell 564; Avon Miller 396; Beverly Coates 133; Owen Ross 228; Rick Cunningham 186; Robert Vaughn 505; Cassie Allen 227; Bruce Coates 515; Tom Owen 528; Ben Copenhaver 344; Avon Miller 283; Steve Helwig 165; Diane Ross 40; Lamar Matthew 154; Evelyn Lamb 499.

## RECESS

Sonny Erwin called the class to order by leading 493. Leaders: Harry Scott 104; John Plunkett 391; Ken Tate 336; Chris Nicholson 68b; Kris Wiggins 236; Mike Hinton 477; Tammy Powell 163b; Ben Copenhaver 68t; Sarah Huckaby 39t; Bruce Coates 32t; Beverly Coates and Tom Owen 347; Kristie Powell and Gaylon Powell 448t; Cassie Allen and Jerry Ryan 460; Rick Cunningham, Robert Vaughn, and Donald Ross 350.

Ben Brown led 62 as the closing song. Tom Owen dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Ben Brown; Vice Chairman—Diane Ross; Secretary—Cheryl Foreman

## **JAMES RIVER CONVENTION** **Historic St. John's Church, Richmond, Virginia** **Saturday, November 7, 2015**

The 24th annual James River Convention was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in November in the parish hall of St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia. The class was welcomed by Bridget Camden leading 77t. The opening prayer was offered by Brenda Dunlap.

A business session was held, and the following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman—Emily Owens; Vice Chairman—John Daniel delRe; Treasurer—Bridget Camden; Secretaries—Mary Wright and Adrienne Robertson; Arranging Committee—John Daniel delRe, Ben Griffin, and Kate Conn.

Leaders: Emily Owens 31b; Adrienne Robertson 335; John delRe 191; Mary Wright 35; Claire Steiner 448t; Les Updike 72b; Chris Wolf 349; Pat Temple 373; Mark Mumford 29b; Ateven Snderson 142; Richard Green 163t; Brenda Dunlap 204; Susan Green 171; Rick Motylinski 99; Kathy Kaiser 384; John Alexander 56b; John Feddersen 280; Jim Strube 348t; Leslie Booher 475; Tristan Cleveland 282.

### **RECESS**

The class resumed singing with Matt Ference leading 300. Leaders: Matt Roberts 542; Derek Lane 31t; Lydia Lewallen 378b; Clare Chapin 195; Lynda Hamburger 317; Julia Seidenstein 318; Mary Helen Dupree 154; Kathy Manning 192; Carol Selleck 400; Joshua Barnett 214; Denver Walker 547.

The memorial lesson was directed by John Alexander and Diane Ober, who led 33b for the following sick and shut-ins: Ed Nathan, Evelyne Soffe, Rosalie Duncan, Frank Dunca, and Claire Selleck Skongor.

After leading 449, the following deceased were remembered: Ginger Mac, Bill Bridge, Wayne Taylor, and Charles Ober—Virginia; Don Rhodes and Don Ward—North Carolina; Robert DuPree—Alabama; Rebecca Green—Georgia; Elder Berwin Hand—New Mexico; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania.

The class resumed singing with Mary DeNys leading 285t. Leaders: Zachary Bullock 73t; Matt Ference 410t; Kelly Macklin 368; Kathy Kaiser 504; Richard Green 47b; Ateven Snderson 176t; John delRe 500; Brenda Dunlap 37b. Brenda Dunlap returned thanks for the noon meal.

### **LUNCH**

All songs in the afternoon session were from the Shenandoah Harmony. The class resumed singing with Kate Conn leading 57b (ShH). Leaders: Diane Ober 241t (ShH); Jim Strube 247 (ShH); John Alexander 411 (ShH); Susan Green 226 (ShH); Ben Shirley 264b (ShH); Carol Selleck 96b (ShH); Matt Roberts 78 (ShH); Les Updike 296 (ShH); Leslie Booher 200 (ShH); Claire Steiner 60b (ShH); Rick Motylinski 5t (ShH); Pat Temple 27 (ShH); John Feddersen 100 (ShH); Adrienne Robertson 429 (ShH); Bridget Camden 112 (ShH); Derek Lane 389 (ShH); Mary Wright 158b (ShH); Sandra Hack Polaski 227 (ShH); Kelly Macklin 80 (ShH); Martha Burns 65t (ShH).

### **RECESS**

The class resumed singing with Richard Green leading 141b (ShH). Leaders: Clare Chapin 221b (ShH); Brenda Dunlap 198 (ShH); Lydia Lewallen 180 (ShH); Chris Wolf 363b (ShH); Mary DeNys 1t (ShH); John delRe 56 (ShH); Tristan Cleveland 403b (ShH); Zachary Bullock 260b (ShH); Mary Helen Dupree 43t (ShH); Joshua Barnett 184 (ShH); Denver Walker 137 (ShH); Kathy Manning 364b (ShH); Lynda Hambourger 254 (ShH); Matt Ference 242 (ShH); Julia Seidenstein 53 (ShH); Diane Ober 11 (ShH); John delRe 332 (ShH); Carol Selleck 128 (ShH); John Alexander 1b (ShH); Leslie Booher 13t (ShH).

Emily Owens thanked all who had a part in putting on the convention, and all those who participated. The James River Convention will meet next year on Saturday before the second Sunday in November (November 12, 2016).

Emily Owens led 2 (ShH) as the closing song. A prayer of dismissal was offered by Brenda Dunlap, which concluded the convention.

Chairman—Emily Owens; Vice Chairman—John Daniel delRe; Secretaries—Mary Wright and Adrienne Robertson

## **BERKSHIRE FOOTHILLS SINGING** **Lenox Community Center, Lenox, Massachusetts** **Saturday, November 7, 2015**

The 9th annual Berkshire Foothills All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in November at the Lenox Community Center in Lenox, Massachusetts. The class was called to order by Matthew Leger-Small leading 171, followed by a business session. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Sally Langendorf; Vice Chairperson—Joanne Fuller; Secretary—Pattie Wareh; Treasurer—Wendy Sibbison. The morning prayer was offered by Tarik Wareh.

Leaders: Sally Langendorf 59; Joanne Fuller 32t; Pattie Wareh 70t; Wendy Sibbison 99; Tarik Wareh 123t; Allison Steel 129; Ron Woodland 479; Paula Picton 36b; Kitty Kagay 72b; Ivy Hauser 29t; Mary Andrews 503; Calum Steel 105; Mary Skidmore 542; Patrick Friesen 151; Jonathan Spencer 159; George Sigut 448t; Willis McCumber 27; Laura Hodges 480; Solon Gordon 76b; Cora Wareh 481; Chris Carlton 277.

### **RECESS**

The class was called back together by Stina Soderling leading 312b. Leaders: Elsa Phemayotin 215; Charlie Urban-Mead 268; Jesse Flynn 101t; Angharad Davis 75; Micah John Walter 377; Kerry Cullinan 68b (in memory of his mother); Tristan Gordon 153; Vicki Hayes 49t; Wendy Sibbison 549; Ken Karpowicz 410t; Chris Frantz-Dale 319; Emily Hancock 384; Alice Maggio 209; Andrew Forsthoeft 457; Keillor Mose 276; Jesse Polhemus 145b; Corey Walters 82b; Sarah Underhill 332; Leonard Spencer 250.

### **RECESS**

The class was called to order by Philippa Stoddard leading 85. Leaders: Jeremy Galvagni 108t; Larry Bingham 47t; Bob Moore 47b; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga 475; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 432; Nicolette Mantica 49b; John Hughes 71; Anya Skibbie 228; Julia Reischel 84; Nathan Liu 145t; Sara Triggs 547; Scott Luscombe 506.

Emma Swartz and John Holbrook conducted the memorial lesson. Emma Swartz led 400 for the following sick and shut-ins: Catherinte Glatte, Ron Bornick, Silvia Cornell, Jack Kagay, Graham Wright, John Wright, Tom Padwa, Bella Price-Slade, and Larry Phillips.

John Holbrook led 415 in memory of the following deceased: Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Robert DuPree—Alabama; Raymond Hamrick—Georgia;

David Strother and Don Stickney—Maine; Denise Karpowicz—Michigan; Dwight Speer—Arkansas; Tony Anderson—Massachusetts; Dan Adams and Kathy Eastwood—Connecticut; George Benedetto, Marcia Rutledge, Joe Leonard, Jean Delfs, Ann Henry—New York; Roberta Robson—Louisiana; Juliette Ayotte—Florida. Tarik Wareh offered a prayer.

Leaders: Becky Wright 564; Cheri Hardy 77t; Dan Hertzler 338. Tarik Wareh offered a prayer before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was called together by Gerald Clarke and Corinne Ducey leading 339. Leaders: Emma Rose Brown 426b; Ian Quinn 269; Christine Andrews 328; Chris Coughlin 426t; Philippa Stoddard 447; Alvaro Witt Duarte 186; Rachel Fox VanSwearingen 178; Faiz Wareh 224; Jean Seiler 273; Jesse Vear 399b; Barbara Swetnam 196; Ben Bath 411; Elizabeth Stoddard 422; Linda Shea 306; Corinne Ducey 60 (noting that Oliver Kindig-Stokes had taught her the song); Kelly Taylor 142; Robert Stoddard 430; Ruby Francis 168; Liz Cantrell 208; Al McCready 177 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Matthew Leger-Small 367; Emma Swartz 500; David Rosenburg 34b; Patrick Friesen 189; John Holbrook 354t; Paula Picton, Ian Quinn, Charlie Urban-Mead, Margaret Grabar-Sage, Nicolette Mantica, and Cassie Goodnight 111b.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Becky Wright leading 313t. Leaders: Tarik Wareh 278t; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher and Emma Rose Brown 97; Angharad Davis 550; Alvaro Witt Duarte and Chris Coughlin 472; Emily Hancock 474; Solon Gordon 499; Laura Hodges 436; Dan Hertzler 282; Mary Skidmore and Jean Seiler 313b; Jesse Polhemus 375; Sara Wilson, Joe Makuch, Nathan Liu, Bibek Basnet, and Tony Lu 183; Willis McCumber 462; Mary Andrews and Christine Andrews 176b; Micah John Walter 30b; Cheri Hardy, Elsa Phemayotin, and Cora Wareh 504; Kitty Kajay 274t; Erik-Dardan Ymeraga and Faiz Wareh 229; Sara Wilson 491.

Resolutions were made, expressing thanks and resolving to reconvene on Saturday before the second Sunday in November, 2016. Announcements were made.

The officers led 347. Tarik Wareh offered the closing prayer.

Chairperson—Sally Langendorf; Vice Chairperson—Joanne Fuller; Secretary—Pattie Wareh

### **STAPLEFORD SACRED HARP SINGING** **St Luke's Church, Stapleford, Nottingham, United Kingdom** **Saturday, November 7, 2015**

The class was called to order by Helen Brown leading 52t. Elene Stovall offered the opening prayer. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Helen Brown; Vice Chairman—Ted Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders; Arranging Committee—Judy Whiting and Chris Brown.

Leaders: Hannah Land 77b; Ted Brown 47t; Vicki Elliott 39t; Chris Brown 38t; Ian West 392 (CB); Michael Walker 380t (CB); Sarah West 133 (CB); Ruth Steggles 33b; Elene Stovall 217; Matthew Parkinson 563 (CB); Rebecca Over 464 (CB); Leilai Immel 175 (CB); Cath Ingham 32t; Barry Parsons 150 (CB); Kate Kirwan 171; Rosalind Oldham 573 (CB); Judy Whiting 268b (CB); Scott Lewin 235.

#### RECESS

Ian West called the class to order by leading 29t. Leaders: Leilai Immel 176t; Sarah West 461; Rebecca Over 39 (CB); Ruth Steggles 511t (CB); Scott Lewin 410 (CB); Hannah Land 38t (CB).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Chris Brown. The following sick and housebound were named: Sister Pippa, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Delorese Lee,

Robin Fox, Cornelia Van Den Doel, Myrl Jones, Lin James, Sophie McDougall, and Samantha Cole. The following deceased were remembered: Raymond Hamrick, C. W. Garner, George Garner, and Joyce Harrison—Georgia, USA; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania, USA; Ian Whiting, Kate Davis, Mary Newell, and Charles Gwilt. Chris Brown led 285t for all the above named. Michael Walker closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Barry Parsons 118; Judy Whiting 318; Kate Kirwan 292. Grace for the mid-day meal was offered by Jonathan Stanyon.

#### LUNCH

The class was re-convened by Ted Brown leading 111b. Leaders: Vicki Elliott 414 (CB); Matthew Parkinson 522 (CB); Elene Stovall 440; Cath Ingham 411 (CB); Michael Walker 242 (CB); Helen Brown 532; Rebecca Over 434; Ian West 156 (CB); Leilai Immel 159; Sarah West 299; Barry Parsons 279; Ruth Stegges 371; Judy Whiting 273; Scott Lewin 393 (CB); Hannah Land 316; Kate Kirwan 442; Chris Brown 328; Elene Stovall 558; Michael Walker 216; Matthew Parkinson 98 (CB).

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Vicki Elliott leading 81t. Leaders: Ted Brown 35; Cath Ingham 63; Helen Brown 399b; David Moore 155; Rebecca Over 195 (CB); Ian West 500 (CB); Leilai Immal 61; Barry Parsons 176b (CB); Sarah West 391; Ruth Stegges 535; Scott Lewin 54t (CB); Judy Whiting 432; Matthew Parkinson 569b; Hannah Land 559 (CB); Kate Kirwan 522; Chris Brown 108b; Vicki Elliott 448t; David Moore 361; Ted Brown 77t.

Helen Brown led 56t as the closing song. Ted Brown dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Helen Brown; Vice Chairman—Ted Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders

## **OAK HILL SINGING AND CALHOUN COUNTY CONVENTION** **Oak Hill Baptist Church, Oxford, Alabama** **Sunday, November 8, 2015**

The annual Sacred Harp singing and Calhoun County Convention was held on the second Sunday in November at Oak Hill Baptist Church. Cecil Roberts called the class to order leading 59. Robert Chambless offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 35; Judy Chambless 225t (in honor of Margie Smith), 29t; Charlene Wallace 63, 155; Olivia Kerr 56t, 317; Winfred Kerr 314, 45t; Marilyn Bradley 39t, 39b; David Brodeur 32b, 33t; Jack Nelson 560, 504; Lauren Bock 36b, 423; Rodney Ivey 421, 176t; Reba Windom 313t, 270.

#### RECESS

Daniel Williams brought the class back to order leading 401. Leaders: Robert Chambless 66, 145t; Karen Rollins 101t (in honor of B.M. and Margie Smith), 448b; Richard DeLong 295; Cheyenne Ivey 213t, 512; Andy Ditzler 215, 330t; Pearl Guier 303 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard), 32b (in memory of B.J. and Evelyn Harris); Jesse P. Karlsberg 126, 378b; Oscar McGuire 371, 276; Rene Greene 49t, 203; Daniel Williams 418, 74t.

The following officers were elected: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Arranging Officer/Secretary—Judy Chambless.

#### RECESS

Cecil Roberts brought the class back to order leading 399b. Leaders: Judy Chambless 37b; Richard DeLong 544; Andy Ditzler 345t; Reba Windom 318; Sherrell Cleino 452; Cheyenne Ivey 100; Jesse P. Karlsberg 464.

#### LUNCH

Cecil Roberts brought the class back to order leading 229. Charlene Wallace led 89. Karen Rollins and The Sacred Harp Publishing Company presented a plaque



honoring B.J. and Evelyn Harris for their devotion and service to Sacred Harp music. The Harris's three daughters were present to receive the plaque. Rodney Ivey led 503 (in memory of B.J. Harris) and 47t (in memory of Evelyn Harris).

Leaders: Lauren Bock 186; David Brodeur 53; Oscar McGuire 515; Jack Nelson and Daniel Williams 165; Rene Greene 192; Rodney Ivey 448t (in honor of the Wootten family); Robert Chambless 31b; Winfred Kerr 146; Karen Rollins 347; Daniel Williams 48t; Ruth Daniel 378t; Sherrell Cleino 335.

After announcements, Cecil Roberts led 46 as the closing song. Daniel Williams offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Judy Chambless

### **GEORGIAN HARMONY SINGING** **Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia** **Saturday, November 14, 2015**

Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 20. Wayne Watson offered the opening prayer. All song selections were from the Georgian Harmony by Raymond Hamrick.

Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 27; Oscar McGuire 9; Helen Bryson 136, 26; Mary Brownlee 94, 95; John Plunkett 148, 232; Martha Harrell 54, 109; Rosemund Watson 16, 25; Michael Spencer 208, 14; John Hollingsworth 15, 184; David Smead 200, 176; Lisa Bennett 116, 203.

RECESS

Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 204. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 49; Helen Bryson 1, 42.

LUNCH

Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 202. Leaders: Lisa Bennett 252, 198; David Smead 19, 18; Mary Brownlee 13; John Plunkett 126, 166; Martha Harrell 108; Michael Spencer 233; John Hollingsworth 180; Bill Hollingsworth 249; Michael Spencer 196; John Plunkett 181; Lisa Bennett 90; Bill Hollingsworth 193.

Announcements were made. The class will plan to meet again next year on Saturday before the third Sunday in November.

Rosemund Watson led 255 as the closing song. Wayne Watson offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Secretary—Mary Brownlee

### **WEST YORKSHIRE SACRED HARP DAY** **Haworth Methodist Church** **Haworth, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom** **Saturday, November 14, 2015**

The 13th 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 52t. Joe Vickers offered the opening prayer.

Leaders; Chris Brown 47t; Vicki Elliot 48t; Hannah Land 56t; Cath Ingham 63; Joe Vickers 501; Sarah West 74b; Calum Woods 37b; Eimear O'Donovan 176b; Richard Mayers 74t; Michael Faulkner 268; Michael Walker 138b; Scott Lewin 376; Mark Wardlaw 303; Erin Johnson Williams 205; Jan Geerts 278b; Fynn Titford-Mock 127; Colin Monson 210; Helen Brown 39b.

RECESS

Cath Saunt called the class to order by leading 171. Leaders; Tom Greig 101t; Penny Macbeth, Julie Russell, and Tom 159; Jo Ellis 209; Ed Johnson Williams 425; Judy Whiting 354t; Ted Brown 510; Joy Spreadborough 457; Theresa Maguire 67; Richard Mayers 455; Phil Tyler 217; Jan Geerts 319; Colin Monson 274t; Sarah West 548; Michael Faulkner 228; Hannah Land 436; Joe Vickers 182; Calum Woods 80t; Fynn Titford-Mock 459; Eimear O'Donovan and Chris 445; Michael Walker 306; Cornelia van den Doel 178; Chris Brown 475. John Copperwheat gave thanks for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Tom Greig called the class back to order by leading 348b. Leaders: Mark Wardlaw 160; Vicki Elliot 187 (for Barry and Sam); Martyn Boddy 276; Ed Johnson Williams 196; Carl Dallas and Eimear O'Donovan 38b; Ted Brown 410t; Phil Tyler 451; Ann Chesterton and Vicki Elliot 47b; Maria Wallace 142; Scott Lewin 49b; Hannah Land 399b.

Richard Mayers conducted the memorial lesson and read the following list of names of the deceased: Mary Newell—Dalton; Kate Davis—Dublin; Ian Whiting—Barrow-upon-Humber; Michael Spittal—London; Eileen Wilson—Nailsea; Mike Smith—Malton; Janet Barrett and Jane Hughes—Bradford; Joan Mattock—Leicester; Charles Gwilt—Cannock; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania, USA; Raymond Hamrick and Joyce Harrison—Georgia, USA; Ellen Banks—New York, USA; John Junior Armstrong—Kansas, USA.

Richard also spoke for the following sick and housebound: Robin Fox, Paul Wyatt, Myrl Jones, Curtis Owen, Edith Owen, Dolores Lee, Gordon Hoyland, Sylvia Smail, Zam Walker, Dot Green, Cath Tyler, Jim Mitchell, Sister Pippa, Ruth Steggles, Melissa Kelley, Lin James, Samantha Cole, Stuart Russell, and Pat Macbeth. For them, he led 331, and said a prayer.

Leaders: Cath Ingham 339; Helen Brown 392.

#### RECESS

Sarah West called the class to order by leading 544. Leaders: Joy Spreadborough 277; Martyn Boddy 163t; Judy Whiting 466; Guy Whitmore 162; Julie Russell and Penny Macbeth 122; Theresa Maguire 65; Erin Johnson Williams 495; Cath Saunt 426t; Margaret Bradshaw 105; Jo Ellis 497; Maria Wallace 504; Karen Turner 313t; Michael Walker and James 212; Ed Johnson Williams 384; Hannah Land 189; Phil Tyler 477; Fynn Titford-Mock 98; Helen Brown and Ted Brown 373; Mark Wardlaw 515; Eimear O'Donovan 296; Calum Woods 482.

Chris Brown, Judy Whiting, and Calum Woods led 323t as the closing song. Calum Woods offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Brown; Vice Chairman—Judy Whiting; Secretary—Cath Ingham

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL SACRED HARP SINGING** **Epiphany Episcopal Church, Jackson, Mississippi** **Saturday, November 14, 2015**

A Sacred Harp singing was held in conjunction with the harvest festival in Jackson, Mississippi, on Saturday before the third Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Henry McGuire leading 34b and 120. John Van Horn offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Shelby Castillo 203, 186; Drew McGuire 213t, 430; Sarah Trumbore 171, 129; Nicholas Thompson 222, 422; Arlon Gardner 183, 180; Nathan Stewart 134, 411; Mark Davis 546, 432; Larry Ballinger 133, 157; Robert Raymond 48t, 122; Cheyenne Ivey 182, 168; Hellen Tester 312b, 63; Earl Ballinger 310, 299.

#### RECESS

Jackson Fleder led 72b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Carolina Whitfield-Smith 457, 47b; John Van Horn 106, 300; Erica Martinez 271t, 176b; Lisa Geist 528, 391; Regina Derstine and Todd Derstine 327, 204; Jackson Fleder 448b, 271b; Wilma Ann Mitchell 480; Henry McGuire 542, 532; Cheyenne Ivey 47t; Drew McGuire 472; Mark Davis 436. Arlon Gardner asked the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Henry McGuire leading 460. Leaders: Arlon Garner 448t; Nicholas Thompson 392, 322; Mark David 406; Robert Raymond 31t, 217; Earl Ballinger 439, 208; John Van Horn 209; Regina Derstine 277; Larry Ballinger 540; Sarah Trumbore 58, 76b; Nathan Stewart and Sarah Trumbore 240; Wilma Ann Mitchell 39t; Hellen Tester 30t, 65; Jackson Fleder 296; Will McGuire 40; Erica Martinez 175, 384; Drew McGuire 313b; Lisa Davis 99; Lisa Geist 530; Shelby Castillo 216.

Henry McGuire led “The Drone” as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Drew McGuire, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry McGuire; Secretaries—Cheyenne Ivey and Shelby Castillo

### **CROSSROADS CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING**

#### **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia**

**Saturday night, November 14, 2015**

The 48th session of the Crossroads Church Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in November. Hayden Arp welcomed everyone, and then led 59. Cecil Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Hayden Arp 72t (in memory of Elder Lewis Norton); Cecil Roberts 336, 75; Rene Greene 373, 142; Richard DeLong 109 (in memory of his Grandmother DeLong), 154; David Brodeur 35, 36t (in memory of Jane Strasser); Jason Stanford 155, 499; Winfred Kerr 282, 47b; Andy Ditzler 29t, 166; Eschol Hughes 348b (in memory of George Garner, Ruby McPherson, Jean Sloman, and in honor of the sick and shut-ins), 340; John Plunkett 547, 197.

A business session was held with the following officers retained or appointed to serve: Chairman—Hayden Arp; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 63; Iris Stanford 73b, 371; Lisa Bennett 522, 83t (in memory of her nephew, Brock Bennett); David Smead 523, 143; Earlis McGraw 111b, 89.

#### RECESS

Fallon Cook brought the class back to order by leading 37b. Leaders: Virginia Dyer 120 (in memory of those killed in France in the recent terrorist attacks), 110 (in memory of Inez Chandler); Cecil Roberts 163b (in memory of his parents, Irving and Shirley Roberts, and his aunt and uncle, Evelyn and Dorsey Newman); David Brodeur 49t; Timothy Williams 276; Dalton Lewis 354b (for all the firefighters); Jason Stanford 97; Sarah Roberts 274t, 108t; Winfred Kerr 314; Andy Ditzler 108b; Eschol Hughes 316; John Plunkett 317; Iris Stanford 159; Rene Greene 313t; Lisa Bennett 225b; David Smead 501; Earlis McGraw 435; Donna Bell 186 (in memory of her daddy, George Garner, and her uncle, C.W. Garner), 546 (for B.M. and Margie Smith); Fallon Cook 455.

Following announcements, Hayden Arp led 68b (by request, in memory of C.W. Garner and George Garner) as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Hayden Arp; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Donna Bell

**ELDER AND MRS. JASON DAVIS MEMORIAL SINGING**  
**Historic Sugar Valley Baptist Church, Sugar Valley, Georgia**  
**Sunday, November 15, 2015**

The annual Elder and Mrs. Jason Davis Memorial singing was held in a new location, the historic Sugar Valley Baptist Church. This lovely, acoustically lively building was the site of memorable singings in the late 19th and early 20th century. A small band attended the renewal of the tradition in this special place. Hugh McGraw was in attendance, but did not lead.

The class was called to order by Judy Mincey leading 59, the traditional opening song. Eddie Mash offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 225t; John Plunkett 495, 153; David Brodeur 41, 371; Coy Coggins 354b, 335; Eddie Mash 75, 77t; Andy Ditzler 66, 571; Richard DeLong 81t, 332; John Hollingsworth 341; Donna Bell 113, 441; Virginia Dyer 63, 222; Roy Brunson 457 (in memory of Elder Davis and Mrs. Brunson, Roy's mother), 282.

**RECESS**

Judy Mincey called the class to order leading 358 (in memory of Bernice Thompson Steadman). Leaders: John Plunkett 101t (in honor of Elder Ed Smith) 132; B.M. Smith 373, 34b; David Brodeur 275b, 138t; Coy Coggins 100, 108t; Eddie Mash 92, 374; John Hollingsworth 35, 230; Andy Ditzler 500.

**LUNCH**

The class reconvened after a bountiful lunch with Judy Mincey leading 283 (for Don Bowen).

A business session was held and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Coy Coggins. The class elected to return to this site for the singing next year.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 171, 155; Richard DeLong 127 (in memory of Eva Corley Reeves), 407; John Hollingsworth 354t; Donna Bell 532, 472; John Plunkett 540; B.M. Smith 503; David Brodeur 521; Coy Coggins 274t; Eddie Mash 70t; Andy Ditzler 70b; Charlene Wallace and Ellen Johnson 79; Judy Mincey 320 (in memory of deceased friends); Richard DeLong 411; Gail Dunn and Judy Mincey 129; Eddie Mash 77b.

The class sang 62, and took the parting hand. Eddie Mash prayed a benediction. Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Coy Coggins

**WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL**  
**King School House, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church**  
**Natural Bridge, Alabama**  
**Sunday, November 15, 2015**

The 45th session of the memorial Sacred Harp singing in memory of Ganus Wakefield, Wilford Wakefield, Clifford Wakefield, Gene Wakefield, Cecil Wakefield, and Wendell Wakefield was held at King School House. Glenn Keeton called the class to order by leading 59. Don Keeton offered the opening prayer.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Wayne Horton; Secretary—Debbie Hall; Arranging Committee—Betty Baccus and Faye Donaldson; Chaplain—Richard Mauldin.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 504; Wayne Horton 470, 388; Richard Mauldin 34b, 36b; Debbie Hall 208, 391 (in memory of Fayrene Wakefield and Helen Langston); Wanda Capps 546; Earl Ballinger 439, 389; Don Keeton 373, 491; Loretta Whitman 312b, 313t; Seth Poston 275b, 358; Ashley Hopkins, Katrina Cook, and Lilliebeth 517 (WB); Isabella Keeton and Glenn Keeton 305, 235; Ashten Caroll, Alyssa Caroll,

Nathaniel Hicks, and Kamryn Hicks 274t, 45t; Claire Davidson and Amber Davidson 345t, 82t; Emma Calvert 63, 142; Willodean Barton 134, 135.

#### RECESS

Wayne Horton led 339 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Danny Creel 428, 234; Linda Sides 530, 319; Matthew Keeton and Glenn Keeton 282, 354b; Ken Tate 354t, 390; Jerry Kitchens 166; Chris Ballinger 182, 300; Roma Rice 162, 31t; grandchildren of the late Sim and Catherine Wakefield 358, 480, 517 (WB) (in memory of Clifford Wakefield, Wilford Wakefield, and Nadine Willis); great-grandchildren of the late Sim and Catherine Wakefield 108t (in memory of Wendell Wakefield); children of the late Sim and Catherine Wakefield (Larry, Betty, Faye, Julia, and Clara) 333, 317 (for Wayne, who is sick, and in memory of deceased family members).

#### LUNCH

The class was brought back together by Glenn Keeton leading 270. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 112, 155; Sarah Beasley 340, 129; Seth Holloway 159; Jack Pate 569b, 152; Lisa Geist 377, 228; Ann Jett 269, 327; Steve Adams 99; Margaret Keeton 454, 276; Amanda Albright and Steve Miles 143, 268, 408; Ozella Blackmon 147t; Ann Jett, Danny Creel, and Wanda Capps 342 (in memory of Harrison Creel).

Glenn Keeton and Wayne Horton led 267 as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Wayne Horton; Secretary—Debbie Hall

### **TRI-COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING** **Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, Alabama** **Saturday, November 14, 2015**

The 8th annual Tri-County Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in November, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Note: lessons followed by (CB) were sung from the Sacred Harp, *Cooper Edition*, others from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

Bill Hogan called the class to order by leading 73t, 36b, and 186. He welcomed everyone. Tommy Spurlock offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Nancy Hogan 145b (CB), 480; Judy Chambless 146, 318; Ann Gray 84, 142; Steve Grauberger 546 (CB), 335 (CB); Wynette Smith 461 (CB), 405 (CB); Tommy Spurlock 376 (CB); Robert Chambless 55 (CB), 392 (CB); Stanley Smith 491 (CB), 373.

The following officers were asked to serve: Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—Stanley Smith; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless; Secretary—Nancy Hogan.

#### RECESS

Bill Hogan led 455 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Gary Padgett 377, 532; Alice Sundberg 591 (CB); Jack Nelson 408, 560; Barbara Jones 72 (CB), 276 (CB); Ken Sundberg 439 (CB), 112 (CB); Janet King 82 (CB), 270 (CB); Larry Shaw 479, 565; Karen Clark 585 (CB), 520 (CB); Aubrey Barfield 497 (CB), 214 (CB); Hubert Nall 47t (CB), 84 (CB); Chris Parris, Jillian Parris, and Jarrod Parris 463 (CB), 45t (CB); Wayne Jones 500 (CB), 395b (CB); Chip Westbrook 513t (CB). The class sang 369. Aubrey Barfield asked God's blessings for our time together and the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Bill Hogan led 453t (CB) to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Jewel Rowland 143 (CB), 340 (CB); Jeff James 341 (CB), 291 (CB); Deborah Boykin 571 (CB); Nancy Hogan 95b (CB); Tommy Spurlock 516 (CB); Hubert Nall 176b; Karen Clark 504t (CB); Ann Gray 178; Larry Shaw 505 (CB); Wayne Jones 464 (CB); Steve

Grauberger 128 (CB); Ken Sundberg 299 (CB); Wynette Smith 507b (CB); Robert Chambless 66; Jewel Rowland 120 (CB); Alice Sundberg 440b (CB); Deborah Boykin 319 (CB); Jeff James 127 (CB); Gary Padgett 189 (CB); Aubrey Barfield 172 (CB); Chris Parris, Jillian Parris, and Jarrod Parris 35; Jillian Parris 159 (CB). Announcements were made. Ann Gray, Bill Hogan, and Nancy Hogan led 323t (CB) as the closing song. Aubrey Barfield offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—Stanley Smith; Secretary—Nancy Hogan

## **WHITE SCHOOLHOUSE SINGING**

**Lawrence, Kansas**

**Saturday, November 21, 2015**

The first Sacred Harp singing at the White Schoolhouse in Lawrence, Kansas, was held on the third Saturday in November. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Joe Casad leading 49t. The opening prayer was offered by Joe Casad. Dayle Dryer led 503.

Leaders: Matt Gender 358; Shawn Thomas 276; Rex Armstrong 370; Joe Douglas 56b; Jim Krause 84; Susan Sanders 384; Lou Kujawinski 66; Wendy Hofmann 39t; Patti Sontag 47b; Presley Barker 474; Penny Kujawinski 473; Dan Brittain 417; Barbara Chopin 313b; Les Sontag 159.

### **RECESS**

Joe Casad brought the class back to order leading 63. Leaders: John Markovitz 547; Shawn Thomas 59, 523; Rex Armstrong 299; Joe Douglas 89; Barbara Chopin 34t; Dan Brittain 222, 220; Presley Barker 284, 293; Penny Kujawinski 350, 500; Les Sontag 178; Jim Krause 155; Patti Sontag 268, 313t; Dayle Dryer 362, 501. Rex Armstrong offered a prayer before the noon meal.

### **LUNCH**

Rex Armstrong brought the class back to order leading 148. Leaders: Lara West 335; Joe Casad 377; Ray Quigley 82t; Evan Jorn 282; John Markovitz 278t; Wendy Hofmann 430; Lou Kujawinski 515; Barbara Chopin 45t; Patti Sontag 143; Rex Armstrong 86; Dan Brittain 353; Les Sontag 145b; Dayle Dryer 333; Shawn Thomas 133, 361.

### **RECESS**

Leaders: Presley Barker 36b; Jim Krause 391; Ray Quigley 112; Evan Jorn 117; John Markovitz 209; Wendy Hofmann 448t; Lou Kujawinski 344; Presley Barker 454; Patti Sontag 345t; Dan Brittain 57; Les Sontag 496; Dayle Dryer 49b; Matt Gender 72b, 81t; Joe Casad 288, 217; Shawn Thomas 480.

After announcements, Joe Casad offered the closing prayer, and then led 62 as the closing song.

Co-Chairmen—Dayle Dryer, Joe Casad, and Rex Armstrong; Secretaries—Penny Kujawinski and Dayle Dryer

## **THANKSGIVING SACRED HARP SINGING**

**Jordans Village Hall, Jordans, Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom**

**Saturday, November 21, 2015**

The 7th 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. Mary Welch offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Edwin Macadam 472; Nick Hall 73b; Teresa Maguire 73t; Steve Welch 38t; Jan Lawrence 160b; Rachel Jordan 77b; Michael Walker 495; Toby Goss 52t; Rebecca Over 306; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 49t; Sofi Mogensen 31t; Sue Lord 105; Barry Parsons 421; Sue Lanfear 178.

## RECESS

Steve Brett brought the class back together leading 109. Leaders: Victoria Timberlake 335; Sheila Girling Macadam 157; Teresa Maguire 445; Steve Welch 147b; Nick Hall 231; Edwin Macadam 260; Rachel Jordan 82t; Jan Lawrence 152; Rebecca Over 316; Toby Goss 86; Michael Walker 440.

Revd David Chantler conducted a combined memorial and sick and housebound lesson. Drawing on the vivid images of the atrocities committed in Paris only eight days previously, he asked us to consider the consequences of differences of opinion based on the premise "I am right and you are wrong". As we offered each other the sign of peace, we remembered not only those killed in Paris, but also the following who have left us during the past year: Margaret Owen-Eynsham; Flo Charles-Port Talbot; June Howieson-Hove; John Marshall, Mike Spittal, Bill Kerridge, and Rina Rogers-London; Oliver Kindig-Stokes-Pennsylvania; C.W. Garner and George Garner-Georgia; Mark Kingston-Buckinghamshire; Andy Lee-Bracknell; Ernest Brook-Yorkshire; Packie Manus Byrne-Donegal; Eileen Wilson-Nailsea; and George Reed-Bedford.

David asked us to hold in our thoughts those still fighting for their lives in Paris and the following sick and housebound especially dear to us: Jackie Saunders, Brian Mitchell, Phoebe Davidson, Martin Bloom, Josie Bloom, Kerry Bloom, Ann Wiggins, Chris Swayne, Paula Mogensen, Sine Mikkelsen, Kath Mountstephen, Samantha Cole, Billie Walker, and Jo Brendon. Together with David, Sheila Girling Macadam led 524, after which David closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Barry Parsons 340; Kate Kirwan 436; Sofi Mogensen 278t; Sue Lord 111b; Sue Lanfear 299; Steve Brett 488; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 146; Victoria Timberlake 339; Steve Welch 50b; Rachel Jordan 318; Teresa Maguire 111t; Nick Hall 454.

David Chantler offered the words of thanks for the midday meal prepared by his daughter, Elspeth Hannen.

## LUNCH

The afternoon session commenced with Steve Brett leading 426t. Leaders: Michael Walker 441; Steve Fletcher 196; Barry Parsons 380; Sheila Girling Macadam 564; Toby Goss 300; Kate Kirwan 302; Edwin Macadam 550; Rebecca Over 547; Sue Lord 122; Sofi Mogensen 481; Nick Hall 476; Jan Lawrence 169; Rachel Jordan 193; Victoria Timberlake 312b; Steve Fletcher 313b; Sue Lanfear 159; Steve Brett 499; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 117; Teresa Maguire 106; Steve Welch 489; Michael Walker 431; Sue Lord 381; Kate Kirwan 377.

## RECESS

The class was reconvened for the final session with Rebecca Over leading 461 (for the Hollingsworth family). Leaders: Toby Goss 228; Barry Parsons 232; Jan Lawrence 180; Edwin Macadam 480; Victoria Timberlake 275t; Steve Fletcher 47b; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 274t; Sheila Girling Macadam 562; Sofi Mogensen 65; Kate Kirwan 385b; Sue Lanfear 361; Michael Walker 492; Rachel Jordan 192; Barry Parsons 187; Steve Fletcher 163b; Steve Brett 97; Rebecca Over 500; Steve Welch 569t; Sue Lord 282; Nick Hall 474; Kate Kirwan 521.

Thanks were given to all those who had helped in any way to make the day's singing a success. 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. Michael Walker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sheila Girling Macadam; Vice Chairman and Treasurer—Edwin Macadam; Secretary—Sofi Mogensen

**ALABAMA SACRED HARP MUSICAL CONVENTION**  
**Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham, Alabama**  
**November 21-22, 2015**

**Saturday, November 21**

The 116th session of the Alabama State Sacred Harp Musical Convention met at the Jefferson State Community College on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in November. The class was brought to order by Nate Green leading 32t. Danny Creel offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Ken Tate 354t; B.M. Smith 208; Rodney Ivey 422; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 212; Judy Caudle 85; Cindy Tanner and Sharon DuPriest 269; Nikos Pappas 99; Sarah Underhill 155; Micah Walter 411; David Bahler 203; Richard Mauldin 35; Jenny Acton 100; Steve Adams 331; Keillor Mose 228; Katlin Bailey 107; Jack Nelson 408; Eddie Mash 75; Ann Riley Gray 178; Wyatt Denney 347; Eugene Forbes 318; Daniel Bearden 292.

RECESS

Nate Green and Norma Green called the class back to order leading 569t. Leaders: Phillip Langley 396; Karis Askin and Eva Grace Horsley 168; Marlin Beasley 270; Alex Forsyth 329.

A business session was held and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed: Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Chaplin—Eddie Mash; Resolutions Committee—Chris Coughlin and Richard Ivey; Memorial Committee—Mary Amelia Taylor and Henry Johnson; Location Committee—David Ivey and Linda Thomas; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner and Sharon DuPriest; Secretaries—Linda Thomas, Elene Stovall, and Cheyenne Ivey; Finance Committee—B.M. Smith, Rodney Ivey, and Wyatt Denney.

Leaders: Vivian Rogan 56t; Kelsey Ivey 392; Erica Martinez 171; Judy Chambless 527; Chris Coughlin 322; Lisa Bennett 317; Daniel Lee 565; Samuel Sommers 560; Kathy Williams 479; Tim Taylor 474; Judy Mincey 34t; Linda Thomas and Cheyenne Ivey 217; Bea Aaron 456; Ben Bath 304; Logan Green 442 (in memory of Graham Pritchett); John Huffman 350.

RECESS

Ken Tate called the class to order leading 114. Leaders: Nathan Stewart 240; Nicholas Thompson 216 (for Betty Shepherd); Joe Nall 430; Sarah Trumbore 58; Geraldine Sharpton 496; Earl Ballinger and Larry Ballinger 349; Steven Huffman 29t; Nancy Thompson 384; Jim Aaron 47b; Matt Bell 468; Karen Ivey, David Ivey, and Grace Whitener 131b; David Carlton 272; Ann Jett, Yancey Jett, and Allison Whitener 440; Sarah Beasley 340; Jacob Acton 282; Robert Chambless 70t (for Tommie Spurlock); Tim Eriksen 31t; Louis Hughes 314; Mary Huffman 163t; Gary Smith 344; Karen Rollins 389; Ruth Wampler 279; Steve Helwig 351; Michelle Cull 73t; Lauren Bock and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 423 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes).

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Rodney Ivey and Keillor Mose leading 111t. Leaders: David Smead 522; Tammy Heinsohn and Gail Doss 504; Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy 65; Linda Sides 319; Stephanie Fida 156; Sasha Hsuczyk 328; Anna Hinton and Annaliza Cull 209; Clarissa Fetrow 416; Jackson Fleder 296; Matt Hinton, Erica Hinton, and Lottie Hinton 460; Wanda Capps, Shelley Calvert, and Emma Calvert 196; Amanda Jokerst 445; Tom Fahrbach 428; Reba Windom 542; Cassie Allen 362; Daphene Causey 192; Catherine Rogan 454; Mike Richards 306; Karen Freund 383; Laura Hodges 500; Kevin Beirne 436; Holly Mixon 183; Angela Myers 348b; Hubert Nall 186; Bob Schinske 128; Richard Ivey and Stuart Ivey 345b;



Ernest Chamberlain and Paula Picton 146; Julia Reischel 89; Susan Cheronos and Jessa Cheronos 300; Darrell Swarens and Cindy Tanner 198; Charlotte Ehrman 287; Elizabeth Gentry 64; Henry Johnson 82b; Adrian Eldridge 141; Jonathon Smith 83t. Announcements were made. Ken Tate and Rodney Ivey led 46 as the closing song. Eddie Mash offered the closing prayer.

### **Sunday, November 22**

The Sunday session of the Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention began at 9:30 a.m. with Ken Tate leading 303 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard). Eddie Mash offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 44; Chris Coughlin 145t; Richard Ivey 172; Eddie Mash 556; David Ivey 102; Henry Johnson 103; B.M. Smith 448t; Wyatt Denney 528; Cheyenne Ivey 106; Linda Thomas 81b; Sharon DuPriest 215; Elene Stovall 316 (for Toney Smith); Cindy Tanner 436; Philip Denney and Gail Denney 384; Ateven Snderson 315; Jane Spencer 113; Buell Cobb 50t; Sarah Huckaby 448t; Eli Hinton 99; Mary Amelia Taylor 472; Mike Hinton 534; John Plunkett 347 (in memory of Raymond Hamrick); Gavin Blakeley 196; Lela Crowder 42 (in memory of Bud Oliver); Arthur Fitzmaurice and Jason Stiedl 40; Louis Hughes 70b; Daniel Lee 497; Phillip Langley 546; Brandon Acton 186.

### **RECESS**

Ken Tate called the class to order leading 512. Leaders: Tom George and Dennis George 550; Scott Ivey 48t; Karis Askin and Eva Grace Horsley 100; Nathan Rees 462; Annaliza Cull 47b; Kelsey Ivey 214; Ben Bath 30b (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Adrian Eldridge 569t (in memory of Bob Meek); Drew McGuire 34b (in memory of George Easley); Vivian Rogan 73b; Anna Hinton 300; Steve Helwig 311; Charlotte Ehrman 486; Micah Walter 426b; Holly Mixon 475; Erica Martinez 201; Tim Eriksen 379; Stephanie Fida 309; Sasha Hsuczky and Alex Forsyth 72b (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Jackson Fleder 283; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 411; Tom Fahrback 212; Darrell Swarens 507; Jonathon Smith 126; Matt Hinton 139; Clarissa Fetrow 367; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 227; Cassie Allen 383; Amanda Jokerst 95; Julia Reischel 312b; Catherine Rogan 441; Keillor Mose 222; Karen Rollins 540; Bob Schinske 564; Laura Hodges 71.

### **LUNCH**

Rodney Ivey, Ben Bath, Scott Ivey, and Chris Coughlin called the class to order leading 189. Leaders: Lauren Bock 498; Ruth Wampler 394; Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy 505 (for David Brodeur); Kevin Beirne 361; Paula Picton 224. Henry Johnson and Mary Amelia Taylor conducted the memorial lesson. Mary Amelia Taylor spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins and read their names as follows: Jewel Wootten, Tommie Spurlock, Anne Drexler, David Brodeur, Loraine Bayer, Lynne deBenedette, Ottis Sides, Elsie Moon, Susan Bingham, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Floy Wilder, S.T. Reed, Krystal Davis, Anne Chalker, Geneva Prichard, Richard DeLong, Melanie Hauff, Janie Harper, Don Fahrback, Douglas Conn, and Velton Chafin. Mary Amelia Taylor led 566.

Henry Johnson spoke on behalf of the deceased and read their names as follows: Oliver Kindig-Stokes, Blake Thompson, Robert DePoy, Thompson Steadman, Dwight Speer, Charles Reischel, Jemera Rone, Martha Sue Thompson, Daniel J. Sommers, Robert DuPree, Sammie Oliver, Raymond Hamrick, Johnny Humber, Stella Pratt, Ann Henry, David Wampler, Joe Fothergill, Dan Adams, Joyce Harrison, George Garner, C.W. Garner, Evelyn Harris, Scott Willis, George Easley, and Mrs. Gilbert Pope. Henry Johnson led 122. Eddie Mash closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Erica Hinton 187; Sarah Underhill 28b; Tammy Heinsohn 547; Lisa Bennett 299; Gail Doss 148; Michelle Cull 86; Judy Mincey 492; Chita Blakeley 195;

Daphene Causey 225b; Coy Ivey 137; Angela Myers 485; Stuart Ivey 29t; Kathy Williams 434; Judy Caudle 336; Richard Maudlin 43; Linda Sides 225t; Eugene Forbes 80b; Tim Taylor 480; Bridgett Hill Kennedy 277; Ann Jett, Wanda Capps, Cindy Tanner, and Cassie Allen 327; Mike Richards 291; Susan Cherones 460; Elizabeth Gentry 107; Hubert Nall 168; Bea Aaron 568; Karen Freund 77t (in memory of Jerry Enright).

A business meeting 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 those who had contributed. The Secretary's report was given, stating that a total of 240 leaders from 20 states and British Columbia led 231 songs. The business meeting was closed. Announcements were made.

Ken Tate and Rodney Ivey led 62 as the closing song. Eddie Mash offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretaries—Linda Thomas, Elene Stovall and Cheyenne Ivey

## **SACRED HARP MUSICAL HERITAGE ASSOCIATION** **Annual Meeting** **Saturday, November 21, 2015**

The annual meeting of the Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA) was held at Jefferson State College on Saturday, November 21, 2015. Approximately 52 members were present. David Ivey, President, called the meeting to order at 2:45 pm. David welcomed the assembly and introduced all of the Board members present (Judy Caudle, Sam Sommers, Henry Johnson, Vice President, Lauren Bock, Jeannette DePoy, Secretary, thanking them for their support this year.

Judy Caudle provided a report for the "*Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings*" (Minutes Book) project. The total expenses for the project in 2015 were \$9,788.00.

The Minutes Book deposits for 2015 were \$10,314.00. Judy stated that the printing and shipping costs for 2015 are presently estimated to be \$8,306.00. Judy stated that 275 singings have submitted minutes, including the two sessions of Camp Fasola.

This included 233 one-day singings, 41 two-day conventions, and 1 three-day convention. About a third of the singings have requested not to receive Minutes Books next year. Each year this number has gradually increased by a few. Judy plans to order fewer books this year, with delivery estimated for January 12, 2016. The fees for the minutes books will stay the same. David reminded those present that anyone who is sick and shut-in can receive a free copy mailed to them.

David praised Lauren's attractive logo for the organization.

David provided and reviewed an information sheet that summarized 2015 activities and the 2014 financial summary. He stated that SHMHA, as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, files an IRS Form 990 report annually. David reported that SHMHA has received funding from the Alabama Council for the Arts for the thirteenth year. David expressed gratitude to the Sacred Harp Publishing Company for its continued financial support (\$6,000) of Camp Fasola in 2015. The Publishing Company voted in October to continue its financial support in the amount of \$6,500 in 2016.

David reported that a complete independent external audit of 2013 was completed by the firm Roddy, Horsley, Dillon and Gault, CPA, and that SHMHA had obtained useful information from the auditors about ways to enhance our bookkeeping and financial information and to make our organization more efficient.

David stated that SHMHA now has subaccounts for the National Convention, the United Convention, State Line, the Alabama State Convention and the Young People's Convention.

David reported that SHMHA completed its thirteenth year of Camp Fasola operation. Twenty-three camps have been held since 2003. SHMHA has offered both Youth and Adult Camps for the past seven years. Three sessions of Camp Fasola were held in 2012 and 2014. 2015 Adult Camp enrollment was 70 attendees, a slight decrease from 2014. Youth Camp enrollment was 141 attendees which is an increase from 2014. The camp dates for 2016 are: Adult Session—June 12-16, 2016 and Youth Session—July 4-8, 2015 and Europe Session—Sept. 19-23, 2016. The cost of camp will remain at \$450 for ages 30 and over and \$250 for ages 29 and younger at Adult Camp, and \$400 for ages 30 and older and \$200 for ages 29 and under at both Youth Camp. Pricing has not been finalized for Camp Europe. David stated that he is indebted to all those who have volunteered their time, service and money to SHMHA. He thanked Eugene Forbes for his support of camp through many years. Richard Mauldin commented on the remarkable growth of Sacred Harp through the world since Camp Fasola began. David stated that camp helps to plant seeds and that these new singers help our singers. Camp Fasola is fortunate to have so many smart, talented teachers now.

Jeannette DePoy, Camp Registrar, shared that 85% of campers rated their overall camp experience as “Excellent.” Campers rated the teachers as “Excellent.” For the first time this year, we asked the scholarship campers to write a brief paragraph about what camp has meant to them. Jeannette read a few of these beautiful testimonials to the membership. Thirty-six people were granted scholarships, up from twenty-three last year. A total of \$7,350.00 in scholarship monies was given.

There being no further business, David Ivey adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was dismissed with prayer offered by Sam Sommers.

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 Sacred Harp.

President—David Ivey; Vice President—Henry Johnson; Secretary—Jeannette DePoy

## **CORNUCOPIA SINGING**

**Residence of Rowan Lupton, Princeton, New Jersey**

**November 25-26, 2015**

**Wednesday night, November 25**

The 4th annual Cornucopia All-Night Singing began on Wednesday before the Sunday after the fourth Thursday in November at the residence of Rowan Lupton in Princeton, New Jersey. Nathalie Levine began the night by leading 354b, followed by opening remarks.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Nathalie Levine; Vice Chairman and Treasurer—Julia Seidenstein; Secretary—Jade Levine. Leaders: Julia Seidenstein 410b; Jade Levine 270; Leon Pulsinelle 225t; Rowan Lupton 37b; Lu Zeng 186; Julia Seidenstein 137; Becky Wright 29t; Nathalie Levine 70t; Leon Pulsinelle 216; Jade Levine 31t; Rowan Lupton 39t; Lu Zeng 38t; Becky Wright 326; Clarissa Fetrow 68b.

### **RECESS**

Julia Seidenstein called the class back together by leading 81t. Leaders: Rowan Lupton 335; Krista Guerrieri 405; Jeff Gauthier 440; Greg Vallette 503; Joel Menk 448b; Jade Levine 209; Clarissa Fetrow 122; Julia Seidenstein 56b; Leon Pulsinelle 39b; Rowan Lupton 236; Nathalie Levine 361. Julia Seidenstein offered a prayer before the meal.

## Midnight Snack

### Thursday, November 26

Jade Levine and Rowan Lupton brought the class together by leading 250. Leaders: Kevin Beirne 30b, 362; Krista Guerrieri 47b, 341; Julia Seidenstein 146, 148; Leon Pulsinelle 155, 497; Greg Vallette 457, 496; Rowan Lupton 355; Nathalie Levine 501; Rowan Lupton 149, 355; Leon Pulsinelle 196; Jade Levine 47t; Nathalie Levine and Julia Seidenstein 284; Krista Guerrieri 302; Jade Levine, Nathalie Levine, Rowan Lupton, and Julia Seidenstein 344.

Announcements were made. The secretary reported that 47 songs had been led by leaders from 9 states and 2 countries, some of whom led via Internet web-stream from Georgia, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Washington, Wisconsin, and British Columbia, Canada. The treasurer announced that expenses had been met. The resolutions committee thanked Rowan Lupton, Lynda Lee, and Robert Lupton for providing their house, and all who offered time and support. We resolved to meet again and sing together on the Wednesday night before the Sunday after the fourth Thursday in November, 2016. The chairman offered closing remarks.

The class took the parting hand as Nathalie Levine led 318. Julia Seidenstein offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Nathalie Levine; Vice Chairman—Julia Seidenstein; Secretary—Jade Levine

### SEATTLE THANKSGIVING SINGING Home of Clarissa Fetrow, Seattle, Washington Saturday, November 28, 2015

The third annual Seattle Thanksgiving singing was called to order by Kevin Barrans leading 48t. Leaders: Darlene Simpson-Brown 544; Karen Willard 541; Clarissa Fetrow 231; Kevin Barrans 180; Darlene Simpson-Brown 542; Bob Schinske 124; Karen Willard 292; Darlene Simpson-Brown 505; Kevin Barrans 112; Clarissa Fetrow 108t; Bob Schinske 123t; Kevin Barrans 225t (in memory of Loraine Bayer); Kate Coxon 475 (for Kate Fortin and Rogan Campbell); Kevin Barrans 426b (for Bruce Rowland and Jack Rowland); Darlene Simpson-Brown 373 (for granddaughter, Natasha Simpson and Max Nightingale, her beau returning to New Zealand); Clarissa Fetrow 372; Bob Schinske 511; Lu Zeng 515; Matthew Vega 39t; Scott Kennedy 455; Ruby Fore 535.

#### RECESS

After a wonderful potluck, Kevin Barrans called the class together by leading 30t. Leaders: Clarissa Fetrow 98; Scott Kennedy 287; Laura McMurray 283; Zoe Scofield 282; Kevin Barrans 242; Matthew Vega 454; Bob Schinske 456; Karen Willard 462; Kevin Barrans 419; Darlene Simpson-Brown 39b; Bob Schinske 60; Karen Willard 491; Kevin Barrans 434; Bob Schinske 435; Matthew Vega 198; Susan Helf 528; Kate Coxon 130; Laura McMurray 430; Kevin Barrans 360; Clarissa Fetrow 361; Darlene Simpson-Brown 453; Kate Coxon 382; Bob Schinske 280; Karen Willard 396; Zoe Scofield 86; Clarissa Fetrow 56b; Karen Willard 52b; Ken Hallock 332; Lu Zeng 547; Wanda Juul 186. Clarissa Fetrow and Miranda Fetrow led 323t as the closing song.

Secretaries—Clarissa Fetrow and Kate Coxon

**UNION MUSICAL SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION**  
**Sweetwater Chapel, Lawrenceville, Georgia**  
**November 28-29, 2015**

**Saturday, November 28**

The 147th session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention was hosted by Camp Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Lilburn, Georgia, on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in November. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Scott DePoy leading 101t. Matt Hinton offered the morning prayer. Matt Hinton directed the introductory lesson leading songs on pages 503, 330b, 284, 375, 174, 351, 313b, and 234. Leaders: John Hollingsworth 82t; Jeannette DePoy 31t; Jerusha Wheeler 333; John Plunkett 571; Tony Hammock 556; Tom Ivey 273; Bill Hollingsworth 461; Sharon Strong 573; Samuel Williams 372; Robert Kelley 318; Michael Walker 35; Daniel Williams 337; Giles Simmer and Dana Jago 63.

**RECESS**

Scott DePoy called the class to order leading 277. A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Daniel Williams; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson; Resolutions Committee—Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy; Memorial Lesson—Michael Walker.

Leaders: John Plunkett 52t; Daniel Williams 74t; Phillip Langley 385t; Debora Grosse 178; Erica Hinton 464; Karen Clark 70t; Anna Hinton 142; Karen Edwards 71; Margie Dietz 354b; Susan Firestone 475; Doug Allison 53; Jerusha Wheeler 193; Tony Hammock 83b; Tom Ivey 195; Bill Hollingsworth 466; Eli Hinton 99; Sharon Strong 306; Samuel Williams 269.

**LUNCH**

Daniel Williams called the class to order leading 401. Leaders: Helen Bryson 176t; Robert Kelley 131t; Michael Walker 205; Daniel Williams 320; Giles Simmer and Dana Jago 39t; Debora Grosse 186; Karen Clark 534; John Plunkett 501; Karen Edwards 203; Robert Kelley 66; Jeannette DePoy 328; Tony Hammock 138b; Doug Allison 145t; Scott DePoy 274t; John Hollingsworth 109; Susan Firestone 474; Tom Ivey 442; Karen Clark 569t; Daniel Williams 29t; Samuel Williams 163t; Tony Hammock 439; Bill Hollingsworth 207; Michael Walker 213t; Sharon Strong 113; Susan Firestone 504; Seth Langer and Michael Walker 30b; Giles Simmer and Dana Jago 376.

Announcements were made. John Plunkett led 46 as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer.

**Sunday, November 29**

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 48t. John Kelso offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 30t; Helen Bryson 312t, 568; Phillip Langley 180, 100; Andy Ditzler 547, 38b; Jeannette DePoy 89, 67; John Kelso 214, 447 (in memory of Bonnie Kiddle); Michael Spencer 393, 278t; Sandra Wilkinson 300, 159; David Brodeur 151, 150; Judy Mincey 213b, 369; B.M. Smith 101t, 512 (for Sid Caldwell).

**RECESS**

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 52b. Leaders: Reba Windom 36b, 82t; Faye Holbrook 455, 111b; Michael Walker 103, 169; Oscar McGuire 276, 287; John Hollingsworth 434, 36t; Scott DePoy 179 (in memory of Robert DePoy), 128; Helen Bryson 222, 223; Phillip Langley 517, 76b.

Michael Walker conducted the memorial lesson. He spoke of the subtleties of Thanksgiving and gratitude for the Sacred Harp family. Michael led 475 in memory of the deceased and for the sick and shut-ins. We remember the following deceased:

Robert DePoy, Raymond Hamrick, Joyce Harrison, George Garner, C.W. Garner, Bonnie Kiddle, Bernice Thompson Steadman, and Dan Pattillo—Georgia; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Evelyn Harris—Alabama. The following sick and shut-ins are remembered: Richard DeLong, Geneva Prichard, Jack Paulk, Tommie Spurlock, and Matt Jacobs. John Kelso closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

#### LUNCH

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 473. Leaders: Andy Ditzler 460; Jeannette DePoy and Reba Windom 542, 566; Judy Mincey 501, 279; Hayden Arp 177, 204; Sandra Wilkinson 334, 345t; Reba Windom 418, 186; Scott DePoy 47b; Michael Spencer 308, 166; Oscar McGuire 515; David Brodeur 44, 523; Michael Walker 135, 522; John Kelso 500, 423; B. M. Smith 72b; Faye Holbrook 77t, 392; Alice West 73t, 544, 565; Helen Bryson 162; Michael Walker 410b; John Kelso 225t (in memory of Loraine Bayer).

The convention entered into a business session for the purpose of hearing reports. The Resolutions Committee reported the following: The 147th session of Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention gives thanks to God for His many blessings given us, most especially for the gift of Sacred Harp, which fills our hearts with joy and love for one another. We give thanks for all those singers who have gone before us, and those who have kept this tradition alive and growing. We thank God for all the singers who participated, and came from near and far to join us in this fellowship. We are grateful to all whose work made for a wonderful weekend of singing. We hope to meet again in 2016 on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in October at a location to be determined (possibly Sweetwater Chapel). May God be with each of us and allow us to meet again. Ebenezer Primitive Baptist is to host the convention in 2016 with the location to be determined. The Finance Committee reported that convention expenses were met. The reports were approved. The business session was closed.

Announcements were made. John Plunkett led 347 as the closing song. Judy Mincey offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Daniel Williams; Secretary—Helen Bryson

### **HOUSTON SACRED HARP SINGING** **Heights Church of Christ, Houston, Texas** **Saturday, December 5, 2015**

The 12th annual session of the Houston Sacred Harp Singing was held at Heights Church of Christ in Houston, Texas, on Saturday before the first Sunday in December. Donna Bing called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 572 (CB). Robert Vaughn offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Donna Bing; Vice Chairman—Linda Siemers; Secretary—Laura Pedersen.

Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, and *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision* (CB).

Leaders: Donna Bing 463 (CB); Robert Vaughn 462 (CB), 331t (CB); Wade Price 84 (CB), 40 (CB); Gaylon Powell 223 (CB), 580 (CB); Kristie Powell 514 (CB), 140 (CB); Crystal Meadows 29t (CB), 98 (CB); Conner Wilburn 47b, 504; Lee Williams 178, 179; Silas Huckaby 212, 300; Sarah Huckaby 503, 168.

#### RECESS

The class resumed singing with Donna Bing leading 452. Leaders: Fred Todt 272, 273; Barbara Smith 86, 479; Emma Smith 481, 142; John Berendzen 506, 48b; Kris

Wiggins 163t, 266; Jesse Latimer 421, 39 (CB); Robert Vaughn 477 (CB), 482 (CB); Wade Price 189 (CB), 127 (CB); Gaylon Powell 121, 551. Robert Vaughn offered the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Donna Bing brought the class back to order leading 571 (CB). Leaders: Laura Pedersen 350, 159; Priscilla Wiggins 344, 472; Kristie Powell 210 (CB), 422t (CB); Crystal Meadows 81b, 542; Lee Williams 288, 289; Silas Huckaby 182, 280; Sarah Huckaby 475, 299; Barbara Smith 484 (CB), 486 (CB); Emma Smith 117, 224; John Berendzen 95, 383; Kris Wiggins 522, 522 (CB).

#### RECESS

The class was brought back together by Donna Bing leading 282. Leaders: Jesse Latimer 198; Anna Pedersen 114, 268; Ben Copenhaver 308 (CB), 34 (CB); Robert Vaughn 28t (CB); Gaylon Powell 343 (CB); Priscilla Wiggins 485 (CB), 186; Kristie Powell 500; Crystal Meadows 565.

Donna Bing made closing remarks, thanking those who prepared and served food, and anyone else who helped make the day a success. Announcements were made. The annual Houston Sacred Harp Singing will be held on Saturday before the first Sunday in December, 2016, at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4930 West Bellfort Avenue, Houston, Texas, 77035.

Donna Bing led 518 (CB) as the closing song. Robert Vaughn offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Donna Bing; Vice Chairman—Linda Siemers; Secretary—Laura Pedersen

### **A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church, Savannah, Georgia Saturday, December 5, 2015**

The Savannah Sacred Harp Singers held their second annual Service of Lessons and Carols at Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church on December 5, 2015. Songs were chosen from *The Sacred Harp*, *An American Christmas Harp*, *The Cooper Book*, *Harmonia Sacra*, *The Shenandoah Harmony*, and *Christian Harmony*. Scripture readings came from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. As a prelude Ellen Lea led 74 (ACH). The Reverend Dr. Jeff Garrison called the class to order, and welcomed guests at 2:00 p.m.

Leaders and Readers: Mary Cassidy Psalm 105; Buck Lea 60 (HS); Jeff Garrison offered an opening prayer; Gene Pinion 49 (CB); Grace Walter Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17; Sharon Strong 284; Paul Walter Genesis 3:17-19, 23-24; Tom Ivey 115, 158 (ShH); Laurel McKeith Psalm 20; John Gentry 336; Mary Cassidy Isaiah 26:1-5, 9, 12; Dawn Stanford 148; Debra Pekarski Luke 2:1-7; Buck Lea 441; Lori Harris Luke 2:8-20; Frank DeBolt 186; Ellen Lea 28 (ACH); Annita Parmelee Matthew 2:1-12; Tom Ivey 54 (ACH); Sharon Strong 34 (ACH); Marcia Dodd Matthew 2:13-18; Dawn Stanford 457; Paul Walter Isaiah 64:1-5; 65:17-19, 21-22; Gene Pinion 51, 87; Jeff Garrison Revelations 21:1-6; Tom Ivey 299; Frank DeBolt 155; Gene Pinion 137 (CH). Jeff Garrison delivered a Charge and Blessing. As a postlude Ellen Lea led 30 (ACH).

#### RECESS

John Gentry recalled the class leading 229. Leaders: Tom Ivey 412; Frank DeBolt 515; Gene Pinion 273; Tom Ivey 397 (for Judy Gauthier); Dawn Stanford 81b; Annita Parmelee 282; Nancy Wheless 81t; Sharon Strong 306; Carol Jewel 358. John Gentry led 62 as we took the parting hand, and then dismissed the class with prayer.

Secretary—Gene Pinion

## **FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)**

**Holiday Inn, Panama City, Florida**

**December 5-6, 2015**

**Saturday, December 5**

The 48th session of the Florida State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Bill Hogan leading 36b. The opening prayer was offered by Adam Brasich. Leaders: B.M. Smith 31t; Chris Noren 55; Mary Jewell Rowland 384; Victoria Aplin 277; Aubrey Barfield 306; Gary Padgett 494; Evie Eddins 210; Adam Brasich 133; Nancy Hogan 520; Ethan Eddins 299; Geraldine Sharpton 372; Chris Nicholson 293b; Karen Rollins 168; Robert Chambless 563; Ellen Fournier 49t; Ewan Eddins 95t; Nancy Van Den Akker 91; Geoffery Brook 492; Nicole Bowman 28t. Adam Brasich and Nicole Bowman were appointed as the memorial committee.

RECESS

Singing continued with Russ Scholz and Mary Whitehurst leading 478. Leaders: Morgan Bunch 419; Daphene Causey 225b; Ezra Eddins 186; Wynette Smith 145b; Ken Sundberg 454; Emily Eddins 319; Tor Bejnar 411; Judy Chambless 29b; Robert Walker 501.

RECESS

Singing continued with B.M. Smith leading 559. Leaders: Tim Jones 63; Tammy Heinsohn 242; Lelon Phillips 522; Reba Windom 571; Joe Nall 183; Sue Bunch 514; Elam Eddins 40; Ann Riley Gray 544; Russ Scholz 585; Sarah Kahre 140. Bill Hogan led 369 before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Hubert Nall leading 287. Leaders: Sharon DuPriest 189; Ernest Cockcroft 401; Ellen Gwynn 393; Eli Eddins 291; Alice Sundberg 516; Linda Thomas 39; Beverly Dayton 486; Edith Eddins 583; Wayne Jones 264b; Ryan Bowman 105b; Dana Eddins 273.

RECESS

Singing continued with Chris Noren leading 573. Leaders: Shannan McKenzie 220; Kevin Eddins 65; Betty Shepherd 101t; Stanley Smith 235; Loretta Jones 497; Lloyd Jones 465; Shannan McKenzie and Aubrey Barfield 404; Sue Bunch 504t.

Announcements were made. The class sang 527. Aubrey Barfield dismissed the class with prayer.

**Sunday, December 6**

The Sunday session of the Florida State Convention was called to order by Bill Hogan leading 442t. He then offered the opening prayer. Leaders: B.M. Smith 559; Chris Noren 229; Jewell Rowland 120; Victoria Aplin 516; Aubrey Barfield 112; Chris Nicholson 264t; Eli Eddins 288; Karen Rollins 136; Adam Brasich 38b; Sharon DuPriest 30t; Elam Eddins 384; Ann Riley Gray 571; Nancy Van Den Akker 227; Gary Padgett 456; Evie Eddins 99; Linda Thomas 515; Eric Eddins 207b; Morgan Bunch 175.

RECESS

Singing resumed with B.M. Smith leading 290. Leaders: Ryan Bowman 342; Dana Eddins 543; Lloyd Jones 45t.



The memorial lesson was held at this time. Nicole Bowman read the list of the sick and shut-ins. She led 127 for them. Adam Brasich read the list of deceased, and led 123b in their memory, and closed the service with prayer.

Leaders: Reba Windom 505; Judy Chambless 132; Ken Sundberg 340; Edith Eddins 283; Tammy Heinsohn 311; Robert Chambless 70t; Alice Sundberg 143; Geraldine Sharpston 508; Robert Walker 336b; Nancy Hogan 464; Joe Nall 30t; Sue Bunch 591; Tim Jones 47t; Angela Myers 567. Bill Hogan led 369 before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Chris Noren leading 96. Leaders: Chris Noren and Aubrey Barfield 584; Emily Eddins 155; Ernest Cockcroft 358; Loretta Jones 146; Ezra Eddins 203; Mary Whitehurst 154b; Wayne Jones 513t; Wynette Smith 507b; Kevin Eddins 280; Shannan McKenzie 355; Chip Westbrook 451; Nicole Bowman 47b; Stanley Smith 200, 574; Karen Noren 516; Linda Westbrook 465; Nancy Van Den Akker 295; Edith Eddins 82; Chris Nicholson 558; Adam Brasich 69; Tammy Heinsohn 159; Robert Walker 575; the Eddins family 196; Shannan McKenzie and Aubrey Barfield 408.

Aubrey Barfield thanked everyone for attending the convention. Aubrey gave the financial report and announced that collections were sufficient to cover all expenses. He announced the new officers for next year as follows: Chairman—B.M. Smith; 1st Vice Chairman—Chris Noren; 2nd Vice Chairman—Wynette Smith.

Next year's officers led 331t as the closing song. Aubrey Barfield offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Secretary—Aubrey Barfield

## **JOE BEASLEY MEMORIAL SINGING** **Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama** **December 12-13, 2015**

### **Saturday, December 12**

The 21st annual Joe Beasley Memorial Singing was called to order by Richard Schmeidler. Marlin Beasley offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 34b, 66, 474; Marlin Beasley 30t, 40, 47t; Becky Briggs 108t, 313t, 318; Sarah Beasley and Linda Hellerich 3 (LD), 333 (LD), 411 (LD); Jack Pate 75, 145b, 569b.

#### RECESS

Richard Schmeidler brought the class back together by leading 49b. Leaders: Loretta Whitman 48t, 142, 143; Chug Beasley and Ruth Nix 33b, 354b, 72b; Anne Steel 74b, 108b, 148; David Carlton 346 (CH), 341 (CH), 332; Warren Steel 623 (LD).

#### LUNCH

Henry Schuman led 32t to bring the class to order. Leaders: Dorothea Maynard 131 (CH), 137 (CB), 384; Warren Steel 400, 273, 272 (LD); Cora Sweatt 155, 47b, 312b; Henry Schuman 117 (CH), 137 (CH), 184 (CH), 206 (CH); David Carlton 98 (CB); Becky Briggs 460; Jack Pate 39b; Sarah Beasley 519 (CB); Chug Beasley and Ruth Nix 111b; Anne Steel 434; Richard Schmeidler 475; Dorothea Maynard 120; Marlin Beasley 571 (CB); Warren Steel 495; Cora Sweatt 146; Henry Schuman 142 (CH). Announcements were made. Richard Schmeidler led 46 as the closing song. Jack Pate dismissed the class with prayer.

### **Sunday, December 13**

The Sunday session of the Joe Beasley Memorial Singing was called to order by Richard Schmeidler leading 28t. Marlin Beasley offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 84; Marlin Beasley 176b, 176t; Henry Schuman 318, 426b; Don Keeton 457, 317; Betty Baccus 436, 499; Darrell Swarens 36b, 350; Becky

Briggs 336, 234; Gravis Ballinger 78, 76b; Gary Smith 549; Linda Hellerich and Gary Smith 99.

#### RECESS

The class was brought to order by Richard Schmeidler leading 535. Leaders: Cora Sweatt 159, 68b; Will McGuire 45t, 81b; Sarah Beasley 406, 145b; Richard Mauldin 126, 168; Bunk Beasley and Hailey Beasley 81t, 72b; Henry McGuire 103, 148; Chug Beasley and Ruth Nix 61, 33b; Drew McGuire 425, 29t.

Darrell Swarens and Richard Mauldin conducted the memorial lesson. Darrell told of how he started Sacred Harp singing because of the music. However, as time passed, it became about the people. He told of a dream he had recently. He was at a singing in a concrete block church, surrounded by B.F. White, E. J King, Demus and Robert Aldridge and many others who have passed since he began singing: Josie Hyde, Raymond Hamrick, Bud and Sammie Oliver, Edith Tate, Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard, and Harrison Creel to name just a few. Darrell was sitting on the bass front bench next to Harrison Creel. He leaned over and asked Harrison if this was Heaven. Harrison replied, "No, this is Alabama." Darrell then read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Kermit Adams, Willodean Barton, John Beasley, Anne Chalker, Velton Chafin, Alice McGuire, Brenda Pena, S.T. Reed, Ottis Sides, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Corissa Sweatt, and Floy Wilder.

Richard Mauldin read the following list of names of the deceased: Dawson Adams, Robert DuPree, and Lloyd Humber—Alabama; George Easley and Elder Charles Pouten—Mississippi; Loraine Bayer—Ohio; Oliver Kindig-Stokes—Pennsylvania. Richard and Darrell led 111b. Seth Holloway led 236.

#### LUNCH

Henry Schuman brought the class to order by leading 145t. Leaders: Amber Davis 276, 434; Dorothea Maynard 218, 361; Earl Ballinger 217, 177; Steve Adams 331, 101t; Lisa Geist 472, 273; Ricky Beasley 49b, 47b; Larry Ballinger 306, 208 (in memory of Lloyd Humber); Patsy Kelley, Dorothea Maynard, and Becky Briggs 571 (CB), 235; Danny Creel 283, 498; Sarah Beasley, Marlin Beasley, Bunk Beasley, Chug Beasley, Cora Sweatt, Becky Briggs, Patsy Kelley, Dorothea Maynard, and Ricky Beasley 335, 340; Henry McGuire 442; Darrell Swarens 507; Drew McGuire 30b; Don Keeton 491; Richard Schmeidler 490; Amber Davis 192; Richard Mauldin 43. Announcements were made.

Richard Schmeidler led 146 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—John Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Schmeidler; Secretary—Henry Schuman

# 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](mailto: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.

**William E Abercrombie**

b. June 10, 1867  
d. February 10, 1950  
Indian Creek Baptist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**John J Adcock**

b. March 15, 1895  
d. December 18, 1959  
Senoia City Cemetery  
Coweta County, Georgia

**John Stinson (Uncle John)**

**Adcock**  
b. December 9, 1861  
d. June 5, 1945  
Mount Moriah Baptist  
Church  
Senoia, Coweta County,  
Georgia

**E. G. Akin**

1913-1991  
Carroll Memory Gardens  
Carrollton, Georgia

**N. Larkin Akin**

b. August 19, 1901  
d. April 5, 1984  
Pleasant View Baptist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**Roland J. (father of E.G.)  
Akin**

1876-1947  
Pleasant View Baptist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**Susie E. Reid (wife of R. J.)  
Akin**

1882-1964  
Pleasant View Baptist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**Emanuel F. Alewine**

1879-1966  
St. Michael Church  
Cleburne County, Alabama

**James C Arthur**

1856-1935  
Indian Creek Baptist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**Rev. J Herman Barrow**

b. March 21, 1895  
d. March 26, 1985  
Kansas Baptist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**John T Barrow**

b. November 23, 1881  
d. July 8, 1957  
Cave Spring Cemetery  
Floyd County, Georgia

**Leonard C Barrow**

b. August 29, 1883  
d. November 11, 1935  
Poplar Springs Primitive  
Baptist Ch  
Carroll County, Georgia

**Marion A Barrow**

b. March 6, 1886  
d. July 28, 1944  
Antioch Baptist Church  
Waco, Georgia

**H. J. Bates**

b. December 10, 1883  
d. December 26, 1970  
Five Points Baptist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**R. Webster Bates**

b. April 17, 1887  
d. March 9, 1960  
City Cemetery  
Bowdon, Georgia

**Arthur L. Bentley**

1912-1981  
Riverside Baptist Church  
Tallapoosa, Georgia

**Inez C. Bentley**

1910-1967  
Riverside Baptist Church  
Tallapoosa, Georgia

**Tinsey Irene (wife of  
W.E.C.) Blackmon**

b. May 14, 1879  
d. March 6, 1969  
Simcoe Methodist Church  
Cullman County, Alabama

**William Edward Columbus  
Blackmon**

b. November 25, 1873  
d. November 20, 1915  
Holly Springs Primitive  
Baptist Ch  
Bremen, Georgia

**Inez Maxine (Wood)  
Chandler**

b. February 28, 1927  
d. February 28, 2015  
Crossroads Baptist Church  
Tallapoosa, Georgia

**Clelen Irene (wife of T.  
Forney) Cobb**

b. September 29, 1906  
d. December 23, 1996  
Nance's Creek United  
Methodist Ch  
Jacksonville, Alabama

**Thomas Forney Cobb**

b. November 16, 1909  
d. June 1, 1995  
Nance's Creek United  
Methodist Ch  
Jacksonville, Alabama

**George W Eason**

b. March 16, 1871  
d. September 17, 1941  
Indian Creek Baptist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**Henry H Eason**

b. January 21, 1880  
d. July 31, 1971  
Indian Creek Baptist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**James E Eason**

b. November 9, 1865  
d. August 21, 1930  
Indian Creek Baptist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**John W Eason**

b. April 16, 1864  
d. July 4, 1926  
Indian Creek Baptist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**J. B. Entreklin, Jr.**

b. October 23, 1911  
d. March 1, 1966  
Five Points Baptist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**Floyd Monroe Frederick**

b. April 12, 1893  
d. October 9, 1960  
Mountain Home Cemetery  
Bear Creek, Alabama

**Sarah Alice (wife of F.M.)  
Frederick**

b. May 9, 1892  
d. July 2, 1966  
Mountain Home Cemetery  
Bear Creek, Alabama

**Floris B. (wife of M.A.)  
Gammon**

b. October 20, 1909  
d. December 18, 1994  
Mount Zion Methodist  
Church  
Mt. Zion, Georgia

**James Clifford Gammon**

b. October 5, 1913  
d. February 17, 1986  
Mount Zion Methodist  
Church  
Mt. Zion, Georgia

**John A. Gammon**

1867-1957  
Union Methodist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**J. L. (Lem) (husband of  
Viola) Gammon**

b. June 9, 1872  
d. December 4, 1958  
Mount Zion Methodist  
Church  
Mt. Zion, Georgia

**Lavada Gammon**

b. December 17, 1894  
d. April 15, 1958  
Mount Zion Methodist  
Church  
Mt. Zion, Georgia

**Louisa M. (wife of J.A.)  
Gammon**

1872-1947  
Union Methodist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**Mary George (wife of J.C.)  
Gammon**

1912-1983  
Mount Zion Methodist  
Church  
Mt. Zion, Georgia

**Millard A. Gammon**

b. October 13, 1907  
d. May 28, 1986  
Mount Zion Methodist  
Church  
Mt. Zion, Georgia

**Viola Gammon**

b. February 25, 1876  
d. March 20, 1960  
Mount Zion Methodist  
Church  
Mt. Zion, Georgia

**Wiley F Gammon**

b. January 15, 1897  
d. October 9, 2942  
Mt. Zion Methodist Church  
Mt. Zion, Georgia

**C. W. Garner**

b. October 10, 1932  
d. June 5, 2015  
Crossroads Baptist Church  
Tallapoosa, Georgia

**George Edman Garner**

b. April 6, 1935  
d. July 10, 2015  
Crossroads Baptist Church  
Tallapoosa, Georgia

**Landon Franklin Gray**

b. August 6, 1868  
d. May 19, 1963  
Buchanan City Cemetery  
Haralson County, Georgia

**James F. Hendrix**

b. December 19, 1878  
d. December 24, 1943  
Old Carrollton Baptist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**Madgie (wife of Ivie)**

**Hendrix**  
1895-1978  
Tri-Cities Memorial Gardens  
Florence, Alabama

**Jackson Bogus Henslee**

b. October 8, 1852  
d. October 28, 1913  
Tranquil Cemetery  
Coweta County, Georgia

**Jackson W. (Jack) Hicks**

b. March 12, 1889  
d. September 25, 1989  
Greenwood Cemetery  
Cedartown, Georgia

**Viola W. (second wife of  
Jack) Hicks**

b. May 15, 1908  
d. April 10, 1994  
Heflin City Cemetery  
Cleburne County, Alabama

**Buford King**

b. December 23, 1907  
d. March 8, 1967  
Indian Creek Baptist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**Calvin F. Letson**

1833-1902  
Pleasant Hill United  
Methodist Ch  
Bessemer, Alabama

**George L McEwen**

1855-1912  
Pleasant View Baptist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**T. Boyd (son of Thomas B  
& Octavia McGraw**

b. April 9, 1924  
d. January 31, 1945  
West View Cemetery  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Augustus J. McLendon**

b. March 25, 1858  
d. December 24, 1929  
Harmony Primitive Baptist  
Church  
Cleburne County, Alabama

**Ida Viola (third wife of A.J.)  
McLendon**

b. June 14, 1872  
d. April 17, 1942  
Harmony Primitive Baptist  
Church  
Cleburne County, Alabama

**Garfield Rainwater**

b. June 6, 1906  
d. January 25, 1993  
Bowdon City Cemetery  
Bowdon, Georgia

**Rheuben J Reid**

b. July 29, 1881  
d. December 11, 1967  
Concord Primitive Baptist  
Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**A J (Jack) Robinson**

b. May 11, 1886  
d. December 24, 1968  
Indian Creek Baptist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**E. F. Shell**

b. May 21, 1853  
d. August 26, 1917  
The Church at Carrollton  
(formerly Abilene Baptist  
Church)  
Carroll County, Georgia

**Frank (F.D.) Shell**

b. March 29, 1870  
d. January 28, 1962  
Tranquil Cemetery  
Coweta County, Georgia

**Leon Summers Shell**

b. August 17, 1901  
d. April 21, 1966  
Senoia City Cemetery  
Coweta County, Georgia

**Roscoe D Shell**

b. October 16, 1899  
d. October 3, 1984  
Carroll Memory Gardens  
Carrollton, Georgia

**W R (Bob) Shell**

b. September 15, 1874  
d. April 25, 1963  
Senoia City Cemetery  
Coweta County, Georgia

**Rosa D Summers (wife of  
W.R.) Shell**

b. February 26, 1881  
d. July 26, 1957  
Senoia City Cemetery  
Coweta County, Georgia

**William Claiburne Smith**

b. Mary 20, 1870  
d. July 18, 1960  
Poplar Springs Primitive  
Baptist Ch  
Carroll County, Georgia

**John W Stallings**

b. 1870  
d. August 6, 1951  
Oak Grove Baptist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**Benjamin David Styles**

b. February 24, 1876  
d. February 26, 1964  
Indian Creek Baptist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**Berta K. Tant**

b. June 13, 1910  
d. February 27, 1991  
Forest Hill Cemetery  
Birmingham, Alabama

**J. Clarence (Tant) husband  
of Berta Tant**

b. July 16, 1909  
d. May 16, 1987  
Forest Hill Cemetery  
Birmingham, Alabama

**Bonnie Entrekin  
Thompson**

b. May 20, 1902  
d. February 28, 1989  
Union Methodist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**Dean T. Thompson**

b. July 15, 1924  
d. March 17, 1997  
Union Methodist Church  
Carroll County, Georgia

**Wendell Ray Wakefield**

b. March 17, 1947  
d. November 17, 2013  
Kings School House  
Cemetery  
Winston County, Alabama

**Lee Scott Wells**

b. August 8, 1887  
d. February 24, 1972  
Coal City Baptist Church  
near Jasper, Alabama

**Jessie (wife of Lee) Wells**

b. March 3, 1890  
d. April 1, 1979  
Coal City Baptist Church  
near Jasper, Alabama

**Hugh C. (son of Lee) Wells**

b. August 21, 1916  
d. June 12, 2000  
Coal City Baptist Church  
near Jasper, Alabama

**J W Williams**

b. July 1, 1870  
d. March 31, 1937  
Hollywood Cemetery  
Tallapoosa, Georgia

**Nadine Wakefield Willis**

b. September 21, 1931  
d. June 2, 2014  
Union Grove Church  
Winston County, Alabama

**Thomas P. Woodard**

b. March 23, 1888  
d. December 23, 1964  
Liberty Missionary Baptist  
Church  
Helicon, Alabama

**Martha E. (wife of Thomas  
P.) Woodard**

b. August 23, 1886  
d. December 22, 1951  
Liberty Missionary Baptist  
Church  
Helicon, Alabama

**Willis Alvin Yates**

b. December 1, 1869  
d. September 6, 1950  
Edgil Grove Baptist Church  
Cemetery  
near Jasper, Alabama



## 2015 DEATHS

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 2015 minutes.

### Listed by Date

12-27-14	Olivia Wootten Moore Allen	Alabama
02-14-15	Dawson Adams	Alabama
02-00-15	Joe Fothergill	Ohio
04-20-15	Evelyn Harris	Alabama
06-05-15	C. W. Garner	Georgia
07-10-15	George Edman Garner	Georgia
07-14-15	Robert Hickman DuPree	Alabama
07-26-15	Kerene Ezell Box	Tennessee
08-19-15	Lora S. Cargo	Alabama
10-18-15	Oliver Kindig-Stokes	Pennsylvania
11-27-15	Loraine Bayer	Ohio

### Listed by State (\* — see above list for date)

#### *Alabama*

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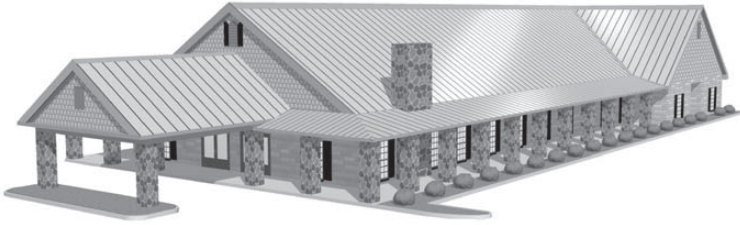
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