

Sacred Harp Singings

2001 & 2002

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Dear Singers and Friends of Sacred Harp,

We are pleased to provide the Sacred Harp Singings Minutes and Directory for 2001 and 2002. Over the years this book has been an invaluable guide to singers and friends of Sacred Harp all across the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

This book is provided with the hope that it will serve as a useful tool to inform and unify the Sacred Harp people. Please use this book to review the proceedings of last year's singings and conventions; to plan your attendance at singings and conventions this year; and to keep in touch with each other.

Looking ahead to the coming year, we want to thank the secretaries for your help and coordination. It is important that you submit your minutes and payment within two weeks after your singing. Please take the time to review the "How To Submit Minutes" and "Computer Instructions" pages. Also, please look in this edition at your minutes entry for last year, and use it as a guideline for your minutes for this year.

Finally, we hope and pray that you will attend and enjoy the blessings of Sacred Harp singings as much as you can.

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HOW TO SUBMIT MINUTES

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

- **Name/Location/Date/Time** Please start the minutes with three lines showing the name of the singing, the location, the calendar date on which it was held.
- **Breaks** Please indicate breaks using RECESS or LUNCH, capitalized and on a line by themselves.
- **Two-Day Singings** Indicate the start of a second or third day of singing with the day and date spelled out on a line by itself.
- **Names** Please try to 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** Please list songs only by number. List the name of a song only if the song does not appear in *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. If two songs begin on the same page, be sure to add "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).
- **Memorial Lesson** When listing those memorialized, please indicate the state of origin and year of death if known. If convenient, list those from the same state together.
- **Officers** Please list the new officers at the end of the minutes, ending with the name of the secretary who is submitting the minutes.
- **Payment** Each singing must pay a fee to appear in the minutes. The fee entitles the singing to receive 10 copies of the minutes book per singing day. Minutes received without payment will not appear in the book.
- **Fees** \$37 per singing day if you want the books mailed to you
-or- \$30 per singing day if you will pick up the books in person
- **Check Payable To** **Sacred Harp Minutes**
- **Submit To** Shelbie Sheppard
617 Ayers Drive
Anniston, AL 36207
(256) 237-1240

COMPUTER INSTRUCTIONS

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

- **Before You Start** First read *How to Submit Minutes* on page 3, and follow the instructions. If your minutes are not formatted correctly, we will have to re-type them.
- **Formatting** Do not use bold, italics, underline, or other special formatting. Do not center the title. Do not type the title in upper case. We will add these formatting elements later.
- **Hard Returns** Never insert returns in the middle of a paragraph—instead, allow paragraphs to wrap to the full column width. Include hard returns (¶ marks or line breaks) only at the end of paragraphs and single lines. Don't use two returns in a row.
- **File Format** When done editing, please save the file in "Text Only" format (this will intentionally remove any special formatting you may have used, such as bold or italic). If your word processor offers a choice between Text Only and Text Only With Line Breaks—be sure to choose Text Only because Text Only With Line Breaks will insert unwanted hard returns into the file.
- **File Name** Save the file with a name that is only eight characters or fewer. Add the extension ".TXT", indicating that it is a text file. For example: LIBERTY.TXT.
- **Disk Format** Use a 3.5-inch floppy disk formatted for DOS. Macintosh users: if you have System 7.5 or later and/or PC Exchange, you can format a DOS disk using the Erase Disk command — or, send by e-mail.
- **To Submit by E-Mail** If you have access to e-mail, send the file as an attachment to: **minutes@fasola.org**. Don't include the minutes in the message body itself unless you are certain that the mail program will not add unwanted hard returns.
- **Always Send a Printout** Please mail a printout along with your payment. This allows us to re-type the minutes in the event the disk or e-mail attachment is damaged or unreadable.
- **Questions** Please direct formatting questions to Chris Thorman at **minutes@fasola.org**.
- **Web Help** A web page with helpful hints, tools, and examples has been prepared for your reference at: <http://fasola.org/minutes/>

SACRED HARP SINGINGS 2002 DIRECTORY

ANNUAL SINGINGS

Note: 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

Tues., 1st—New Year's Day Singing—Walnut Hills Christian Church—1438 East McMillan—Cincinnati, Ohio—From I-75 or I-471—Follow interstate to downtown—East on U.S. 50 (Columbia Parkway)—Left at first light (Kemper Lane)—At top of hill, right onto McMillan at light—About 0.5 mile to church at Ingleside—From I-71 southbound—Exit at Taft (Exit 3)—From ramp, make four successive rights onto Taft, Reading, Oak, and May—Go 2 blocks, then left on McMillan—About 1 mile to church at Ingleside—
Info: John Bealle (513) 861-1137—jbealle@spsp.net—
Web: <http://www.math.ohio-state.edu/~econrad/fasola.html>

Sat., 5th—First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall—Dogwood Street—Collins, Mississippi—From Hwy. 49 which runs between Jackson and Harrisburg—Take 84 east into Collins—Watch for Dogwood Street and signs to direct you to the church.

Sun., 6th—Shady Grove Annual Singing—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles north of Double Springs—Hwy. 195.

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

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 12th, p.m.—Memorial for Alvin Keeton, Irene Jackson, and Robert Harper—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama—1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill—Always held on Saturday night before second Sunday in January.

Sat., 12th, p.m.—Memorial Singing for Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley—Pleasant Grove Church—Boldo Community (Walker County), Alabama—6 miles east of Jasper, Hwy. 69—Follow Hwy. 69 to Boldo—The church is on the right, next to the fire station. Always held each year on Saturday night before second Sunday in January.

Sun., 13th—Uncle Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr Memorial—Camp Ground Methodist Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Fruithurst—Turn north onto County Road 49—Dutch Treat Singing—Meals are served at the church for a very reasonable price.

Sun., 13th—Anniversary Singing—Irish American Heritage Center—4632 North Knox—Chicago, Illinois—10:30 a.m.—Just off the I-94 Wilson exit.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 19th & Sun., 20th—All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Angels Gate Cultural Center, Building H—3601 South Gaffey Street—San

Pedro, California—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., both days—
Info: Laura Boyd Russell (310) 450-3516 russell_richard@smc.edu

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 26th—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—Cowden Hall—Fort Worth (Tarrant County), Texas—Dutch Treat—9:30 a.m.—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Info: David Music (817) 923-1921, ext. 6420—

Always the last Saturday in January.

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—Baldwin County Cooper Book Singing—Bay Minette Church of Christ Fellowship Hall—Pine and First Street—Bay Minette, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Info: Bill Hogan (334) 342-4137

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—Keystone Singing Convention—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Area—Place to be announced—Formula for the year 2003 will be Third Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Info: Gabriel Kastle (215) 382-5324—Voice Mail—(215) 602-8330—Doron Henkin (215) 656-4206—DAHenkin@aol.com

Sun., 27th—Friendship Church—Winston County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—8 miles southeast of Haleyville—Off Hwy. 195 between mile markers #35 and 36—Turn west at church sign onto County Road 23—Go 1.1 miles and turn left—Go 1.8 miles and church is on left—Info: Parnell Berry (205) 486-5853

February

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 2nd—Rotunda Singing—Alabama State Capitol—Bainbridge Street at Dexter Avenue—Montgomery, Alabama—Dutch Treat—Please bring a sack lunch—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Four books used: The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/Cooper Revision/Christian Harmony/Colored Sacred Harp—

Info: Jim Carnes (334) 281-2010/271-1081 (days)

Sat., 2nd—Singing School—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.—Teacher/Hugh McGraw—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 Amoco service station—Turn left—Go to dead end and turn left.

Sun., 3rd—Uncle Bob Burnham Memorial—Recreation Center—Ladiga Street and Church Avenue—Jacksonville (Calhoun County), Alabama—9:00 a.m.—Driving north on Hwy. 21, Ladiga is the first street forming the city square—Turn right—Pass alley—Center is on the left at the corner of Ladiga and Church Avenue—Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to help with lunch—Desserts are provided by the Burnham family—Info: Ruth Brown (256) 831-2227

Sun., 3rd—J.D. Starnes Memorial—Mount Hope Missionary Baptist Church—Walker County, Alabama—Four miles northeast of Sipsey—On highway from Sipsey to Wilburn (also called Bug Tussle)—County Road 9.

Sun., 3rd—Lincoln's Birthday Singing—University of Chicago—Ida Noyes Hall—Chicago, Illinois—1:00 p.m.—(Note: this singing is in connection with Folk Festival and will alternate with first, second, or third Sunday)—
Info: Ted Mercer (773) 486-7400

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 9th—Memorial for Oralee Burns—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama—1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church—On Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill—

Held on Saturday before the second Sunday in February each year.

Sat., 9th—Provine Chapel—Mississippi College—Clinton, Mississippi—
Info: Warren Steel—mudws@olemiss.edu

Sat., 9th—Union University Singing—1050 Union University Dr., Jackson,
Tennessee—Always on the second Saturday in February—

Info: Dr. Michael Penny (901) 661-5230—mpenny@buster.uu.edu

Sun., 10th—Roy Avery's Memorial (Birthday) Singing—Rocky Mount
Primitive Baptist Church—Tallapoosa County, Alabama—3 miles southwest of
Daviston—Hwy. 22 to Daviston—Take County Road 79 south to crossroads—
Church on right—From Alexander City—Hwy. 22 east to Germany Ferrys
Road—Take right—Church on left.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 16th—Alabama Collegiate Singing—Wesley Foundation Methodist
Student Center—9th Street and Hackberry Lane—Tuscaloosa, Alabama—
9:30 a.m.—Info: Tim Cook (205) 344-5376

Sat., 16th & Sun., 17th—Ohio State Convention—Oak Ridge Lodge—Mt. Airy
Forest, Cincinnati, Ohio—10:00 a.m., Saturday—9:30 a.m., Sunday—Hosted by
Cincinnati Sacred Harp Singers—Mt. Airy Forest is on U.S. 127/Colerain
Avenue—Take I-74 to Exit 18 Colerain Avenue (from I-75, this is the second
I-74 exit and comes very quickly)—Turn left from the ramp onto Colerain (U.S.
127)—Go about 1.5 miles to the Mt. Airy Forest entrance on the left—Inside the
park take successive left turns, following signs to Oak Ridge Lodge.

Always held on the third Sunday and Saturday before in February—

Info: Eloise Clark (513) 861-1137—eclark@sps.net—

Web:<http://www.math.ohio-state.edu/~econrad/fasola.html>

Sun., 17th—Sanders Memorial—Sardis Church—Walker County, Alabama—
From Birmingham—U.S. Hwy. 78 West to Warrior River—Cross bridge and
immediately take first left (sign will read Gorgus/Cordova)—Go 0.25 mile—
Church is on the left—If you are going east—Turn right before crossing the river
bridge, and follow above directions—Info: Velton Chafin (205) 387-7380

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 23rd—Leicester Sacred Harp Singing Day—Held in East Anglia or the East
Midlands of England—United Kingdom—

Info: Ian West—44 116 270 9702 em_sacredharp@hotmail.com

Sat., 23rd—New York State Regional (Utica Area)—Grace Episcopal Church—
Waterville, New York—

Info: Barbara Swetman (315) 853-5723—bswetman@hamilton.edu—Ron and
Margaret Bornick (315) 853-6282—MMBornick@cs.com

Sat., 23rd—LSU Campus—St. Albans Chapel Parrish Hall—Corner of
Darymple and Highland Street—Baton Rouge, Louisiana—
9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—

Info: Wallace McKenzie (225) 924-0321—Brad Pope (225) 344-9648

Sat., 23rd—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—1965 Glenwood Road—
Decatur, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—J.L. White/Eclectic Harmony/new music/The
Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Just west of Columbia Dr.—Approximately 1 mile
west of I-285 at exit 44—

Info: John Plunkett (404) 371-1057—Laura Akerman (404) 373-8241

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Pacific Northwest Convention—Washington—Sunset
Hill Community Center—Ballard (neighborhood of Seattle), Washington—
Singing school on Saturday, and all day singing on Sunday—9:30 a.m.—

Info: David Hough (425) 452-0109—Karen Willard (360) 897-9545

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Texas State Convention—College Station Conference Center—1300 George Bush Drive—College Station (Brazos County), Texas—Saturday—10:00 a.m.—Sunday—9:30 a.m.—Dutch Treat—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080

Sun., 24th—University of Georgia—Visitor Center, Botanical Gardens—Athens (Clarke County), Georgia—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 Revision/ Social Harp books used—
Info: John Garst (706) 548-3910

March

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 2nd—Pauline Creel Childers Birthday Singing—First Methodist Church—3 Town Square—Wayne, Michigan—9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Turn east off I-275 at exit 22 onto Michigan Avenue (U.S. 12)—Go 2.7 miles on Michigan Avenue to Newberry—Turn left onto Newberry—Church is one block on the right—
Info: Henry Schuman (734) 434-2030

Sat., 2nd—North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention—
Saturday—Amity United Methodist Church, Chapel Hill
Sunday—Page Walker Hotel, Cary—
Info: Lynda Hambourger—nhsslh@gwgate.bas.ncsu.edu

Sun., 3rd—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers Memorial—Ephesus School Auditorium—Ephesus (Heard County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—
On Georgia Hwy. 100.

Sun., 3rd—Martha Harper Nix/Lewis Keeton/McGough Memorial Singing—New Flatwoods Church—Walker County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Three miles south of Nauvoo—Just east of Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill—
Info: Jimmie Gilmore (205) 221-4251

Second Sunday and Saturday before

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

Sat., 9th—Singing School—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.—Teacher/Hugh McGraw—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 Amoco service station—Turn left—Go to dead end and turn left.

Sat., 9th & Sun., 10th—Missouri State Convention—St. John's United Church of Christ—Pinckney, Missouri—9:30 a.m.—
11.5 miles west of Marthasville, on Hwy. 94—
Info: Karen Isbell (314) 664-1411—Jeanette Lowry (636) 433-2101

Sat., 9th & Sun., 10th—Smith County Convention—New Harmony Community Center—Smith County, Texas—Northwest of Tyler on Farmers Market Road 724 in the New Harmony community—Between State Hwy. 64 and 110—Saturday—10:00 a.m.—Sunday—9:30 a.m.—Cooper Revision—
Info: Myrl Jones (903) 593-0955—Myra Palmer (214) 223-4617

Sat., 9th & Sun., 10th—Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention—Place to be announced—Northampton, Massachusetts—

Info: Catherine Oss (413) 529-7160—wmshc@aol.com

Sun., 10th—Oxford City Hall—Oxford (Lafayette County), Mississippi—The square is at the junction of Hwy. 314 (also called Jackson) and Hwy. 7 (also called Lamar)—City Hall is at the northeast corner of the square.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 16th—Hoboken Annual Singing—Hoboken Elementary School Auditorium—Church Street—Hoboken (Brantley County), Georgia—9:00 a.m.—Cooper Revision—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 (912) 458-2493

Sat., 16th, p.m.—Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial Singing—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.

Sun., 17th—Pilgrims Rest Primitive Baptist Church—Centerville (Houston County), Georgia—On Hwy. 96—Exit off I-75 at Houser's Mill exit—Go east on Hwy. 96 for 4 miles—Church on right—Please bring covered dish.

Sun., 17th—Garrison Memorial—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/Hopewell Road—Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—Cooper Revision—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.

Sun., 17th—Wall Memorial—George Wallace Senior Center—Hollingsworth Drive—Glencoe (Etowah County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—From Gadsden—6 miles from Coosa River Bridge off Hwy. 431—Go to the Glencoe First Baptist Church (which is on the right)—Turn left at the traffic signal, cross the railroad tracks—Turn right onto Railroad Avenue, go until the street ends at Pineview Avenue and turn left—Drive 0.1 mile and turn left onto Hollingsworth Drive—The building is on the left—Coming Hwy. 431 north—Turn right on Pineview Avenue before you get to Glencoe First Baptist Church, and follow the rest of the directions.

Sun., 17th—The Godsey Sisters Memorial (Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams)—Shady Grove Church—Double Springs (Winston County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—3 miles north of Double Springs—On Hwy. 195.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 23rd—Vermont State Shape Note Convention—Weathersfield Center Meeting House—Weathersfield, Vermont—Note: Singing is last Saturday in March except on Easter weekend when it is either the week before or after—Info: Larry Gordon (802) 426-3210

Sat., 23rd—Higher Ground Singing—United Ministry Center—321 N. 7th Street—Terre Haute, Indiana—10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Info: Janet Fraembs (217) 345-6873—Marlen Rust (812) 336-2792

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Georgia State Convention—Old DeKalb County Courthouse—Decatur, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—Find your way to I-85—Proceed to Exit 32 (Clairemont Road) (U.S. 23/State Rd. 155)—Turn right off I-85 North

towards Decatur/Emory (there will be plenty of signs)—Clairemont will dead end at the Courthouse.

Sun., 24th—Palm Sunday Singing—Finstock Village Hall—United Kingdom—Info: Bernard Collard—gm22@dial.pipex.com

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before (Easter Weekend)

Sat., 30th—Easter Singing—Henderson Primitive Baptist Church—Henderson, Texas—Cooper Revision—On U.S. 79, six miles east of Henderson—

Info: John/Emmie Morris (903) 898-2510

Sat., 30th & Sun., 31st—Southwest Texas Convention—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—McMahan (Caldwell County), Texas—Cooper Revision—On Farmers Market Road 713—Between Bastrop and Luling—East of Lockhart—First fifth Sunday in the Spring (March or later)—

Info: Tom/Jeb Owen (512) 398-6075/Curtis Owen (512) 398-2017

Sun., 31st—Easter Sunday

Sun., 31st—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—9:30 a.m. 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—First fifth Sunday of year—

Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—ivey@asc.edu

Sun., 31st—Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—Liberty Church

(McCormick)—Jefferson County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—2.5 miles southwest of Sumiton—North of New Hwy. 78 or south of Old Hwy. 78—First fifth Sunday of year—Info: Velton Chafin (205) 387-7380

Sun., 31st—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—7900 Bethlehem Road—Mulberry, Florida—10:00 a.m.—

Info: Lane Albritton (813) 764-0599 or Milton Morris (813) 986-4727

April

First Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 5th, Sat., 6th & Sun., 7th—Potomac River Convention—Pohick Church, Washington, D.C. area—

Info: (301) 897-5274—Steve Sabol—Sabol@his.com

Sat., 6th—Fasola Omaha—Grace Lutheran Church—1326 South 26th Street—Omaha, Nebraska—9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—

Info: Kathy Wood (402) 397-4673—khwood@omnilinx.net

Sat., 6th—Brazos River Convention—Conference Center—Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park—Washington (Brazos County), Texas—Cooper Revision—From Navasota—Take Hwy. 105 south for 7 miles—Turn left onto Farm-to-Market Road 1155 to the Park—Donation and RSVP requested for catered picnic or bring a lunch—Always the Saturday before the first Sunday in April—Info: Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080 or gaylon@flash.net

Sat., 6th—Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Jones Memorial Singing—Cooper Book—Cool Springs Baptist Church—Opp, Alabama—9:00 a.m.—Hwy. 84 east, one mile on the right, just past the high school.

Sat., 6th—Harpeth Valley—Priestley Miller Memorial Singing—Free Will Baptist Bible College—Johnson Academic Building—Nashville (Davidson County), Tennessee—Exit to U.S. 70 South—Go west (West End Avenue) off of I-440 in west Nashville—Go 1 block and turn right at Bowling Avenue (traffic light)—Go 1 block and turn left onto Richland Avenue—Johnson Academic Building is

in the middle of the block on the left—Parking on street in rear—Signs will be posted—Singing is the first Saturday after Easter.

Sat., 6th—Friends Meeting House—Whiteman and President Street—Yellow Springs, Ohio—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—U.S. 68 to Yellow Springs, 4 blocks south of downtown—East on Whiteman to “T”—See building to right—Singing is on a set date, first Saturday after Easter—Info: John Bealle (513) 861-1137
Web: <http://www.math.ohio-state.edu/~econrad/fasola.html>

Sun., 7th—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—Hwy. 9—one mile north of Bruce—The church is on the right.

Sun., 7th—Edwardsville Baptist Church—Edwardsville (Cleburne County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Six miles east of Heflin—Just off U.S. Hwy. 78.

Sun., 7th—Old Enon Church—Winston County, Alabama—North of Lynn—9:30 a.m.—From U.S. 278 in Natural Bridge—Take Hwy. 5 towards Lynn—Turn left on County Road 25—Go approximately 1 mile—Turn right at the sign for Old Enon Church—If singing date falls on Easter Sunday, the singing will not be held that year.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 12th p.m.—6:30 p.m. ET—Antioch Baptist Church—Birthday Singing—Haralson County, Georgia—South of Tallapoosa—On Old 100 Hwy.—From I-20 take exit #5 for Georgia Hwy. 100 and go south—Turn right on Carlton Johnson Road (at J&J/Don’s Shoppette) to Old Hwy. 100—Turn left—The church is on the left—Friday night before the second Sunday in April.

Sat., 13th—State Line Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:00 a.m. CT—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—Go to the next road which will be dirt (County Road #207) and turn right—Go approximately 500 yards and church will be on left—If you are coming from the east—Go to Georgia State Line and follow the same directions.

Sat., 13th—William Walker Memorial Singing—Burwell Building—Wofford College—North Church Street—Spartanburg, South Carolina—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/Christian Harmony—Voted to have singing on Saturday before second Sunday in April—Info: John Bullard (803) 582-8589

Sat., 13th—Harry S. Eskew Sing—New Orleans Baptist Seminary (NOBTS)—3939 Gentilly Boulevard—New Orleans, Louisiana—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Info: NOBTS (504) 282-4455 ext. 3226—Ed Steel—ekstele@home.com

Sun., 14th—Antioch Baptist Church—IDER (DeKalb County), Alabama—Take I-59 north—Exit right at Exit #231—Turn left onto Hwy. 40/117—Go 1.4 miles and turn right on Hwy. 117—Go 9.5 miles (You will cross Hwy. 75)—Turn right onto Co. Hwy. 141—Go 3.9 miles—Turn right onto Co. Rd. 783 and immediately back left onto Co. Rd. 782—Church is on left.

Sun., 14th—Old County Line Church—Jefferson County, Alabama—Near Corner, off Miller Road—9 miles west of Warrior—From Birmingham—Take I-65 north—Exit at Warrior/Jasper Rd. (Exit #282)—Turn left back across Interstate 65—Go 8-10 miles to first red light—Turn right (Corner School Road)—Pass school (2 lights at school)—Go approximately 1 mile, pass two stores—Turn right on Miller Road—OR—Exit #284 off I-65 (Hayden/Corner Exit)—Turn back left and go under interstate—Take the first road to the right (Blount County Road 8)—Go several miles to four way stop sign—go straight across, and road becomes Corner Road—go until you go through a cemetery—Turn left on Miller Road—Church is on left.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 20th—Singing School—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.—Teacher/Hugh McGraw—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 Amoco service station—Turn left—Go to dead end and turn left.

Sat., 20th—Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Marshall County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—2 miles east of Arab—On Hwy. 69—Arab to Guntersville.

Sat., 20th—New York Regional – Rochester Area—Fairport, New York—St Luke's Episcopal Church—

Info: Nancy Crawford (585) 381-4279—nancy.crawford@usa.xerox.com

Sun., 21st—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—Chickasaw County, Mississippi—South of Hwy. 8—8 miles east of Houston—From Hwy. 8—Turn south on County Road 190—Church is on the left.

Sun., 21st—Old Harmony—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Approximately 10 miles east of Heflin—Take Exit 210 (Ranburne/Muscadine exit—formerly Abernathy exit) off I-20—Take first road on right (County Road 60)—Go 1 mile—Church on right.

Sun., 21st—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)—Info: Bud Oliver (256) 523-3303

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 27th—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/Hopewell Road—North of Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—From Hwy. 9 in Alpharetta—Turn left (west) on 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—The church is about 2 miles from the intersection, on the right.

Sat., 27th—Tyler County Singing—Cherokee Church, Heritage Village Museum—Woodville, Texas—2 miles west of U.S. 190/U.S. 69 intersection on U.S. 190—Cooper Revision—Dutch Treat—

Info: Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080.

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Harrod's Creek Shape Note Singing Convention—Harrod's Creek Baptist Church—Brownsboro, Kentucky—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Held on the weekend before the first Saturday in May (because of Derby weekend)

Saturday—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/Southern Harmony.

Sunday—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/Cooper Book—

From Louisville—Take I-71 North—Go to exit 14—Turn left—Go 1.5 miles past Christian Church on right—Church will be on left—

Info: Robert Meek (502) 893-2190

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention—Village Hall—Kegworth, Leicestershire—United Kingdom—0.5 miles SE of M1 junction 24—5 minutes from East Midlands Airport and 45 minutes from Birmingham International Airport—For directions, travel, and accommodation details, contact Helen Brown 44 1332 768274 or em_sacredharp@hotmail.com

Sun., 28th—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., 28th—Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church—Near Snead—Blount County, Alabama—From the junction of U.S. 278 and Hwy. 75 in Snead—Drive south 4.7 miles, passing mile marker #39—Turn left, east, on Wilson's Chapel Road (Glass Grocery is on the right)—Church is 0.3 miles on the right.

Sun., 28th—Alewine Memorial—St. Michael Church—Near Fruithurst—Clebune County, Alabama—10:00 a.m. 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., 28th—Pine Grove Church Singing—Henderson, Texas—Off Farm to Market Road 2867 on County Road 364, southeast of Henderson—(Cooper Revision)—Info: John or Emmie Morris (903) 898-2510

May

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 4th—Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing—Burrirt On The Mountain—3101 Burrirt Drive on Monte Sano Mountain—Huntsville (Madison County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Take U.S. 431 south (Governors Drive) to top of Monte Sano Mountain—Turn north onto Monte Sano Boulevard—Turn left onto Burrirt Drive—Singing held on Saturday before the first Sunday in May—Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—ivey@asc.edu—<http://community.al.com/cc/hsvfasola>

Sat., 4th—Singing School—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.—Teacher/Hugh McGraw—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 Amoco service station—Turn left—Go to dead end and turn left.

Sun., 5th—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Take Hwy. 27 south through Carrollton—Go 2 miles and turn right on Oak Grove Church Road—Go to cross roads (or 1st street) and turn left.

Sun., 5th—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—Reid (Calhoun County), Mississippi—Hwy. 341—South of Reid.

Sun., 5th—Shady Grove Baptist Church—Dutton (Jackson County), Alabama—Between Section and Dutton—Off Alabama Highway 71 on the west side—Turn at church sign.

Sun., 5th—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama—1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill.

Sun., 5th—Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church—Clay County, Alabama—6 miles southwest of Ashland—Near intersection of Hwy. 9 and County Road 5.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 11th—Furman University Sacred Harp/Christian Harmony Singing—Herring Pavillon, Furman Campus—Greenville, South Carolina.

Sun., 12th—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—3 miles south of Nauvoo, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—West of Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill—There is a sign for the church on Hwy. 11—Info: Jimmie Gilmore (205) 221-4251

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 17th p.m. & Sat., 18th—Garden State Singing Convention—Montclair Friends Meetinghouse—289 Park Street—Upper Montclair, New Jersey—Friday night singing school precedes convention—

Info: Gina Balestracci (973) 655-7219 (days), (973) 509-2165 (night)

Sat., 18th—Los Angeles Regional Singing—San Pedro, California—

Info: Carla Smith (619) 533-3181 (days) or (619) 544-0432 (night)

Sat., 18th—Mattox Memorial—City Administration Building—Lawrenceburg, Tennessee—10:00 a.m.—Info: Clayton Ezell (931) 762-8267

Sat., 18th—Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention—Pisgah Presbyterian Church—Versailles, Kentucky—Near Lexington.

Sat., 18th—Columbia Singing (formerly the Arrow Rock Singing)—Columbia (Boone County), Missouri—Place to be announced/also, date may be incorrect—

Info: Wendy Hofmann (573) 446-1075—whofmann@coin.org—

Lou/Penny Kujawinski (573) 874-1096

Sat., 18th—Harris Springs Singing—Newton County, Georgia—Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church—14 miles southwest of Covington, Georgia—Take I-20 East of Atlanta to Exit 98—Turn right onto Hwy. 11 south to four way STOP sign—Turn left onto Hwy. 278—Take first right turn onto County Road 229—Go 5.5 miles—Shoal Creek Church is on left—Dutch Treat—

Info: Alice West (770) 923-4586

Sun., 19th—Cane Creek Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—3.5 miles east of Heflin on U.S. Hwy. 78.

Sun., 19th—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 #102 and go west toward Barnesville—Please bring a covered dish to share.

Sun., 19th—Concord Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—10:00 a.m.—West of Hwy. 32 at Ellard—In Ellard—Take County Road 23 west to church.

Sun., 19th—Sardis Church—Lynn Park, Alabama—Turn off Hwy. 78 between Jasper and Sumiton onto River Road—Go 0.2 miles—You will see the church to your left on the banks of Black Warrior River.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 25th—Mount Pisgah Singing Society—Stroud (Chambers County), Alabama—9:00 a.m.—Cooper Book—14 miles north of Lafayette and 7 miles south of Roanoke on U.S. Hwy. 431 at Stroud.

Sun., 26th—Gum Pond Decoration Day Singing—Gum Pond Church (Morgan County), Alabama—18 miles northeast of Cullman—On Gum Pond Road near Eva—Drive south on Hwy. 67 from Pence through Florette—Watch for Gum Pond Road on the right—There is a sign for the church there—Turn right—The church is on the left in Gum Pond.

Sun., 26th—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—Haralson County, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—Go to Tallapoosa—Get on Hwy. 100 north—Go 5 miles—Turn left on Poplar Springs Church Road (just before mile marker #12)—Go 0.5 miles.

Sun., 26th—Doss Memorial—Sardis Baptist Church—Morris (Jefferson County), Alabama—3 miles west of Hwy. 31 at Morris on Old Sardis Road.

Mon., 27th—Memorial Day—Jack C. Smith Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Oakhurst Baptist Church—222 East Lake Drive—Decatur, Georgia—Morning session, The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, evening session from different hymn books that will be provided (let host know if you will be

staying for evening session so he can make arrangements to have enough books)—Info: John Plunkett (404) 371-1057

June

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 1st—Northern Shenandoah Valley—Berryville, Virginia—Set date of Saturday before first Sunday in June—

Info: John delRe or Kelly Macklin (540) 955-2660

Sat., 1st—Brattleboro All Day Singing—First United Methodist Church—Brattleboro, Vermont—Saturday before the first Sunday in June.

Sat., 1st & Sun., 2nd—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—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 Amoco service station—Turn left—Go to dead end and turn left.

Sun., 2nd—Liberty Decoration Day Singing—Liberty Church—Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—10:00 a.m.—From Henagar Crossing—Take Hwy. 40 west 0.6 mile to the Farmer Telephone Cooperative—Turn right and go to dead end—Turn right—Take first left past Henagar Methodist Church onto Liberty Road—Church on right, after 1.3 miles—

Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—ivey@asc.edu

Sun., 2nd—Pine Tucky Church—Winston County, Alabama—5 miles south of Double Springs—1 mile east of Hwy. 195 on County Road 8.

Sun., 2nd—Hill Roane Memorial—Sherman Baptist Church—Yalobusha County, Mississippi—Hwy. 32—10 miles west of Bruce.

Sun., 2nd—Fellowship Church—Memorial Singing—Cullman County, Alabama—8 to 10 miles west of Cullman just off Hwy. 278.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 8th—New York State Regional—Altamont—Altamont Masonic Hall—138 Maple Avenue (Route 146)—Altamont, New York—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—

Info: George/Jean Seiler (518) 583-7813—profitpl@ix.netcom.com—jwseiler@ix.netcom.com—Michael Ryan (518) 399-6046

Sat., 8th—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 the second Saturday in June—Info: Ted Stokes (610) 689-4083

Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th—Hopewell Homecoming—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—Blount County, Alabama—9:00 a.m.—6 miles east of Oneonta—1 mile east of Oneonta Airport—From I-59—Take Hwy. 231 north—Go beyond mile marker 249—Take first paved road on right at sign for Robin Hill Baptist Church—Go to dead end—Turn right—Church is on left.

Sun., 9th—Alpharetta Municipal Auditorium—Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—Auditorium is in the City Hall, corner of Academy and south Main Street—Info: Helen Bryson (770) 381-9093

Sun., 9th—Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist Church—Cullman County, Alabama—13 miles northeast of Cullman—On Hwy. 69—Cullman to Arab—The church is on the south side of the highway.

Sun., 9th—Oak Springs Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—3 miles north of Derma.

Sun., 9th—Aldridge Memorial—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House)—Fayette County, Alabama—On Hwy. 44—Old Fayette Road.

Sun., 9th—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Carroll County, Georgia—1 mile east of Villa Rica, off Hwy. 78—Take exit #26 off of I-20 and go north—Turn left on Hwy. 78 for 0.5 miles—Turn right on Conners Road—Cross railroad tracks—Church is on right.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 13th, Fri., 14th & Sat., 15th—National Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Trinity United Methodist Church—1400 Oxmoor Road—Birmingham, Alabama—Homewood area, I-65 and Hwy. 31—1.5 miles east of I-65—From I-65—Take Exit 256-B (Oxmoor Road) East—Cross major intersection and Palisades Mall (on left), then get in far right lane as Oxmoor angles off to the right—Follow through several traffic lights—Trinity Church is on the left past Dawson Memorial Baptist.

Sat., 15th—Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial—Addington Chapel Methodist Church—Cullman County, Alabama—15 miles southwest of Cullman—4 miles off Hwy. 69 at Wilburn (Bug Tussle)—At Bug Tussle—Turn north on County Road 54 (aka County Road 9)—Go 4 miles—Church will be on the left.

Sun., 16th—Zion Hill Homecoming Singing—Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church—Brachfield (Rusk County), Texas—10:00 a.m.—Cooper Revision—About 12 miles southeast of Henderson—Take Farm to Market Road 840 to Brachfield from Henderson—Turn right at the Welch Cemetery on Farm to Market Road 1798 (aka County Road 368)—Church is on the left—Info: John or Emmie Morris (903) 898-2510

Sun., 16th—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—Near Ephesus—Heard County, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Take Georgia Hwy. 100 south to Ephesus School—Turn left onto Ephesus/Roosterville Road—Go 2.5 miles, turn right.

Sun., 16th—Clifford Wakefield Memorial—King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church)—Near Natural Bridge (Winston County), Alabama—3 miles east of Natural Bridge just off U.S. Hwy. 278

Sun., 16th—Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church—Oaky Hollow Road—Near Empire—Walker County, Alabama—From Sumiton—Take Empire Road north. The road becomes Oaky Hollow Road at the turn to Empire—Continue straight for 2 more miles—Church is on right.

Sun., 16th—Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church—Macedonia Community (Jackson County), Alabama—4 miles south of Section—7 miles northwest of Fyffe on county road to Section.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd—Oxford Sacred Harp Singing—Seacourt Hall—Botley, Oxford, England

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles north of Double Springs on Hwy. 195.

Sun., 23rd—DeLong Memorial—Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church—Intersection of Roberts Road and Spalding Drive—Dunwoody (DeKalb County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—Exit Georgia 400 north (exit #27)—Go 5 miles to Northridge, exit #6—At stop sign, go straight across onto Roberts Drive, which is almost opposite the end of the exit—Church is at the corner of Roberts Drive and Spalding Drive (approximately 1 mile from Georgia 400).

Sun., 23rd—New Hope Church—Cullman County, Alabama—5 miles south of Jones Chapel on Hwy. 278, the highway from Jones Chapel to Crane Hill—Church is on the right.

Sun., 23rd—Mt. Lebanon 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.

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—Midwest Convention—Ida Noyes Hall (both days)—University of Chicago—Chicago, Illinois—9:15 a.m.—

First fifth Sunday and Saturday before, preceding July 4.

Info: Ted Mercer (773) 862-6477 or (773) 486-7400 or (773) 276-HARP

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

July

First Sunday and Saturday before

Wed., July 3rd—Jones Chapel Sacred Harp Memorial Singing—Jones Chapel Senior Citizens Center—Jones Chapel (Cullman County), Alabama—From I-65—Take U.S. 278 west to Jones Chapel—Turn south at signal light onto County Road 7, also called County Road 940—Go one block, building on right.

First Wednesday in July.

Thursday, July 4th—Independence Day

Thurs., July 4th—Independence Day Singing—Muscadine Methodist Church—Muscadine (Cleburne County), Alabama—9:00 a.m. CT—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Muscadine—Turn south on County Road 49—Go 1 mile—Church is on right.

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

Sat., 6th & Sun., 7th—Henagar Union Convention—Liberty Church—Two miles north of Henagar—DeKalb County, Alabama—9:00 a.m.—From Henagar Crossing—Take Hwy. 40 west 0.6 mile to Farmer Telephone Cooperative and turn right—Go to dead end, turn right—Take first left past Henagar Methodist Church onto Liberty Road—Go 1.3 miles—Church is on right—

Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—ivey@asc.edu

Sun., 7th—Cross Roads Baptist Church—North of Tallapoosa—Haralson County, Georgia—9:30 a.m. ET—Go to Tallapoosa—Take Hwy. 100 North—Go 8.6 miles—Turn left onto Cross Roads Church Road (Just past mile marker #15)—Go 2.6 miles—Church is on right at the intersection of Cross Roads Church Road and Steadman Road.

Sun., 7th—Dutton, Green, and Jackson Memorial—New Flatwoods Church—Near Nauvoo—Walker County, Alabama—3 miles south of Nauvoo, and east of Hwy. 1—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Fri. p.m., 12th & Sat., 13th—Quebec Convention—Lennoxville, Quebec, Canada—Info: Victor Maltby.

Sat., 12th & Sun., 13th—Cullman County Singing Convention—Cullman County Courthouse—Cullman, Alabama—Courthouse is at the junction of U.S. 278 and 2nd Avenue, also called U.S. 31.

Sun., 14th—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur (DeKalb County), Georgia—Singing from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., preaching 11:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon—Singing after lunch—J.L. White Book.

Sun., 14th—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church and Boiling Springs Convention—Oak Grove Community—North of Sylacauga—Talladega County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Off Hwy. 280 to Oak Grove Community Fire Station—Turn right at Fire Station—Go to dead end.

Sun., 14th—Lamar and Pickens County Convention—Zion Church—Pickens County, Alabama—8 miles north of Gordo—0.25 mile west of Hwy. 159.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 18th—Capitol City Shape Note Singing—Old Alabama Town, Grange Hall—310 North Hull Street—Montgomery, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—Bring a sack lunch for the noon lunch break—Sponsored by the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture—Info: (334) 242-3601. Always the 3rd Thursday in July.

Sat., 20th—Mt. Oak Methodist Church—Marshall County, Alabama—6 miles northwest of Arab—Turn west on County Road 418 at Discount Warehouse Grocery, also called Ruth Eddy Road—Church is on the left.

Sat., 20th—Walker County Convention—Sardis Church—Walker County, Alabama—From Birmingham—U.S. Hwy. 78 West to Warrior River—Cross bridge and immediately take first left (sign will read Gorgus/Cordova—Go 0.25 mile—Church is on the left next to Jeans on the River Restaurant—If you are going east—Turn right before crossing the river bridge, and follow above directions—Info: Velton Chafin (205) 387-7380

Sat., 20th p.m.—Elder Bernard Moon Memorial—Dorsey Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Bremen, Alabama—Cooper Book—Hwy. 69.

Sat., 20th—Michiana Regional—New Testament Baptist Church—Goshen, Indiana—Take State Road 15 south out of Goshen about 1 mile—Turn right (west) onto County Road 38—Church is approximately 3 miles on right—Info: Samuel Sommers (219) 294-6180

Sun., 21st—Kalamazoo Singing—Western Michigan University—Wesley Foundation (on campus)—Kalamazoo, Michigan—Follow campus directions towards the Fetzer Center—Wesley Foundation is nearby—Info: Bill/Martha Beverly (616) 382-4288—beverly@net-link.net

Sun., 21st—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.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 27th—Cotaco Convention—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—Gum Pond (Morgan County), Alabama—18 miles northeast of Cullman on Gum Pond Road near Eva—Drive south on Hwy. 67 from Pence, through Florette—Watch for Gum Pond Road on the right—There is a sign for the church there—Turn right—The church is on the left (east) side of the road, in Gum Pond.

Sat., 27th—Marilou and Don Jolly Memorial—Old Poway Park—Poway (San Diego County), California—From I-15 take Poway Road exit eastbound—Go approximately 4 miles—Turn left on Midland Road—The park is on the left—Info: Carla Smith (619) 533-3181 (days) or (619) 544-0432 (evenings)

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Mt. Zion Memorial—Mt. Zion United Methodist Church—Mt. Zion (Carroll County), Georgia—10:00 a.m.—8.5 miles west of Carrollton on Hwy. 16—Behind school.

Sun., 28th—Chickasaw County Convention—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—Chickasaw County, Mississippi—South of Hwy. 8—8 miles east of Houston—From Hwy. 8 turn south on County Road 190—Church is on the left.

August

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 3rd—Warrior River/Clear Creek Sacred Harp Convention—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—Blount County, Alabama—6 miles east of Oneonta—1 mile east of Oneonta Airport—From I-59—Take Hwy. 231 north—Go beyond mile marker 249—Take first paved road on right at sign for Robin Hill Baptist Church—Go to dead end—Turn right—Church is on left. 9:30 a.m.—*Saturday only.*

Sat., 3rd—Eugene Singing—Eugene, Oregon area—9:30 a.m.—Info: Jim Brock (511) 345-9652—jbrock@pacinfo.com
First Saturday in August.

Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th—Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Convention—Wilson's Chapel—Southeast of Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—Turn left off Hwy. 27-A at Cross Plains Road—Go 4.8 miles. (Follow it as it curves and turns into a dirt road to church.)

Sun., 4th—Fayette County Convention—Bevill State Community College-Brewer—2631 Temple Avenue North—Fayette, Alabama.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 10th—Calhoun County Musical Association—Mt. Herman Primitive Baptist Church—New Liberty Community, Mississippi—North on Hwy. 8—3 miles west of Vardaman—Between Derma and Vardaman.

Sat., 10th & Sun., 11th—East Texas Sacred Harp Convention—Henderson Community Center—South High Street—Henderson (Rusk County), Texas—Cooper Revision—Info: John/Emmie Morris (903) 898-2510

Sun., 11th—Friendship Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—8 miles southeast of Haleyville—Off Hwy. 195, turn south at church sign—Go 2 to 3 miles, church is on left. A new singing that was formerly held at Macedonia on this date.

Wednesday after second Sunday

Wed., 14th—Elmore Center Singing—Elmore Center United Methodist Church—Pickens County, Alabama—4 miles south of Gordo on County Roads 9 and 21—This is reputed to have begun in 1845.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 17th—Chattanooga Sacred Harp Singing—Chattanooga Primitive Baptist Church—811 Runyan Drive—Chattanooga, Tennessee—9:30 a.m.—Info: Linda Sides (423) 875-8619—linjanes@bellsouth.net

Sat., 17th—Rock Creek, Mountain Home, and Ryan Creek Convention—New Hope Church—Cullman County, Alabama—Five miles south of Jones Chapel on U.S. Hwy. 278—Info: David Roberson (205) 681-4389

Sat., 17th, p.m., Sun., 18th—Santa Cruz Regional—Santa Cruz, California—Saturday—Women's Center—303 Walnut Avenue—Sunday—Senior Citizens Opportunities—222 Market Street—9:00 a.m., both days—Info: Kathleen Marie Pouls (831) 475-8885

Sun., 18th—Emma Beasley, Belton Beasley, and Phillip Lee, III Memorial—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—Info: John Beasley (205) 487-3916

Sun., 18th—Cedar Creek Church—Crisp County, Georgia—9 miles southwest of Cordele, off Cordele/Albany Hwy—Take Hwy. 300 from I-75 heading south—Go 11 miles—Church will be on the right.

Sun., 18th—Cleburne County Convention—Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Near Heflin—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—3.5 miles east of Heflin off U.S. Hwy. 78.

Sun., 18th—Hillabee Convention—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Daviston (Tallapoosa County), Alabama—3 miles southwest of Daviston—Hwy. 22 to Daviston—Take County Road 79 south to crossroads—Church on right—From Alexander City—Hwy. 22 east to Germany Ferrys Road—Take right—Church on left.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 24th—Bear Creek Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles north of Double Springs on Hwy. 195.

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Mississippi State Convention—Antioch Primitive Baptist Church—North of Forest, Mississippi—7 miles north of Forest—On Hwy 21—Between Forest and Sebastopol—

Info: Mark Davis (601) 919-0209—Regina Foster (601) 269-3635

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Lookout Mountain Convention—Pine Grove Church—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Take I-59—Turn east on Alabama Highway 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 in line with mile marker 211)—Info: Bud Oliver (256) 523-3303

Sun., 25th—Cherry Tree Singing—James Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Itawamba County, Mississippi—4 miles south of Hwy. 78 on State Line Road—East of Tremont.

September

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., Aug., 31st—Mulberry River Convention—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Jefferson County, Alabama—2.5 miles southwest of Sumiton—North of New Hwy. 78 or south of Old Hwy. 78

Sat., Aug., 31st—Maidencreek Friends Meetinghouse—Near Leesport—Berks County, Pennsylvania—Saturday before Labor Day—

Info: Betty Hanf (610) 582-5924—Doron Henkin (215) 656-4206 work, (610) 688-6347 home—DAHenkin@aol.com

Sun., 1st—Shiloh-Littlevine Singing—Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church—South of Tallapoosa, Georgia, off Hwy. 100—From I-20—Take Exit #5 and go South on Hwy 100—Go 1.4 miles to Shiloh Church Road—Turn right—Go 0.8 miles to church.

Sun., 1st—Clear Creek Convention West—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—Fayette County, Alabama—On Hwy. 44, Old Fayette Road.

Sun., 1st—Haynes Creek Church—Rockdale County, Georgia—10 miles north of Conyers on state Hwy. 20—Turn left on Rosebud Road, approximately 3 miles, church is on left.

Sun., 1st—Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing—Island Park—Geneva, Illinois—11:30 a.m.—Always the Sunday before Labor Day.

Labor Day, Monday, September 2

Mon., 2nd (Labor Day)—Shoal Creek Church—Talladega National Forest—Near Edwardsville—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—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 building. There is a sign that has Talladega National Forest—Go 5.6 miles, cross the creek, go 0.4 miles and there will be a sign for the church. Turn right at the church sign onto a dirt road that will lead you to the church.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 7th—Oberlin Sacred Harp Singing—Christ Episcopal Church—162 South Main Street—Oberlin, Ohio—Held on Saturday after Labor Day—

Info: Charles Wells (440) 774-1926—charles@freude.com—

Web: <http://www.math.ohio-state.edu/~econrad/fasola.html>

Sat., 7th & Sun., 8th—United Sacred Harp Musical Association (United Sacred Harp Singing Convention)—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House)—Fayette County, Alabama—On Highway 44—Old Fayette Road—

Info: Max Berueffy (205) 968-0205—maxb@premierhome.net—Elene Stovall (205) 854-8741 stovalle@bellsouth.net

Sat., 7th & Sun., 8th—UK Sacred Harp Convention—Beeston Youth and Community Centre—Beeston, Nottingham, United Kingdom.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 14th & Sun., 15th—Calhoun County Convention—Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church—Four Mile Community—Between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Take Hwy. 21 north from Anniston to Jacksonville—Church is exactly in line with mile marker 263 on Four Mile Drive.

Sun., 15th—B.F. White Sacred Harp Singing—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur (DeKalb County), Georgia—J.L. White Book.

Sun., 15th—Cornelius Benjamin (Bennie) Keeton Memorial Singing—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama—0.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 21st—Mountain Heritage Day Singing—Administration Building—Western Carolina University—Cullowhee (Jackson County), North Carolina—10:30 a.m.—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision/Christian Harmony—

Info: Ed Smith (706) 695-0843 for free parking passes.

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Illinois State Convention—Charleston, Illinois—Location to be announced—

Info: Karen Hojnacki (217) 235-6652—Terry Hogg (217) 422-2363

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Rocky Mountain Convention—Albuquerque, New Mexico—Place to be announced—Convention alternates between Colorado and New Mexico—Info: McPherson@sulphurcanyon.com

Sun., 22nd—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—Morgan County, Alabama—18 miles northeast of Cullman on Gum Pond Road near Eva—Drive south on Hwy. 67 from Pence, through Florette—Watch for Gum Pond Road on the right—There is a sign for the church there—Turn right—The church is on the left, east, side of the road in Gum Pond.

Sun., 22nd—Winston County Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—3 miles north of Double Springs, Alabama—On Hwy. 195.

Sun., 22nd—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Thomaston (Upson County), Georgia—From square in Thomaston—Turn west on Georgia Alternate Highway 74—Go 0.7 miles and turn right on Hannah Mill Road—Cross railroad tracks and immediately turn left on Emmaus Church Road—At the stop sign, go left—Church is on the right.

Sun., 22nd—Loosascoona Primitive Baptist Church—Air Mount (Yalobusha County), Mississippi—North of Hwy. 330—11 miles west of Bruce.

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 28th—Young People's Singing/Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church—Intersection of Roberts Road and Spalding Drive—Dunwoody (DeKalb County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—Exit Georgia 400 north (exit #27)—Go 5 miles to Northridge, exit #6—At stop sign go straight across onto Roberts Drive, which is almost opposite the end of the exit—Church is at the corner of Roberts Drive and Spalding Drive (approximately 1 mile from Georgia 400)—Held at different locations—Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4th—PLEASE NOTE—The Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention will yield their Saturday session to the Young People's Singing in the year of 2002 ONLY.

Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church—Intersection of Roberts Road and Spalding Drive—Dunwoody (DeKalb County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—Exit Georgia 400 north (exit #27)—Go 5 miles to Northridge, exit #6—At stop sign go straight across onto Roberts Drive, which is almost opposite the end of the exit—Church is at the corner of Roberts Drive and Spalding Drive (approximately 1.0 miles from Georgia 400)—First fifth Sunday and Saturday before, after Labor Day.

Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—Minnesota State Convention—Saturday—Place to be announced—Sunday—Murphy's Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota—9:30 a.m.—Info: Steven Schmidgall (763) 593-1965—Keith/Jenny Willard (651) 699-2040

Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—Southwest Texas Convention—Location to be announced—Austin, Texas—Fall Session—Cooper Revision—First fifth Sunday and Saturday of the fall (August, September, or October)—Last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving—

Info: Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080—Al Rogers (512) 458-9667

Sun., 30th—Moon and Guthrie Memorial—Liberty Church (McCormick)—Near Sumiton—Jefferson County, Alabama—2.5 miles southeast of Sumiton—North of new Hwy. 78 or south of Old Hwy. 78—Third fifth Sunday each year.

Sun., 29th—Lacy Memorial Singing—Fuller Cemetery—Ider, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Just off AL Hwy. 117—1 mile north from intersection of Alabama Hwys. 117 and 75—Church is just west of AL Hwy. 117—Follow sign—Info: David Ivey (256) 881-5291—First fifth Sunday after July 4th.

Sun., 29th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—7900 Bethlehem Road—Mulberry, Florida—10:00 a.m.—Info: Lane Albritton (813) 764-0599 or Milton Morris (813) 986-4727

October

First Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 4th, p.m. & Sat., 5th—New England Convention—Eastern Massachusetts area—Place to be announced—Info: Bill Holt (617) 923-6044—or Bob Parr (781) 648-1009

Sat., 5th—Cooper Book Singing—Old Shady Grove Baptist Church—Between Dutton and Section—Jackson County, Alabama—Just off the west side of Hwy. 71—Turn at church sign.

Sat., 5th—Smyrna Baptist Church Sacred Harp Singing—Rusk County, Texas—Cooper Revision—Church is on Farm to Market Road 2496—5 miles west of Mount Enterprise—Info: Robert Vaughn (903) 863-5379

Sat., 5th—Louisiana State—Place to be announced—
Info: Nancy Van Den Akker (504) 286-3845

Sat., 5th—Santa Barbara Regional Singing—Goleta, California—
Info: Tom/Victoria Ostwald (805) 965-4707

Sun., 6th—Sandy Creek Church—Near Flovilla—Butts County, Georgia—1 mile south of Flovilla—From intersection of Georgia Hwys. 42 and 87—Follow Hwy. 87 south approximately 2.7 miles to Darnell Road—Turn left—Church is on right.

Sun., 6th—Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers Memorial—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—Near Oneonta—Blount County, Alabama—6 miles east of Oneonta and 1 mile east of Oneonta Airport—From I-59—Take Hwy. 231 north—Go beyond Mile Marker 249—Take first paved road on right at sign for Robin Hill Baptist Church—Go to dead end, turn right—Church is on left.

Sun., 6th—Tom Harper Memorial—Old Sardis Church Number 1—Near Lynn—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles north of Lynn on County Road 17—From U.S. 278 turn south onto County Road 17 at the church sign.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 12th—Friends Meeting House—Whiteman and President Street—Yellow Springs, Ohio—Semi-Annual Singing—Info: John Bealle (513) 861-1137—
jbealle@spssp.net— Web: <http://www.math.ohio-state.edu/~econrad/fasola.html>

Sat., 12th, p.m. & Sun., 13th—Tennessee State Convention—Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Lawrenceburg, Tennessee—Saturday p.m. singing—Cooper Book—Sunday singing—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition—Take Tennessee Hwy. 98 to Five Points—Turn west on Liberty Grove/Five Points Road—Go about 1 mile and turn left—Go about 1 mile on paved road to church on right.

Sun., 13th—Walker Cates and H.H. Brown Singing—Muscadine Methodist Church—Muscadine (Cleburne County), Alabama—
9:30 a.m. CT—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Muscadine—Turn south on County Road 49—Go 1 mile—Church on right.

Sun., 13th—Chestnut Grove Church—Near Ider—DeKalb County, Alabama—
10:00 a.m.—3 miles south of Ider—Off Hwy. 117.

Sun., 13th—Taylor United Methodist Church—Taylor (Lafayette County), Mississippi—8 miles south of Oxford—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision.

Sun., 13th—Harper Memorial Singing—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—Nauvoo (Walker County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—3 miles south of Nauvoo, west of County Road 11—There's a sign for the church on Hwy. 11—
Info: Jimmie Gilmore (205) 221-4251

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 18th & Sat. 19th—New York State Convention—Ithaca, New York—Info: Jennifer Cook (607) 273-7076—jc27@cornell.edu—Eric Bean—gebean@aol.com

Sat., 19th—McWhorter Memorial—Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church—Mars Hill (Cleburne County), Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT—Hwy. 78 to Fruithurst—Turn onto County Road 35—Go to County Road 49 and continue to County Road 65—Turn right onto County Road 65—Go 5 miles—Church is

on left. *Beginning in 2000, this singing will be held on a permanent basis on Saturday before the third Sunday in October. Please note the change.*

Sat., 19th—Georgia, Alabama, Florida (GAF) Singing Convention—Place to be announced—Alabama—9:00 a.m.—Cooper Revision—
Info: David Lee (912) 458-249 or Joe Nall (850) 892-0687

Sat., 19th & Sun., 20th—Pacific Northwest Convention—Oregon—Sellwood Community Center—1436 SE Spokane Street—Portland, Oregon—9:30 a.m., both days—Saturday a.m. devoted to singing school, normal singing Saturday afternoon and all day singing on Sunday.

Sun., 20th—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., 20th—Reid Memorial Singing—Old County Line Church—Jefferson County, Alabama—Near Corner, off Miller Road—9 miles west of Warrior—From Birmingham—Take I-65 north—Exit at Warrior/Jasper Rd. (Exit #282)—Turn left back across Interstate 65—Go 8-10 miles to first red light—Turn right (Corner School Road)—Pass school (2 lights at school)—Go approximately one mile, pass two stores—Turn right on Miller Road—OR—Exit #284 off I-65 (Hayden/Corner Exit)—Turn back left and go under interstate—Take the first road to the right (Blount County Road 8)—Go several miles until you come to a four way stop sign—Go straight across at the sign and road becomes Corner Road—Continue on Corner Road until you go through a cemetery—Turn left on Miller Road—Church is on left.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 26th—University of Chicago Sacred Harp Anniversary Singing—Quaker House—Chicago, Illinois—10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—

Info: (773) 276-HARP—shapenote@listhost.uchicago.edu

Sat., 26th—Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing—Embry Hills United Methodist Church—3304 Henderson Mill Road—Atlanta, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—From I-285—Exit 34, Chamblee/Tucker Road—Go east on Chamblee/Tucker—Turn right onto Henderson Mill Road—Church is on the right—Info: Kelly Morris (404) 378-0595—Bryan Black (770) 938-0661 (days) 867-2253 (evenings).

Sat., 26th—Coy Putnam Memorial—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Near Arab—Marshall County, Alabama—3 miles east of Arab—on Hwy. 69—Arab to Guntersville.

Sat., 26th—Mississippi State Cooper Book Convention—Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church—Scott County, Mississippi—3.2 miles south of Exit 77, Highway 13, from I-20 at Morton.

Sun., 27th—Jordan's Chapel—Newell (Randolph County), Alabama—U.S Hwy. 431 to County Road 82—Go across County Road 431 (Old U.S. 431) at Morrison's Cross Roads—Go 0.25 miles, left at fork, left at next fork—Church is approximately two miles on right.

Sun., 27th—Shiloh Museum of Ozark History—118 West Johnson Avenue—Springdale, Arkansas—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Info: Susan Young (501) 750-8165—syoun@springdaleark.org

Sun., 27th—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers/W.A. Parker Memorial Singing—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Walker County, Alabama—12 miles northeast of Jasper—1 mile south of Hwy. 69 on Sipsey Road.

November

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 2nd—Ebenezer Mennonite Church Schoolhouse Singing—Bluffton, Ohio—Info: Kathryn Knecht (419) 634-4916—k-knecht@onu.edu—Kay Huener (419) 382-0183—khuener@buckeye-express.com
Web: <http://www.math.ohio-state.edu/~econrad/fasola.html>

Sat., 2nd—Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Near Huntington—Angelina County, Texas—Cooper Revision—4 miles on Farm to Market Road 1669 out of Huntington—Info: Burl Russell (409) 624-2173

Sat., 2nd—Alvis Brothers and B.I. Wood Memorial Singing—Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church—Near Attalla—Etowah County, Alabama—South of Attalla on Hwy. 11—*Changed from Sunday to Saturday.*

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

Sun., 3rd—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen—Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—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 Amoco service station—Turn left—Go to dead end—Turn left—Go to dead end, church on left.

Sun., 3rd—Mt. Ebron Church Memorial Singing—Mt. Ebron Missionary Baptist Church—Near Double Springs—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles west of Double Springs on Hwy. 25—Double Springs to Lynn.

Sun., 3rd—South Georgia Singing Convention—Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church—Crisp County, Georgia—9 miles south of Cordele—Exit I-75 at exit 97—From Atlanta, turn right—Cross over Hwy. 41 and go to the dead end—Turn left on Hwy. 33—Go approximately 4 miles—Turn right onto Antioch Road (this is a “sand road”)—Go straight at the stop sign—Church is on left behind Zion Hope Cemetery—Bring covered dish.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 9th—Immanuel Baptist Church—222 Belle Meade Boulevard—Nashville, Tennessee—Between Harding Road, U.S. 70, and Harding Place.

Sat., 9th—Southern Wisconsin—Info: Jim Page (608) 255-6861

Sat., 9th—Dallas County Singing—First Primitive Baptist Church—1920 Gross Road—Dallas, Texas—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Info: Bruce/Beverly Coates (972) 227-7976 or Gary/Vivian Rogan (817) 220-5147

Sat., 9th—Tuesday Occasionals' Birthday Singing Day—St. Luke's Church—Stapleford, Nottingham—United Kingdom—Contact Ruth and Dave Cooper 44 115 939 9730 or em_sacredharp@hotmail.com

Sat., 9th & Sun., 10th—James River Convention—Richmond, Virginia—This singing is always the second Sunday and Saturday before in November—Info: Stephen McMaster (804) 288-1503—Simdar19@idt.net
Blake Morris (804) 288-8206—Blake.Morris2@gte.net

Sun., 10th—Oak Hill Baptist Church—County Line Road—Near Oxford—Calhoun County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—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., 10th—Carey Springs Baptist Church—Randolph (Pontotoc County), Mississippi.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 16th—7:00 p.m.—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—Saturday night before the third Sunday in November.

Sun., 17th—Harmony Primitive Baptist Church—Harmony Church Road—Calhoun (Gordon County), Georgia—Take I-75 North—Exit right at exit #315 (Red Bud Road exit)—Turn right onto Hwy. 156 east—Go about 200 yards—Turn right onto Harmony Church Road—Go about 100 yards—Church on left.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention—Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church—North of Birmingham, Alabama—9:00 a.m.—Take I-65 North to Fultondale Exit # 266—Turn right onto Hwy. 31 south—Go 100 yards—Turn left to 57th Avenue—Go 0.25 mile, look for signs.

Sun., 24th—Ganus and Wilford Wakefield Memorial—King's School House (Mt. Vernon)—Near Lynn—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles east of Natural Bridge, just off U.S. Hwy. 278

Thursday, November 28th—Thanksgiving Day

December

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., Nov. 30th & Sun., Dec. 1st—Florida State Sacred Harp Convention—Holiday Inn—2001 Cove Boulevard—Panama City, Florida—Cooper Revision—For reservations call—(850) 769-0000

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 7th & Sun., 8th—Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church—Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—0.7 mile south of County Road 14—From U.S. Hwy. 78 in Winfield—Take Hwy. 129 North—County Road 14 turns west off Hwy. 129, then left at church sign—Church is 0.7 miles on right—Info: John Beasley (205) 487-3916

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sun. 14th—Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church—Near Snead Cross Roads, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Off Hwy. 75—Turn right at Blount County line and follow signs.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Tues., 24th—Christmas Eve

Wed., 25th—Christmas Day

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sun., 30th—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church—7900 Bethlehem Road—Mulberry, Florida—10:00 a.m.—

Info: Lane Albritton (813) 764-0599 or Milton Morris (813) 986-4727

Tues., 31st—7:00 p.m.—Wootten Family New Year's Eve Singing—Antioch Baptist Church—Ider (DeKalb County), Alabama—Take I-59 north—Exit right at Exit #231—Turn left onto Hwy. 40/117—Go 1.4 miles and turn right on Hwy. 117—Go 9.5 miles (You will cross Hwy. 75)—Turn right onto Hwy. 141—Go 3.9 miles—Turn right onto County Road 783 and immediately back left onto County Road 782—Church is on left.

FIFTH SATURDAY/SUNDAY SINGINGS

First Fifth Weekend	Saturday, March 30 Sunday, March 31
Second Fifth Weekend	Saturday, June 29 Sunday, June 30
Third Fifth Weekend	Saturday, September 28 Sunday, September 29
Fourth Fifth Weekend	Saturday, December 28 Sunday, December 29

First Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

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

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

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

Second Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Midwest Convention—Chicago, Illinois—Locations announced—First fifth Sunday and Saturday before, preceding July 4.

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

Third Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Young People's Singing—Held at different locations—Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4.

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

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

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

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

Fourth Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

No Regular Singings scheduled

LOCAL SINGINGS

Alabama

Anniston: Second Tuesday of each month—6:30-8:00 p.m.—Norwood Hodges (Golden Springs) Community Center—Spring Valley Road—Get on Golden Springs Road—Turn at tennis courts—Info: Roy Nelson (256) 237-7637—Ruth Brown (256) 831-2227—Jeff Sheppard (256) 237-1240

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

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

Fayette: Second Sunday night—6:00 p.m.—Mt. Lebanon Church—Bluff Road off Hwy. 107—8 miles northwest of Fayette—Info: Larry Ballinger (205) 932-3858

Ft. Payne: Last Tuesday of each month—March through October—6:30 p.m.—Family Worship Center—3901 Gault Avenue, South—From I-59, take exit #218 (AL Hwy. 35)—Take AL Hwy. 35 to U.S. Hwy. 11—Go south on U.S. Hwy 11 for approximately 2.5 miles to the church—Church is on the right.

Haleyville (Winston County): First Sunday night—Friendship Primitive Baptist Church—Southeast of Haleyville—On Hwy. 195, south of church sign, 2 miles—In April—Idella Berry Memorial Singing—Info: Josie Hyde (205) 486-5625

Henagar: First Sunday night—October through April—Liberty Church—5:30 p.m.—Info: Coy Ivey (256) 657-4681—ivey@asc.edu

Huntsville: First Friday Night—February 1, April 5, August 2, November 1—7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—Burritt On The Mountain—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 (256) 881-5291—ivey@asc.edu—<http://community.al.com/cc/hsvfasola>
Linton Ballinger (256) 830-5301.

Ider: Second Sunday night—October through March—Antioch Church—5 miles north of Ider—Left on Hwy. 75—Info: Terry Wootten (256) 632-3830

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.

Alaska

Fairbanks: Sundays—7:00 p.m.—Info: William Walters (907) 479-3796—Robert Sullivan—rsrbs@aurora.alaska.edu

Arkansas

Big Fork: First Sunday—2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Info: Verla Huckaby (501) 394-6135—EddieVerla@aol.com—Flora Burns (501) 394-5730

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

Springdale: Fourth Sunday, each month—2:30 p.m.—Shiloh Museum—
118 West Johnson Avenue—Springdale, Arkansas

California

Berkeley, Oakland, East Bay: First Sunday—4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.—Potluck dinner following—Info: Alice Sharp (510) 843-8259—avsharp@earthlink.com or Vicki Solomon (510) 601-8576

Los Angeles: First Sunday east-side singing—3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Third Sunday west-side singing—3:00-5:50 p.m.—
Info: Laura Boyd Russell (310) 450-3516—belltower@compuserve.com—Link to “Singing in Los Angeles” from <http://fasola.org>

Monterey: Info: Jack and Kathy Herbig—jack@herbigassociates.com

Palo Alto: Second Sundays 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Fourth Sundays 4:00-6:00 p.m.—Hosted lunch following—Info: Karen Schaffer (408) 298-3269—kschaffer@hidden-knowledge.com

Poway: First and Third Sundays—Old Poway Park—14134 Midland Road—
619.544.0432

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

San Diego: First and third Sundays—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Old Poway Park—
Info: Carla Smith and Jerry Schreiber (619) 544-0432—DrXOX@aol.com—
Carla by day: (619) 533-3181

San Diego: Second and fourth Sundays—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—First Unitarian Church in Hillcrest—Info: Norma Ruptier (858) 452-1859

San Francisco: Third Sundays—4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.—
Info: Carolyn Deacy (415) 585-4775—sf@fasola.org—Chris Thorman—
chris@thorman.com <http://fasola.org/bayarea/>

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 (805) 965-4707

Santa Cruz: Tuesdays—7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Potluck at 6 p.m.—
Info: Shelly Phillips (831) 427-2980

Colorado

Boulder: Second Friday of every month—3119 9th St.—Info: (303) 447-9379

Denver: Sunday after the fourth Friday—
Info: Elaine Cullor (303) 860-0662—John Schaffer (303) 234-1729

Fort Collins: First Friday—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—St Luke’s Episcopal Church—2000 Stover—Info: Sandy Hill (970) 669-6450

Loveland: Sunday after the third Friday—3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—604 North California Avenue—Info: Sandy Hill (970) 669-6450—sandy@fril.com

Connecticut

Middletown: First Sunday—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—At singer’s homes—
Info: Phyllis/Neely Bruce (203) 347-3003

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

District of Columbia

Metropolitan area: Fourth Sunday—4:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.—In different locations (DC, Maryland, and Virginia)—Singing school 3:00 p.m.—Potluck 6:00 p.m.—Sponsored by Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW)
Info: FSGW Hotline (202) 546-2228; press 42 for Sacred Harp information—Steven Sabol (301) 897-5274—Sabol@his.com—

Nancy Bailey (703) 532-7520—FSGW membership is not required to attend.

Metropolitan area: Every other month on Saturday or Sunday—4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.—In singer's homes—

Info: Bob Hall or Ella Wilcox (703) 204-1532—rhall@cpcug.org

Florida

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

Info: Pat Morse (352) 377-8061 or (352) 466-3801—barnetta@mindspring.com

Hilliard: Friday night before the first Sunday each month—7:00 p.m.—Hilliard Elementary School—Ohio Street—Cooper Edition—

Info: (904) 845-2624 tolliesaws@juno.com

Tallahassee: Friday before third Sunday in each month—Except July, August, and December—7:00 p.m.—Calvary United Methodist Church—2145 West Pensacola Street—Info: Alice Bejnar (850) 656-2027

Georgia

Alpharetta: Friday before the third Sunday—Except June, July, August and December—7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—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 Pettis (770) 889-1703

Athens: Third Thursday night of each month, except June, July, August, and December—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 800 West Lake Drive—Info: Lee Rogers —(706)795-5472

Decatur: First Thursday in each month—Except January and possibly December—7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—Oakhurst Baptist Church—222 East Lake Drive—Oakhurst Baptist is two blocks south of the East Lake MARTA station—From Atlanta—Take Dekalb Avenue (or from Decatur, take West Howard Avenue) to the light at Paden Circle—Turn north—Paden Circle curves around and deadends on East Lake—Turn right and go two blocks—Church will be on your left on the corner of 3rd and East Lake—Info: Liz Bryant (404) 378-5424

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 (912) 458-2493—Clarke/Julie Lee (912) 458-2268—Johnny/Delorese Lee (912) 458-2595

Stone Mountain: Every fourth Friday night except December, June, July, and August. In November, watch for date change due to holidays—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Mountain Park United Methodist Church—1405 Rockbridge Road—Stone Mountain, Georgia—U.S. 78 east to West Park Place (first exit after Stone Mountain Park)—Turn left under U.S. 78, through the light at the access road to the next light—Turn left on Rockbridge Road—Church is 1 mile down on the left—Info: Eric or Chris Tweedy (770) 469-6954—bartwe@mediaone.net

Illinois

Chicago: Third Sunday—4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.—Various locations—
Info: Cathryn Baker (773) 538-5150—shapenote@listhost.uchicago.edu.—or call the “Harp Line” (773) 276-HARP

Charleston: Thursday evenings—Various sites—
Info: Janet Fraembs (217) 345-6873—Don Bardsley (217) 348-8295

Hyde Park/Chicago: Weekly—Thursday—7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Cathryn Baker (773) 538-5150—shapenote@listhost.uchicago.edu

Springfield: Info: Pete Ellertsen (217) 793-287

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 (812) 336-2792

Goshen: First Sunday in each month—4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.—Location moves—
Info: Samuel Sommers (219) 294-6180

Iowa

Cedar Falls: Usually on Sundays—2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.—Cedar Falls Mennonite Church—9th and Clay Streets—

Info: Michael L. Moore (319) 277-8495—mlmoore@cfu.net

Kansas

Lawrence: First Sunday—1:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.—

Info: Susan/Richard Green (816) 931-7042

Kentucky

Berea: Sundays—2:00 p.m.—Union Church—Corner of Main and Prospect—
Info: Kent Gilbert (606) 986-4057—kgilbert@mis.net—
or the church (606) 986-3725

Lexington: Second Sunday—September through May—3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.—
Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church—3534 Tates Creek Road—

Info: Mary Brinkman (606) 272-3895—mlbrin00@pop.uky.edu—

Keith MacAdam, (606) 268-0998 (home) or (606) 257-3344 (work)—
phy156@ukcc.uky.edu

Louisville: Every third Sunday of the month—3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.—Ohio Valley Shaped Note Singers—Vine Street Baptist Church—

Info: Bob Meek (502) 893-2190—bob54393@aol.com—

Michelle Cull (502) 587-7510

Maine

Belfast: Second Monday each month—7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.—First Congregational Church—Spring Street entrance, first floor, Fellowship Hall—
Info: Bobbie Goodell (207) 342-2324—rgoodell@acadia.net

Ellsworth, etc: Usually monthly—Near middle of the month—Travels around state—Waterville, Ellsworth, New Sharon, Pittsfield, among other places—

Info: Joe Kucera, (207) 285-7358

Portland: On Sundays—Info: Robert Baldwin—storytir@tidewater.net

Maryland

Baltimore: Second Sunday—4:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.—Potluck at 6:00 p.m.—
Info: Joanne DeVoe (410) 366-1959

Massachusetts

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

Info: Eliza Cavanaugh (413) 772-0287 eliza@valinet.com

Boston: Second Monday—7:45 p.m.—10:00 p.m.—Andover-Newton Theological School—Info: Bob Parr (781) 648-1009—parr@ll.mit.edu—Ginnie Ely (978) 664-1344—Ginnie.Ely@compaq.com

Brimfield: Second Wednesdays—6:00-9:00 p.m.—Allison Schofield (508) 867-7484 ryeblake@yahoo.com

Greenfield: Fifth Sundays—Cooper Book—1:30-4:30 p.m.—All Souls Unitarian Church—399 Main Street—

Info: Laura Timmerman (413) 773-8325 laurat@crocker.com

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 (413) 773-8325 laurat@crocker.com

Northampton: Every Tuesday—7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.—Helen Hills Chapel, Smith College—Info: Allison Schofield (508) 867-7484—ryeblake@yahoo.com

Salem: Third Thursday—Dickson Room, First Universalist Church—211 Bridge St. —7:30 p.m.—9:15 p.m.—Info: Chris Noren—noren@neb.com

Michigan

Ann Arbor: Most Second Sundays—2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—The Ark Coffeehouse—316 S. Main—Info: Charlotte Wolfe (734) 663-0262—CAWolfe@umich.edu—The Ark (734) 761-1800—

Pat Forsberg-Smith (734) 747-9644

Kalamazoo: Third Sunday—4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.—Pot luck dinner following—Info: Bill and Martha Beverly (616) 382-4288—beverly@net-link.net

Minnesota

Dinkytown: Tuesday nights—5:30-7:30 p.m.—University Baptist Church—Near the campus of the University of Minnesota—

Info: Kim Bahmer—kimbahmer@hotmail.com

Minneapolis: Second and fourth Sundays—5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.—The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Info: Keith/Jenny Willard (651) 699-2040—

Third Sunday—5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.—Cooper Book

Info: Keith/Jenny Willard (651) 699-2040

Mississippi

Biloxi/Gulfport: First Tuesdays—7:00 p.m.—Trinity Bible Church—Woolmarket Road—North of I-20—Cooper Edition—

Info: Bill Hogan—hoganbil@ametro.net

Bruce: Third Sundays—November through March—1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—

Info: Warren Steel—mudws@sunset.backbone.olemiss.edu—

Mark Davis—Horn4@aol.com—Hugh Bill McGuire (662) 983-2376

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

Morton: Saturday night before the first Sunday of each month—6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church—3.2 miles south of Exit 77 off I-20 on Hwy. 13—Info: Mark Davis (601) 919-00209—Horn4@aol.com—

Lydia Hamby (601) 939-1626—Regina Foster (601) 269-3635

lashous@teleclipse.net

Missouri

Columbia: Second and Fourth Tuesdays—7:30 p.m.—Info: Wendy Hofmann (573) 446-1075 or Penny/Lou Kujawinski (573) 874-1096

Kansas City: Third Sunday—Starting at 1:30 p.m.—

Info: Susan/Richard Green (816) 931-7042.

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

Info: Susan/Richard Green (816) 931-7042.

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

Info: Karen Isbell (314) 664-1411—Becky Browne (314) 968-8921

Nebraska

Lincoln: Third Sundays of each month—2:00 p.m.—Westminster Presbyterian Church—2110 Sheridan Boulevard

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

Third Friday night of each month—8:00 p.m.—Jean Carhart's home—1315 South 92nd Street—Info: Jean Carhart (402) 991-0444—amazingrace@msn.com

New Jersey

Trenton: Covenant Presbyterian Church—471 Parkway Ave. (at Parkside)—3:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.—February 3, March 3, May 5, June 2—All are first Sundays of the month—

Info: Ginny Landgraf—virginia.landgraf@ptsem.edu—609.394.5170

Gerry Hoffman—ghoffman@tcnj.edu—609.671.9287

Upper Montclair: Fourth Sunday—2:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Montclair Friends Meetinghouse—289 Park Street—Info: Gina Balestracci or Roland Hutchinson (973) 509-2165—balestracci@mail.montclair.edu

Woodcliff Lake: Second Sunday—2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—Ten minutes from Tappan Zee Bridge—Info: Carol Werba (201) 391-2713

New Mexico

Albuquerque: Second and fourth Sundays—2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—The Friends Meeting House—1600 Fifth Street NW—South of I-40, north of Mountain—Take I-40 to the 2nd and 4th Streets Exit—Go south on Fourth Street, about five blocks—Turn right on Bellamah—Info: Lisa Callirhoe or Harlan Van Camp (505) 867-6539—ganmaoli@interserv.com

New York

Albany (East Greenbush): First Saturday evening—Except when that coincides with a long weekend—7:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m.—St. David's Church—East Greenbush—Info: Larry/Shirley Basch —(518) 479-1234—lbasch@global2000.net—Michael Ryan (518) 399-6046

Altamont: June: Friday, 22nd—Saturday, 23rd—Sunday, 24th—Old Songs Festival—Altamont Fairgrounds—Altamont, New York—Morning singing, workshops—Info: (518) 765-2815

Binghamton (Vestal): Fourth Sunday—2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—Vestal Public Library—Exception: Summer months/holiday, in which case Sunday before—Info: Dennis Leipold (607) 724-8784—dleipold@pronetisp.net

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 (716) 884-7807—allemand@buffnet.net

Clinton: Second Sunday (unless a regional the day before)—3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Clinton United Methodist Church—

Info: Barbara Swetman (315) 853-5723—bswetman@hamilton.edu—

Margaret/Ron Bornick (315) 853-6282—RMBornick@compuserve.com

Ithaca: First, Third, and Fifth Sunday—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—Saint John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall—

Info: Jennifer Cook (607) 273-7076—jc27@cornell.edu—

Eric Bean (607) 589-6170—gebeac@aol.com—

Juanita Heyerman—jdh23@cornell.edu

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 (914) 657-8314—ulrich@ulster.net

New York City (Brooklyn): Second Sundays—Joe Beasley Singings—St. Paul's Church Hall or Rectory—199 Carroll Street at the corner of Clinton Street—

South Brooklyn, New York—2:00 p.m.—Except July, August, December—

Potluck after singing, usually about 6:00 p.m.—

Info: Brenda Pena (718) 793-2848—BJPUB@Prodigy.net

Rochester: Fourth Sunday—2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Sampler Records Music

Hall—Info: Chris Haller (716) 387-9570—chrish@moose.netacc.net—Nancy

Crawford (716) 381-4279 (home), (716) 422-8189 (work)—

Nancy.Crawford@usa.xerox.com

West Islip, Long Island: Info: Frederick Rasenberger—(516) 671-0459.

North Carolina

Chapel Hill: Second Sunday—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—Person Hall on University

of North Carolina campus—Info: Matt Cartmill (919) 493-8519—Becky Hart

(919) 682-2517 (H)—(919) 966-4032 (W)—bhart@sphvax.sph.unc.edu

Durham: Third Sunday—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—Watts Street Baptist Church—

Info: Joy/Ron Craig (919) 929-3695—Becky Hart (see Chapel Hill, above).

Raleigh: Fourth Sunday—2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—Usually in Mordecai Historic

Park Chapel—Info: Lynda Hambourger—(919) 781-3596—Becky Hart (see Chapel Hill above).

Winston-Salem: Most third Sundays—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—In singers'

homes—Info: Betty McGurk or Gene Anderson (910) 374-5943—Cleve Callison

(910) 760-2822

Ohio

Cleveland Area: Second Sunday—3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.—Various Locations—

Info: Charles Wells (440) 774-1926—charles@freude.com

Kent: Southeast of Cleveland—Monthly/First Sunday each month—6:30

p.m.—Unitarian-Universalist Church of Kent—228 Gougler St. (Hwy. 43

North)—Info: Hal Walker (330) 677-2430—halliewalk@hotmail.com

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

Info: Chandler York (440) 774-5160 or Charles Wells (440) 774-1926—

charles@freude.com

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City: Info: Nancy Powell/Claire Powell (405) 737-1186

Oregon

Information for all Oregon singings is available by contacting Karen Willard

(360) 897-9545—hallock@aa.net

Eugene: Second and fourth Thursdays—Info: Jean Murphy (541) 342-4131

Portland: Second and fourth Sundays—4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.—First Congregational Church in Chapel—1126 SW Park Avenue—ALSO—Last Thursday—7:00 p.m.—Kennedy School in the Community Room—5736 NE 33rd Avenue (north of Killingsworth) —
Info: Peter Irvine (503) 241-1656—Scorchingsand@aol.com

Pennsylvania

Philadelphia (Havertown): Second Fridays—7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.—St. James Church—Havertown—Info: Marian McKenzie and Walter Smith (610) 896-1565—mmckenzi@haverford.edu

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

Reading: Each third Sunday—September through June—Near Reading—7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.—Berks Sacred Harp Singers—Info: Betty Hanf (610) 582-5924

Sandy: Every Tuesday—7:00 p.m.—Senior Center—
Info: Bruce Rowland (503) 668-4630

Wilkes-Barre (Dallas): Second Sunday—4:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.—Potluck at 5:00 p.m.—Prince of Peace Episcopal Church—
Info: David Martin (570) 333-4007—martin24@juno.com

Rhode Island

Providence: Fourth Sundays—3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.—Potluck following—
Round Top Center of Benificent Congregational Church—300 Weybosset St.—
Info: Kelly House (401) 751-7343—HouseKelly@aol.com

Providence: Weekly-most Thursdays—Home of Lynne deBenedette—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Call to confirm—(401) 621-8697(H) (401) 863-7572(W)

South Carolina

Greenville: Friday night before the third Sunday each month—7:00-9:00 p.m.—
Northside UMC—435 Summit Dr.—
Info: Frances Carnell (864) 862-4373 carnelllh@juno.com

Tennessee

Chattanooga: Info: Linda Sides (423) 875-8619—linjanes@bellsouth.net

Knoxville: Info: Doris DeSpain (615) 546-9058

Nashville: First Sundays—6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.—The Friends Meeting House—
2804 Acklen Avenue—Info: Timothy Reynolds (615) 646-6485—
tjrshapenote@hotmail.com—David Carlton—david.l.carlton@vanderbilt.edu

Texas

Austin (Travis Co.): Friday night before second and fourth Sundays—Except when there is a singing 3-8 hours drive away that Saturday or a holiday weekend—7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.—practice singings—Time split between Cooper Book/The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church—
915 East 52nd Street—Between IH 35 and Airport Boulevard—
Info: Gaylon Powell (512) 258-7080—B.E. Matthews (512) 898-5110

Dallas/Ft. Worth: Third Saturdays—1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.—Practice singing—
The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—First Primitive Baptist Church—1920 Gross Road—Dallas, Texas—Info: Bruce or Beverly Coates (972) 476-9937 or Cheryl Foreman (972) 540-1970—cf91@yahoo.com

Houston: Saturday before third Sunday—6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.—Practice singing—Cooper Revision/The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision—
Info: Charles Whitmer (281) 432-2617— whitmer75@hotmail.com

Vermont

Brattleboro: Monthly—Third Sunday—1:30-4:30 p.m.—First United Methodist Church—Town Crier Rd.—Info: Peter Amidon (802) 257-1006 peteram@sover.net or Paula Whiting (802) 254-8690 pwhiting@sover.net

Burlington Area: Monthly—Third Sunday—(summer is ad hoc)—5:00 p.m.—Some fifth Sundays—Info: Susan Miller-Coulter (802) 658-5713—smilcoults335@cs.com or Bill Fellingner wlfellin@together.net

Glover: Second Thursday—7:00 p.m.—Bread and Puppet Farm—Rt. 122—Info: Linda Wells (802) 586-0698 craftsburyp1@dol.state

Norwich: Second Thursday—Potluck 6:00-7:00—Sing 7:00-9:00 p.m.—Info: Mary Huessy (802) 649-8977 ray.huessy@valley.net

Springfield: Second and fourth Fridays—7:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m.—Fift Fridays - Potluch

Info: Pat Colteryahn (802) 885-9521 or Dan Keebler keeblerd@vermonte1.com

Virginia

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 (540) 955-2660

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

Washington

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

Bellevue: Fourth Sunday—3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.—Info: David/Katharine Hough (425) 451-0109

Okanogan Valley: Second and fourth Tuesdays—7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.—Info: Mary Lassila (509) 826-5299

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

Info: Karen Willard (360) 897-9545—hallock@aa.net

Seattle: Second Sundays—6:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.—Place to be announced—Info: Jack Lofton (206) 783-4508

Wisconsin

Madison: Usually first and third Sundays—3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.—Usually at St. Francis House—1001 University Avenue—

Info: Jim Page (608) 255-6861—jimp@uwfound.wisc.edu

Singings Outside the United States

Canada

Lennoxville, Quebec (30 miles north of Derby Line, VT): Second Monday of every month—7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—Bishops College School—

Info: Chuck Neville (819) 562-8727—cneville@ican.net

Ways Mills, Quebec: Fourth Sunday—3:30 p.m.—With potluck—

Info: Chuck Neville (819) 562-8727—cneville@ican.net

England

Bolton, Lancashire: First Saturday—12:00 noon-4:00 p.m.—Judy Whiting 01204 309709—judyshapes@btinternet.com

Oxford: Third Sunday—7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.—Marston United Reformed Church—Marston Road—Oxford, England—

Info: Dick Wolff +44 1865 511784—dickwolff@patrol.i-way.co.uk

About the Minutes

Minutes are compiled and submitted by secretaries of their respective singings. To submit minutes for your singing, please refer to the instructions at the start of this book.

Song/page numbers listed in the minutes are from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision*, unless another book is indicated in the heading of the singing. Songs from other books are indicated by placing one of the following abbreviations after the page number.

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

The following songs from the J.L. White Book (WB) are listed as reference because the book is currently out of print.

478t	Brown
483t	Bethany (Nearer My God To Thee)
486t	Trusting
491b	Jesus Died For Me
492	Love At Home
512	Pray On
517	Not Made With Hands
519	Land of Beulah (O Come Angel Band)
525	Rock of Ages
540	It Is Well With My Soul
545	Just As I Am

SACRED HARP SINGINGS

2001 MINUTES

CINCINNATI NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING **Walnut Hills Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio** **Monday, January 1, 2001**

The tenth annual Cincinnati New Year's Day Singing was held at Walnut Hills Christian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, and the class was called to order by Debbie Hall leading song on page 38t. Bill Shetter offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Eloise Clark 178, 276; John Bealle 32, 235b, 288; Sheryl Pockrose 479, 565; John Bealle 49b, 47t (for Christine Cox); Debbie Hall 84; Linda Coppock 66, 299; Eloise Clark 298; Karen Arnett 236, 45t.

RECESS

John Bealle brought the class to order leading song on page 68b.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chair - Karen Arnett; Secretary - Debbie Hall; Arranging Committee - John Bealle.

Leaders: Eloise Clark 372, 390 (for Nancy Kersell); Martha Lang 378b, 85; Rich Overturf 69t, 62; Lois Hurt 49t, 81b; Eloise Clark 80b, 141, 170. Linda Coppock offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Karen Arnett called the class to order for the afternoon session leading song on page 147. Leaders: Karen Arnett 354 (for Nancy Kersell); Jim Coppock 186, 273; Sheryl Pockrose 41, 45; Karen Arnett 504, 455; Eloise Clark 524, 31t; Lois Hurt 178, 145; Claire Outten 112, 335, 334; Martha Lang 312b, 117.

RECESS

Karen Arnett called the class to order leading song on page 503. Leaders: Rich Overturf 495, 86; Debbie Hall 304, 528; Lois Hurt 81t, 63; Nancy Kersell 50; John Bealle 200, 217; Jim Coppock 289, 163b; Lois Hurt 164, 515; Martha Lang 268, 547; Claire Outten 186, 173; Linda Coppock 542, 183.

Karen Arnett led song on page 347 for the closing song. Claire Outten dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair - Karen Arnett; Secretary - Debbie Hall.

NEW YEAR'S DAY COOPER BOOK SINGING **Pine Ridge Dunkard Brethren Church, Collins, Mississippi** **Saturday, January 6, 2001**

Andrew Albers opened with a brief singing school and then led songs on pages 49t and 500. Deacon John Myers offered the opening prayer.

A brief business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Andrew Albers; Vice Chairman - Bill Hogan; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker; Chaplain - John Myers.

Leaders: Andrew Albers 38b, 76b; Bill Hogan 276, 82; Nancy Van Den Akker 38t, 488t; Andrew Albers 274 (Brethren Hymnal); John Merritt and John Myers 94; John Kanode 507b, 573; Tim Cook 574, 314; Elizabeth Muhleisen 489, 140.

RECESS

Andrew Albers called the class back to order leading song on page 78. Leaders: Mako Cook 511t, 171; Richard Graham 571, 563; Junie McNeil 344, 442t; Jean

Gray 54t, 299; Andrew Albers 369. John Myers offered the table blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

Bill Hogan brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 56. Leaders: John Merritt 166, 323b; Charles Franklin 99, 274t; John Lee Van Horn 497, 45b; Mike McNeil 559, 522; Kurt Davis 45t; Mark Davis 270, 240; Arlon Gardner 543, 68; Hannah Albers and Andrew Albers 392, 73b.

RECESS

John Merritt and Nelda Mitchell brought the class to order leading song on page 358. Leaders: Ben Burroughs 36b, 155; John Lee Van Horn 162, 263; John Kanode 229; Tim Cook and Mako Cook 488b; Nancy Van Den Akker 115; Andrew Albers 348t, 450; Bill Hogan 441; Arlon Gardner 451b.

Announcements were made of future singings. Andrew Albers led song on page 496t as the closing song. Doug Gibson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Andrew Albers; Vice Chairman - Bill Hogan; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA Food Service Building, Carrollton, Georgia January 7, 2001

The annual all day singing at the Food Service Building, State University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia was held on the first Sunday in January. Myron House called the class to order leading song on page 59. Everette Denney offered the morning prayer. Myron House led song on page 65; Felton Denney 73t, 72b; Charlene Wallace 40, 171; Mary F. Smith 148 (for Mozelle Sheppard); and Everette Denney 405 and 164.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Myron House; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Mary F. Smith; Memorial Committee - Josephine Denney.

Leaders: Myron House 38t; Phillip Langley 299, 203; Bobby Jackson 81t, 274t; Josephine Denney, Felton Denney, and great granddaughter, Jessy Brown 294, 101t; Glenda Watkins 100, 124; Carlene Griffin 146, 222 (for Vivian Rogers and Lonnie Rogers); Jarrod Ball 147b, 335; Tommy McGraw 77t, 475; Henry Johnson 162, 68b; Jan House, Hannah Chambers, Orlan Chambers, and Myron House 49t, 45t.

RECESS

Myron House called the class to order leading song on page 287. Leaders: Laura Clawson 379, 542; Rodney Ivey 99, 39b; David Yeager 86, 276; Eric Tweedy 547, 196; John Plunkett 266, 71; Hugh McGraw 354; Richard DeLong 375, 216; Philip Denney 440, 120.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Felton Denney leading song on page 385b. Leaders: Myron House 250; B.M. Smith 212, 137; Nancy Yeager 178, 159. The memorial lesson was held with B.M. Smith leading songs on pages 426b and 426t in memory of Eloise Watkins, Elder J.J. Aderhold, and Jack Smith. John Plunkett led songs on pages 340 and 70 for all the sick and shut-ins. Josephine Denney closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Albert Gwarty and Jeannette DePoy 377, 436; Margie Smith 499; Scott DePoy 179, 47b; Teenie Moody 275b, 384; Billy Joe Harris 225t, 303; Jeff Sheppard 142, 322; Evelyn Harris 155, 129; Oscar McGuire 473, 344; Joel

Griffin and Hugh McGraw 145b; Laura Akerman 318, 543; Jimmie Denney 143, 61; Earlis McGraw 271, 77b (for Gladys McGraw); Chris Tweedy 323b, 147t; Bernard Denney 339, 145t; Louise Holland 358, 37b; Myron House 160 (for Don Bowen).

Announcements were made. Myron House and Felton Denney led song on page 323t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Everette Denney.

Chairman - Myron House; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

SHADY GROVE ANNUAL SINGING

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama January 7, 2001

The Shady Grove Annual Sacred Harp Singing was held on the first Sunday in January. Kermit Adams called the class to order leading song on page 39t. The morning prayer was offered by Dawson Adams.

The class was organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Roma Rice; Arranging Committee - Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 77t; Travis Keeton 343b, 270; Dawson Adams 134, 47t; Ashley Keeton 300, 142; Wilton Donaldson 111t, 30t; L.E. Hannah 83t, 523b; Ken Tate 378t, 145b; Julia Poston 274t, 421; Chris Rice 384, 34t; Amber Springfield 276, 299.

RECESS

Kermit Adams called the class back to order leading song on page 378b (for Milford Watts). Leaders: Willodean Barton 475, 314; Ivalene Donaldson 335, 73t; Larry Wakefield 37b, 569b; Julie Tate 436, 448b; Glenn Keeton 290 (for A.C. McGough who is in the hospital), 503; Lisa Geist 182, 192; Shelley Capps 100, 40; Faye Donaldson 78, 430; John Hyde 39b.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading song on page 179 (for Elmer Conwill). Leaders: Emily Jones 74t, 75; Harrison Creel 111b, 512; Roma Rice 285t (for the Gladys Bonds family), 60; Larry Ballinger 112, 119; Flarce Creel 389, 269; Edith Tate 532, 225t, 446; Amanda Denson 426t (for Rose Altha Taylor), 74b; Wanda Capps 144, 36b; Pernie Pelfrey 371, 83t; Lee Starnes and Willodean Barton 155, 63; Lisa Geist 542, 528; Ashley Keeton 196; Josie Hyde 546, 329.

Kermit Adams led song on page 99 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Harrison Creel.

Chairman - Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Roma Rice.

LILLIAN CALVERT AND IRENE WOODLEY MEMORIAL Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama Saturday, January 13, 2001

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

The class was called to order by Harrison Creel leading song on page 30t. Elder Ronald Gilmore offered the evening prayer.

Leaders: Harrison Creel 498; Glenn Keeton 215; Travis Keeton 53; Furn Kitchens 378b; Willodean Barton 480; Max Berueffy 430; Lisa Geist 327; Elvin Guthrie 365; John Hyde 297; Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Gilmore 318, 34t; David Roberson 340; Faye Donaldson 129; Randy Moon 143; Gravis Ballinger 300; Eldagene Roberson 142; Josie Hyde 507; Milton Oliver 314; Henry Guthery 189; Julia Poston 101t; Amber Springfield 192; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 426t; Danny Creel 182; Delores Canady 87; "Happy Birthday" for Bradley Allen.

RECESS

Harrison Creel brought the class to order leading song on page 111b. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 317; Margaret Keeton 91; Elsie Moon 348b; John Merritt 154; Marie Guthrie 434; Charles Kitchens 179; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 390; Flarce Creel 475; Velton Chafin 97; Brenda Merritt 336; Ann Jett 269; Lena Keeton 546; Jackie Tanner 208; Edis Guthrie 99; Elene Stovall 436; Wanda Capps 200; Larry Ballinger 425; Rodney Ivey 225t (for Cecil Sanders); Christie Allen 398, 74b (for Gladys Bonds); Cindy Tanner 77t, 75 (for the Woodley family); Harrison Creel 342 (for Sheila Moon).

Harrison Creel led song on page 512 as the closing song. Elder Ronald Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

The singing will be held again next year.

Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Wanda Capps.

JACK KERR AND HENRY KERR MEMORIAL Camp Ground Methodist Church, North of Fruithurst, Cleburne County, Alabama January 14, 2001

The annual memorial singing for Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr was held on the second Sunday in January at Camp Ground Methodist Church. The class was called to order by B.J. Harris leading song on page 32t. Felton Denney led the morning prayer. B.J. Harris led song on page 503; Henry Johnson 278t; and Mary Florence Smith 176b and 75.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman - Evelyn Harris; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 77t; Evelyn Harris 47t, 155; B.M. Smith 225t, 318; Glenda Watkins 282, 45t; Pearl Guier 127, 49t; John Plunkett 38b, 300; Reba Norton 101t, 164; Felton Denney 299, 48t; Elene Stovall 31b, 89; Earlis McGraw 544, 435; Margie Smith 335, 108t.

RECESS

Henry Johnson called the class back to order leading song on page 418. Leaders: Everette Denney 61, 63; Carlene Griffin 70t, 117; Max Berueffy 56t, 208; Eunice Webb 436, 569b; Jeff Sheppard 216 (in memory of Jack Kerr), 140; Winford Kerr and Lois Bowman 339 (for all the members of the Kerr families). Lois Bowman thanked all those who came to sing and make this day special for the descendants of the Kerr family. All of the descendants of the Kerr family were asked to stand, and they led song on page 274t for all the deceased members of the Kerr family. Hugh McGraw led song on page 55 in memory of Mattie Kerr Perry and song on page 54.

LUNCH

Max Berueffy opened the afternoon session leading songs on pages 30t and 480. Leaders: Mark Fuller 59, 358, 72b; Charlene Wallace 186, 314; Lois Owens 283,

340; B.J. Harris 77b, 303; Jeff Sheppard 212 (for Louise Allen who was present but not able to lead); B.M. Smith 332 (for Betty Padgett); Cecil Roberts and Mary Florence Smith 37b, 36b; Elene Stovall and Max Berueffy 142 (for Ruth Brown); Ruth Brown 171; Rev. John Childs, B.J. Harris, and Mark Fuller 45t; Shelbie Sheppard 481, 106; Hugh McGraw 457 (for Walter Hamrick); John Plunkett 189; Max Berueffy 196.

Announcements were made. Henry Johnson led song on page 46 as the closing song. The pastor of the church, Rev. John Childs, dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman - Evelyn Harris; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

CHICAGO ANNIVERSARY SINGING **Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago Illinois** **January 14, 2001**

The all day singing in celebration of the seventeenth anniversary of the Chicago Sacred Harp Singers was convened at 10:00 a.m. at the Irish American Heritage Center in Chicago, Illinois. Chair Suzanne Flandreau called the class to order leading song on page 59. Jim Swanson led the class in the morning prayer. Cathryn Baker led song on page 171; and Jim Swanson led song on page 172. A business session was held to elect officers. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Dean Slaton; Vice Chairs - Susan Geil and Randy Neufield; Secretary - Cathryn Baker; Arranging - Bruce Holmes; Chaplain - Herb Schroeder; Memorial Committee - Rebecca Browne and John Bayer; Finance Committee - Sam Sommers, Anne Heider, and Steve Warner. Leaders: Dean Slaton and Judy Hauff 64; Susan Geil 178; Kiri Miller 454; Julie Vea 280; Melanie Hauff 542; Regina Bayer 148; John Seaton 47t; Gary Gronau 137; Bruce Holmes 146; Chip Ward 112; Doug Stapleton 200; Jerry Enright 536; Ginny Landgraf 419; Orwin Youngquist 268; Cassie Franklin 436; Jerilyn Schumacher 149.

RECESS

Dean Slaton brought the class back to order leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Christine Stevens 277; Steve Warner 99; Patricia Doss 384; George Karduck and Dana Isabella 442; Keith Willard 80t; Ariel Weinberg 102; Felicia Stevens 155; Herb Schroeder 217; Rebecca Browne 362; Nick Pasqual 48b; Charlie Derleth 348; Dave Ressler 189; Jim Helke 306; Jeanette Lowry 168; Bob Burcherding 107; Lisa Grayson 216; Greg Howard 569; Larry Nothwehr 304. Jim Swanson led the class in the blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

Dean Slaton brought the class to order leading song on page 72b. A business meeting followed. Leaders: Sam Sommers 422; Jenny Willard 434; Sue Kessel 365; Marcia Johnson 368; Richard DeLong 411; Jacob Affolter 34b; Connie Karduck 528.

A Founder's Lesson was held. Founders of the Chicago Sacred Harp (Judy Hauff, Marcia Johnson, Ted Johnson, Larry Nothwehr, and Jenny Warren) led songs on pages 222, 501, and 485. Larry Nothwehr announced that this would be his last Anniversary Singing as a Chicagoan because of his imminent move. Leaders: Anne Heider 28b; John Bayer 85; Mike Veech 228; Ted Johnson 142; Al Frank 361; Judy Hauff 163t; Rachel Adelstein 553; Peggy Brayfield 455.

RECESS

The class was brought back together with Suzanne Flandreau leading song on page 192. Leaders: Ted Mercer 278; Chip Ward 74t; Dave Barford 430; Kelly

Brest van Kempen 480; Debbie Barford 163b; Virginia Warren 133; Kiri Miller 203; Kate Lingley 497; Bill Hamblin 106.

Rebecca Browne led the memorial lesson offering that the lists of those who have passed away grow longer each year. She reminded us that we sing for them, sometimes in supplication, but also in the hope that they hear our offering of song. Her father's message was always "My hope is built on nothing less than the blood of Jesus' righteousness." Nothing separates us from the love of God. The fact that we name those who are deceased at singings shows that we are witnesses to their spirits and that we are never far from those who have gone before us. She asked those present to feel the presence of those named as the list was read.

Rebecca Browne led song on page 474 for the deceased: Marie Aldridge, A.C. McGough, Ruby Phillips, Virgil Phillips, Eloise Watkins - Alabama; Mrs. Roy Wells - California; Susan Garber - Connecticut; Stanley Ellis - Florida; Elder J.J. Aderhold, Walter Nystrom, Herman Thomason, and Vedic Touchstone - Georgia; Bill Diaz, Eileen Holmes, and Dora Stewart - Illinois; Gertrude Kirkwood - Indiana; Isabel Arnold - Massachusetts; Donald Nothwehr and John Storms - Minnesota; Larry Davis and Joanna Collins - Missouri; Karen Hamilton, Karen House, and Don Stavely - New York; Doris Swanson - Pennsylvania; Peter Renes and Anton Jakobs - The Hague, Netherlands. John Bayer presented the names of those who are sick and shut-ins: Rev. Ed Pritchard - District of Columbia; Randy Wells - Florida; Virginia Evans, Larry Horberg, Mariam Pasqual, and Petrina Mary Patti - Illinois; Jim Smith - Indiana; John Morris - Maryland; Wendy Wahn - Michigan; Madeleine Steel - Mississippi; Jim Page's father - New Jersey; Jerry Dievendorf and John Flandreau - New York; Nick Jabke and Lilia Springer - Wisconsin; Cis van Eysden and Katie Renes - The Hague, Netherlands. John Bayer led song on page 63, verse 3, in honor of the sick and shut-ins. Jim Swanson offered a prayer for all those named and those who are not listed but who are in need of our prayer and attention.

RECESS

Dean Slaton brought the class to order leading song on page 49t. Leaders: Richard DeLong 420; Ginny Landgraf 385; Greg Howard 388; Regina Bayer 101t; Jeanette Lowry 377; Rebecca Browne, Charlie Derleth, Gary Gronau, Jeanette Lowry, and Dave Ressler 300, 192; Julie Vea 464; Samuel Sommers 24b.

The Finance Committee reported that expenses had been met. Announcements were made. Dean Slaton led song page 347 as the closing song. Jim Swanson offered a closing prayer and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Dean Slaton; Vice Chairs - Susan Geil and Randy Neufield; Secretary - Cathryn Baker.

ALL-CALIFORNIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Old Poway Park, Poway, California

January 20-21, 2001

Saturday, January 20

The thirteenth annual All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention met in Templars Hall, Old Poway Park, Poway, California on the third Sunday and Saturday before in January. Carolyn Deacy opened the Saturday session of the singing leading song on page 36b. Jim Friedrich offered the opening prayer. Janice Hecksel welcomed everyone who was in attendance and led song on page 324. A business meeting was conducted with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Janice Hecksel; Vice Chairman - Rick Russell; Secretary -

Jerry Schreiber; Arranging Committee - Carla Smith, Carolyn Deacy, and Jon Giles; Treasurer - Carroll Lunsford; Chaplain - Jim Friedrich; Memorial - Carol Selleck; Resolutions - Betty Herman and Janet Herman.

Leaders: Janice Hecksel 120; Rick Russell 515b; Jerry Schreiber 318; Jon Giles 425; Marcia Tucker 86; Carla Smith 112; Alisa Shor 207; Carroll Lunsford 390; Leon Ballinger 299; Midge Harder 510; Laura Russell 156; Lissa Callirhoe 442; Jim Friedrich 178; Mark Miller 422.

RECESS

Jon Giles called the class back to order leading song on page 291. Leaders: Harlan Van Camp 492; Carla Fournier and Jeff Sheppard 528; Sandy Klein 209; Ron Huss 311; Betty Herman 430; Louis Hughes 135; Pat Keating 276; Jon Rand 201; Daniel Davis 344; Claire Singleton and Daniel Davis 228; Jeff O'Toole 523; Ed Stevens 455; David Ivey 273; Steve Lazicki and David Ivey 337; Hugh McGuire 204; Sally Gwylan 102.

RECESS

Rick Russell called the class back to order leading song on page 101t. Leaders: John Schaffer 66; Larry Arnstein 34b; Norma Ruptier 497; Steven O'Leary 131t; Pat Lazicki and Jerry Schreiber 312b; Katharine Hough and David Hough 569b; Claire Simon 551; Duncan McLeod 270; Gerry Hoffman 477; Janet Herman 421; Susan Fetcho and Mark Miller 147t; Carolyn Deacy 448b; Aaron Kahn 107; Chris Thorman 280; Rick Russell 448t.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Janice Hecksel leading song on page 63. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard and Carol Selleck 388; Reba Windom 192; Shelbie Sheppard 269; Karen Ivey 217; Steven O'Leary 215; David Hough 137; Leon Ballinger 212; Midge Harder 271t; Laura Russell 234; Jon Giles 408; Carla Smith 202; Mark Miller 29t; Janice Hecksel 480; Louis Hughes 335; Janet Herman 384; Jerry Schreiber 58; Betty Herman 500.

RECESS

Norma Ruptier called the class back leading song on page 479. Leaders: Katherine Hough 40; David Ivey 129; Carroll Lunsford 339; Hugh McGuire 68t; Anita Sanders 267; Reba Windom 142; Don Klein 446; Colin Golden and Carla Smith 39t; Katherine Herbig 47b; Shelbie Sheppard 28b; Carol Selleck 282; Alisa Shor 131b; Karen Ivey 532.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Laura Russell leading song on page 203. Leaders: Gary Breitbard 37b; Jim Friedrich 163b; Chris Thorman 287; Jeff O'Toole 68b; Claire Simon 47t; Jeff Sheppard 300, 140; Gerry Hoffman 126; Jon Rand 404; Rick Russell 503.

Announcements were made. Janice Hecksel led song on page 46 as the closing song. Jim Friedrich offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, January 21

The second day of the convention met again in Templars Hall on Sunday with Janice Hecksel lead the opening song on page 49t. Jim Friedrich offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Janice Hecksel 168; Rick Russell 40; Jerry Schreiber 217; Sandy Klein 146; Gary Smith 569b; Anne Pettit and Midge Harder 117; Tom Ostwald 504; Shelly Phillips 58; Jack Herbig 155; Jon Giles 182; Karen Huss 236; Sally Gwylan 65; Harlan Van Camp 369; Mary Rose O'Leary 306; Seth Holloway 388; Daniel Davis 423; Mary Ann O'Toole and Mark Miller 254; Sarah Smith 145b; John Schaffer 515.

RECESS

Jon Rand called the class back to order leading song on page 77t. Leaders: Marcia Tucker 280; Chris Thorman 335; Marion Black, Judy Getrich, Lisa Brown, and Lisa Koide 28t; Steven O'Leary, Lucy O'Leary, Rachel O'Leary, and Isaac O'Leary 81t; Ed Stevens 373; Gary Breitbart 36b; Hugh McGuire 36t; Rick Pettit and Ed Stevens 122; Jon Giles and Carolyn Deacy 123; Ron Huss 99; Rick Russell 200; Leon Ballinger 490; Mark Miller 368; Karen Ivey 475; Alisa Shor 290; Janet Herman 542; Anita Sanders 84; Gerry Hoffman 385t; Louis Hughes 565; Laura Russell 189; Jeff O'Toole 66; Carol Selleck 424; Duncan McLeod 288; Jim Friedrich 501.

Carol Selleck presented the following memorial lesson. "I would like to open our memorial lesson by acknowledging its significance to our convention. It is important to us, because in paying tribute to our deceased and bedfast singers, we are reminded of the seriousness of maintaining the oral traditions we have inherited from them. The names that we are memorializing at this convention are our connections to a long-standing tradition of which we all here today are a member. The tradition has survived through committed individuals who have passed on; but in passing, have passed the tradition on to their children, and so became the connectors linking us here today in Poway, California to those groups singing in a hollow square some 200 years ago.

It is a tradition with simple roots, beginning in colonial times where dedicated singers devised a system of quickly teaching four-part music to every person who had a desire to sing for pleasure in the spiritual mode. Our a cappella music, written by our fellow singers and transferred from one book to another, adding an alto part here or an extra verse, is not as cut and dried as scripted music such as a Bach fugue. It reflects where it's being sung and the tempo of the convention, more a reflection of the singer than a mandate from the composer. That privilege of interpretation is a unique quality, one that is treasured. And so, today as we think of each Sacred Harp singer who has left our midst, we remember each individual and their unique contribution to our singings".

Carol Selleck read the list of names of the deceased: Ma Renu, Arthur Allen, Marie Chansler, Sam Zukerman, Marion Dunn, Alethea Campbell, and Ann Payne - California; Karen House - New York; Gina Diguisto and Emma Venier - France; Louise Paquette - Massachusetts; Paul Kermiet - Kentucky; Richard Coultres, Woodie Walker, Marie Aldridge, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, and Gene Wakefield - Alabama; Tommie Lee Fredick - Virginia.

Carol Selleck then led song on page 410t, "The Dying Californian", the first three verses, read additional verses to that poem, and led the last verse of the song, and continued by saying that "we are grateful for our inheritance from these singers, composers, leaders, cooks, and organizers. Not only have we inherited a unique tradition, but also the happiest legacy in this world. Sacred Harp music makes us happy, even when we sing sad songs of despair, our hearts soar with those haunting minor chords.

I have a favorite author named Hannah Smith who wrote 'The Christian's Secret to a Happy Life' in 1871. She outlined a simple approach on how to apply religious principles to everyday living. It's been a roadmap to help me maintain a little peace and happiness in this chaotic world since I bought her book twenty-five years ago in Glens Falls, New York. But there's a four-syllable short cut to that secret of having a happy life that we who are gathered here today know about, it's the fa sol la mi short cut. When we discover the joys of sitting in a communal group of singers, singing all day and night for two days, we go home happy, with hearts a little purer after a total immersion of soul singing. It works every time and it has turned us into a nomadic tribe of convention goers.

But, as we travel the circuit, at each convention there are a few empty seats. Sometimes it will be that of a close friend, or a fellow singer that sat next to us, and then there are among us those who may be widowed or lost a mother or a father, and that grief is even harder to bear.

I have written a poem about how we get through that grief and would like to share this with you.

If at some moment you go on, be still,
He'll hold you and lift you upon His shoulder,
For safety till that moment's gone.
He'll carry you daily and watch you by night,
Tend to your sadness, and dress wounds so tight,
That all your encumbrances start to feel light,
Until you can say, Lord I think its okay
For me to get down now and be on my way.
And thanks, Lord, for picking me up on this day.
So hear now Isaiah and his prophecy
That peace as a river forever yours be
And righteousness yours as the waves of the sea,
That your steps be His steps as onward you go,
And your song be heard through the rain and the snow,
Like Sacred Harp singers who sing what we know,
And may your afflictions be brief and not broad,
May every sad moment be less than a nod,
And may we all help one another to God.

It is fitting at this time to think back once more on each Sacred Harp singer who has left us this past year. We want to thank them for being our connectors to the happy life. We are so grateful for every note they shared with us. We will miss each bass, each alto, each lead, and each treble that can no longer be with us; we will miss them so much; but we do not begrudge their departure, because it is their time to sing a different song.

So, as we say goodbye to them, let the shape notes converge from all of our conventions to form mighty waves of sound, upon which their souls may ride to the shores of glory, to attend that great and final singing in the sky."

Jim Friedrich read the names of the sick and shut-ins: Susan Turpin and Greg Johnson - Colorado; Gretchen Jaeger - Maine; Muriel Parker - Maryland; Ines Jeannopoulos and Brennan Pelosi - New York; Mia Durso, Elsie Allen, John Cotter, and Tibby O'Leary - California; Richard DeLong - Georgia; Connie Karduck and Ted Mercer - Illinois; Johnny Jeans and Joanne Hoover - Washington; Elsie Beasley - Alabama; Eleazer Rand - D.C.; Pauline Childers - Michigan.

Jim Friedrich spoke of the hollow square as the place where the line between life and death is very thin, so that when we pray and sing in the hollow square, we do so not for the departed, but with them. He offered a prayer to conclude the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Katharine Hough 378b; Carla Smith 330b.

LUNCH

Rick Russell called the class back to order leading song on page 145. Leaders: David Hough 496; Shelbie Sheppard 327; Carroll Lunsford 162; David Ivey 216; Midge Harder 455; Reba Dell Windom 196; Claire Simon 347; Jeff Sheppard 304; Aaron Kahn 268; Betty Herman 31t; Jane Campbell 49b; Chloe Webb 323; Claire Singleton 350; Jon Rand 285t; Janice Hecksel 389; Karen Ivey 76b.

RECESS

Jerry Schreiber brought the class to order leading song on page 203. Leaders: Hugh McGuire 402; Mary Rose O'Leary 318; Jeanne Schaffer 143; Shelly Phillips 38b; Laura Russell 317; Stan Jensen and Jerry Schreiber 454; Jeff Sheppard 225t; Jim Delphey and Janet Herman 32b; Louis Hughes 153; Melanie Kepler and Jerry Schreiber 128; Leon Ballinger 460; Mimi Wright 159; Reba Dell Windom 224; David Fetcho 85; David Ivey 24b; Marion Black 53; Shelbie Sheppard 195.

RECESS

Jon Giles brought the class back to order leading song on page 498. Leaders: Steven O'Leary 512; Marcia Tucker 547; Mark Miller 197; Tom Ostwald 126; Gary Smith, Sarah Smith, and Seth Holloway 354b; Katharine Hough 183.

A business meeting was called for, and the Secretary, Treasurer, and Resolutions committee offered reports.

The report of the Resolutions Committee is here included.

It takes many people, and lots of work, to put together a great convention like this, and we would like to give thanks to the following:

- * The San Diego singers for inviting us here and, as usual, being such gracious and hospitable hosts;
- * Chairman Janice Hecksel and all the officers and committees for all their hard work;
- * Everyone who cooked and brought food and worked so hard on the great dinners;
- * The singers who came from near and far to join together and, especially, everyone who came from out of state to help make this All-California Convention such a success;
- * Jeff Sheppard and David Ivey for doing the pitching;
- * Jon Giles for organizing the alternative singing;
- * The City of Poway and Old Poway Park for the use of this wonderful facility, and the San Diego Folk Heritage Society for their sponsorship;
- * Trader Joe's and Henry's Market for their donations, and the Hamburger Factory for their support and help;
- * And, finally, the generations of Sacred Harp songwriters, who have passed on this legacy, gathered here this weekend, a legacy of joy.

Announcements were made. Janice Hecksel and Rick Russell led song on page 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Jim Friedrich offered a closing prayer and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Janice Hecksel; Vice Chairman - Rick Russell; Secretary - Jerry Schreiber.

HARRY ESKEW SACRED HARP SINGING **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary** **January 26, 2001**

A group of singers and friends met at 6:30 p.m. for the first singing named for Harry Eskew who, after 36 years on the Seminary music faculty, will retire at the close of July 2001.

At Dr. Eskew's invitation, Hugh McGraw and other Sacred Harp singers came in 1975 to begin Sacred Harp singing on the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The singing was called to order by Ken Gabrielse.

Harry Eskew, the teacher, led in an explanation of the shapes, and led song on page 49t as practice.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Lewis Oswalt; Secretary/Treasurer - Ken Gabrielse.

Leaders: Lee Hinson 45t; Ben Caston 145t; Terry York 147t; Nancy Van Den Akker 347; Ed Steele 63; Wanda Gregg 40; Hugh McElrath 312b; Becky Lombard 236; Chris Bean 147b; Virginia Cross 127; Bob Neil 128; Kathryn Wroten 84; Sarah Duncan 159; Greg Skipper 72b; Lewis Oswalt 299; Paulo Ponce 133; Jim Fields 320; Kanöot Midkiff 457; Jim Fields 200 (in honor of Harry Eskew); Lewis Oswalt 85.

Harry Eskew led song on page 62 as the closing song. Hugh McElrath led the closing prayer and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Lewis Oswalt; Secretary/Treasurer - Ken Gabrielse.

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY **Fort Worth, Texas** **Saturday, January 27, 2001**

The seventeenth annual Sacred Harp Singing was held in Cowden Hall at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas and was dedicated to Hugh McGraw. This is the tenth year that the 1991 Revision of the Sacred Harp has been used, and it was an excellent singing with 116 in attendance.

Dr. David Music called the morning session to order at 9:35 a.m. and led song on page 59. Ronald Mitchel led the morning prayer. Dr. David Music welcomed all the singers, gave opening comments, and recognized Dr. Timothy Studstill as Chairman of the Arranging Committee and Kim Manuel as Secretary.

Leaders: Judge Donald Ross 225; Gary Rogan 209; Jack Boyd 63; Dan Brittain 434; Owen Ross 178; Barbara Moore 312b; Josh Rogan 300; Kelly Beard 170; Terre Schill 234; Syd Caldwell 353; Vivian Rogan 535b; Dr. David Music announced "Hugh McGraw Day"; Hugh McGraw introduced his daughter, Reesa Duke, and granddaughter, Meredith and led 45t; Diane Ross 455; Scott Curran 179; Tim Reynolds 500; Catherine Rogan 220; Father Ronald Baker 148; Emmie Morris 142; Doug Foster 341; Dr. Bill Reynolds 128; Susan Hanson 479.

RECESS

Dr. Tim Studstill opened the second session by leading song on page 198.

Leaders: Leon Ballinger 327; Myrl Jones 302; Tom Owen 548; Cheryl Foreman 475; H.P. O'Mary 32; Morris Nelms 127; Zach Rogan 282; Esther Huckaby 224; Reed Coates 222; Ernestine Pipkin 203; Bruce Coates 313b; Myra Palmer 273; Billy Huckaby 480; Beverly Coates 183; Mary Bachmann 441; Sarah Coates 362; John Morris 348b; Baron Powers 85; Mike Moseley 344; Ryan Ross 402. The class was dismissed for lunch in honor of Hugh McGraw.

LUNCH

Dr. David Music opened the afternoon session at 1:30 p.m. by leading song on page 155. Leaders: Hugh McGraw 146; Kelly Beard 166; Syd Caldwell 124; Judge Donald Ross 567; Dr. Bill Reynolds 49b; Jack Boyd 127; Dan Brittain 348; Tim Reynolds 278t; Owen Ross 454; Barbara Moore 117; Terre Schill 379; Diane Ross 504; Scott Curran 189; Emmie Morris 328; Father Ronald Baker 84; Doug Foster 89; Ryan Ross 406; Sue Hanson 523; Leon Ballinger 137; Myrl Jones 430; Tom Owen 283; Esther Huckaby 270.

RECESS

Dr. David Music opened the fourth session by leading song on page 334.

Leaders: Tim Studstill 72b; Ernestine Pipkin 100; Cheryl Foreman 498; Bruce Coates 503; H.P. O'Mary 335; Morris Nelms 39t; Myra Palmer 318; Billy

Huckaby 56; Mary Bachmann 569; Sarah Coates 217; John Morris 31; Baron Powers 268; Mike Moseley 532; Beverly Coates 150; Syd Caldwell 342 (in memory of J.L. Edge, Carl Hughes, and Vedic Touchstone); Hugh McGraw 460 (requested by Syd Caldwell).

Judge Donald Ross led song on page 267 as the closing song. Dr. David Music dismissed the class at 3:30 p.m.

Chairman - Dr. David Music; Secretary - Kim Manuel.

BALDWIN COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Bay Minette, Alabama

Saturday, January 27, 2001

Saturday, January 27

Chairman Bill Hogan called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading songs on pages 68b and 171. Aubrey Barfield offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Senior Honorary Chairman William Green 47b; Vice Chairman J.A. Mosley 85; Secretary Alice Mosley 45t; Bob Meek 559; Hershell King 535; John Plunkett 315; Laura Clawson 176t; Elene Stovall 478; Milton Oliver 54; Laura Densmore 98; Frank Hataway 432; Barbara Swetman 500; Aubrey Barfield 567; Horace Nall 170.

RECESS

Harrison Creel brought the class to order leading song on page 355. Leaders: Bill Hogan 45b; Bud Oliver 440; Rodney Ivey 511b; Genny Whitworth 442t; Leola Smith 230; Nate Green and Norma Green 491; Henry Johnson 331b; Ann Jett and Flarce Creel 573; Max Berueffy 540; Agnes Farris 410; Thurman Nall 38t; Reba Windom 505; Wilburn Ellison 447t; John Kanode 571; Bill Farris 401; Coy Ivey 137; Beula Mae Purvis and Wanda Fay Schumock 563; Tommie Spurlock 37; Edith Tate 333; Michelle Cull 393t; Paulette Chavers 49b; Syble Adams 367; Tim Jones 489; Russ Scholz 265b; Louis Hughes 395b; Shane Wooten 398; Joe Nall 294; Nathan Kant 488b. Aubrey Barfield offered the blessing for the food.

LUNCH

J.A. Mosley opened the afternoon session leading song on page 282 (for Emma Mosley). Leaders: Thurman Nall 292b; Reba Windom 217; Wilburn Ellison 507b; John Kanode 571; Bob Meek 484b; Hershell King 572; John Plunkett 506; Dana Merritt 368, 392; Laura Clawson 186; Elene Stovall 414; Milton Oliver 404; Laura Densmore 336; Frank Hataway 290.

RECESS

Barbara Swetman brought the class to order leading song on page 146. Leaders: Aubrey Barfield 220; Horace Nall 488t; Bud Oliver 42; Rodney Ivey 444; Leola Smith 185; Nate Green and Norma Green 271t; Henry Johnson 336b; Ann Jett 501; Max Berueffy 436b; Agnes Farris 108b.

Bill Hogan led song on page 527 as the closing song, and Aubrey Barfield offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, January 28

The opening song and prayer was led by Chairman Bill Hogan. Leaders: Vice Chairman J.A. Mosley 341; Senior Honorary Chairman William Green 30b; Secretary Alice Mosley 343; John Etheridge 133; Voncille Sawyer 447t; Ed Bass 309; Aubrey Barfield 497; Genny Whitworth 134; Henry Johnson 418; Frank Hataway 138; Milton Oliver 503; Vickie Aplin 268t; Leola Smith 442; Harrison Creel 54.

RECESS

Leaders: Edith Tate 225t; Laura Densmore 313; Ann Jett 518; Bill Aplin 94; John Plunkett 498b; Flarce Creel 440; John Kanode 229; Syble Adams 505; Rodney Ivey 98; Michelle Cull 408; Nate Green and Norma Green 478; Hershell King 80; Bob Meek 559; Barbara Swetman 32t.

Elene Stovall gave a beautiful and very loving memorial lesson. She brought our attention to the fact that our dear singers are passing away and wondered if we will have singers in years to come, but for us to keep in mind that we must have faith. She read from the Bible in Corinthians 13:13, and stated that the love for our music and for one another shows everywhere and to everyone. Our singers that are no longer with us, but will always be remembered are: Willie Mosley, Marie Aldridge, A.C. McGough, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Herbert Phillips, Karen House, Eloise Watkins, Arthur Phillips, Woodie Walker, W.C. Pelham, Robert Berueffy, Gene Wakefield, Rosa Hughes, and Ileeta Aplin.

The sick and shut-ins are: Winston Jones, Lucille Tolbert, Pauline Chavers, Emma Mosley, Faye Jones, Hannah Mathers, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Wilbur Chesser, Albert Ryals, and John H. Busby.

Bill Hogan led a song for the South Alabama deceased. Rodney Ivey and Max Berueffy led a song the North Alabama deceased. Song on page 283 was sung for the sick and shut-ins. Harrison Creel closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Cassie Franklin 393; Betty Wright 323b; Agnes Farris 101t. William Green led a song that he composed.

LUNCH

Vice Chairman J.A. Mosley brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 75. Leaders: John Etheridge 472; Voncille Sawyer 74b, Ed Bass 300; Aubrey Barfield 434; Genny Whitworth 436t; Henry Johnson 138b; Frank Hataway 443b; Vickie Aplin 567; Leola Smith 43; Thurman Nall 451b; Wilburn Ellison 410; Tommie Spurlock 376; Bill Farris 391; Andrew Albers 269, 196; Laura Clawson 416b; Georgia Kanode 358; Horace Nall 516; J.A. Mosley 73t (in memory of Willie Mosley); John Etheridge 522.

Announcements were made and the convention was closed with prayer.

Chairman - Bill Hogan; Senior Honorary Chairman - William Green; Vice Chairman - J.A. Mosley; Secretary - Alice Mosley.

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Haleyville, Winston County, Alabama** **January 28, 2001**

The fourth session of the singing held at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in January was called to order by Josie Hyde leading songs on pages 52t and 30t. Kenneth Tate offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held to elect officers. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Kenneth Tate; Secretary - Ivalene Donaldson; Arranging Committee - Wilton Donaldson.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 37b, 48t; Ivalene Donaldson 77t, 81t; Kenneth Tate 76b, 270; Ashley Keeton 349, 47b; Lisa Geist 171, 273; Glenn Keeton 278t, 117; Larry Ballinger 101t, 113; Faye Donaldson 40, 78; Linton Ballinger 36b, 35; Roma Rice 120, 231; Jayne Fulmer 137, 99.

RECESS

Wilton Donaldson called the class back to order leading songs on pages 56t and 32t. Leaders: Chris Ballinger 410t, 49b, 272; L.E. Hannah 332, 310; Julie Poston 274t, 421; Julietta Haynes 192, 209; Amber Springfield 166b, 391; John Merritt 176t, 425b, 240.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 176b, 200, and 279 (for John Hyde who is sick). Leaders: Ashley Campbell 143, 45t; Brenda Merritt 142, 336, 269; Kenneth Tate 111b; Linton Ballinger 112; Glenn Keeton 290 (in memory of A.C. McGough), 284 (in memory of Gene Wakefield); Chris Ballinger 110, 299; Larry Ballinger 113; Lisa Geist 377; John Merritt 245; Jayne Fulmer 454 (for Hubert Hood); Julietta Haynes 298; Faye Donaldson 430; Ashley Keeton and Ashley Campbell 196; Amber Springfield 267; Josie Hyde 499 (for Gladys Bonds), 426t; Ashley Keeton 460; Lisa Geist 475; Wilton Donaldson and John Merritt 317b.

Travis Keeton led song on page 490 as the closing song. John Merritt dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Kenneth Tate; Secretary - Ivalene Donaldson.

ROTUNDA SINGING State Capitol, Montgomery, Alabama Saturday, February 3, 2001

The fourth session of the Rotunda Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in February in the Rotunda of the State Capitol located in Montgomery, Alabama. Four books are used: "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision", "Christian Harmony", "Colored Sacred Harp", and "Cooper Revision Book", with 30 minute sessions from each book.

Chairman Jim Carnes brought the class together leading song on page 36b (CB). H.J. Jackson offered the morning prayer.

The first session was from the "Cooper Revision Book" with Stanley Smith acting as the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: John Etheridge 552; Stanley Smith 497; Bill Aplin 567; Tommie Spurlock 140; Frank Hataway 277; Dewayne Hawthorne 283b; Kathy Lee 268t; Bill Hogan 365; Vickie Aplin 337; Kennon Smith 287; David Lee 410; Don Clark 520.

The second session was held from the "Colored Sacred Harp" with H.J. Jackson acting as the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: H.J. Jackson 24; Kennon Smith 18; Bernice Harvey 65; Pauline Greggs 19; Stanley Smith 20; H.J. Jackson 9, 4, 3, 95, and 87.

RECESS

The third session was held from the "Christian Harmony" with Elene Stovall acting as Arranging Committee.

Leaders: John Etheridge 64; Tish Crocker 206; George Cox 298; Wanda Capps 264; Tim Cook 372; Edith Tate 82b; Billy Thompson 248.

The fourth session was held from "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision" with Elene Stovall acting as Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 142; Judy Caudle 540; Roy Nelson 318; Betty Wright 347; Steven Levine 371; Amber Springfield 192; Lomax Ballinger 565; Chita Blakeley 195; Milton Oliver 314; Freeman Wootten and Jewel Wootten 460; Ken Tate 35. David Lee offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with Jim Carnes leading song on page 411 (CB).

The first afternoon session was held from the "Cooper Revision Book" with Stanley Smith calling the leaders.

Leaders: Wilbur Ellison 447t; Andrew Albers 479; Joe Nall 336t; Karen Clark 507b; Ernest Cockcroft 264b; Bobby Jackson 367.

The second session of the afternoon was held from the “Colored Sacred Harp” with H.J. Jackson calling the leaders.

Leaders: H.J. Jackson 31; Kennon Smith 65b; Bernice Harvey 62; Pauline Greggs 12; Joyce Belcher 25; H.J. Jackson 37; Joyce Belcher “Give Me Just A Little More Time”.

RECESS

The third session of the afternoon was held from “The Christian Harmony” with Elene Stovall calling the leaders.

Leaders: Cecile Cox 296; Ruth Wyers 120; John Plunkett 304; Elder Donald Smith 216b, 307; Margie Simmons 142; Bill Hogan 354t; Retha Deason and Ressie Deason 110.

The last session of the day was held from “The Sacred Harp, 1991 Revision” with Elene Stovall calling the leaders.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 73t; Allison Ivey 76b; Elder Jonathon Blakeley 81t; Alice Bejnar 108; Ashley Campbell and Ashley Keeton 196; Max Berueffy 313t; Lora Cargo 480; Glenn Keeton 267; Jim Pfau 218; Paul Wyatt 569.

Announcements were made. Jim Carnes, Elene Stovall, and Linda Thomas led song on page 47t as the closing song. Elder Donald Smith dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Jim Carnes; Vice Chairman - John Etheridge; Secretary - Linda Thomas; Arranging Committee - H.J. Jackson, Stanley Smith, and Elene Stovall.

BOB BURNHAM MEMORIAL SINGING **Jacksonville, Alabama** **February 4, 2001**

The thirty-fourth session of the Bob Burnham Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the first Sunday in February and was called to order by Chairman Ruth Brown leading song on page 59. Louis Hughes offered the morning prayer. Jeff Sheppard led songs on pages 208 and 336 (in memory of Bob Burnham); Shelbie Sheppard 333; and Margie Smith 317.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Ruth Brown; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith.

Leaders: Ruth Brown 36b; Mary Florence Smith 144 (in memory of Millard McWhorter); Lonnie Rogers 318, 222; Alex Makris 425; Earlis McGraw 389; Karen Rollins 34b; Jimmie Denney 72t; Nate Green and Norma Green 390; Linda Thomas 350; Felton Denney 299; Mattie Townsel 168; Tom McGraw 448t; LaRue Allen 454; Ted Mercer 402; Pam Nunn 269; Milton Oliver 321.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey called the class to order leading song on page 145t, followed by David Ivey leading song on page 564.

John Smith, Councilman for the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, welcomed everyone to the city, and expressed his gratitude to all the singers who came to make this day a success.

Leaders: Eunice Webb 475; Dennis George 436; Karen Ivey 455; Marlon Wootten 99; Elene Stovall 200; Harvey Austin 335; Louis Hughes 153 (for Jap Walton); Betty Wright 410t; Bud Oliver 39b; Charlene Wallace 347; Max Berueffy 195; Shane Wootten 171; Roy Nelson 42; Laura Clawson 270; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 76b, 343b; Carlene Griffin 155; B.M. Smith 28b; Jeannette DePoy 457; Tim Cook 393. Roy Nelson offered the blessing on the food for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 97. Leaders: John Plunkett 113; Lou Cotney 172; Hugh McGraw 312b; Sonja Randle 128; Richard Ivey 567; Evelyn Harris 47t; Henry Johnson 435; Charles Woods 542; Glenda Watkins 282; Terry Wootten 534; S.T. Reed 275t; Stuart Ivey 186; Pearl Guier 448b; Richard DeLong 348b (in memory of Eron White); Bobby Jackson 445b; Scott DePoy 114; Sylvia Holland 45t; B.J. Harris 452; Eric Tweedy 442; David Yeager 107; Charles Creel 430; Rodney Ivey and Randall Smith 137; Ora Martin 212; Nancy Allen 146; Floy Wilder 142; Ted Mercer 138t; Daphene Causey 391; Laura Clawson 297; Shane Wootten 358; Nate Green, Norma Green, and Alex Makris 354b; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 112; John Plunkett 377; Richard Ivey 298; Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy 102; Earlis McGraw and Tom McGraw 148; Dennis George and Henry Johnson 224; Richard DeLong 349; Louis Hughes 384.

Announcements were made. Ruth Brown and Jeff Sheppard led song on page 46 as the closing song. Charles Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Ruth Brown; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

J.D. STARNES MEMORIAL **Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Northeast of Sipsey, Alabama** **February 4, 2001**

The 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 Velton Chafin leading song on page 31b. Brother Phillip Starnes offered the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 57, 43; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 111t, 225t; Wilton Donaldson 30t, 37b, 317; Flarce Creel 503, 475; Ivalene Donaldson 270, 328; John Hyde 90, 61, 39b; Willodean Barton 145t, 454, 290; Julianna Jett 59, 88t, 108t; Ann Jett 339 (in memory of Aunt Verda Starnes and son, John Starnes), 146 (for Randy Moon and Shellie Moon), 269; Henry Guthery 168, 490, 480; Brenda Merritt 142, 430, 434.

RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class back to order leading song on page 97. Leaders: Josie Hyde 288, 329, 179; Harrison Creel 111b, 512, 348b; Edith Tate 73t, 75; Billy Williams 147t, 410t; Ida Lee Starnes 426t, 405; Travis Keeton 400.

The pastor of the church, Brother Phillip Starnes, welcomed everyone, read Psalm 100, led song on page 45t, and offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 235. Leaders: Travis Keeton 566, 378b; John Hyde 129, 378t; Flarce Creel 275b, 206; Ivalene Donaldson 335; Willodean Barton 416, 418; Wilton Donaldson 81t, 32t; Brenda Merritt 408 (in memory of Eron White and Ted White), 499 (for Gladys Bonds who is in the hospital), 498 (for John Merritt and John Hocutt); Edith Tate 35; Ann Jett 496, 495; Josie Hyde 477, 460; Harrison Creel 342; Billy Williams 313, 28, 294 (by request),

Henry Guthery led song on page 569 for Hubert Hood who is very ill, and also as the closing song. Brother Phillip Starnes dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY SINGING

**Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
February 4, 2001**

The ninth annual Lincoln's Birthday singing at the University of Chicago's Ida Noyes Hall was called to order by Kate Lingley at 1:00 p.m. leading song on page 117. Jacob Affolter led the class in the opening prayer. Jim Swanson led song on page 312b; Nick Pasqual 333; and Rachel Adelstein 131b.

A business meeting was held. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Cathryn Baker; Vice Chairman - Natalia Cecire; Secretary - Ariel Weinberg.

Leaders: Cathryn Baker 384; Natalia Cecire 538; Dean Slaton 512; Anne Heider 318, Jacob Affolter 481; Orwin Youngquist 47t; Sue Kessell 107; Samuel Sommers 358; Randy Neufield 159; Lisa Grayson 269; Kent Beck 475; Melanie Hauff 196; Jim Helke 361; Susan Geil 81t; Ted Johnson 215; Judy Hauff 377; Herb Schroeder 128; Suzanne Flandreau 474; Marcia Johnson 368; John Seaton 49b; Ariel Weinberg 171; Vi Stark 66.

Announcements of local and regional singings were made.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Cathryn Baker leading song on page 163b. Leaders: Kent Beck 68b; Samuel Sommers 112; Sue Kessell 155; Jim Swanson 302; Rachel Adelstein 29t; Nick Pasqual 569t; Judy Hauff 183; Dean Slaton 211; Randy Neufield 496; Jacob Affolter 485; Natalia Cecire 86; Ted Johnson 224; Anne Heider 362; Jim Helke and John Greven 236; Lisa Grayson 536; Herb Schroeder 332; Melanie Hauff 503b; Steve Warner 65; Susan Geil 276; Marcia Johnson 440; Suzanne Flandreau 87; John Seaton 56b; Vi Stark 84; Ariel Weinberg 48t.

Cathryn Baker closed the singing with song on page 347, and Jacob Affolter offered a closing prayer.

The specific date of the singing varies from year to year, but is always held in conjunction with the University of Chicago Folk Festival. In 2002, the singing will be on the first or second Sunday in February. For more information, please contact the University of Chicago Shape Note Singers Association.

Chairman - Cathryn Baker; Vice Chairman - Natalia Cecire; Secretary - Ariel Weinberg.

UNION UNIVERSITY SINGING

**Band Room, Union University, Jackson, Tennessee
Saturday, February 10, 2001**

The second annual Union University Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in February in the Band Room of the Union University, Jackson, Tennessee.

Dr. Michael Penny called the class to order with a brief history of shape note singing. Claire Outten led songs on pages 63, 49t, and 32t. Dr. Andy Roby, Union's Music Department Chair, offered the opening prayer.

Members of the Harpeth Valley Sacred Harp Singers of Nashville, Tennessee were guests.

Leaders: Claire Outten 65, 47t; David Carlton 101t; Henry Cobb and Sandie Scott 159, 128; Michael Penny and Kelly Sorrell 75; Michael Penny 105; Claire Outten 112; Michael Penny and Rose Michel 207; Pam Dennis 34b; Andy Roby 35; Paul Houser 59; Michael Penny 154.

LUNCH

Michael Penny brought the afternoon session to order with a memorial lesson. Those remembered were: Dr. Ken Harley, retired Union University music professor; Paul Larsen, teenage son of a Union University professor; and Azile Penny, mother of Dr. Michael Penny who lived in Louisiana. Kelly Sorrell closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Claire Outten 178; David Carlton 86, 107; Michael Penny 334; Claire Outten 355; David Carlton and Mr. Hatch 85; Cecelia Johnson and Ann Ray 171; Michael Penny 155, 513; Cecelia Johnson and Ann Ray 354b; David Carlton and Mark Bingham 148; Michael Penny 44; Claire Outten 186; David Carlton 236.

Michael Penny led song on page 40 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Michael Penny; Secretary - Kelly Sorrell.

MOUNTAIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **Stone Mountain, Georgia** **February 11, 2001**

A special singing was held at Mountain Park United Methodist Church which is located in Stone Mountain, Georgia, and was called to order by Eric Tweedy leading song on page 59. Eric Tweedy offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held with Laura Ackerman being elected to serve as Secretary.

Leaders: Eric Tweedy 26; Don Bowen 31t, 32t, 33b; Jeremy York 95b, 192; Fran Adams 63, 38b; Laura Akerman 254, 425b; Chris Tweedy 323b, 347; Andy Morse 313b, 497, 189; Judy Mincey 475, 473; Alice Hickox 474, 207; Lee Rogers 38t, 188; Helen Bryson 287, 155; Andy Anderson 48, 34, 421.

RECESS

Eric Tweedy brought the class back to order leading song on page 72b. Leaders: Eric Tweedy 131; Don Bowen 73b, 39b; Andy Anderson 277, 350; Jeremy York 95, 133; Fran Adams 276, 85, 457; Chris Tweedy 146; Andy Morse 417, 84; Alice Hickox 35, 496; Lee Rogers 274b, 454; Helen Bryson, 178; Andy Anderson 510. Eric Tweedy led song on page 46 as the closing song, and then dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Eric Tweedy; Laura Ackerman - Secretary.

ALABAMA COLLEGIATE SINGING **University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama** **Saturday, February 17, 2001**

The third annual session of the Alabama Collegiate Singing was held in the hall of the Wesley Foundation Methodist Student Center on the campus of the University of Alabama. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Tim Cook leading song on page 59. Elder Donald Smith offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Tim Cook; Secretary - Tish Crocker.

Leaders: Tim Cook 37b; Bill Stewart 68b, 452b; Ashley Keeton 442, 196; Glenn Keeton 225t, 278t; J.L Hopper 198, 412; Amber Springfield 337, 192; Donald Smith 175, 448t; Nate Green and Norma Green 32t, 74b; Judy Caudle 180, 385b; Talley Kitchens 176b, 143; George Cox 303, 569b; Sarah Beasley Smith 108.

RECESS

Tim Cook brought the class to order leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Gary Smith 31t; Toney Smith 35, 565b; Ola Meadows 378t, 388; Ivalene Donaldson 146; Cecile Cox 282; Edward Howton 101, 318; Wilton Donaldson 111t, 111b; Tish Crocker 47b, 490; Travis Keeton 56t, 57; Warren Steel 150, 183. Donald Smith offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

A memorial lesson was presented by Donald Smith and Ruth Wyers leading song on page 274 for the deceased: Walter Wyers, Gene Wakefield, Arthur Phillips, Woodie Walker, Mae Ola Nelson, Marie Aldridge, Eron White, Hubert Hood, and A.C. McGough.

Donald Smith and Ruth Wyers led song on page 58 for the sick and shut-ins: Dr. James Howell, Martha Howell, Bill Green, Beufa Green, Col. Rupert Yarbrough, and Gladys Bonds. Donald Smith closed the memorial with prayer. Leaders: Ruth Wyers 206; Ruth Wyers and Judy Caudle 393; Rashmi Becker and Andrew Grace 335; Gravis Ballinger 78, 34b; Earl Ballinger 299, 155; Larry Ballinger 425, 109; Lisa Geist 460, 532; Andrew Albers 160t, 173; Peggy Bergman, Maxine Lacy, and Edward Howton 436, 434 (in memory of their father, G.E. Howton, who in 1923 began the forerunner to this singing, the fifth Sunday Tuscaloosa County Courthouse singings, a tradition which, after the loss of the venerable structure to the wrecking ball in 1961, continued at the Rosedale Community Center in Tuscaloosa until 1995); J.L. Hopper 188; Amber Springfield 391; Ivalene Donaldson 129; Glenn Keeton 267; Nate Green and Norma Green 145; Ashley Keeton 504; Andrew Albers 551; Warren Steel 218; Travis Keeton 142; Sarah Beasley Smith 290; Judy Caudle 31; Mako Cook 503, 347; Bill Stewart 480; Talley Kitchens 327; Gary Smith 514; Gravis Ballinger 120; Lisa Geist 269; Tim Cook 30t (by request of Donovan Brown).

Announcements were made. Tim Cook led song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder J.L. Hopper.
Chairman - Tim Cook; Secretary - Tish Crocker.

OHIO SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Oberlin, Ohio

February 17-18, 2001

Saturday, February 17

The Saturday session met at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall of Christ Episcopal Church, Oberlin, Ohio. Chandler York called the class to order leading song on page 48t. Jane Wells offered an opening prayer. Steven Kasperick-Postellon led song on page 59; Beth Todd 68b; and Chloe Maher 39t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Chandler York; Vice Chairman - Eloise Clark; Secretary - Charles Wells; Treasurer - Joe Todd; Arranging Committee - Beth Todd and Chloe Maher; Song Listers - Rachael Sarto, Catherine Bodnar, David Wright, Kara Hall, and Steve Kasperick-Postellon; Food/Social Committee - Eric Schedler, Naomi Twery, Katie Zukof, and Rose Haughey; Chaplain - Jane Wells; Memorial Committee - Claire Outten; Resolutions Committee - Chandler York, Charles Wells, and Joe Todd; Publicity/Registration - Charles Wells; Loose Ends/All-Round Support - Jane Wells; Setup/Tear-down - Northeast Ohio/Oberlin Singers.

Leaders: Matt Wells 29t, 49b; Jo Schultz 287, 198; Eloise Clark 31t, 276; Joe Todd 58, 480; Charles Wells 99, 148; Jane Wells 163b, 171.

RECESS

Joe Todd called the class back to order leading song on page 125.

Leaders: Kshama Ananthapura 32t, 318; Kay Huener 38b, 269; Mike Grimes 268, 335; Claire Outten 112, 334; David Rust 74t, 314; Teresa Kasperick-Postellon 85, 178; Beth Todd 475, 373; Brad Oglesby 39b, 230; Joseph Pimentel 155, 217.

RECESS

Charles Wells called the class back to order leading song on page 34b. Leaders: David Wright 200, 390; Jim Herr 209, 30b; Henry Schuman 300, 145t; Eric Conrad 180, 142; Laura Russell 66, 72b.

Jane Wells led the class in prayer for lunch.

LUNCH

Eloise Clark called the class back for the afternoon session leading song on page 84. Leaders: John Bealle 377, 442; Alexander Knecht 117, 44; Greg Creech 47b, 127; Pauline Childers 234, 498; Lorraine Sawyer 212, 547; Joe Todd 81t; Eric Schedler 455, 159; Kathryn Knecht 35, 479; Lois Hurt 49t; Pauline Childers 551b; Steven Kasperick-Postellon 500, 344; Stephanie Hysmith 74b, 288.

RECESS

Charles Wells called the class back to order leading song on page 45t. Leaders: Chloe Maher 474, 183; Joanne Grimes 73b, 236; Michael Darby 107, 133; Fred Todt 312t, 361; Debbie Hall 184, 189b; Charles Knecht 430, 181; Richard Overturf 294, 56b.

RECESS

Chandler York brought the class back to order leading song on page 365. Leaders: Maria Knecht 96, 196; Virginia Belveal 192, 163.

Chandler York led song on page 47 as the closing song. Jane Wells led the class in prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, February 18

The Sunday session met in the New Union Center for the Arts in Oberlin, Ohio. Chandler York called the class to order leading song on page 314. Jane Wells led the class in the morning prayer.

Leaders: Steven Kasperick-Postellon 30t, 274t; Jane Wells 228, 143; Chloe Maher 157, 495; Jo Schultz 515, 454; Charles Wells 278t, 149; Matt Wells 481, 497; Beth Todd 419, 270; Claire Outten 504, 36b.

RECESS

Joe Todd called the class to order leading songs on pages 378t and 441. Leaders: David Rust 260, 201; Stephanie Hysmith 173, 324; David Wright 77t, 215; Joe Todd 378b; Joseph Pimentel 168, 299; Laura Russell 275t, 485; Kshama Ananthapura 384, 101; Eric Schedler 455, 146; Eloise Clark 524, 28b; Michael Darby 135, 291. Claire Outten conducted the memorial lesson, and Eloise Clark led song on page 285t. Jane Wells led the class in prayer.

LUNCH

Chandler York called the class to order leading song on page 368.

Leaders: Fred Todt 182, 313b; Debbie Hall 38t, 528; Richard Overturf 330b, 312b; Katie Zukoff 410t; Steven Kasperick-Postellon 532, 534; Laura Weber 523, 535; Eric Schedler 372, "Muhaiyadeen". Forthcoming conventions were announced.

RECESS

Leaders: Jo Schultz 503; Matt Wells 436; Eloise Clark 46; Kshama Ananthapura 277; David Wright 318; Fred Todt 151 (in honor of Katherine Cohen); Joseph Pimentel 183; John Bealle 240; Eloise Clark "Ten Thousand Charms"; Debbie Hall 84; Barbara Bowers 480; Paul Fishman "Warwick"; Chloe Maher 86; Barbara Bowers 66; Jane Wells "Bosold"; Joe Todd 203; Charles Wells "Paradise"; Beth Todd 112; Eric Schedler 159; Chandler York 362.

Committee reports were given.

The Resolutions Committee moved to acknowledge and thank all officers, committees, and all those many folks who worked behind the scene to make the convention possible, including those who brought food, and performed the tedious task of setting up and taking down chairs.

The Secretary reported that 89 songs were led on Saturday, and 85 songs were lead on Sunday. Sixty-one people from seven states plus Ontario registered for the convention.

RECESS

Leaders: Steven Kasperick-Postellon 44, 84; Barbara Bowers 49b; Eloise Clark 34b; Matt Wells 347; Kshama Ananthapura 144; David Wright 64; Fred Todt 501; Joseph Pimentel 122; Debbie Hall 171; Jane Wells 569b; Charles Wells 28t. Chandler York called the officers to the center of the square and led 62 as the closing song. Jane Wells led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman - Chandler York; Vice Chairman - Eloise Clark; Secretary - Charles Wells.

SANDERS MEMORIAL **Sardis Church, Walker County, Alabama** **February 18, 2001**

The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 32t. Rev. Don Flippo led the class in morning prayer. Velton Chafin led song on page 35. The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Edith Tate; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 30t; Ann Jett 141, 569, 448; Clarissa Springfield 343, 445; Josie Hyde 155, 182, 142; Willodean Barton 314, 120, 129; Travis Keeton 157, 290, 64; Ida Lee Barnes 426t, 405; Amber Springfield 53, 203; Brenda Merritt 200, 340, 336.

RECESS

Velton Chafin reassembled the class leading song on page 57. Leaders: Kenneth Tate 48, 426b; Billy Williams 299, 297; Ivalene Donaldson 274t; Flarce Creel 475, 503; Edith Tate 73t, 532; Elsie Moon 283, 98; Linda Sides 270, 74, 285t; John Hyde 275b, 75; John Merritt 318, 317, 438, 358.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading song on page 571 (CB). Leaders: Ann Jett 229 (CB); selections from Lloyd's Hymn book 194, 333, 334; Velton Chafin 294 (by request); Harrison Creel 111b, 512, 348b; L.H. Gilmore 34t, 376, 421; Ottis Sides 97, 146, 530; Alene Woodley 399, 77t; Cecil Sanders 225t, 111t; Kenneth Tate 59; Brenda Merritt 460, 499; Clarissa Springfield 498, 542, 546; Linda Sides 454; John Merritt 390, 569b.

Velton Chafin and Harrison Creel led song on page 46 as the closing song.

Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Edith Tate.

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING
Vestal Public Library, Vestal, New York
Saturday, February 24, 2001

The first New York State Regional Singing of 2001 was held at the Vestal Public Library, Vestal, New York, and was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Dennis Leipold leading song on page 49t. George Seiler led the opening prayer. Leaders: Ginny Huszagh 148, 142; Jim Ulrich 84, 40; Jean Seiler 106, 200; Dennis Leipold 146, 150; Cuba Ray 147t, 155; George Seiler 312b, 168; Lucy Roberts 452b, 401; Allen Fannin 442, 546.

RECESS

Tim Wheeler called the class to order leading 183, 383. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 81t, 145t; Ron Bornick 63, 186; Stephanie Levy 523b, 551; Nancy Crawford 229, 344; Katherine Collett 217, 497; Juanita Heyerman 143, 114; Brian Collett 178, 254; Hugh Anderson 86, 163b; Margaret Bornick 276, 236; Nicola Collett 131t, 455. Eileen Metzger offered a blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

The singing resumed with Dennis Leipold leading song on page 128. Leaders: Thom Metzger 70b, 272; Tim Wheeler 77t, 504; Diane Mennella 430, 349; Deanna Anderson 49b, 159; Eileen Metzger 32t, 122; Barbara Smith 47t, 313b; Tim Brown 198, 66; Bill Stephens 34b, 384; Ginny Huszagh 189; Jim Ulrich 191; Jean Seiler 203.

RECESS

George Seiler brought the class to order leading song on page 268. Leaders: Dennis Leipold 269; Cuba Ray 277; George Seiler 473; Lucy Roberts 31t; Allen Fannin 440; Barbara Swetman "Ten Thousand Charms"; Ron Bornick 454; Stephanie Levy 228; Nancy Crawford 335; Katherine Collett 315; Brian Collett 299; Hugh Anderson 45t; Margaret Bornick 474; Nicola Collett 347; Thom Metzger 99; Tim Wheeler 224; Diane Mennella 564; Deanna Anderson 481.

RECESS

Announcements were made of upcoming singings. Leaders: Eileen Metzger 448b; Tim Brown 38; Barbara Smith 73b; Bill Stephens 30t; Charles Collett, 218. Dennis Leipold led song on page 62 as the closing song. George Seiler dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Dennis Leipold; Secretaries - Betty Timofeff and Barbara Smith.

J.L. WHITE AND ECLECTIC HARMONY BOOK SINGING
Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia
Saturday, February 24, 2001

The second annual J.L. White and Eclectic Harmony Singing was held at Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February. John Plunkett called the class to order at 10:30 a.m. leading song on page 49t (WB). John Hollingsworth led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 54t (WB), 55t (WB); Sandra Wilkinson 546t (WB), 508t (WB); Liz Bryant 478t (WB), 547t (WB); Don Bowen 544t (WB), 486t (WB); Frances Carnell 434 (WB), 319 (WB); Laura Akerman 470 (WB), 138t (WB); Andy Anderson 155 (WB), 40 (WB); K.H. Sumner 57 (EH); Leon Carnell 49 (EH), 14 (EH); Henry Slack 239 (WB), 288 (WB).

RECESS

Judy Mincey brought the class to order, and a business session was held. Leaders: Andy Morse 25 (EH), 99b (EH); Chris Tweedy 492 (WB), 58 (EH). Andy Anderson offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Plunkett brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 70b (WB). Leaders: Lee Rogers 45b (EH), 108 (EH); Eric Tweedy 10 (EH), 103 (EH); John Hollingsworth 59 (EH), 543t (WB); Hope Meek 545t (WB), 498t (WB); Bob Goodman 56 (EH), 70 (EH); Sharon Kellam 78 (EH), 66 (EH); Alice West 47t (WB), 129 (WB); Bill Hogan 4 (EH), 105 (EH); Liz Bryant 92 (EH); Bob Bailey 1 (EH), 27 (EH), 29b (EH); Malinda Snow 271b (WB); Sharon Kellam 68 (NHC); John Plunkett "Oak Grove" (his own composition).

RECESS

Judy Mincey brought the class to order leading song on page 110 (EH). Leaders: Frances Carnell 82 (EH); Bill Hogan 21b (EH); Alice West 192 (WB); Andy Anderson 339 (WB); Don Bowen 51 (EH); John Settle 128 (WB); Andy Morse 64 (EH); Eric Tweedy 109 (EH).

Announcements were made. John Plunkett led song on page 27 (WB) as the closing song. Andy Morse dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - John Plunkett; Vice Chairman - Eric Tweedy; Arranging Committee - Laura Akerman; Finance Committee - Don Bowen; Secretary - Malinda Snow.

TEXAS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Conference Center, College Station, Texas** **February 24-25, 2001** **Saturday, February 24**

The Texas State Convention met for its ninth annual session at the Conference Center, College Station, Texas. After a welcome by Chairman John Morris at 9:45 a.m., the class was called to order with the song on page 35. Curtis Owen offered the invocation.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Sarah Coates 492; Secretary Vivian Rogan 282; Owen Ross 328; Terre Schill 379; Gaylon Powell 131t; Doris Hanks 112; Scott Curran 384; Michele Rogan 178; B.E. Matthews 480; Olivia Powell 128; Donald Ross 546; Kevin Powell 442; Mary Bachmann 43; Jeb Owen 99; Al Rogers 198; Emmie Morris 189; Leon Ballinger 195; David Moseley 186.

RECESS

Chairman John Morris brought the class back together after the morning recess leading song on page 275b. Leaders: Amanda Blevins 84; Robert Vaughn 535; Edith Owen 34b; Billy Huckaby 171; Josh Rogan 163t; Liz Owen 288; Bruce Coates 276; Ophelia Matthews 569b; Zach Rogan 117; Mike Moseley 548; Beverly Coates 163b; Tom Owen 528; Cheryl Foreman 475; Curtis Owen 441; Amanda Owen 455; Gary Rogan 299; Diane Ross 551; Reed Coates 56b.

LUNCH

Vice Chairman Sarah Coates called the class back from lunch with song on page 159.

Chairman John Morris appointed the following committees: Nominating - Tom Owen, Donald Ross, and Gary McDonald; Memorial - Gaylon Powell, Diane Ross, and Bruce Coates.

Leaders: Albano Alban 63; Jeanette Adams 164; Mike Moseley 454; Edith Owen 490; Robert Vaughn 168; Emmie Morris 142; Reed Coates 222; Kevin Powell 383; Diane Ross 48b; Zach Rogan 280; Doris Hanks 448b; Owen Ross 212; Monnie Ross 419; Amanda Owen 344; Leon Ballinger 120; Billy Huckaby 335.

RECESS

Chairman John Morris brought the class to order leading song on page 76b.

Leaders: Gary Rogan 324; Al Rogers 45t; Terre Schill 406; Scott Curran 209;

Beverly Coates 524; B.E. Matthews 236; Josh Rogan 224; Mary Bachmann 137; Jeb Owen 68b; Michele Rogan 196; Tom Owen 294; Cheryl Foreman 74b; Gaylon Powell 229; Liz Owen 273; David Moseley 192; Bruce Coates 147t; Donald Ross 414. Tom Owen dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, February 25

The Sunday session of the Texas State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman John Morris leading song on page 345t. Bruce Coates offered the invocation.

Leaders: Chairman John Morris 345b; Vice Chairman Sarah Coates 318; Secretary Vivian Rogan 235b; Donald Ross 498; Cissy Moseley 142; Curtis Owen 317; Sue Fairbanks 49t; Dr. Don Barker 452b; Katie Moseley 215; Bruce Coates 313; Ophelia Matthews 512; Zach Rogan 274t; David Moseley 434; Beverly Coates 481; Monnie Ross 448b; Liz Owen 430; Leon Ballinger 269; Reed Coates 217; Cheryl Foreman 86.

RECESS

Chairman John Morris brought the class together with song on page 282.

Leaders: Scott Curran 448t; B.E. Matthews 204; Terre Schill 287; Tom Owen 474; Mary Bachmann 391; Josh Rogan 532; Diane Ross 350; Gaylon Powell 500; Amanda Owen 354t; Gary Rogan 268; Doris Hanks 36b.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Bruce Coates read the list of those who had passed on during the past year: Alcie Craig, Mildred Edmunds, Annie Mae Smith, Lorene Hutchison, Christine Wilson Stolz, Geneva Reed, and Woodie Walker. He then read several verses from Psalms and the poetry from song on page 235, "Long Sought Home." In their memory, Diane Ross led song on page 267.

Gaylon Powell read the list of those sick and shut-in: Verna Powell, Myrl Jones, Lawson Smith, Junior Smith, and Frances Daniels; and led song on page 75 in their honor. The memorial lesson was closed, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

John Morris led songs on pages 175 and 103 to call the afternoon session to order.

A business session was held to hear reports.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for 2002: Chairman - Sarah Coates; Vice Chairman - Gary McDonald; Secretary - Vivian Rogan. The slate was approved.

Vivian Rogan gave the Treasurer's report, and reported that all expenses had been paid. Tom Owen made a motion for the convention to donate \$100 to Cheryl Foreman to help with the publication of the "Texas Sacred Harp Newsletter." After a second by Gaylon Powell, the motion carried. The business was closed.

Leaders: Mike Moseley 472; Emmie Morris 542; Al Rogers 63; Edith Owen 503; Jeanette Adams 275; Billy Huckaby 480; Michele Rogan 110; Jeb Owen 362; Sue Fairbanks 323b; Dr. Don Barker 145; Cissy Moseley 34b; Monnie Ross 28b; Cheryl Foreman 300; Curtis Owen 490; Josh Rogan 183; Mary Bachmann 373; Tom Owen 207; Sarah Coates 270; Gary Rogan 460; Beverly Coates 29t; David Moseley 441; Doris Hanks 34t; Gaylon Powell 380; Scott Curran 112; Ophelia Matthews 111b; Reed Coates 306; Liz Owen 203; Kevin Powell 200; Terre Schill 284; Bruce Coates 569b; Amanda Owen 347; B.E. Matthews 340; Olivia Powell 146; Vivian Rogan 73b; Jeb Owen 176; Mike Moseley 220; Emmie Morris 369.

John Morris and Sarah Coates led song on page 414 as the closing song. Gary Rogan closed the convention with prayer.

Chairman - Sarah Coates; Vice Chairman - Gary McDonald; Secretary - Vivian Rogan.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION - WASHINGTON
Sunset Hill Community Club, Seattle, Washington
February 24-25, 2001

Saturday, February 24

The tenth annual session of the Washington portion of the Pacific Northwest Convention began on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. The class was called to order by Chairman David Hough leading song on page 30t. The opening prayer was offered by Jim Friedrich.

A brief business session was held, confirming the present officers for another year: Chairman - David Hough; Treasurer - Katharine Hough; Secretary - Karen Willard; Arranging Committee - Karen Willard, David Wright, Shannon McGuire, and Jenny Sterne; Chaplains - Jim Friedrich, Dana Waters, and David Zaworski; Memorial Committee - David Zaworski and Anne Huckins.

Karen Willard introduced Mark Davis of Brandon, Mississippi. In his school, Mr. Davis shared with us the triple book tradition of Mississippi singers, stories of singers he has known, and particular singing traditions of Mississippi. After going through Rudiments' scales and exercises, he led us in singing songs on pages 171, 209, and 56b. From the J.L. White Sacred Harp we sang "Eden," "Land of Beulah," and from the Christian Harmony we sang "Night." The singing school was closed with the Mississippi version of the Drone, which is based on the Social Harp song "Travelling to the Grave."

Jim Friedrich gave the blessing as the class dismissed for the noon meal.

LUNCH

David Hough formally assembled the class for the afternoon singing leading song on page 59. Chaplain Jim Friedrich led the opening prayer.

Leaders: David Hough 33b; Katharine Hough 40; Karen Willard 35; Peter Irvine 448b; Ken Cofield 86; Janice Evans 178; Mark Davis 383; Jerry Schreiber 473; Hugh McGuire "Roll On Dark Stream" (WB); Mark Miller 442; David Wright 546; Kari Lundgren 344; Carla Smith 182; Mryka Hall-Beyer 236; Jerry Schreiber 550.

RECESS

Jack Lofton brought the class back to order leading song on page 319. Leaders: Jim Van Horn 147t; Carolyn Deacy 299; Carroll Lunsford 204; Marilyn Murata and Karen Willard 388; Beverly Young 200; Karen Stingle 148; Charles Scudder 288; Meg Larson 49b; Bruce Rowland 532; Fran Ross 198; James Brock 120; Marie Brandis 477; Jill Accetta 192; Gerry Currens 84; Paul Robinson 254; Audrey Karabinus 277; Jinx McGuire 497; Joanne Hoover 475; Anna Maria Nygren 535; John Carson "Mercy Seat"; Reed Schilbach 324.

Announcements were made. Chairman David Hough led "Washington" as the closing song, and the closing prayer was offered by Jim Friedrich.

Sunday, February 25

Chairman David Hough called the class together at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 37b. Chaplain Dana Waters led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Karen Willard 68b; Katharine Hough 47b; Kathy Vlach 171; Betty Jones 370; Darlene Simpson-Brown 129; Anne Huckins 48t; Shannon McGuire 503b; Jim Friedrich 168; Fran Ross 184; Meg Larson 31t; James Brock 350; Karen Stingle and Beth Judy 551; Jean Murphy 106; Anna Maria Nygren 77; Beverly Young and Lee Esbenshade 56b; David Landazuri 74b.

RECESS

John Carson brought the class back to order with song on page 313b. Leaders: Carroll Lunsford 390; Don Salting and Jordan Singer 268; Jill Accetta 547; Mark Davis and Julia Yawchisin 240; Carolyn Deacy 501; Marie Brandis, Connie Stanton, and Patti Hansen 549; Carla Smith 202; Mark Miller 269.

Memorial Lesson: Remarks and prayers were by David Zaworski. Anne Huckins read the names and led the songs. "As I prepared for this memorial lesson, my wife, Marie, reminded me of some thoughts from Tim Ericksen. He said that as we go to these singings we meet people and form relationships. And these relationships are deeper, and of a different quality, than those we might make in some other shared activities because of what it is that we are doing, sharing, in singing these songs together. That larger connection is part of what we are about, part of what we celebrate, in the memorial lesson. I also realized that we come to this convention from many distant places. Many here may share my experience of not knowing most of the people whose names we will read in this lesson, and yet, we still share this connection with them... Our spirits reach out through these songs, reach out and connect with all those, everywhere, who share this tradition with us. Please join me in prayer: O God, known to us in so many ways, guide us in these quiet moments to recognize or recall that we are known by you. We are in your care. Our every day, our every breath is a gift.

Remembering the blessings you shower on us, we can be confident of your blessings, too, for those absent from us, those who are shut-in, those who suffer illness or injury in body, mind, or spirit. Now let our spirits go out to them with yours, O God, as we name these absent friends: Steven Hough, Eileen Tuvin, James Flood, Carol McQuade, Dan Davis, Elizabeth Jefferies, Kathy Johnson, Sharon Nygren, Hardin King, Mary Konrad, Kathy Ryan, Jim Lykins, Tim Lunceford, and Raoul Titus. Amen." Anne Huckins led song on page 34b. Now let us continue in prayer for the deceased. "O God, we remember, too, those who have gone on before, those who have led us to call on you in song, those who have helped us to stand where Moses stood and who now have passed through the Jordan of death to the life that you promise. As we lift up these names of those who have died this past year, O God, lift our hearts in thankfulness for all that you have given us through their lives. Those we remember today are: Marie Creel Aldridge, Horace Batchelor, Willie Mosley, Herbert Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Virgil Phillips, Eugene Wakefield, and Alice Williams - Alabama; Ruth Wright - Arkansas; Erol Leek, Harriett Reimer, Martin Reimer, and Ken Sugimoto - California; Susan Garber - Connecticut; Erville Currens - Illinois; Susan Fitch - Louisiana; Jerry Poinier - Massachusetts; Lucille Lembke - Minnesota; May Ola Nelson - Mississippi; Miller Nichols - Missouri; Karen House - New York; Harriet Dibble - Oregon; Carl Hoffman - Pennsylvania; Dorothy Horn - Tennessee; David Anthony and Tommie Lee Frederick Wigington - Virginia; Richard Hammond and Imants Reba - Washington; Karen Werner and Dorothe Dick. Amen." Anne Huckins led song on page 66. "Amen."

Leaders: Peter Irvine 318; Kurt Davis 45t; Jack Lofton 528; Hugh McGuire 71; Hal Kunkel 283; Mryka Hall-Beyer 327; Jerry Schreiber 123t; Kari Lundgren 146; Ken Cofield and Jenny Sterne 82; Katharine Hough 376; Kathy Vlach 384; Charles Scudder and Mary Bamesberger 472. Dana Waters gave the blessing as the class adjourned for the noon meal.

LUNCH

James Brock called the class back to order leading song on page 63. Leaders: David Hough 496; Joanne Hoover 362; Susan Helf 112; Hal Kunkel 36b; Mryka Hall-Beyer 454; Paul Robinson 189; Lisa Davis 304; Mark Miller 201;

Katharine Hough 480; Reed Schilbach 213t; Carla Smith 164; Carroll Lunsford 426t; Hugh McGuire 302; Carolyn Deacy 114; Jinx McGuire 163b.

RECESS

Joanne Hoover called the class back with song on page 72b. Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 236; Gerry Currens 107; Audrey Karabinus 74t; Jane Grant 122; Jenny Sterne 353; Melisa Doss 128; Marcia Stedman 178; Martha J. Smith 143; Jordan Singer and Karen Willard 29t; Mark Davis 145b, 220.

A business session was held.

The treasurer reported that all expenses had been met or were expected to be covered.

The headcounters reported a registered convention attendance of 96 total with the regional breakout as follows: Montana - 6; Washington - 51; Nebraska - 2; Michigan - 1; Oregon - 22; Mississippi - 3; California - 7; Alberta, Canada - 1; Pennsylvania - 1; Alaska - 1; Utah - 1.

Kari Lundgren and Melisa Doss gave the Resolution Committee report.

“Thanks to God, our Gatherer and Inspiration for the multitude of comforts bestowed on us at this convention.”

Thanks were also given to:

- 1) The poets and composers who for us set the table of this musical feast; for voices united to commune;
- 2) Those who organized and administered (the names of all the workers were read);
- 3) For the place which reflected and enhanced the song;
- 4) Those who provided shelter for travelling friends;
- 5) For the generous and delightful meals prepared with love and attention;
- 6) Those attending from near and far both in body and in spirit.

Special thanks were returned for Mark, Lisa, and Kurt Davis and the details of the tradition Mark Davis passed on to us.

The convention voted to accept these reports and to place them in the minutes.

Chairman David Hough led song on page 62 as the closing song, inviting all who wished to take the parting hand. Chaplain Dana Waters dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - David Hough; Treasurer - Katharine Hough; Secretary - Karen Willard.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA State Botanical Gardens, Athens, Georgia Tuesday, February 27, 2001

The twenty eighth session of the “The Social Harp” and “The Sacred Harp” singing was held at the Visitor’s Center of the State Botanical Gardens in Athens, Georgia on the fourth Sunday in February.

“The Social Harp”, by John G. McCurry, was first published in 1855 and was reprinted by the University of Georgia Press in 1973.

John Garst called the class to order leading song on page 312b. John

Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer. John Garst led song on page 335.

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

Chairman - John Garst; Vice Chairman - John Hollingsworth; Secretary -

Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Lee Rogers and Judy Mincey;

Memorial Committee - Hugh McGraw and Judy Mincey.

“The Social Harp” was used in the morning sessions.

Leaders: John Hollingsworth 86, 37; Charlene Wallace 30, 25; Lee Rogers 137, 209; Hugh McGraw 34, 87; Judy Mincey 135, 218b; Billy Hollingsworth 229, 189; Jeannette DePoy 182, 196; Andy Anderson and Gene Mathis 191, 175.

RECESS

John Garst called the class together leading song on page 114. Leaders: Bill Hogan 154, 61b; John Plunkett 19, 134; Sharon Kellam 216, 253; Don Bowen 194, 88; Liz Bryant 60, 198; Richard DeLong 23b, 31; Laura Akerman 141, 53; Charles Woods 159, 108.

A memorial lesson was held. Hugh McGraw led song on page 24b in memory of: Mildred Dumas, Jack Smith, Marie Aldridge, Doris Sills, Ruby Phillips, Virgil Phillips, Susan Garber, Rosa Hughes, Mae Ola Nelson, and Neva Dee Mayes. Judy Mincey led song on page 50b from "The Sacred Harp" for all the sick and shut-ins, including: Jerilyn Schumacher, I.V. McWhorter, Lonnie Rogers, Vivian Rogers, Bill Green, and Beau Caldwell. John Hollingsworth closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was held from "The Sacred Harp."

John Hollingsworth called the class together leading song on page 77b. Leaders: Bruce King 183, 47b; Angelia Benton 358, 147t; Scott DePoy 36b, 56b; Chris Tweedy 81, 566; Henry Zittrouer 490, 480; Earlis McGraw 225t (for his mother, Gladys McGraw), 224; Raymond Hamrick 145t, 287; Sharon Hamrick 460, 276; Karen Whelchel Redwine 39b, 45t; JoAnn Hastings 178, 85.

RECESS

John Hollingsworth called the class together leading song on page 49b. Leaders: Liz Bryant 186; Bill Hogan 185; Sharon Kellam 282; Kevin Kelly 66; Jeannette DePoy and Scott DePoy 436 (for Richard DeLong who will celebrate a birthday this week); Billy Hollingsworth 250; Mary Hood and Judy Mincey 156; Don Bowen and John Plunkett 521, 354b.

Announcements were made. John Hollingsworth led song on page 46 as the closing song. John Plunkett dismissed the class with prayer.

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

PAULINE CREEL CHILDERS BIRTHDAY SINGING **First Methodist Church, Wayne, Michigan** **Saturday, March 3, 2001**

The Pauline Creel Childers Birthday Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Henry Schuman leading song on page 30t. John Bayer led the opening prayer.

John Bealle conducted a short instructional period for the new singers. Songs on pages 49t and 32t were sung as examples. Leaders: Henry Schuman 480; Pauline Childers 318, 475; Steve Kasperick-Postellon 276, 277; Harrison Creel 348b, 512; Carla Smith 234, 76b; Jim Pfau 39t, 299; Edith Tate 35, 73t.

RECESS

Henry Schuman brought the class to order leading song on page 388. Leaders: Ted Johnson 447, 503; Judy Hauff and Bill Rowan 40, 313b; Jerry Schreiber 66, 434; Karen Freund 172, 411; Charles Wells 99, 59; Kay Huener 280, 183; Greg Howard 68b, 569; Beth Huener 454, 547; Ann Jett 327, 269; Kent Beck 217, 203; Martha Lang 312b, 448t; Wanda Capps 142, 216; Bill Beverly 515, 86; Beth Todd 58, 373; Jo Schulz 472, 198. Harrison Creel led the class in the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

Beth Todd called the class to order with the song on page 89. Leaders: Henry Schuman 225t; Harrison Creel, Flarce Creel, Edith Tate, Pauline Childers, Ann Jett, Wanda Capps, Cassie Franklin and Kathy Crossley 342, 111; Jerry Enright 77t, 300; Martha Beverly 56b, 344; Cassie Franklin 384, 192; Samuel Sommers and Dr. Richard Schneider 121, 268, 24b; Marcia Johnson and Pauline Childers 345b, 288; John Bayer 117, 159; Charlotte Wolfe 47, 64; Teresa Kasperick-Postellon 85, 81.

RECESS

Eloise Clark brought the class to order leading songs on pages 171 and 222. Leaders: Flarce Creel 297, 56; Fred Todt 348t, 362; Melanie Hauff 48b, 436; Jane Wells 143, 481; Henry Schuman, Laurie Schuman, and Jennifer Hanford 532; Regina Bayer 282, 208; Joseph Pimentel 189, 168; Debbie Hall 47b, 200; Lorraine Bayer, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 29t, 278b; Judy Hauff 536, 542; John Bealle 442, 522; Jerry Schreiber and Carla Smith 323t; Cassie Franklin 507. Announcements were made. Henry Schuman, Beth Todd, and Martha Beverly led song on page 347 as the closing song. Samuel Sommers dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Henry Schuman; Vice Chairpersons - Jennifer Hanford and Laurie Schuman; Secretary - Beth Todd.

DUKE MEMORIAL SINGING

Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Heard County, Georgia Saturday, March 3, 2001

The Duke Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Heard County, Georgia on Saturday before the first Sunday in March.

The class was called to order by Everette Denney leading song on page 59. B.J. Harris offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Everette Denney 145b; Jimmie Denney 101t, 143, 313t; Josephine Denney 30t, 32t; Felton Denney 31t, 73t, 489.

RECESS

Everette Denney brought the class to order leading song on page 405. Leaders: B.J. Harris 452, 503; Bernard Denney 100, 339; Philip Denney 37b, 39b; Lou Cotney 172, 384, 318; Bobby Bailey 27, 35; Lonnie Rogers 348b, 225t, 97; Jimmie Denney 186, 84; Evelyn Harris 155, 47t; Teenie Moody 72b, 73; Mary Florence Smith 176b, 176t, 63; B.J. Harris 565, 303.

Everette Denney led song on page 323b as the closing song. B.J. Harris dismissed the class with prayer.

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

MR. AND MRS. FRANK ROGERS MEMORIAL Ephesus, Georgia March 4, 2001

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers was held at Ephesus School on the first Sunday in March. Lonnie Rogers called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 75. B.M. Smith led songs on pages 59, 101t; Jeff Sheppard 142, 316; and Margie Smith 225t, 303. Billy Joe Harris led the class in morning prayer. Mary Florence Smith led songs on pages 325 and 326.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Karen Rollins; Arranging Committee - Mary Florence Smith and Margie Smith; Memorial Committee - Paige Harrod, Ruth Brown, and Teenie Moody. Lonnie Rogers led song on page 340 for Syd Caldwell. Denney Rogers, mayor of Ephesus, welcomed everyone and mentioned the remodeling going on at the school.

Leaders: Teenie Moody 384; Alexandria Makris 388; Tommy McGraw 100, 39b; Leola Smith 234, 185; Everette Denney 335, 405; Kenneth DeLong 568, 395; Elene Stovall 426b; Oscar McGuire 155, 573; Sheri Taylor 163b, 178; Dewayne Wootten 426t, 283.

RECESS

B.M. Smith called the class to order leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Louis Hughes 176, 146; Brady DeLong 36b; Eunice Webb 215; Rodney Ivey 76b; Daphene Causey 336; Bud Oliver 145b; Betty Wright 410t; Henry Johnson 570; Tokay Shumake 111b; John Plunkett 50; Max Berueffy 220; Milton Oliver 434; Richard DeLong 419; grandchildren of Lonnie and Vivian Rogers (Beverly Rollins, Randa Rollins, Barry Rollins, Laura Robinson, Joseph Lovvorn, Roger Harrod, Dan Harrod, and Kayla McWhorter) 358, 153; Nate Green and Norma Green 73; Dennis George 224; Terry Wootten 422; Evelyn Harris 47t; Scott DePoy 47b; Jeannette DePoy 300; Earlis McGraw 89; Janice Paulk 478.

LUNCH

Lonnie Rogers called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 345t.

Leaders: Felton Denney 299; Louise Holland 147t; Jimmie Denney 61; Diane Avery 312b; John Redman 236; T.J. Stewart 144.

The memorial lesson was held with Louis Hughes leading songs on pages 378b and 406; and Jeannette DePoy leading song on page 72b. The deceased remembered: Capitola Rollins, Erma Caldwell, Susie Wright, Velma Smith, Ira Mae McCormick, Bobby Pugason, Kermon Denney, Letha Laney, Wheeler Laney, J.D. Muse, Jack Corley, Mary Lou Cagle, and Vedic Touchstone - Georgia; Cecil Edwards, Eloise Watkins, Woodie Walker, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, and Rosa Hughes - Alabama; Alcie Craig - Texas.

The sick and shut-ins remembered: Mozelle Sheppard, Faye Pettis, and Vivian Rogers. Felton Denney closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Marshall Avery 278; David McGukin and Renee Sims 327; children of Lonnie and Vivian Rogers (Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, Paige Harrod, Sherry Lovvorn, and Denney Rogers) 343, 143; Philip Denney 120; Gerald Rogers 59; Laura Jones 63; Nancy Allen 354; Brady DeLong 317; Rodney Ivey 270; Alecia Green and Tom McGraw 475; Henry Johnson and Dennis George 318; David McGukin and Renee Sims 112; Kenneth DeLong and Janice Paulk 425; Alexandria Makris 49t; Sherry Lovvorn 454; Leola Smith 436; John Plunkett 522; Nate Green and Norma Green 277; Rev. Lloyd Toney 82; Jeff Sheppard 229 (CB) (by request).

Announcements were made. Thanks were made to the class for a contribution of \$91.00. Lonnie Rogers, Jeff Sheppard, and Karen Rollins led song on page 186 as the closing song. Louis Hughes dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Karen Rollins.

**MARTHA HARPER NIX, LEWIS KEETON, AND
LAVADA MCGOUGH GILMORE MEMORIAL
New Flatwoods Church, Nauvoo (Walker County), Alabama
March 4, 2001**

The eighty-sixth annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 48t. Elder Ronald Gilmore offered the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 235; Chris Ballinger 129, 371; Ashley Keeton 272, 349; Clarissa Springfield 445, 340; Anne Steel 39t, 171; John Hyde 499, 61; Sarah Smith 354b, 108t; Lavaughn Ballinger 63, 84; Wilton Donaldson 503, 30t; Ottis Sides 97, 480; Alene Woodley 131, 83t; Gravis Ballinger 99, 34b; Loretta Whitman 124, 288.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton called the class to order leading songs on pages 65 and 285t (in memory of A.C. McGough). Leaders: Linda Sides 81t, 270; L.H. Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 73t, 318 (for Mrs. Otwell), 376; Nellie Alexander 82t, 108b; Julie Poston 145b, 343b; Lisa Geist 542, 95 (for Ivalene Donaldson); Lena Keeton 122, 137; Gary Smith 565, 31t. Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore welcomed everyone and led song on page 45t in memory of all our loved ones.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 203. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 91, 90; Josie Hyde 66, 361; Warren Steel 378b, 442; Ida Lee Starnes 426t, 405; Willodean Barton 290 (in memory of A.C. McGough), 416; Latriva Bailey 384, 143; Chris Green 380, 189; Amber Springfield 186, 192; Velton Chafin 76b, 96; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 475, 111t, 111b, 482; Chris Green and Pam Green 144, 153; Loretta Whitman 571 (CB) (in memory of Juanita Whitman); Travis Keeton 382 (in memory of Martha Nix and Maude Keeton).

Travis Keeton and Glenn Keeton led song on page 267 as the closing song. Elder Ronald Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

**GILLILAND AND BROTHERS MEMORIAL SINGING
Old Clear Creek Primitive Baptist Church,
Marshall County, Alabama
Saturday, March 10, 2001**

The Gilliland and Brothers Memorial Singing was called to order by Larry Lambert leading songs on pages 37b, 36b, and 30b. Hershell King offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Larry Lambert; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary/Arranging Committee - Helen Lambert; Memorial Committee - Steven Lambert.

Leaders: Larry Lambert 39t; Willowese Malone 63, 89; Helen Lambert 72, 569; Hershell King 75, 101t, 97; Roie Alexander 32t, 317; Judy Caudle 33b, 47t, 78; Roy Turrentine 35, 146.

RECESS

Larry Lambert brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 56t and 57. Leaders: Willie Mae Moon 460, 498; Michael Hieber 276, 82t; Jewel Wootten 49b, 313t; Steven Lambert 49t, 277, 196.

The memorial lesson was held with the following deceased remembered: Luther Gilliland, Cecil Gilliland, Ervin Brothers, Eron White, Ted White, Joe B. King, and Ralph McGee. Steven Lambert led songs on pages 285t and 74b.

Leaders: Eunice Kimbrell 40, 42; Milton Oliver 321; Lydia Baswell and Vella Dailey 220, 147. Hershell King offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Hershell King brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 426t.

Leaders: Lottie Martin 36t, 335; Philip Gilmore 30t, 31b, 39b, 47b, 68b; Roy Turrentine 503, 565; Philip Gilmore 441 (at the request of Roie Alexander), 67; Judy Caudle 93, 119; Lottie Martin 59; Willie Mae Moon 225t; Hershell King 410t; Steven Lambert 58, 45t, 490; Lydia Baswell and Vella Dailey 145b; Judy Caudle 178.

Steven Lambert gave a financial report. Announcements were made, an invitation to return next year was extended, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Philip Gilmore.

Chairman - Larry Lambert; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Helen Lambert.

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION **St. John's United Church of Christ, Pinckney, Missouri** **March 10-11, 2001**

Saturday, March 10

The sixteenth annual Missouri State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ by Chairpersons Pattie Doss and Ann Leckie leading song on page 171.

The convention was dedicated to Charlie Derleth, hospitalized after a recent accident. Pattie Doss and Ann Leckie led song on page 68b in his honor. Penny Kujawinski offered the opening prayer.

Officers were: Chairpersons - Pattie Doss and Ann Leckie; Secretary - Dave Ressler; Arranging Committee - Rebecca Browne; Finance Committee - Gary Gronau; Memorial Committee - Presley Barker, Cindy Tanner, and James Page. Songs were called from the "1991 Edition of The Sacred Harp" and the 1996 "Songs from The Missouri Harmony."

Leaders: Dave Ressler 441; Rebecca Browne 36b; Karen Isbell 142; Dan Gibbons 8 (MH); Jeanette Lowry 168; Gary Gronau 137; Luke Barker 215; Presley Barker 16 (MH); Berkley Moore 71; Ted Johnson 21 (MH); Tim Reynolds 192; Susan Green 34t (for Elisabeth Lacy); Judy Mincey 54 (MH); Mike Veech 373; JoDell Albi 74b; Dean Slaton 38 (MH); Wendy Hofmann 56b; Johanna Fabke 84; Jim Helke 31t; Linda Thomas 350.

RECESS

Ann Leckie called the class to order leading song on page 47t. Leaders: James Page 20 (MH); Cassie Franklin 216; Jacob Affolter 2 (MH); Jim Solheim "Nebraska"; Melanie Hauff 316; John Bailey 128; Shelbie Sheppard 505; Everette Denney 405; Lois Lee Ramsey 159; Judy Hauff 52 (MH); William Shetter 49t.

RECESS

Rebecca Browne and Sarah Bryan Miller brought the class to order leading song on page 155. Leaders: Max Berueffy 39b (for Bud Oliver); LaRue Allen 110; Janet Fraembs 532; Jackie Tanner 112; Kathleen Thro 29t; Peggy Kujawinski

29b; Marcia Johnson 440; Mike Grimes 490; Karen Freund 172; Eunice Webb 475; Mary Florence Smith 434; John Ramsey 460; Peggy Brayfield 481.

LUNCH

Dennis Corcoran signaled the end of the lunch break by playing Highland bagpipe tunes "Kilworth Hills" and "Jean Mauchline" outside, in front of church.

Pattie Doss brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 430. Leaders: Jerry Enright 396; Elene Stovall 442; Cindy Tanner 368; Ladd Faszold 455; Jan Ketelle 436; Rodney Ivey 182; Dennis Corcoran, Maire Corcoran, Mark Bruns, and Rebecca Browne 66; Laura Akerman 198; Felton Denney 231; Lou Kujawinski 503; Daphene Causey 304; Julie Vea 201; Evelyn Harris 87; Coy Ivey 384; Floy Wilder 293; Eugene Forbes 340; Pearl Guier 303; Tommy McGraw 383; Flarce Creel 217; Mattie Townsel 317; Harrison Creel, Cindy Tanner, and Cassie Franklin 498; Jeff Sheppard 308; Lila Leland 479.

RECESS

Pattie Doss and Ann Leckie called the next session to order leading song on page 39t. Leaders: Teenie Moody 120; Jo Ann Grimes and Mike Grimes 236; Marcia Johnson 218; Kathleen Thro 196; Judy Hauff 270; John Bailey 46; Melanie Hauff 277; Susan Green 474; Ted Johnson 419; JoDell Albi 472; John Ramsey 136; Dean Slaton 179; Karen Freund 411; Tim Reynolds 107; Cassie Franklin 270; Rodney Ivey and Dave Ressler 186; Jim Solheim 200; Peggy Brayfield 183; Julie Vea 327; Jeanette Lowry 299.

Announcements were made. The class was dismissed with a prayer.

Sunday, March 11

Pattie Doss and Ann Leckie called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading songs on pages 48t and 145t. Penny Kujawinski offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Dave Ressler 217; Rebecca Browne 276; Gary Gronau 163t; Dan Gibbons 203; JoDell Albi 313t; Jeanette Lowry 270; Presley Barker 191; Karen Isbell 34; Max Berueffy 497; Wendy Hofmann 82b; Jim Helke 284; Janet Fraembs 448t; Jackie Tanner 318; Penny Kujawinski and Wendy Hofmann 180; Coy Ivey 59; Luke Barker 354b; Teenie Moody and Tommy McGraw 365; Jerry Enright 377.

RECESS

Pattie Doss brought the class to order leading song on 42. Leaders: Bob Meek 384; Laura Akerman 224; Elene Stovall 220; Jacob Affolter 312b; Jan Ketelle 171; Linda Thomas 131b; Flarce Creel 475; Linda Baird and Duane Baird 148; Eunice Webb 480; Harrison Creel 111b; Mike Veech 421; Shelbie Sheppard 269; Berkley Moore 85; Jim Solheim 294; Everette Denney 119; Max McCoy 45t.

RECESS

Pattie Doss called the class back to order leading song on page 300. Leaders: Judy Mincey 510; Mary Florence Smith 43; Cassie Franklin 222; William Shetter 556.

Cindy Tanner opened the memorial lesson by reading from the Gospel of John 14:1-4. The following deceased were remembered: Stella Heines - Illinois; Marie Aldridge, Woodie Walker, Ted White, Eron White, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Eloise Watkins, Betty Forbes, Byron Forbes, Rosa Hughes, A.C. McGough, Eugene Wakefield, and Cecil Edwards - Alabama; Jack Corley, Vedic Touchstone, and Allene Lambert Stanford - Georgia; Karen House - New York; Joyce Forbes - Texas.

Cindy Tanner led song on page 137 for Virgil Phillips, and Rebecca Browne led song on page 304 for Marie Aldridge.

Jim Page read the list of the sick and shut-ins: Everett Yoder - New Mexico; Jerilyn Schumacher and Virginia Evans - Illinois; Philip Page Jr. - New Jersey; Randy Wells - Florida; Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Edith Tate, Ruby Wilks, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, and John Hocutt - Alabama; Charle Derleth and Bill Ellason - Missouri; Beau Caldwell - Arkansas; Mozelle Sheppard - Georgia; Rachel Carson Jaworski (a very early baby) and Lilia Springer - Wisconsin; Nellie Miller - Kentucky; and Joy Armuedo.

Presley Barker led 47t for the sick and shut-ins and closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 534; Tommy McGraw 456; Pearl Guier 448b. Penny Kujawinski led the class in prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Pattie Doss and Ann Leckie led song on page 142 to open the afternoon session. Leaders: Johanna Fabke 378b; LaRue Allen 373; Rodney Ivey 208; Floy Wilder 432; Daphene Causey 454; Sylwinn Wyllie with Dan Gibbons 215; Mattie Townsel 176t; Luke Barker 87; Felton Denney 387; Lou Kujawinski 143; James Page 56 (MH); Eugene Forbes 155; Evelyn Harris 30t; Tim Reynolds 504; Julie Vea 444; Dean Slaton 434; Peggy Brayfield 547; Karen Freund 272; Jim Helke 496.

RECESS

Ann Leckie brought the class to order leading song on page 335. Leaders: Jacob Affolter 268; Shelbie Sheppard and Rebecca Browne 106; Bob Meek 441; Jan Ketelle 13 (MH); Jerry Enright 330; Elene Stovall 273; Presley Barker 497; Teenie Moody 523; Coy Ivey 63; Ruth Brown 146.

Announcements were made. Pattie Doss and Ann Leckie led song on page 347 as the closing song. Penny Kujawinski closed the convention with prayer.

Chairpersons - Pattie Doss and Ann Leckie; Secretary - Dave Ressler.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Northampton Center for the Arts, Northampton, Massachusetts

March 10-11 2001

Saturday, March 10

The third Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at 9:30 am by Tim Eriksen who taught a singing school. He taught the class the major and minor scales, timing, and answered questions from the class. He reminded us that most of the parts of the music we are singing is familiar to the people of this area. Because we live in this area, it makes the technical side of learning to sing the songs much easier. He shared his enthusiasm, and was exceedingly helpful in getting the class all ready to sing together. The lesson ended at 10:30.

RECESS

Cath Oss called the class to order leading song on page 48t. George Seiler offered an opening prayer. Leaders: Eliza Cavanaugh 39t; Phill Saylor Wisor 131b; Linda Shea 171; Richard DeLong 542; Kelsey Wessels 448b; Tim Eriksen 430; Laura Timmerman 475; Joanne Bowman 178; Guy Bankes 474; Jean Seiler 217; Greg Freemon 457; Inga Knets 312b; John Plunkett 562; Paula McGray 458; Kitty Kagay 328; Marcia Tucker 51; George Seiler 84; Andrew Magee 77t; Henry Johnson 385t; Sam Schaefer-Joel 268; Dennis George 546; Charlotte Ehrman 66; Ellie Soler 551; Jill Accetta 503; John Redman 362. Tim Eriksen offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was resumed with Jeff Colby leading song on page 316. Leaders: Eric Morgan 379; Kara Morin 228; Barbara Swetman 168; Bob Snope 569b; Matthew Wojcik 250; Bradford West 99; Kate Richardson 348b; Bill Dunn 101t; Jessica Holland 299; Allison Schofield 82t; Ruth Hooke 198; Mirjana Lausevic 274t; Peter Irvine 67; Kshama Ananthapura 32t; Judy Holst 504; Laura Clawson 196; Lynne deBenedette 142; Jim Desmond 186; Nathan Morrison 532; Roger Garberg 288; Jim Ulrich 344; Paul Butler 83b; Duncan Vinson 380; Louis Freilicher 300.

RECESS

Kelsey Wessels brought the class to order leading song on page 276. Leaders: Kiri Miller 34t; Aaron Girard 315; Joanne DeVoe 31t; Bob Parr 442; Chris Noren 294; Jeff Colby 496; Dan Hertzler 235b; Ted Stokes 298; Richard DeLong 123b; Tim Eriksen 37b; Susan Waters 56b; Laura Timmerman 145t; Kelly House 282.

Announcements were made. Cath Oss led song on page 323t as the closing song. Eric Morgan dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, March 11

Cath Oss called the class to order at 9:30 leading song on page 318. Leaders: Eliza Cavanaugh 477; Phill Saylor Wisor 319; Linda Shea 59; Bill Holt 73t; Matthew Wojcik 179; Jean Seiler 492; Peter Irvine 72b; Nick Edwards 171; Judy Holst 501b; Gina Balestracci 102; Tom Padwa 77b; Ellie Soler 228; Roland Hutchinson 518; Laura Clawson 82t; Sally House 178; Louis Freilicher 335.

RECESS

Kelly House called the class to order leading song on page 565. Leaders: Jim Desmond 245; Roger Garberg 117; Bill Dunn 49b; Allison Schofield 376; Guy Bankes 254; Inga Knets 216; Marcia Tucker 556; Andrew Magee 56b; Sam Schaefer-Joel 334; Charlotte Erhman 147t; Barbara Swetman 481; Kate Richardson 383; John Redman 532; Jessica Holland 528; Mirjana Lausevic 217; Paul Butler 287; Jeff Colby 148.

Laura Timmerman began the memorial lesson speaking of the sick and shut-in singers. She said that by singing we experience joy, fellowship and comfort and that we should sing for those who are unable to be with us today to share in our experience. Those remembered were: Ilmars Knets, Dot Garber, and Laurette Wojcik - Connecticut; Faye Pettis - Georgia; Lou DeFelice and Susan Accetta - Pennsylvania; Richard Bernivis - New York; Marjorie Pierce - Maine; Bill Gipperich, Susie Gipperich, and Don Herold - Massachusetts; Heather Holden-Bodmann - California; Sharon Neely Nygren - North Carolina. The class sang song on page 68b in their honor.

Richard DeLong continued the memorial lesson by giving comments and leading song on page 65. He spoke of singing at the Western Mass convention last year for his grandmother and now he would sing this year for her brother, Jack Corley. He noted that there will never be a convention without a memorial lesson, and that is our duty to remember those who have passed away. He said that Sacred Harp gets down into your innermost soul, and that we should sing for those who sang their whole lives with love.

Eric Morgan spoke of what a humbling experience it is to think of the meaning of the memorial lesson and the solemn nature of the lesson. We come together and sing together, and are brought together by the bonds of love, as a family. The class sang song on page 499 for the following deceased: Jerry Kelly, Priscilla Hertzler, Judy Scanlan, Isabel Arnold, Peggy Sibley, and Joan Manley - Massachusetts; George A. Seiler, Michael Rimmy, Alex Neidorf, and Bill Muth -

California; Robert Todd, K. Danner Clouser, Joanna Sorlien - Pennsylvania; Jack Smith, Jack Corley - Georgia; Elizabeth Singleton, Marie Aldridge, and Cecil Edwards - Alabama; Karen House, Maney Mattson, and Moses Pfefferman - New York; Susan Garber - Connecticut. Kelly House closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Cath Oss led song on page 49t. Dan Hertzler offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Allison Schofield brought the class to order leading song page 448b. Leaders: Dan Hertzler 480; Bradford West 324; Richard DeLong 411; Lynne deBenedette 224; Henry Johnson 278b; Kiri Miller 47b; Dennis George 270; Kelly House 192; John Plunkett 312t; Ted Stokes 125; Tim Eriksen 448t; Sarah Pilzer 38b; George Seiler 183; Ruth Hooke 48t; Greg Freemon 163t; Joanne DeVoe 327; Bob Parr 419; Aaron Girard 378b; Laura Timmerman 454.

A motion was made and seconded to begin the business meeting. The committees gave their reports and public appreciation was given to those deserving singers and organizers who had made the weekend possible. Announcements were made of up coming conventions, all-day singings, and regular singings.

RECESS

Peter Irvine called the class to order leading song on page 345b. Leaders: Linda Shea 277; Oona Coy 70t; Chris Noren 112; Phill Saylor Wisor 33b; Laura McCarty 163b; Bridget Gallberg 340; Kshama Ananthapura 182; Susan Loucks 155; Eric Morgan 58; Kelsey Wessels 495; Eliza Cavanaugh 306; Paul Gauthier 107; Paula McGray 326.

Cath Oss led song on page 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Cath Oss dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Cath Oss; Vice Chair - Eliza Cavanaugh; Treasurer - Linda Sheat; Secretary - Phill Saylor Wisor.

SMITH COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK) New Harmony Community Center, Tyler, Texas March 10-11, 2001

Saturday, March 10

The twenty-first annual session of the Smith County Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the New Harmony Community Center, Smith County, Tyler, Texas on the second Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Gaylon Powell called the convention to order leading song on page 406. Chaplain Dallas Smith offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Chairman Gaylon Powell 217; Vice Chairman Scott Curran 112, 132; Treasurer Sue Utz 475, 335; Kelly Beard 377t, 278t; Curtis Owen 511t, 489; Sarah Coates 140, 192; John Beard 270, 384; Monnie Ross 422t, 49t; Mike Moseley 99, 76b; Owen Ross 182, 546; Liz Owen 98, 54t; Beverly Coates 183, 393b; Dale Redmon, Jr. 507b, 540; Phyllis Costner 222, 172.

RECESS

Scott Curran called the class to order leading song on page 68t. Leaders: Jeb Owen 376, 179; Dustin Rounsavall 522, 128; Edith Owen 508, 559; Bruce Coates 571, 488b; Donald Ross 67 (for Jr. Smith), 211; John Kanode 500, 63; Tina Walston 107, 497; Lee Walston 107, 45t; Myra Palmer 235 (by request). Dallas Smith gave the welcome address and called on Brother Robbie Caldwell to offer the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Gaylon Powell called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 35. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 373, 108; Diane Ross 40, 299; Lawson Smith 142, 53; Pauline Willis 572; Reed Coates 186, 143; Billy Huckaby 282, 450; Azalee Barnett 84, 447t; Ernestine Pipkin 171, 276; Leon Ballinger 297, 137; Marcelene Hardy 164, 189; Myrl Jones 110, 300; Margaret Rounsavall 358, 61; Myra Palmer 414.

Gaylon Powell made the following committee appointments: Memorial Committee - Scott Curran, Liz Owen, and Dustin Rounsavall; Nominating Committee - Margaret Rounsavall, Myra Palmer, and Azalee Barnett.

RECESS

Gaylon Powell brought the class back to order leading song on page 432. Leaders: Neil Vaught 38b, 127; Avon Miller 550, 552; Thomas Smith 288, 304; Sharon Stephenson 418, 516; Mary Bachmann 225t, 38t; Terre Schill 567, 536; Phyllis Costner 306; Owen Ross 434; Reed Coates 212; Sarah Coates 203; Mike Moseley 319.

Don Ross led song on page 496t as the closing song. Dallas Smith offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, March 11

Gaylon Powell called the class to order leading song on page 70t. John Kanode offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 36b; Sue Utz 404, 282; Scott Curran 290, 168; Cheryl Foreman 31t, 77t; Myrl Jones 500, 563; Burl Russell 491, 418; Kelly Beard 87, 48t; John Kanode 395b; Marcelene Hardy 112, 127; Jeb Owen 76b, 384.

A business meeting was held. The Nomination Committee presented the following slate of officers: Chairman - Scott Curran; Vice Chairman - Jeb Owen; Secretary - Tammy Powell; Treasurer - Sue Utz; Chaplain - Dallas Smith. The slate was passed unanimously.

RECESS

Scott Curran called the class back to order leading song on page 168b. Leaders: Liz Owen 155, 215; Dustin Rounsavall 137, 299; Myra Palmer 497; Lee Walston 107 45t; Mary Bachmann 341, 505; Ernestine Pipkin 279, 331b; Terre Schill 176t, 521; Kelly Beard 73t, 218; Thomas Smith 235, 192; Burl Russell 75, 164; Cheryl Foreman 470, 410; John Kanode 515, 229; Lee Walston 118, 401.

A memorial lesson was held. Liz Owen read the names of the deceased: Alcie Craig, Mildred Edmonds, Annie Mae Smith, Lorene Hutchinson, Lucy Leopard Taylor, Marie Aldridge, Rosa Hughes, and Anna Ballinger Smith. Dustin Rounsavall led song on page 285 in memory of the deceased.

Liz Owen read the names of the sick and shut-ins: Verna Powell, J.W. Barnett, Jr., Marie Smith, Herman Upchurch, and Bertha Upchurch. Scott Curran led song on page 336t to honor those who could not be with us. Gaylon Powell appointed Scott Curran to lead song on page 571 and Jeb Owen to lead song on page 358 as a special request for Nobie Smith.

Dallas Smith offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Gaylon Powell brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 42t. Leaders: Marcelene Hardy 172, 100; Jeb Owen 559, 377b; Sharon Stephenson 274, 572; Myrl Jones 442, 332; Liz Owen 371, 268t; Mary Bachmann 400, 386; Terre Schill 558, 543; Ernestine Pipkin 293b, 88b; Thomas Smith 129, 82; Scott Curran 203, 98; Gaylon Powell 383, 200; Burl Russell 64; Cheryl Foreman 148; Kelly Beard 224; John Kanode 146; Marcelene Hardy 189; Lee Walston 546; Jeb Owen 535t; Thomas Smith 304; Myrl Jones 199; Sharon Stephenson 573; Liz Owen 32t; Terre Schill 28b; Sue Utz 507b, 174.

Gaylon Powell led song on page 54 as the closing song. Dallas Smith offered the closing prayer.

Chairman - Gaylon Powell; Vice Chairman - Scott Curran; Secretary - Tammy Powell.

HOBOKEN ANNUAL ALL-DAY SACRED HARP SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

Hoboken, Georgia

Saturday, March 17, 2001

The singing was called to order by David Lee and Clarke Lee leading song on page 88b. David Lee and Clarke Lee welcomed everyone, sang the scale, then led song on page 68b (walked the time). Tom Owen offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: David Lee and Clarke Lee 218 (walked the time); Kathy Lee and Julie Lee 544, 31b; Don Clark 171; Amy Lee 140; Ramona Lee 422b; Kathryn Keller 127; Bob Bonnell 511b; Betty Wright 343b; Doug Stapleton 276; Greg Howard 47b; Leon Ballinger 120; Juanita Heyerman 461; Ruel Lee 574; Lee Bradley 135; Les Singleton 63.

RECESS

Bryant Lee brought the class back to order leading and walking time to song on page 451. Leaders: Levon Wootten 498b; Allison Dodson and Antonio Mitchell 335; Jessica Roberts 192; Gail Doss and Judy North 137; Louis Hughes, Jr. 395b; Reed Coates 186; Christine Stevens 195; Tollie Lee and his mother, Elvera Lee 518, 84; Tor Bejnar 565; Ginnie Ely 344; Liz Bryant and Bob Goodman 98; Mike Devane, J.W. Devane, Joshua Devane 484b; Liz Owen 99.

RECESS

David Lee, Ramona Lee, and Roy Harris brought the class back to order leading song on page 358. Leaders: Jesse Roberts 300; Midge Olsen 478; Louis Hughes, Sr. 38t; Beverly Coates 559; Tommie Spurlock 183; Rachel Lee and Regina Bayer 268t; Todd Mitchell 416t; Darlene Dalton 488b; Jeb Owen 450; Alice Bejnar 454; Jim Pfau 324; Chip Ward 274t; Amy Whisenant 449; Jenny Willard 367; Judy Mincey 411; Tom Owen 89.

David Lee made a few remarks about the importance of our heritage and the need to honor the singers who have helped to bring this tradition forward. Mrs. Roxie Chesser Crawford, 93 years old, came to the center of the square and talked about her experiences through this singing. David Lee, Clarke Lee, and Mrs. Roxie Chesser Crawford led "Land of Beulah."

LUNCH

Clarke Lee brought the class back to order leading song on page 535t. Leaders: Jason Deal 58; Don Bowen 336t; Walter Justice 393t; Wendell Hickox 62; Coy Ivey 222; John Bayer 106; Mary Elizabeth Lee 40; Eleanor Haase 505; Bruce Coates 133; Karen Clark 270; Kit Pfau 128; Sarah Coates 112; Keith Willard 511t; Myra Dalton 225t; Josh Devane 239; Cassie Franklin, Darlene Dalton, and Myra Dalton 138t; John Plunkett 327.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class back to order leading and walking time to song on page 45t. Leaders: Gordon Olsen 571; Laura Densmore 313; Reba Dell Windom and Coy Ivey 384; John Hollingsworth 82; Johnny Lee and family 41; Aubrey Barfield 212; Lee Rogers 575; Russ Scholz 447; Ann Barnett 508; Laurie Sommers and John Crowley 332; Willis Lee 527; Job Driggers 146; John Gardenour 572; Amy Steuver, Jenny Steuver, Stephanie Steuver, and JoDell Steuver 361, 348t.

Announcements were made. David Lee and Clarke Lee led song on page 553b as the closing song. Elder Clarke Lee dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairmen - David Lee and Clarke Lee; Arranging - Don Clark; Secretary - Amy Lee.

STEPHENSON, WALL, AND HOCUTT MEMORIAL
Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama
Saturday, March 17, 2001

The annual Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in March. Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading songs on pages 33b and 36b. Elder Ronald Gilmore offered the opening prayer. Velton Chafin led song on page 35.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the same officers: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - John Hocutt (acting for Harrison Creel who was absent); Secretary - Willodean Barton; Arranging Committee - Wanda Capps.

Leaders: John Hocutt 475, 516; David Roberson 340, 222; Amber Springfield 142, 53; Larry Ballinger 89, 101t; Elder Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 45t, 203; Ashley Keeton 112, 182; Travis Keeton 276; Furn Kitchens 338, 343; Marie Guthrie 374, 192; Chris Green 426t, 424; Josie Hyde 355; Lois Roberson 144, 306; Charles Kitchens 37b, 326; Lisa Geist 47t, 171; Lora Cargo 498; Faye Donaldson 40; Elvin Guthrie 78; Flarce Creel 503; L.H. Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 275, 285t; Netra Green 143; Henry Guthrie 151; Brenda Merritt 137; Glenn Keeton 34b; Lena Keeton and Glenn Keeton 480; John Merritt 566, 68b; Julie Poston 108; Vernice Phillips 300; Ivalene Donaldson and Wilton Donaldson 30t; Chris Green, Pam Green, Hannah Green, and Mary Grace Green 354b; Ann Jett 569; Ann Jett and Margaret Gowan 30b; Willodean Barton 416; Wanda Capps 225t, 73t, 146.

Velton Chafin led song on page 76t as the closing song. Chris Green dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - John Hocutt (for Harrison Creel); Secretary - Willodean Barton.

KEYSTONE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
St. James United Church of Christ, Havertown, Pennsylvania,
and Arch Street Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
March 17-18, 2001

Saturday, March 17

The third annual Keystone Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at St. James United Church of Christ, Havertown, Pennsylvania and Arch Street Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on the third Sunday and Saturday before in March. The Saturday session was held at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Doron Henkin leading song on page 34b. Ginny Landgraff offered the opening prayer. Officers and committees of the convention were: Chairman - Doron Henkin;

Volunteer Coordinator - Gabriel Kastle; Housing Coordinator - Nancy Tkacs; Kitchen Coordinator - Mary McCaffrey; Arranging - Cathy Tucker, Paula McGray, Kelly Macklin, and Barbara Swetman; Treasurer - Ginny Landgraff; Secretary - Guy Bankes.

Leaders: Betty Hanf 431; Marian McKenzie 546; Susan Bingham 446; Ted Stokes 39; Mary Ann Daly 66; Walter Smith 195; Diane Mennella 32b; Claire

Simon 106; Gabriel Kastelle 328; Thom Metzger 216; Gerry Hoffman 68t; Ginny Landgraff 207; Hal Kunkel 512; Roland Hutchinson 524; Paula McGray 404; Guy Bankes 77b; Cathy Tucker 332; Doron Henkin 567, 193; Marian McKenzie 228, 178; Susan Bingham 455, 454; Steven McMaster 32t, 503.

RECESS

Susan Munch called the class to order leading song on page 312. Leaders: Ted Stokes 77t, 298; Kelly Macklin 291, 33t; Mary Ann Daly 266, 428; Walter Smith 344, 189; Tom Tucker 42, 192; Ginny Landgraff 82, 86; Barbara Swetman 145t, 146; Gabriel Kastelle 531b, 340; Claire Simon 91, 47; Diane Mennella 564, 565. Ginny Landgraff offered the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

Ted Stokes called the class to order leading song on page 28t. Leaders: Guy Bankes 102, 267; Betty Hanf 467, 479; Cathy Tucker 385b, 144.

The memorial lesson for the sick and shut-in was led by Hal Kunkel who spoke of the tradition taking a moment to be reminded of singers who are unable to attend singings due to illness or infirmity. He mentioned that in areas where the tradition is relatively young, the list may include relatives and friends of singers, and then led song on page 547 to honor these folks. Those remembered were: Mary K. Friday - District of Columbia; Muriel Parker - Maryland; Phil Shea - Massachusetts; Betty Nikelsky and Irma Seitz - New Jersey; Mia Durso, Ines Seannapoulos, and Deborah Stearns - New York; Debby Ansel and Barbara Smith - Pennsylvania; Bob Melby - Virginia.

Doron Henkin gave the memorial lesson and led song on page 163b for the deceased. Karen House and Bob Todd, whom many in the Philadelphia singing community were acquainted with, were especially mentioned. Those remembered were: Elsie Allen and Eva Lampman - California; Susan Garber - Connecticut; Joan "Tommy" Sahler - Georgia; Karen Hamilton and Karen House - New York; Laura Sherman, Joanna Sorlien, and Bob Todd - Pennsylvania; Gina DiGuisto and Emma Venier - France. Ginny Landgraff closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Ginny Landgraff 383, 290; Gerry Hoffman 203, 198; Thom Metzger 29b, 70b; Gilead Henkin 358; John delRe 213b, 212; Joyelle Washington 416, 313b;

RECESS

Tom Tucker called the class to order leading song on page 441. Leaders: Tom Tucker 457; Hal Kunkel 171, 550; Kyle Greenlee 147, 472; Paula McGray 205, 316; Mike Ciul 101t, 191; Roland Hutchinson 515, 250; Doron Henkin 112 (requested by Mary McCaffrey); Molly Sayvetz 566, 209; Steven McMaster 24. Ginny Landgraff dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, March 18

The convention met at the Arch Street Presbyterian Church in downtown Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Chairman Doron Henkin called the class to order at 12:30 p.m. by leading song on page 61. Rev. Clayton Ames offered the opening prayer.

Doron Henkin informed the class that, according to a report on the Internet, Mary K. Friday had died Saturday morning, March 17, and asked Mary Ann Daly and Guy Bankes to lead a song in her memory. They spoke briefly of Mary K. Friday and led song on page 120. At the invitation of Doron Henkin, Kelly Macklin spoke of Mary K. Friday's assistance with shape note singing in the northern Shenandoah Valley and of her recent assistance in establishing English country dancing in the same region.

Leaders: Gabriel Kastle 101b, 100; Eileen Metzger 32t, 448b; Guy Banks 147b, 287; Gerry Hoffman 510, 458; Kyle Greenlee 28b, 315; Kelly Macklin 157, 368; Doron Henkin 31t, 344.

RECESS

Ted Stokes called the class to order leading song on page 59. Leaders: Ted Stokes 117; Ginny Landgraff 351, 447; Mary Ann Daly 38b, 475 (both in memory of Mary K. Friday); Barbara Swetman and Rev. Clayton Ames 448, 268 (in memory of Bob Todd); Nancy Tkacs and Steven McMaster 45, 34b; Steven McMaster 532, 282; Gilead Henkin and Daniel Henkin 358; Thom Metzger 82b, 383; John delRe 83, 369.

RECESS

John delRe returned the class to order leading song on page 129.

Leaders: Paula McGray 155, 283; Hal Kunkel 460, 362; Barbara Swetman 390; Gerry Hoffman 272; Ginny Landgraff 506; Steven McMaster 236; Mary Ann Daly 474; John delRe 27; Paula McGray 183; Kelly Macklin 216; Hal Kunkel 217; Ted Stokes 125; Guy Banks 276; Gabriel Kastle 378b; Doron Henkin 269; Steven McMaster 112; Hal Kunkel 569b; Gerry Hoffman 273; Sara Marcus and Mary Ann Daly 86; Gabriel Kastle 335; Doron Henkin 108b.

Doron Henkin led song on page 62 as the closing song, and Ginny Landgraff dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Doron Henkin; Secretary - Guy Banks.

WALL MEMORIAL SINGING **Glencoe Senior Citizen Center, Glencoe, Alabama** **March 18, 2001**

The annual Wall Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Glencoe Senior Citizen Center on the third Sunday in March. Bud Oliver called the class to order leading song on page 59. B.J. Harris offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 32t; Rodney Ivey 40, 101t; Shelbie Sheppard 146; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Waylon Blakeley 135, 142; B.J. Harris 303, 503; Shane Wootten 47t, 155; B.M. Smith 284, 475.

RECESS

Jeff Sheppard brought the class to order leading songs on 112, 358 (by request), and 335. Leaders: Tommy McGraw 39b, 100; Leola Smith 340, 418; Eugene Forbes 299, 482; Pearl Guier 49t, 127; Linda Thomas 345b; Everette Denney 490, 489; Wanda Capps 217, 171; Nate Green 147b, 312b.

RECESS

Bud Oliver brought the class to order leading song on page 61. Leaders: Kyle Blakeley 313t, 67; Jessica Davis 30t, 166; Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 45t; Buddy Davis 99, 119; Donna Wootten 74b; Karen Davis 384, 282; Ruth Brown 186, 270; Roy Nelson 128, 90. Harrison Creel offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Bud Oliver brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Marty Wootten 63; Daphene Causey 151, 91; Jimmie Denney 46, 48t; Floy Wilder 187, 224; Evelyn Harris 225t, 129; Teenie Moody 47b, 348b; Chita Blakeley 430, 42, 216; Pam Nunn 556, 274t; Flarce Creel 275b, 454; Mary Florence Smith 53, 383; Mattie Townsel 448b, 68b; Harrison Creel 378b, 512; Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten 106, 73t; Jeff Sheppard 81t, 415; Wanda Capps 222; Tommy McGraw 72b; B.M. Smith 569b; Randall Smith and Rodney Ivey 137; Jeff Sheppard 489 (for all those who have passed away and for the sick and shut-ins), 507, 388; Shelbie Sheppard 484; Bud Oliver 288 (for all of

the deceased from Etowah County); Chita Blakeley 426b (in memory of Elder David Holman).

Announcements were made. Bud Oliver and Rodney Ivey led song on page 62 as the closing song. Eugene Forbes dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Arranging Committee - Chita Blakeley; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

GARRISON MEMORIAL (COOPER BOOK)
Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia
March 18, 2001

The annual Cooper Book singing at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in March. Loy Garrison called the class to order leading songs on pages 73t, 83t, and 31b. Elder Charles Cagle offered the morning prayer. Elder Bobby Cagle led songs on pages 49t, 63, and 99.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman - Elder Bobby Cagle; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

Leaders: Ray Richards 500, 541, 540; Elder Charles Cagle 515, 554; Gloria Jean Cathcart 127, 87, 229; Juanita Richards 507b, 213; Bonnie Cagle 501, 571.

RECESS

Loy Garrison brought the class to order leading song on page 511b. Leaders: Frances Mary D'Andrea 106, 388, 449; Elder Bobby Cagle 451b, 199; Ray Richards 506, 339; Kristy Cathcart 45t; Gloria Jean Cathcart 36b, 107; Elder Bobby Cagle 546, 37 (for all the loved ones who had passed away).

LUNCH

Loy Garrison brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 559 and 497. Leaders: Frances Mary D'Andrea 518, 303, 159; Elder Bobby Cagle 336, 54t, 461; Ray Richards 554, 573; Loy Garrison 574; Elder Charles Cagle 572, 363; Loy Garrison 503.

Loy Garrison and Elder Bobby Cagle led song on page 69 as the closing song. Ray Richards dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman - Elder Bobby Cagle; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

THE GODSEY SISTERS MEMORIAL SINGING
Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama
March 18, 2001

The Godsey Sisters Memorial Singing in honor of Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Travis Keeton leading song on page 48t. Clayton Ezell offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Arranging Committee - Josie Hyde; Secretary - Roma Rice.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 129; Stella Pratt 63, 452; Dawson Adams 134, 328; Corene White 73t, 171; Chris Rice 384, 34t; Julie Poston 145b, 343; Clayton Ezell 300, 475; L.E. Hannah 187, 389; Kermit Adams 78, 99; Ivalene Donaldson 77t; Azilee Adams 337, 317; Velton Chafin 225t (for Cecil Sanders), 35.

RECESS

John Hyde brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 37b and 39b. Leaders: Jayne Fulmer 203, 272; John Merritt 168, 240; Vernice Phillips 112; Henry Guthery 283, 380; Emily Jones 471, 371; Wilton Donaldson 348b, 503; Willodean Barton 454, 418.

A memorial lesson was held in memory of the following people who have passed away this last year: Raymond Fannin, Marie Smith, Juanita Whitman, A.C. McGough, Hubert Hood, Rufus Mann, Gene Wakefield, Marie Aldridge, Anna Smith, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Herbert Phillips, Eron White, Ted White, Fayrene Wakefield, and Winston Jones. Also remembered were those that are in the nursing home: Gladys Bonds, Rose Altha Taylor, and Elmer Conwill. Roma Rice led song on pages 285t and 420. Henry Guthery led song on page 408 for Ted White and Eron White. The memorial lesson was concluded.

Leaders: Parnell Berry 373, 306; Ida Lee Starnes 426t, 30t.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 288 and 111b. Leaders: Kenneth Tate 480, 426b; Brenda Merritt 546, 542; Lavaughn Ballinger 84, 405; Loretta Whitman 101t, 100; Larry Ballinger 50; Lavaughn Ballinger (for Pernie Pelfrey) 67, 312b; Earl Ballinger 224, 208; Milford Watts 75, 378b; Billy Williams 450, 231; Josie Hyde 220, 234, 464.

Travis Keeton and John Hyde led song on page 179 as the closing song. Milford Watts dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Roma Rice.

VERMONT STATE SINGING Town Hall, Townshend, Vermont Saturday, March 24, 2001

The annual Vermont State Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Peter Amidon leading song on page 40. George Seiler offered the opening prayer.

Officers and committees: Chairman - Peter Amidon; Treasurer/Registration - Paula Whiting; Arranging Committee - Dan Hertzler, Cath Oss, Matt Wojcik, and Rosie Wojcik; Food - Paul Butler; Secretary - Laura Timmerman.

Leaders: Laura Timmerman 63; Jean Seiler 47t; Matthew Wojcik 101t; Ginnie Ely 313t; Guy Bankes 77b; Bob Parr 228; Charles Cofone 66; Larry Gordon 168; Anne Kazlauskas 99; Tom Mousin 147t; George Seiler 480; Paul Gauthier 542; Judy Holst 53; Paul Butler 290; Brian Collett 268; Eric Morgan 196; Patricia Geritz 479; Barbara Swetman 148; Brendan Taaffe 288; Susan Jaster 139; Patty Cuyler 47b; Linda Shea 277; Peter Amidon 77t.

RECESS

Peter Amidon led song on page 48t to bring the class to order. Leaders: L.H. Spencer 95; Katie Shimizu 209; Kathy Collett 217; Mary Alice Amidon 362; Cath Oss 430; Colin Kinlund 107; Walt Colteryahn 455; Phill Wisor 131b; Nicola Collett 131t; Pete Sutherland 163b; Jim Ulrich 551; Sue Ulrich 273; Denise Morris 354b; Cheryl Stroud 198; Elka Schumann 181; Mary Neville 504; Nathan Morrison 497; Sam Schaefer-Joel 117.

Dan Hertzler offered the memorial lesson, encouraging the class to explore the meaning of what we are doing together and to feel the power of our agreement to come together in fellowship; to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. Dan Hertzler led song on page 70t for the sick and shut-ins.

Dan Hertzler then spoke of the healing power of our singing together, and the comfort we receive at times of grief. When our grief is unspeakable, we can still

sing about it. After speaking of the life which is reborn in death, he led song on page 284 for those who have passed in the past year.

Peter Amidon led song on page 180, and Tom Mousin gave the blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

Chairman Peter Amidon recalled the class for the afternoon session by leading song on page 82t. Leaders: Bill Holt 352; Ginnie Ely 373; Paul Butler 338; Jim Ulrich 300; Erica Brinton 155; Jim Desmond 269; Jean Seiler 200; Eric Hilderbrant 236; Dan Keebler 410; L.H. Spencer 224 (NH); John Brode 124; Phil Dutton 216 (NH); Laura Timmerman 274t; Charles Cofone 112; Bob Parr 270; Heather Klein 146 (NH); Vera Brockhuysse 136 (NH); Guy Bankes 120. Peter Amidon thanked Paula Whiting for finding the fine singing space in Townshend, and announced that next year's singing will be March 23, 2002 at the Weathersfield Center Meeting House, and then led 146.

RECESS

Chair Peter Amidon called the class to order with song on page 208. Leaders: Matt Wojcik 538; Judy Holst 324; Sam Schaefer-Joel 474; Walt Colteryahn 82t; Larry Gordon 216; Anne Kazlauskas 197; Eric Morgan 171; Patty Cuyler 211; Paul Gauthier 448t; Sue Ulrich 31t; Cheryl Stroud 183; Mary Alice Amidon 91; Brian Collett and Nicola Collett 122 (NH); Nathan Morrison 42 (NH); Linda Shea 503; Patricia Geritz 178.

Resolutions: Thanks were given to:

- 1) Larry Gordon and the Village Harmony singers for set up and clean up;
- 2) Those who brought loaner books and books to sell;
- 3) Those who pitched, and to those who served as chaplains;
- 4) All officers, committees, food/servers and helpers.

The secretary reported that there were 85 songs led by 51 leaders, and 91 people registered.

Peter Amidon led song on page 93, and then led song on page 62 as the class took the parting hand. Tony Barrand offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Peter Amidon; Secretary - Laura Timmerman.

GEORGIA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Carrollton Community Activities Center, Carrollton, Georgia** **March 24-25, 2001** **Saturday, March 24**

The fortieth session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the Carrollton Community Activities Center, Carrollton, Georgia on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March. The convention was called to order by Jeannette DePoy leading song on page 75. Kenneth DeLong offered the morning prayer.

Jonathan Dorsey, director of the Carrollton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, welcomed everyone to Carrollton.

The following officers and committee members led: Jeannette DePoy 171; Felton Denney 73t; Charlene Wallace 99; Richard DeLong 82t; Eric Tweedy 131; Scott DePoy 270; John Plunkett 308; John Hollingsworth 409; Lee Rogers 228; Helen Bryson 340; Elder Jesse Roberts 170; Jimmie Denney 155; Louis Hughes, Sr. 540. Other leaders: Kenneth DeLong 316; Laura Clawson 216; B.M. Smith 475; Lela Crowder 117; Coy Ivey 137; Mary Brownlee 29b; Billy Hollingsworth 250.

RECESS

Jeannette DePoy and her dad, Frank Block, called the class together leading song on page 63. Leaders: Henry Schuman 344; Duncan Vinson 496; Ben Wisdom 345t; Charles Woods 544; Al Grinden 229; Henry Zittrouer 108t; Junie Wootten 503; David McGukin 433.

A motion was made and seconded to go into the business session. Officers elected or appointed were: Chairman - Felton Denney; Vice Chairman - John Plunkett; Secretary/Treasurer - Charlene Wallace; Chaplain - Lonnie Rogers; Arranging Committee - Richard DeLong, Scott DePoy, and Judy Mincey; Memorial Committee - Elder Jesse Roberts, Lee Rogers, and Josephine Denney; Resolutions Committee - Helen Bryson, Laura Akerman, and Teenie Moody; Finance Committee - Jimmie Denney, Don Bowen, and Louis Hughes, Sr.; Locating Committee - Andy Anderson, Kenneth DeLong, and Eric Tweedy. An amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention was recommended by Hugh McGraw, to be voted on the next day, Sunday, March 25, 2001. End of business meeting.

Leaders: Andy Morse 189; Daryl Chesney 212; Nathan Green and Norma Green 570; Tommy George 354b; Teenie Moody 384; Liz Bryant 142; Mary Florence Smith 192; Myron House 311; Bobby Bailey 230; Russ Scholtz 123t; Bobby Jackson 480; David Lee 183; Linda Sides 454; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Jarrod George 300; LeAnne Carnell and Nathan Crosby 446; Susan Posey 178; Everette Denney 405; Frances Carnell 383.

LUNCH

John Plunkett, Will Witherington, Danielle Witherington, Sara Witherington, and Laura Witherington called the class to order leading song on page 299.

Leaders: Don Bowen 283; Karen Ivey 288; Martha Beverly 188; Floy Wilder 402; Glenn Keeton 222; Jessica Roberts and Micah Roberts 168; Kathy Lee 146; Chris Carnell 272; Jeff Sheppard 182; Evelyn Harris 89; LaRue Allen 200; Reba Windom 172; Flora Skinner 434; Dennis George 542; Kathy Williams 107 (for Jerilyn Schumacher); Tom Tucker 510; Bud Oliver 39b; Rodney Ivey 47t; Amber Springfield 186; Shelbie Sheppard 195; B.J. Harris 303; David Ivey 572.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Felton Denney leading song on page 489.

Leaders: Alice West 290; Suart Ivey and Richard Ivey 208; LeAnne Carnell 313b; Nancy Yeager 68b; Phillip Langley 110; Ashley Keeton 504; Frances Mary D'Andrea 380; Carol Crawford 333; David Yeager 32b; Jan House and Myron House 236; Philip Denney 120; Debra Jones 32t; Andy Anderson 535; Bill Beverly 515; Betty Wright 347; John Redman 143; Tommy McGraw 37b. Announcements were made. Felton Denney and John Plunkett led song on page 490 (by request) as the closing song. Louis Hughes, Sr. dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, March 25

The convention was called to order by Chairman Felton Denney leading song on page 34b. Chaplain Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Felton Denney 448t; Andy Anderson 27; Philip Denney 299; John Redman 362; Bobby Jackson 81t; Bobby Bailey 229; David Yeager 163b; Evelyn Harris 155; Everette Denney 34t; Don Bowen 77b; Tommy McGraw 475; Laura Akerman 543; Teenie Moody 347; Liz Bryant 203; Phillip Langley 224; Judy Mincey 538.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class together leading song on page 492. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 346; Oscar McGuire 573; Kiri Miller 442; Lorie Goode 358; Jackie

Tanner 298; Job Triggers 146; Raymond Hamrick 54; Sheri Taylor 324; Karen Clark 35; Tom Ivey 66; Diane Wall 178; Karen Reeves 339; Cindy Tanner 498.

RECESS

Philip Denney called the class together leading song on page 49t. Leaders: Cassie Franklin 556; Rueben Ball 497; Nancy Yeager 503; Myron House 191; Eunice Webb 436; Jim Crawford 268; Lee Rogers 269; Scott DePoy and Rodney Ivey 282; Eschol Hughes 460.

The memorial lesson was held. Richard DeLong led song on page 285t in memory of the Georgia deceased: Jack Smith, Jack Corley, Allene Stanford, Earnestine Kendrix, J.D. Muse, Mary Lou Cagle, Elder J.J. Aderhold, and Faye Warren. David Ivey led song on page 138b in memory of: Woodie Walker, Winston Jones, Marie Aldridge, Eloise Watkins, and Cecil Edwards - Alabama; Susan Garber - Connecticut; Karen House - New York; Bob Todd - Pennsylvania; Mary K. Friday - Washington, D.C.; and Joanna Sorlien. Jan House led song on page 284 for all the sick and shut-ins, including the following: Faye Pettis, Pearl Bell, Bill Green, Kelly Morris, Mozelle Sheppard, Gladys McGraw, Revy Williamson, Vivian Rogers, Wilford Denney, Shelbie Sheppard, Jeff Sheppard, Jerilyn Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Anderson, Joyce Walby, Jap Walton, Dot Garber, Sharona Nelson, Edith Tate, John Henry Busby, and Rebecca Johnson. Lonnie Rogers closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Felton Denney leading song on page 387. Leaders: Coy Ivey and Karen Ivey 532 (for Edith Tate); Elene Stovall and Rodney Ivey 430 (in memory of Karen House); Floy Wilder 327; Jessica Roberts, Jesse Roberts, and Micah Roberts 306; Bud Oliver 73t; Ted Mercer 300; Max Berueffy 391; Flora Skinner 426b; Stuart Ivey 189; Henry Schuman 318; David Lee 274t; Laura Clawson 192; Martha Beverly 56b; Bonnie Flowers 383; Buell Cobb 389; Richard Ivey 567; Megan Jennings 384; David McGukin 163t; Russ Scholtz 99; Phil Summerlin 277; Reba Windom 216; Estelle Flowers 388.

RECESS

Felton Denney called the class to order leading song on page 128. Leaders: Glenda Collins 124; Patrick Brown 148; Ashley Keeton and Glenn Keeton 507; Kathy Williams 273; Carol Crawford 55; Amber Springfield 142; Linda Sides 270; Bill Beverly 86; Tom Tucker 332; Kathy Lee 312b; Lela Crowder 280; Helen Bryson 522; Joel Griffin 378b.

A motion was made and seconded to go into the business session.

The Financial Report was given.

The following Resolutions Report was given. The 40th annual Georgia State Sacred Harp Resolutions Committee would first like to offer thanks to our Almighty God for giving us voices to lift in praise to Him. Our hearts are full from the overflowing streams of sound, grace, and fellowship we have experienced here.

Whereas the tradition of Sacred Harp has endured in this country over 200 years, we feel as Jacob Bower said of a singing school in Kentucky in 1812. "I started very early and got there just as they were singing. I thought that I had never heard such a heavenly music. All the singing, praying, and shaking of hands, accompanied with singing, was certainly the sweetest exercise I have ever witnessed."

Whereas, we want to give thanks to:

- 1) Jonathan Dorsey, Carrollton Bureau of Tourism, for the publicity and the use of these buildings.

- 2) The diligent and able efforts of the officers, committees, and other helpers to see that needs were met and the convention ran smoothly.
- 3) The dedicated and loving hands that prepared food for the nourishment of our physical bodies.
- 4) The songwriters, channels for sweet inspiration and delightful interweaving of melody.
- 5) Singers, young and older generation, large voices and small, from nearby, throughout Georgia, and other states to support the convention.

We resolve to be ever caring and supportive of those who are not here in body, but in spirit, and those who have traveled to a better land but who have so unselfishly provided us with a love of the Sacred Harp tradition.

We give thanks for all these things. And, we hereby resolve to:

* Let the stream flow in our hearts.

* Continue to sing, love, and support this music and to spread the joy of it to others.

* Come together again, God willing, next year for another Georgia State Convention.

Respectfully submitted: Laura Akerman, Teenie Moody, and Helen Bryson.

The Locating Committee reported that the forty-first session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention will meet at the Old DeKalb Courthouse, Decatur, Georgia.

Other business: A motion was made and passed to add Article 9, paragraph 1/2 to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention.

1. The chairman will appoint a custodian, male or female, whose duties will be to see that arrangements are made, such as setting up chairs when necessary, make sure food area is clean, and other things necessary for the convention.

2. Negotiable salary will be set ranging from one hundred to five hundred dollars, depending on the location of the convention.

End of business session.

Leaders: LaRue Allen 302; Louis Hughes, Sr. 76b; Lonnie Rogers 348b; B.J.

Harris 303; Mary Florence Smith 91; B.M. Smith 28b.

Announcements were made. Felton Denney and John Plunkett led song on page 62 as the closing song. Phil Summerlin dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Felton Denney; Vice Chairman - John Plunkett; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

POTOMAC RIVER CONVENTION

Washington, D.C.

March 30 - April 1, 2001

Friday, March 30

A New Traditions Singing began at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 30, at the Pohick Episcopal Church, Lorton, Virginia. Mary Ann Daly greeted the class and led "Windgate" (by Tom Tucker).

The songs were led by their own composers, unless otherwise noted. Leaders: Dan Hertzler "Come In and Sing"; Blake Morris "Ireland"; Guy Bankes "Cranbrook" (by Thomas Clark); Tom Tucker "Samanthra" (EH 27); Peter Pate "Flandreau", "Hyde Park" (both by Natalia Cecire); Gina Balestracci "Liberty's Trumpet" (by Roland Hutchinson); Mary Ann Daly "Mount Watson", "Ruby" (both by William Hauser); Tom Tucker "Bankes" (by Blake Morris); Peter Pate "Foss Hill" (by Rachel Adelstein); Mimi Stevens "Ogontz".

RECESS

Mary Ann Daly reopened the class leading "Praises". Leaders: Roland Hutchinson "Ussher"; Peter Pate "Pohick" (by Dan Brittain); Hal Kunkel "The Stone Forever Stands"; Gina Balestracci "Florida Storm" (by J. Jackson); Roland Hutchinson "Relly's Third". The evening session was closed.

Saturday, March 31

The twelfth annual Potomac River Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Pohick Episcopal Church in Lorton, Virginia. Katharine Manning called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 128. Paula McGray offered the opening prayer. Katharine Manning welcomed the class and led song on page 274, followed by Tom Tucker 46; Miriam Kilmer 38b; Tim Slattery 192; and Kathy Tucker 144.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected and committees appointed: Chairman - Tom Tucker; Vice Chairlady - Mary Ann Daly; Secretary - Frank Evans; Treasurer - Mimi Stevens; Chaplain - Peter Pate; Arranging - Bob Hall and Steven McMaster; Finance - Cathy Tucker; Memorial - George Seiler; Resolutions - Kelly Macklin; Registration - Miriam Kilmer; Food - Jim Strube and Gillie Campbell; Social Host - Cathy Tucker; Housing - Joni Seidenstein; Publicity - Steven Sabol.

Leaders: Ella Wilcox 77; Marty DeNys 299; Frank Evans 55; Jean Seiler (for Diane Homeland) 290; Donna Abrahams 440; Sharon McKinley 145b; Bob Hall and Tommy Hall 38t; Elise Meyer-Bothling 147b; Louis Freilicher 335; Joni Seidenstein 189; Henry Bizzell 34b; Laura Densmore 313t.

RECESS

Mary Ann Daly brought the class to order leading song on page 131b. Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 474; Blake Morris 442; Kelly Macklin 220; Doron Henkin 217; Rosemary Greenaway 171; Bill Holt 376; Mary Palmer Legare 532; Adrian Mariano 183; Jean Seiler 209; Bradford West 99; Kacy Pate 186; Sandra Hack Polaski with daughter 504; Hal Kunkel 436; Charles Wells 231; Cath Oss 39t; Laura Timmerman 448b; Stephen McMaster 446; Gina Balestracci 419; Sarah Beasley Smith 159; Mary DeNys 566; Joe Todd 58; Diane Mennella 349; Guy Banks 350 (in memory of Mary Kay Friday). The chairman announced lunch, for which Peter Pate offered the prayer.

LUNCH

Treasurer Mimi Stevens opened the afternoon session leading song on page 546. Leaders: Evan Duncan 84; Patricia Temple 472; Donna Abrahams 436 (for Kathy Helms); Paula McGray 475; Peter Pate 354b; Marcia Tucker 547; Gary Smith 569b; Kathy Macklin 340 (for Ina Henkin); Don Polaski 198; Dan Hertzler 235; Mary Wright 180; Seth Holloway 388; Chloe Maher 383; Jim Brady 45t; Dick Levine 492; John delRe 333; Leanne Wiberg 476; Mimi Stevens 328; Beth Todd 89; Sue Hanson 479.

RECESS

Paula McGray brought the class to order leading song on page 155. Leaders: Darryl Jefferson 454; Leslie Alperin 268; Deborah Schoenfeld 61; Jason Law 122; Eric Bean 285t; Chris Sepic 163t; John Daniel delRe 332; Dottie Hurley 49t; Lee Schumacher 40; Ronnie Hendershot 496; Tim Slattery 344; John Redman 358; Roland Hutchinson 518; Miriam Kilmer 178; George Seiler 347. Announcements were made. Chairman Tom Tucker led song on page 176t as the closing song. Peter Pate closed the day's singing with a prayer.

Sunday, April 1

The Sunday session of the Potomac River Convention was held at Grange Hall in Great Falls, Virginia.

Chairman Tom Tucker brought the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 48t. The opening prayer was offered by George Seiler. Chairman Tucker greeted the class and thanked a number of helpers.

Leaders: Charles Deering 143; Eric Bean 70b; Mary McCaffray and Guy Bankes 344; Beth Todd 179; Sarah Pilzer 146; Liz Cusick 178; Leyland delRe 129; Roland Hutchinson 36t; Jane Wells 481; Craig Baughan 229; Leslie Alperin 547; Dan Hertzler 203.

RECESS

John delRe brought the class to order leading song on page 323. Leaders: Sue Hanson 280; Phyllis Gonigam 268; John Redman 362; Paula McGray 542; Dick Levine 102; Rosemary Greenaway 163b; Marcia Tucker 556; Gina Balestracci 387; Tim Slattery 171; Laura Timmerman 457; Charles Wells 149.

The memorial lesson was led by George Seiler who opened the lesson with some moving comments: that Sacred Harp singers are not simply a family but an international community; that the tunes bring us together and we feel the poetry, the community, and the power of the love that surrounds us; that we sing of our sorrow and our joy for those who have touched us, or someone we love deeply; and, repeating Clarke Lee's thought, that no one in our singings is telling us what to see or hear or feel or experience, but we are only sharing our experiences with one another. Bill Holt then read the names of the sick and shut-ins: Phillip Shea, Melissa Rickerman, Marie Law, Hy Bean, Grace Hanz, Gabriel Massuti, Betty Nikelsky, Barbara Smith, Debbie Ansell, and Dot Garber; and led song on page 68b in their honor.

George Seiler and Mimi Stevens then shared some thoughts and memories of a recently deceased singer, Mary Kay Friday, and Cathy Tucker led song on page 120 in her memory.

George Seiler read the names of the deceased and led song on page 122 in memory of the following: Mary Kay Friday - Washington, D.C.; Gene Wakefield, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Marie Aldridge, Rosa Hughes, and A.C. McGough - Alabama; George Seiler - California; Susan Garber - Connecticut; Jack Smith - Georgia; Marjorie Crane - Kansas; Jerry Slattery - Louisiana; Rita Cook and Nora Fizdale - Maryland; Priscilla Hertzler - Massachusetts; Karen House, John Thompson, Moses Pfefferman, Gene Fairly, Karen Hamilton, and Jean Connolly - New York; Dick Tarrier - North Carolina; Robert H. Todd, Franz Atherton, John J. Hendershot, Sr., and Joanna Sorlien - Pennsylvania; James Jalsevac - Ontario, Canada; and Gerwita Steinberger - Austria. The memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: Mary Ann Daly 148; Stephen McMaster 528; Jean Seiler 127; Steven Holland 89; Hal Kunkel 411. Craig Baughan offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Mary Ann Daly brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 401.

Leaders: Mimi Stevens 128; Joni Seidenstein 278b; Louis Freilicher 448t; Diane Mennella 546; Doron Henkin 192; Peter Pate 106; Gary Smith 31t; Laura Densmore 408; Henry Bizzell 452; Fred Beardsley 532; Elise Meyer-Bothling 91; Bradford West 142; Chloe Maher, Tom Maher, and Clare Maher 47t; Richard Schmeidler 254; Diane Holmlund 327; Sarah Beasley Smith 108t; Guy Bankes 28b; children's lesson (John Daniel delRe, Anna Taylor, Gilead Henkin, Tom Hall, and Willie Hall) 358; Pat Temple 168; Bob Hall and Tom Hall 274t; Gina Balestracci 28t.

RECESS

Gail Doss brought the class to order leading song on page 282. Leaders: Joe Todd 373; Steven Sabol 33t; Sarah Davie 436; Kelly Macklin 377; Ronnie Hendershot and Eric Bean 294; Mary Wright 324; Kathy Manning 430 (for Jerilyn Schumacher); Adrian Mariano 114; Kacy Pate 384; Jane Wells 455; Stephen Holland 350; Leyland delRe and John delRe 29t; Charles Deering 175b; Fred Beardsley 475; Frank Evans 200; Craig Baughan 347; George Seiler 480; Louis Freilicher 300; Laura Densmore 312b; Richard Schmeidler 287; Jean Seiler 315; Bill Holt 101t.

Announcements of future singings were made. Tom Tucker thanked Steven Sabol and Miriam Kilmer for publicity and Joni Seidenstein for housing. Kelly Macklin gave the report of the Resolutions Committee and thanked all the committee members and those who had otherwise helped to make the convention successful.

A total number of 172 singers attended: Virginia - 85; Maryland - 25; District of Columbia - 13; New York - 10; Pennsylvania - 8; Massachusetts - 7; Ohio - 7; New Jersey - 6; North Carolina - 3; Alabama, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, Connecticut, Vermont, Ontario, and Israel - 1 each; with a total of 155 songs led.

Tom Tucker led song on page 62 as the closing song. Peter Pate closed the day and the convention with a prayer.

Chairman - Tom Tucker; Vice Chairlady - Mary Ann Daly; Secretary - Frank Evans.

HIGHER GROUND SINGING **United Ministry Center, Terre Haute, Indiana** **Saturday, March 31, 2001**

The sixth annual meeting of the Higher Ground Singing, co-hosted by singers of Charleston and Mattoon, Illinois and Bloomington, Indiana was called to order by Janet Fraembs who led song on page 276. Chaplain Don Bardsley offered the morning prayer.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairmen - David Rust and Mike Veech; Arranging Committee - William Shetter; Secretary - Janet Fraembs; Treasurer - Dorothy Glanzer; Registration - Donna Purdom; Chaplain - Don Bardsley.

Leaders: David Rust 135; Mike Veech 228, 159; William Shetter 171, 479; Janet Fraembs 312, 476; Dorothy Glanzer 73b, 350; Presley Barker 474, 107; Donna Purdom 63, 454; Joan Aldridge 475, 222; Don Baker 74b, 354b; John Bailey 87, 145b; Peggy Brayfield 65, 455.

RECESS

David Rust brought the class together leading song on page 146. Leaders: Lee Steinmetz 68b, 163b; Luke Barker 79, 215; Martha Tyner 58, 147t; Lori Graber 480, 278t; Don Bardsley 313b, 148; Marlen Rust 203, 29t; Mike Veech 28t, 43; David Rust 384, 74t; Janet Fraembs 198, 335; William Shetter 38 (CB), 150. Don Bardsley offered prayer to grace the noon meal.

LUNCH

Mike Veech called the class together for the afternoon session leading song on page 277. Leaders: Dorothy Glanzer 288, 229; Presley Barker 178, 497; Joan Aldridge 270, 142; Don Baker 133, 82; Marlen Rust 47t, 567; Luke Barker 179, 155; Lori Graber 486, 547; John Bailey 129, 535; William Shetter 59, 231.

RECESS

Mike Veech brought the class to order leading song on page 441; Peggy Brayfield led songs on pages 28b and 284.

Don Bardsley presented the memorial lesson and quoted the words from song on page 55. The song on page 128 was sung for the deceased: Charlene Martin - Indiana; Charlie Dye - Illinois. The song on page 376 was sung for the following sick and shut-ins: Charles Derleth - Missouri; Virginia Evans, Karen Hojnacki, and Bill Rintz (who recently had a heart transplant) - Illinois; Maybelle Hoheimer - Indiana. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Lee Steinmetz 81t, 31t; Donna Purdom 40, 38t; David Rust 542; Martha Tyner 333; Janet Fraembs 556; Don Bardsley 268; Mike Veech 569b; Lee Steinmetz 236; Luke Barker 66; Presley Barker 300; Dorothy Glanzer 551; Lori Graber 424.

Announcements were made. Thanks and gratitude were given to singers traveling a long way to help sing and to the United Ministry Center for providing snacks and drinks and for the hospitality.

Mike Veech led song on page 347 as the closing song. Chaplain Don Bardsley dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairmen - David Rust and Mike Veech; Secretary - Marlen Rust.

BRAZOS RIVER CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK) **Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park, Texas** **Saturday, March 31, 2001**

Gaylon Powell called the convention to order by leading songs on pages 449 and 68b. Elder Billy Moseley offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held for the purpose of electing officers. Those elected or appointed to serve were: Chairman - Gaylon Powell; Vice Chairman - Tom Owen; Secretary - Tammy Powell; Finance Committee - Landis Powell and Curtis Owen.

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 567; Tom Owen 411, 416t; Scott Curran 98, 112; Curtis Owen 558b, 204; Doris Hanks 63, 355; Ophelia Matthews 384, 511b; Liz Owen 484b, 203; Cissy Moseley 500, 299; Leon Ballinger 358, 137; D.J. Hatfield 300, 77t; Edith Owen 410, 489; Billy Moseley 507b, 47t.

RECESS

Tom Owen called the class back to order leading song on page 422t. Leaders: Terre Schill 414, 383; Katie Moseley 142, 216; Mike Moseley 434, 270; Olivia Powell 171, 450; Jeb Owen 268b, 400; David Moseley 198, 217; Kevin Powell 126, 200; Mary Ann Owen 268t, 293b; B.E. Matthews 298, 106; Lee Williams 448, 571. Richard Goodrum offered the noon prayer.

LUNCH

Gaylon Powell called a small group together to help give a mini-singing school and small demonstration to a touring church group from Houston, Texas. Songs on pages 49t, 53, and 239 were selected to help demonstrate the different types of songs in the Sacred Harp, and the group was invited to join us to sing or just listen.

The afternoon session was brought to order by Gaylon Powell leading song on page 29b. Leaders: Tom Owen 138t, 139; B.E. Matthews 405, 406; Kevin Powell 224, 543; Edith Owen 283, 505; Billy Moseley 508, 440b; Doris Hanks 515, 422b; Lee Williams 451b, 85; Katie Moseley 192, 222; David Moseley 186, 176t; Leon Ballinger 120, 470; Ophelia Matthews 572, 573; Scott Curran 168, 276.

RECESS

Tom Owen called the class to order leading song on page 225. Leaders: Mike Moseley "Royal Hill" (own composition), 376; Olivia Powell 277, 282; Cissy Moseley 559, 563; Mary Ann Owen 145b, 47b; Curtis Owen 511, 154; Jeb Owen

377t, 230; D.J. Hatfield 436b, 140; Liz Owen 122, 442t; Terre Schill 30b, 111b; Mike Moseley 99; Leon Ballinger 331t; Gaylon Powell 310.

The Finance Committee gave the report that all expenses had been met.

Special thanks were given to Mike Moseley for his help with lunch.

A general consensus was made to meet again next year in the Conference Center at the State Park instead of at the museum.

Gaylon Powell led song on page 496t as the closing song. Scott Curran dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Gaylon Powell; Vice Chairman - Tom Owen; Secretary - Tammy Powell.

FASOLA ALL DAY SINGING

St. Vincent Antiochian Orthodox Church, Omaha, Nebraska Saturday, March 31, 2001

The third session of the FaSoLa All Day Singing was held at St. Vincent Antiochian Orthodox Church in Omaha, Nebraska on Saturday before the first Sunday in April. Chairman Jim Solheim called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 40. Sandra Squires offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Susan Green 350; Dave Ressler 171; Steven Levine 371; Rebecca Browne 276; Todd Mitchell 53; Gary Gronau 99; Joe Casad 299; Martha Henderson 370; Matt Wells 503; Lou Kujawinski 535; Denise Kania 474; Jeanette Lowry 475; Paul Wyatt 176t; Scott Schroeder 497; Penny Kujawinski 82b; John Pearson 66; Jack Bourdess 268; Jenni Wallace-Grate 566.

RECESS

Kathy Wood brought the class to order leading song on page 87. Leaders: Judi Duerr 86; Deborah Johnson 504; Jim Solheim "Nebraska" (original composition); Charles Scudder and Mary Bamesberger 145b; Joe Casad 377; Cindy Miserez 159; Larry Hall 472; Scott Schroeder 178; Gary Gronau 29t; Penny Kujawinski 84; Steven Levine 228; Rebecca Browne 269; Lou Kujawinski 34b; Dave Ressler 203; Susan Green 57. Sandra Squires offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jenni Wallace-Grate brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 155. Leaders: Matt Wells 288; Sue Pearson 147t; Alice Love 344; Debra Johnson 213; Todd Mitchell 38b; Martha Henderson 406; Jeanette Lowry 436; Denise Kania 128; Kathy Wood 358; Judi Duerr 198; Jenni Wallace-Grate 515b; Jack Bourdess 107.

A memorial lesson was held by Susan Green, Chairman of the Memorial Committee, who opened the service with a prayer and led song on page 285t for the deceased. Paul Wyatt read the list of the names of the sick and shut-ins and led song on page 68b. The memorial was closed.

RECESS

Jon Pearson called the final session to order leading song on page 143. Leaders: Joe Casad 391, 454; Mary Bamesberger 73t; Cindy Miserez 551; Penny Kujawinski 455; Scott Schroeder 236; Jim Solheim 216; Larry Hall 532; Lou Kujawinski 312b; Alice Love 65; Gary Gronau 496; Rebecca Browne 56b; Steven Levine 473; Dave Ressler 36b; Denise Kania 142; Paul Wyatt 182; Martha Henderson 480; Jeanette Lowry 146; Matt Wells 47t; Deborah Johnson 106; Todd Mitchell 547; Jon Pearson 569b; Susan Green 64.

Announcements were made. Jim Solheim led song on page 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Sandra Squires.

Chairman - Jim Solheim; Vice Chairman - Jim Wood; Treasurer - Sandra Squires; Secretary - Cindy Miserez.

OLD ENON CHURCH

Lynn, Alabama

April 1, 2001

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Old Enon Church on the first Sunday in April was called to order by John Hyde leading song on page 129. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Wilton Donaldson; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton.

Leaders: John Hyde 61, 566; Ivalene Donaldson 39b, 81t; Flarce Creel 42, 43; Willodean Barton 63, 314, 290; Julie Poston 421, 274t; Ida Lee Starnes 30t, 426t; Lavaughn Ballinger 155, 84, 294, 45t; Latrive Bailey 571 (CB), 36b; Ashley Keeton 108t, 112, 503.

RECESS

Wilton Donaldson called the class to order leading songs on pages 75 and 56t.

Leaders: Faye Donaldson 40, 138t, 225t; Edith Tate 37t, 371, 93; Larry Ballinger 28t, 45b, 73b; Josie Hyde and Harrison Creel 512 (requested by Gary Harper), 143 (requested by Mrs. Barton), 507; Glenn Keeton 178, 231, 267. Rev. Fred Green offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by John Hyde leading song on page 313. Leaders: Max Berueffy 124, 460, 72b, 436; Harrison Creel 317, 111b, 348b; Elene Stovall 217, 145b, 123t, 336; Travis Keeton 142, 284 (in memory of Gene Wakefield), 452; Amber Springfield 147b, 147t, 192, 299, 347 (for Willard Wright and Betty Wright); Willodean Barton 499; Ashley Keeton 475, 216; Ivalene Donaldson and Wilton Donaldson 31b; Lavaughn Ballinger 358, 384; Larry Ballinger 89; Glenn Keeton 535; Josie Hyde 224 (in memory of Ellis Ward and Rufus Mann); Faye Donaldson 430.

John Hyde and Wilton Donaldson led song on page 73t as the closing song.

Lavaughn Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

We wish to thank the church for a warm welcome and for paying for the minutes.

Chairman - John Hyde; Vice Chairman - Wilton Donaldson; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

EDWARDSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Edwardsville (Cleburne County), Alabama

April 1, 2001

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Edwarsville Baptist Church on the first Sunday in April was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Roy Nelson leading song on page 32t. B.J. Harris offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Roy Nelson 87; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 101t; Mary Florence Smith 75, 39b; Roy Nelson 61; Tommy McGraw 30t, 475; Nancy Allen 106 (for Shelbie Sheppard); Bobby Jackson 34t, 569; Lois Owen 373, 454; B.M. Smith 273 (for Syd Caldwell), 28b (for his mother, Myrtle Smith).

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

Chairman - Roy Nelson; Vice Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Arranging

Committee/Secretary - Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: Jan House 408, 171; B.J. Harris 503, 225t; Carlene Griffin 81t, 448b; Michael Turner and B.M. Smith 59, 294 (for Keith Turner, father of Michael Turner); Lou Cotney 384, 189.

RECESS

Lonnie Rogers brought the class together leading song on page 97. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 544, 435; Eunice Webb 460, 358; Myron House 70t, 207; Myron House and Jan House 143 (in honor of their first date which was at Edwardsville on the first day of April, thirteen years ago); Charlene Wallace 122, 314; Henry Johnson 56b, 385.

Mary Florence Smith presented the memorial lesson, and led songs on pages 403 and 271 for the deceased: Fratus Owen, Cecil Edwards, Berchie Thompson, Ruby Edwards Smith, Kevin Morrow, Bobbie Jean Morrow, Tommie Owen, Ann Buckner, Bobby Wayne Hyatt, Bessie Headrick Mitchum, Peggy Ann Norton Stamps, Arlin Vaughn, Terry Robinson, Inez Robertson (99 years old), Jimmy Joe Parker, Mrs. Noell (sister of L.L. Yates). All the names on the list were from around the community.

Mary Florence Smith led song on page 122 for the sick and shut-ins that included: Mozelle Sheppard, Vivian Rogers, I.V. McWhorter, Oakie Austin, Reba Edwards, Gladys McGraw, Rebecca Lowman, Joyce Thomason, Harry Fox, Ollie Walker (97 years old), Ethel Bannister, Barbara Hamby, Molene Thompson, and Noel Thompson. Mary Florence Smith led song on page 490 especially for Molene Thompson.

The pastor, Rev. Junior Jones, closed the memorial, welcomed everyone, and offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Lonnie Rogers brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 186. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 185, 491 (for Reba Edwards); Evelyn Harris 47t, 155; Oscar McGuire 276, 441; Glenda Collins 124, 282; Jimmie Denney 68b, 389; Karen Reaves 335, 410t; Everette Denney 405, 146; Ruth Daniel 127, 378t; Reba Norton 177, 270; Lewis Norton 30b, 172; Nellie Mae White 100, 159; Celia Sanders 354; Jeff Sheppard, Rev. Junior Jones, and Jeanette Jones 45t. Announcements were made. Roy Nelson led song on page 312b as the closing song. Elder Lewis Norton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Roy Nelson; Vice Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH - BIRTHDAY SINGING South of Tallapoosa, Georgia, on Old 100 Highway Friday Night, April 6, 2001

The ninth session of the Birthday Singing was held on Friday night before the second Sunday in April at Antioch Baptist Church. Birthday honorees were Mildred Johnson, who was unable to attend due to illness, and Elder Homer Benefield.

Hugh McGraw called the class to order at 6:30 p.m. for Johnny Wright who was unable to attend due to his father's illness. Hugh McGraw led song on page 324, and Elder Homer Benefield offered the evening prayer. Hugh McGraw led song on page 350.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers: Chairman - Johnny Wright; Vice Chairman - Everette Ellis; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: Everette Ellis 108b; Charlene Wallace 168; Mary Florence Smith 155; Joyce Clackum and Leonard Benefield 127; Joyce Clackum, Leonard Benefield, Katherine Benefield, and Elder Homer Benefield 56t; Felton Denney 31t, 73t; Josephine Denney 143, 101t; B.M. Smith 475, 222; Eleanor Haase 503, 352; Henry Schuman 32t; Jeff Bell 481, 290; Jan House 178, 361; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 348b. The class was dismissed for the evening meal.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Hugh McGraw leading song on page 175.

Leaders: Eunice Webb 208, 569b; Myron House 291; Margie Smith 313t; Bob Meeks 276; Lou Cotney 218; William Shetter 373; Karen Reaves 335; Lois Owens 480, 349; Lenna Davidson 164; Mildred Patterson 146, 340; Charolette Kiker and Jennifer Kiker 72b (in memory of their grandfather, Joe Warren), 358 (in memory of their aunt, Faye Warren); Daphene Ray and Diane Clayton 127, 159; Inez Chandler 405, 457.

Announcements were made. Hugh McGraw led song on page 267 as the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Johnny Wright; Acting Chairman - Hugh McGraw; Vice Chairman - Everette Ellis; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

STATE LINE CHURCH Cleburne County, Alabama Saturday, April 7, 2001

The annual Sacred Harp singing at State Line Church, Cleburne County, Alabama (just off U.S. Highway 78 at the Alabama/Georgia state line) was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in April. Jeff Sheppard called the class to order at 9:00 a.m. (CT) leading song on page 32t. Rev. Clarence Cates offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 99; Rodney Ivey 208, 277; Mary Florence Smith 171; Helen Bryson 428; Felton Denney 387; B.J. Harris 303; Matt Wells 300; Coy Ivey 63; Bill Stewart 480; Henry Schuman 225t; Don Bowen 503; Evelyn Harris 89; William Shetter 26; Mattie Townsel 61.

RECESS

B.M. Smith brought the class to order leading song on page 335.

The class organized with a vote to retain the following officers: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Arranging Committee - Bud Oliver; Memorial Committee - Helen Bryson; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: Louis Hughes 176t; Daphene Causey 426b; Mel Kersey 569b; Thomas J. Willard 145b; Jeff Bell 440; Charles Wells 38b; Eileen Metzger 217; Lonnie Rogers 318; Charles Wood 197; Nate Green and Norma Green 494; LaRue Allen 117; Andy Anderson 107; Jenny Willard 460; Bob Meeks 384; Judy Mincey 474; Henry Johnson 416; Lou Cotney 189; Ted Mercer 77t.

RECESS

Bud Oliver called the class together leading song on page 332, followed by Phillip Langley leading song on page 168.

Helen Bryson gave the memorial lesson for the deceased and all the sick and shut-ins who would have loved to be here on this day. In her comments, Helen reminded us to remember those who had attended and supported this singing in the past, and read a poem she had used in the memorial several years ago.

Judy Mincey led song on page 510 for the deceased: Mary Lou Cagle, Jack Corley, Jack Smith, J.D. Muse, Allene Stanford, and Ronald Brooks - Georgia; Betty Forbes, Ruby Phillips, Cecil Edwards, Eloise Watkins, Eron White, and Ted White - Alabama; Mary K. Friday - Washington, D.C.; Bob Todd -

Pennsylvania; Karen House - New York; and David Sills. Shelbie Sheppard led song on page 358 in memory of Ronald Brooks and all the Cates family. Shelbie Sheppard, Rene Greene, and Pam Nunn led song on page 269 in memory of Walker Cates and Lessie Cates.

Jenny Willard led song on page 564 for the sick and shut-ins and asked that we all remember her father who is very ill. Lonnie Rogers closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Jimmie Denney 276; Linda Thomas 391; Keith Willard 37t; Eleanor Haase 454; Josephine Denney 405; Philip Gilmore 396; Thom Metzger 163; Laura Densmore 542.

LUNCH

Rodney Ivey brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 426t.

Leaders: Dennis George 220; Max Berueffy 328; Bobby Jackson 274t; Cassie Franklin 430; John Plunkett 415; Floy Wilder 350; Terry Wootten 224; Paula Gilmore 29t; Richard DeLong 411; Elene Stovall 142; Eugene Forbes 34b; Teenie Moody 410t; Chip Ward 383; Roy Nelson 200; Shane Wootten 172; Rene Greene 192; Margie Smith 101t; Eunice Webb 215; Rodney Willard, Barbara Willard, Keith Willard, and Jenny Willard 48b; Matt Wells 82t; Bob Meek 441; Thom Metzger 195; Jeff Bell 47t; William Shetter 556; Laura Densmore 408; Ted Mercer 95; Eileen Metzger 44; Charles Franklin 278b.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and Rodney Ivey led song on page 46 as the closing song. Louis Hughes dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

WILLIAM WALKER MEMORIAL SINGING

**Burwell Building, Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina
Saturday, April 7, 2001**

The annual William Walker Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in April in the Burwell Building, Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Hugh McGraw called the class to order leading song on page 49t, and taught a brief singing school. John Bullard offered the morning prayer. Dr. Harry Eskew led song on page 128.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Dr. Harry Eskew; Vice Chairman - John Bullard; Secretary - Brent Holcombe; Arranging Committee - Willie Israel.

“The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition” and the “Christian Harmony” books were used.

Leaders: Brent Holcombe 77t, 101t; J.B. Parker 135 (CH), 131 (CH); Mildred Chandler 89 (CH), 381t (CH); John Hollingsworth 256 (CH), 162 (CH); Walter Hartley 178, 299; Joel Jones 105 (CH); Bill Burns 293 (CH).

RECESS

Henry Zittrouer brought the class to order leading song on page 59. Leaders: Dan Huger 99, 185b (CH); Willie Israel 198 (CH), 515; Larry Beveridge 321t (CH), 26b (CH); Scott Swanton 128t (CH), 307 (CH); Floyd Totam 3 (CH).

LUNCH

Dr. Harry Eskew brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 159. Leaders: Bob Neil 72; Thomas Cole 268, 334; Brent Holcombe 238 (CH), 213; J.B. Parker 110 (CH), 117 (CH); Mildred Chandler 257 (CH); John Hollingsworth 196; Walter Hartley 198; Bobbi Albert 129 (CH); Joel Jones 120b (CH); Dan Huger 171t (CH), 236 (CH); Willie Israel 51 (CH), 86; Larry Beveridge 125b (CH), 347; Scott Swanton 344.

Announcements were made. Dr. Harry Eskew led the benediction, and the class reassembled at the grave of William Walker in Magnolia Cemetery, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Songs led at the grave site were 45t and 62t. Dr. Harry Eskew dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Dr. Harry Eskew; Vice Chairman - John Bullard; Secretary - Brent Holcombe.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Ider, Alabama

April 8, 2001

The annual singing at Antioch Baptist Church near Ider, Alabama was held on the second Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Shane Wootten and David Townson leading song on page 82t. Phillip Wootten offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Shane Wootten and David Townson 101t, 31t; Marty Wootten 99; Marlon Wootten 47t; Levon Wootten 108; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Linda Thomas 33b; Chris Carroll 48t; Margie Smith 569b; S.T. Reed 568; Leroy Digsby 489; Charles Wells 47b; B.M. Smith 475; Eileen Metzger 32t; Jeff Bell 216; Dewayne Wootten 460; Mel Kersey 68b; Eleanor Haase 352; William Shetter 171; Floyd Peters 100; Coy Ivey and Don Bowen "Trusting" (WB); Don Bowen 283; Aaron Wootten 201; Debbie Kean 37b; Myra Dalton 83t; Jeff Sheppard 448t; Heath Townson 67; Mark Brown 163b; Britt Mann 59; Judy Mincey 540.

RECESS

Shane Wootten and David Townson brought the class back to order leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Thomas J. Willard 106; Jared Wootten, Jamey Wootten, Hayden Wootten, Dakota Garner, and Chris Davis 511 (CB); Jared Wootten, Jamey Wootten, Hayden Wootten, Dakota Garner, Chris Davis, Raven Townson, Danny Townson, Kennedy Wootten, and Hunter Townson 128; Jared Wootten, Jamey Wootten, Hayden Wootten, Dakota Garner, Chris Davis, Raven Townson, Danny Townson, Kennedy Wootten, Hunter Townson, and Sheila Wootten "Oh How I Love Jesus"; Jessica Davis 145b, 426b; Buddy Davis 97; Mark Carroll 142; Roy Nelson 432; Teresa Wootten, Stacy Wootten, Charlotte Watson, Donnette Cunningham, Amy Cunningham, and Jeremy Cunningham 163t; Eddie Brown and Ashley Brown 277; Charles Meidinger and Stephen Malinger 500 (CB); Daphene Causey 451; Robin Smith, Olivia Allen, and Freeman Wootten "It Is Well With My Soul" (WB); Darlene Dalton 454; Phillip Wootten, Susan Davis and Jennifer Cook 39t, 56b; Syble Adams 505 (CB); David Killingsworth 440; Jenny Willard and Keith Willard 349.

LUNCH

Shane Wootten and David Townson brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 335 and 345b. Leaders: Jenny Mann 452; Brenda Carroll 299; Linda Sides 192; Bob Meeks 270; Laura Densmore 542; Louis Hughes 496; Matt Wells 137; Pam Nunn, B.M. Smith, and Shelbie Sheppard 28b; Thom Metzger 383.

Syble Adams and Linda Thomas conducted the memorial lesson and led song on page 559 (CB) for the deceased and song on page 515b for the sick and shut-ins. Dewayne Wootten closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Eloise Wootten, Loyd Ivey, Lori Wootten, and Marion Underwood 424; Terry Wootten 340; Phil Summerlin 441; Gerald and Jeremy Wootten 457; Jeffrey Wootten and Christy Wootten 380, 53; Buell Cobb, Charles

McNair, Tom Juno, and Janice Juno 410t; Karen Davis 282; Jewel Wootten 421; Jewel Wootten and Philip Gilmore 39b; Keith Willard, Rodney Willard, Barbara Willard, and Jenny Willard 312b; April Hall 144; Charles Franklin 74b; Claudine Townson, Virginia Glass, and Wootten cousins 501 (CB); Charles Stiefel 445b; Tim Dalton 503; Karen McClain, Travis McClain, and Tresha McClain 29t; Mattie Townsel, Coy Ivey, and Norma Green 317; Dewayne Wootten, Pastor Billy Ray Killian, and Hoyt Bynum 571 (CB).

Announcements were made. Shane Wootten and David Townson led song on page 59 as the closing song. Phil Summerlin dismissed the class with prayer. Chairmen for the singing to be held in 2002 will be Phillip Wootten and Terry Wootten.

Chairmen - Shane Wootten and David Townson; Secretary - Myra Dalton.

COUNTY LINE CHURCH

Corner, Alabama

April 8, 2001

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at County Line Church on the second Sunday in April was called to order by Chairman Harrison Creel leading song on page 317. Glenn Keeton led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Harrison Creel 89; Cassie Franklin 448b, 192 (for Sara Black); Lucy Heidorn 40; Dennis George 203; Josie Hyde 507; Clayton Ezell 300; Glenn Keeton 27; Lomax Ballinger 277; Lora Cargo 460; Chris Ballinger 276; Ivalene Donaldson 328; Kenneth Tate 426b; Max Berueffy and Elene Stovall 336; Amber Springfield 186; Eugene Forbes 155; Travis Keeton 290; Mary Florence Smith 29t; Willodean Barton 82t.

RECESS

Cassie Franklin called the class to order leading song on page 503. Leaders: Henry Guthery 543; Gordon Wilkinson 112; Jarrod George 454; Teenie Moody 430; Danny Creel 269; Henry Schuman and Pauline Childers 318; Larry Ballinger 151; Julianna Jett 87, 88t (in memory of Marie Aldridge); Lisa Geist 411 (for Elmer Conwill); Earlis McGraw 389; Nate Green 473; Frank Hattaway 565; Dewayne Hawthorne 341; Chip Ward 442.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class to order leading song on page 111b. Leaders: Bud Oliver 145t; Ed Bass 299; Jerry Ryan 345t (in memory of Tommy Creel); John Hyde 275b; Gravis Ballinger 91; Charlotte McCarn 100; Wilborn Ellison 147t; Earl Ballinger 313; Shelley Capps 512; Ray Tate and Danny Creel 384; Ted Mercer 123b; Hugh McGraw 324.

Hugh McGraw, representing the Sacred Harp Publishing Company, presented a plaque to the children of Marie Creel Aldridge honoring her posthumously for her untiring support of, and dedicated service to, the cause of Sacred Harp music. He told about the first time that he saw her and described her unique style of leading. Following the presentation, her children, grandson, brother, and sisters led song on page 436, one of her favorite songs (Lucy Heidorn, daughter; Jerry Ryan, son; David Heidorn, grandson; Elene Stovall, stepdaughter; Harrison Creel, brother; Pauline Childers and Edith Tate, sisters). Harrison Creel led song on page 342. Cindy Tanner led songs on pages 198 and 327 (for Shelbie Sheppard and Velton Chafin).

LUNCH

Harrison Creel called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 335. Leaders: Chris Green 280; Charlene Wallace 434; Ann Jett 546; Linton Ballinger 217; Elene Stovall 528 (in memory of Marie Aldridge); Jackie Tanner 138t;

Richard DeLong 301; Henry Johnson 285t; Faye Donaldson 78; Lavern Bass 143; John Etheridge 499; Harrison Creel, Flarce Creel, Danny Creel, Ann Jett, Wanda Capps, and Cindy Tanner 475; Ila Ingle 373; Pauline Childers 480; Rodney Ivey and Bud Oliver 270; Wilton Donaldson 30t; Wanda Capps 222; L.E. Hannah 310; Billy Williams 28b; Margaret Keeton 298; Tim Whitaker 32t; Celeste Sharplin and Amber Springfield 45t; Edith Tate, Ray Tate, Fay Kalteux, Nell Ellis, and Edie Richardson 343, 159; Harrison Creel 378b.

RECESS

Cassie Franklin and Rodney Ivey called the class to order leading song on page 76b. Leaders: Jerry Ryan 111t; Edith Tate 532; Dewayne Hawthorne, Rodney Ivey, and John Etheridge 34t, 348b; Teenie Moody and Mary Florence Smith 441; Chris Ballinger and Lisa Geist 110; Ray Tate, Kenneth Tate, and Julie Tate 119; Lora Cargo and Eugene Forbes 36b; Jarrod George and Dennis George 358 (for Teddy Creel); Henry Johnson and Elene Stovall 176t; Henry Guthery 240; Amber Springfield and Glenn Keeton 142.

Announcements were made. Harrison Creel and Cassie Franklin led song on page 225t as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer.

Chairman - Harrison Creel; Vice Chair - Cassie Franklin; Arranging Committee - Cindy Tanner and Edith Tate; Secretary - Lucy Heidorn.

SHARON JORDAN LEACH MEMORIAL SINGING **Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama** **Saturday, April 14, 2001**

The annual Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Singing was held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. Hershell King called the class to order leading songs on pages 59 and 34b, and offered the morning prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Irene Jordan; Arranging Committee - Linda Thomas. Vice Chairman Hershell King served as Chairman for Carmon Brothers, who was unable to attend because of sickness.

Leaders: Arvid Holmes 75, 74b; Jonathon Thompson 448t, 159; Brandon Thompson 274t, 335; Rhoda Norris 498, 460; Eunice Kimbrell 129, 83t; Jennifer Allred 63, 183; Eugene Forbes 145b, 155; David Ivey 61, 410.

RECESS

Hershell King brought the class to order leading song on page 358. Leaders: Karen Freund 47t, 76b; Rachel Allred 45t; Caleb Allred 87, 89; Jerry Enright 42, 270, 137; Jewel Wootten 275b, 47b; J.C. Rutledge 105, 501 (CB), 571 (CB); Laura Clawson 425, 107; David Ivey 277 (by request).

LUNCH

Hershell King called the class together leading song on page 176b. Leaders: Nancy Thompson 56t, 40; Susan Allred 112, 480; Will Allred 274t; Elder J.L. Hopper 163t, 171; Irene Jordan 438; Linda Thomas 134; Jerry Enright 36b; Karen Freund 37b; Eugene Forbes 222; Elder J.L. Hopper 236; class 415; Hershell King 389; Caleb Allred 294, 296.

Hershell King and Elder J.L. Hopper led song on page 46 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Hershell King; Secretary - Irene Jordan.

OLD HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Cleburne County, Alabama

April 15, 2001

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church in Cleburne County, Alabama was held on the third Sunday in April. Billy Joe Harris called the class to order leading song on page 59. Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: B.J. Harris 303; Charlene Wallace 61, 75, 101t; Glenda Collins 100, 45t; George Garner 47t, 63; Ruth Daniel 335, 378t; Bobby Jackson 72b, 285t, 445.

RECESS

B.J. Harris brought the class to order leading song on page 32t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - B.J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Neal Prichard; Arranging Committee - Carlene Griffin; Memorial Committee - Hester Edwards; Secretaries - Evelyn Harris and Charlene Wallace.

Leaders: B.J. Harris 503; Lovella Kerr 68b, 127; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 225t; Lou Cotney 172, 384, 300; Earlis McGraw 111t, 111b, 132; Nellie Mae White 119, 159.

Hester Edwards conducted the memorial lesson, and Lonnie Rogers led songs on pages 348b and 318 for the deceased: Cecil Edwards, Eloise Watkins, and Ruby Smith.

Jeff Sheppard led songs on pages 358, 491 and 340 for the sick and shut-ins: Pauline Howell, Eula Johnson, Reba Edwards, Gladys McGraw, and Revy Williamson. Elder Neal Prichard closed the memorial with prayer, and B.J. Harris led song on page 452.

LUNCH

Elder Neal Prichard called the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 204, 341, and 290. Leaders: Reba Norton 61, 373; Shelbie Sheppard 105, 27, 332; Lois Owens 418, 406; Elder Lewis Norton 410t, 569b, 30b; Glenda Collins 124; Hester Edwards 104, 73b; Bobby Jackson 388; Lenna Davidson and Charlene Wallace 164; Ann Simpson 36b, 46, 294; Jeff Sheppard and Margaret Crawford 155, 415; Sherrell Durand 128, 106; Evelyn Harris 87, 89.

Announcements were made. B.J. Harris and Elder Neal Prichard led song on page 69t as the closing song. Elder Lewis Norton dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - B.J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Neal Prichard; Secretaries - Evelyn Harris and Charlene Wallace.

PINE GROVE SINGING

Lookout Mountain, Near Collinsville, Alabama

April 15, 2001

The annual third Sunday in April singing was called to order by Bud Oliver leading song on page 32t. S.T. Reed led the class in the morning prayer.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 82t; S.T. Reed 129; Randall Smith and Danny Smith 36b; Randall Smith 76b; Milton Oliver, Scot Oliver, and Paula Oliver 123t, 45t; Chip Ward 112, 74b; Darlene Dalton 163t, 63; Jarrod George and Cassie Franklin 186; Jarrod George 300; Nate Green and Norma Green 415, 495; Boyd Scott 58, 358; Alanna Blanks 405, 551; Ashley Keeton 272, 142; Stuart Ivey 171, 222.

RECESS

Rex Wilks and Bud Oliver brought the class to order leading song on page 89.

Leaders: David Yeager 448t, 83t; Syble Adams 99, 49b; Kim Dalton 33b, 47b;

Aaron Wootten 28b; Lisa Geist 291; Paula Gilmore 39t; Philip Gilmore 29t; Linda Thomas 345b.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class to order leading song on page 144. Leaders: Wayne Reed and Cody Baine 354; Betty Wright 569b; Laura Clawson 95; Karen Davis and Buddy Davis 480; Nancy Yeager 313b; Levon Wootten 147t; Glenn Keeton 236; Flarce Creel 384; Dennis George 455; Hugh McGraw 553; Henry Johnson 429; Karen Freund 172; Terry Wootten 229.

LUNCH

Bud Oliver brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 39b. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 101t; Shane Wootten 276; Edith Tate 88t; Josie Hyde 408; Richard Ivey 182; Susan Harcrow 383; David Ivey 120; Harrison Creel 498; Elene Stovall 216; Cindy Tanner 217; Amber Springfield 299; Jackie Tanner 208; Jerry Enright 77t; Eloise Wootten 318; Cassie Franklin 328; Wanda Capps 200; Karen Ivey and Max Berueffy 532; Jeffery Wootten and Levon Wootten 542; Jim Ballinger and Max Berueffy 167; Sarah Harcrow, Richard Ivey, and Bud Oliver 270; Marty Wootten 283; Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 37b; Ivalene Donaldson 145b; Donna Wootten 106; Wilton Donaldson 565; Jamey Wootten and Jared Wootten 59; Rodney Ivey, Richard Ivey, and Randall Smith 137; Karen Ivey, Rodney Ivey, and Randall Smith 475; John Hyde and Josie Hyde 297; Syble Adams 505 (CB); Ardell Turnure, Kristy Finley, and Bud Oliver 317, 73t; S.T. Reed, Lela Wagner, Sue Wills, and Ardell Turnure 108b.

Announcements were made. Bud Oliver led song on page 146 as the closing song. Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Bud Oliver; Secretary - Randall Smith.

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY **Spring Singing, New Orleans, Louisiana** **Thursday, April 19, 2001**

Darrell Farrington offered grace before dinner. Harry Eskew led song on page 49t as the opening song. Becky Lombard led the opening prayer.

A short business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Wanda Gregg; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

Special mention was made of Harry Eskew's retirement from the Seminary faculty; that he had established the seminary singings in 1975; and of the important influence he has had in Louisiana Sacred Harp singing.

Leaders: Wanda Gregg 63; Nancy Van Den Akker 49b; Becky Lombard 40; Harry Eskew 159; Chris Bean 145t; Darrell Farrington 145b; Knute Midkiff 439; Daron Douglas 128; Wanda Gregg 460; Nancy Van Den Akker 105.

Harry Eskew led song on page 62 as the closing song. Knute Midkiff offered the closing prayer and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Wanda Gregg; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

OAK GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Alpharetta, Georgia** **Saturday, April 21, 2001**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Alpharetta, Georgia was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April.

Loy Garrison brought the class to order leading song on page 59. Elder Bobby Cagle led the morning prayer. Loy Garrison led song on page 129; and John Plunkett led songs on pages 330b, 300, and 230.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman - John Plunkett; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

Leaders: Loy Garrison 74; Ray Richards 153, 72b, 354b; Elder Bobby Cagle 46, 43, 49b; David Yeager 49t, 47b, 45t, 40; Richard DeLong 44, 123, 121.

RECESS

John Plunkett brought the class to order leading song on page 31t. Leaders: Judy Mincey 410t, 475, 35; Jeannette DePoy 89, 122, 304; Lee Rogers 335, 528; Helen Bryson 139, 542, 72t; Laura Ackerman 73, 338; Don Polaski 47t, 350, 352; Sandra Polaski 168, 142.

LUNCH

Loy Garrison brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 99 and 498. Leaders: Elder Bobby Cagle 39b; John Plunkett 544, 34b; David Yeager 574; Don Polaski 56b, 454; Laura Ackerman 290, 61; Sandra Polaski 155, 84; Judy Mincey 571, 572; Alice West 288, 66, 503.

Richard DeLong gave the memorial lesson, and led songs on pages 293 and 381 for the following deceased: Jack Smith, Jack Corley, Mary Lou Cagle, and Doris DeLong. Elder Charles Cagle closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 411, 426t; Lee Rogers 163t, 415; Helen Bryson 175, 299; Ray Richards 490.

Loy Garrison and John Plunkett led song on page 62 as the closing song. Elder Bobby Cagle dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman - John Plunkett; Secretary - Dorothy Garrison.

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL - FAIRPORT St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Fairport, New York Saturday, April 21, 2001

The second New York Regional singing of 2001 was held in Fairport, New York on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April.

The singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Thom Metzger leading song on page 46. Chris Haller led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Laura Densmore 276, 107; Janet Shipman 178, 268; Chris Haller 351, 335; Thom Metzger 503b, 217; Barbara Swetman 65, 148; Nancy Crawford 86, 474; Ron Bornick 34b, 106; Eileen Metzger 32t, 77t.

RECESS

Thom Metzger brought the class to order leading song on page 40. Leaders: Margaret Bornick 28b, 155; Sue Hengelsberg 523, 294; Brian Collett 143, 479; Nicola Collett 479, 146; Rick Hoyt and Anne Hoyt 47t, 430; Ginny Huszah 163t, 200; Cuba Ray 31t, 236; Scott Luscombe 207, 39t; Denise Morris 362, 156; Janet Shipman 542; Chris Haller 180; Thom Metzger 198; Barbara Swetman 312b; Nancy Crawford 344; Ron Bornick 454. Grace for the noon meal was offered by Barbara Swetman.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order with Laura Densmore leading song on page 299. Leaders: Eileen Metzger 71; Mitzi Collins 277; Margaret Bornick 189; Susan Hengelsberg 504; Brian Collett 254; Rick Hoyt 38t; Laura Densmore 540; Deanna Anderson 481; Nicola Collett 131; Ginny Huszah "Red Sea

Anthem" (1971 Edition of "The Sacred Harp"); Cuba Rey 551; Scott Luscombe 270.

RECESS

The class was called to order with Thom Metzger leading song on page 159. Leaders: Denise Morris 532; Janet Shipman 168; Chris Haller 267; Thom Metzger "Wild Ride to Heaven" (Thom Metzger, 1999); Barbara Swetman 457; Nancy Crawford "Hallelujah New" (Roland Hutchinson, 1996); Ron Bornick 84; Eileen Metzger 383; Mitzi Collins 64; Margaret Bornick 287; Susan Hengelsberg 306; Brian Collett 497; Rick Hoyt 273; Laura Densmore "Ten Thousand Charms" (Hal Kunkel, 1996); Deanna Anderson 117; Nicola Collett 347; Stephanie Levy 147t; Scott Luscombe 192.

Thom Metzger led song on page 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Thom Metzger; Arranging - Deanna Anderson; Chaplain - Chris Haller and Barbara Swetman; Secretary - Nancy Crawford.

HARPETH VALLEY - PRIESTLEY MILLER MEMORIAL SINGING Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee Saturday, April 21, 2001

The fortieth annual Harpeth Valley - Priestley Miller Memorial Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by David Carlton leading song on page 63. Darrell Holley offered the morning prayer.

David Carlton led song on page 101t. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 66, 335; Gordon Wilkinson 34b, 112; Darrell Holley 59, 354b; Bob Meek 268, 270; Karen Ivey 32t, 99; Sandie Scott 128, 117; David Ivey 90, 92; Fay Thompson 53, 64; Hibbard Thatcher 455, 457.

RECESS

David Carlton and Melody Long brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 114 and 86, followed by Dorothea Gibson leading songs on pages 84 and 120.

The class went into a business session. All officers were re-elected: Chairman - David Carlton; Vice Chairman - Darrell Holley; Secretary - Marilyn Burchett; Chaplain - Hibbard Thatcher. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 322 (SoH); Marilyn Burchett 38 (SoH), 551; Lewis Frost 147, 452; Mike Grimes 39b, 569b; Laurens Blankers 38b, 39t, 40; Joanne Grimes and Mike Grimes 178, 236; Dorothea Gibson 196.

LUNCH

David Carlton called the class back to order leading songs on pages 81t and 72b. Leaders: Ron Harper 107, 155; Coleman Helme and David Carlton 274t; Coleman Helme and Tim Reynolds 85; Clair Sayles and Henry Cobb 49b, 49t; Sara Parrish and Lewis Frost 73b; Alan Gates and Lewis Frost 515; a student and Bob Meek 68b; Tammy Cason and Mike Grimes 159; Gordon Wilkinson 475; David Ivey 572; Laurens Blankers 334; Joanne Grimes 45t; Karen Ivey 182; Hibbard Thatcher 479; Mike Grimes 146; Bob Meek 408; Sandie Scott 288; Darrell Holley 324; Ron Harper 52t; Marilyn Burchett 29t; Tim Reynolds 200; Bob Meek, Marilyn Burchett, Mike Grimes, and Joanne Grimes 148; David Carlton 442. After announcements, David Carlton led the closing song. Hibbard Thatcher led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - David Carlton; Secretary - Marilyn Burchett.

ALEWINE MEMORIAL
St. Michael Church, Cleburne County, Alabama
April 22, 2001

The annual Alewine Memorial was held at St. Michael Church, north of Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama on the fourth Sunday in April. Corene Laminack brought the class to order leading songs on page 32t, 47t, 75, and 82t. Louise Allen offered the morning prayer.

There were no leaders throughout the day with members of the class selecting songs to sing.

Selections sung: 111t, 111b, 569b, 489b, 155, 146, 153, 152, 358, 147t, 147b, 159, 139, and 59.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with the following selections: 90, 87, 212, 208, 186, 189, 196, 112, 109, 108t, 108b, and 294.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with the following selections: 36b, 143, 145t, 523, 387, 269, 401, 378t, 100, 274, 303, 313, 295, 290, 297, 34t, 318, and 215.

Announcements were made. The class sung 45t as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Lewis Norton.

Chairman - Corene Laminack; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Haleyville, Alabama
April 22, 2001

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in April. Kenneth Tate called the class to order leading song on page 335. Harrison Creel led the class in the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Kenneth Tate; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee - Josie Hyde; Secretary - Ivalene Donaldson.

Leaders: Kenneth Tate 36b, 37b; Wilton Donaldson 317, 30t; Julie Tate 35, 498; Paul Godsey 30b, 168; Corene White 403, 171; Sherry Guthery 340, 58; Clarence McCool 349, 546; L.E. Hannah 212, 213t; Stella Pratt 147, 452; Kermit Adams 99, 391; Margaret Keeton 301, 268; Ivalene Donaldson 270, 275b.

RECESS

Travis Keeton brought the class to order leading songs on pages 341 and 398.

Leaders: Roma Rice 161, 348b; Bud Oliver 145b, 39b; Lucy Heidorn 155, 186; Henry Guthery 304 (in memory of Marie Aldridge), 306; Ida Lee Starnes 354b, 426t; Jayne Fulmer 454, 460; Chris Ballinger 350, 565; Mattie Townsel 68b, 112; Glenn Keeton 361, 358; Kenneth Tate 119.

LUNCH

Kenneth Tate brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 480.

Leaders: Vernice Phillips 40; A.A. Malone 203, 432; Elene Stovall 198, 298; Willodean Barton 418, 290; Parnell Berry 215, 216; Edith Tate 73t, 98; Chris Rice 183, 276; Lisa Geist 182, 546 (in memory of Tom Roberson and Lola Roberson); Lavaughn Ballinger 63, 401; Julietta Haynes 192, 430; John Merritt 385b, 144; Harrison Creel 342, 111b; Amber Springfield 234, 380; Gravis Ballinger 300; Brenda Merritt 434, 137; Larry Ballinger 71, 50b; Latrive Bailey 111t, 384; John Hyde 61, 313; Christy Allen 475, 172; Josie Hyde 477, 507; Kenneth Tate and Edith Tate 532.

Kenneth Tate led song on page 46 as the closing song. Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Kenneth Tate; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Ivalene Donaldson.

MOUNT MORIAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Near Snead Crossroads, Alabama
April 22, 2001

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in April was called to order by Carmon Brothers leading songs on pages 46 and 59. Elder M.L. Wilkinson led the morning prayer. Leaders: Beacher Yancey 147t, 45t; Don Robertson 100, 101t; Jewel Wootten 32t, 72b; Hershell King 75, 68b, 82t; Linda Thomas 73b, 31t, 33b; Nate Green and Norma Green 288, 48t, 49t, 148.

RECESS

Carmon Brothers called the class to order leading song on page 111b. Leaders: Debra Rich 133, 168; Willoweese Malone 147; Waylon Blakeley 145t, 146; Chita Blakeley 215, 112, 81t; Eunice Kimbrell 129, 77t; Dexter Cobb 39t, 36b; Doris Cuzzart 490, 124.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the same officers: Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Beacher Yancey; Arranging Committee - Ruby Brothers; Secretary - Eunice Kimbrell.

LUNCH

Carmon Brothers brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 69b. Leaders: Chris Green and Pam Green 144; Beacher Yancey 145b; Philip Gilmore 64; Reggie Murphree 111t; Herbie Bailey 70t, 346; Paula Gilmore 270; Don Robertson 37b; Mary Sharrer 48t; Rhoda Norris 137; Chita Blakeley 501 (CB) (by request); Debra Rich 385b; Chris Green and Pam Green 384, 275b, 442; Jewel Sivley 45t (by request); Hershell King 426t; Philip Gilmore 312b, 313t; Chris Green 358 (by request), 571 (CB).

A special prayer was requested for Ella Lee Roberson, and Herbie Bailey led song on page 58 for her.

Carmon Brothers and Beacher Yancey led song on page 62 as the closing song. Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Carmon Brothers; Vice Chairman - Beacher Yancey; Secretary - Eunice Kimbrell.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP
CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)
Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan, Texas
April 28-29, 2001

Saturday, April 28

The spring session of the one hundred-first annual session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in McMahan, Texas. Chairman Leon Ballinger called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading songs on pages 120 and 212. Lavaughn Ballinger offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Vice Chairman Mike Moseley 139; Secretary Pat Blundell 136; Dick Steil 72; Olivia Powell 235; Al Rogers 63; Sarah Coates 76; Billy Huckaby 522; Beverly Coates 532; Tollie Lee 84; Liz Owen 99; Zach Rogan 324; Kathy Lee 146; Keith Willard 144; Ernestine Pipkin 171; George

Jones 558b; Vivian Rogan 290; Johnny Lee 38; Dale Redmon 511b; Kay Sirco 283b; Earl Ballinger 40; Edith Owen 511t.

RECESS

Vice Chairman Mike Moseley called the class back to order leading song on page 378. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 304; Carla Smith 455b; John Schaffer 489; Terre Schill 296; Amanda Owen 142; Jerry Schreiber 393; Ramona Lee 432; Reed Coates 39; Diane Ross 394; Kelly Beard 196; Carol Selleck 450; Donald Ross 419; Lori Rodgers 401; Gary Rogan 567; Donna Sewell 470; Lavaughn Ballinger 508.

A short business meeting was held. Mike Moseley moved up to Chairman. Reed Coates was elected as Vice Chairman, and Pat Blundell continued as Secretary. Leaders: Robert Handel 488t; Janet Morgan 32t; Josh Rogan 227. Tom Owen offered prayer.

LUNCH

Chairman Mike Moseley brought the afternoon session to order. Leaders: Katie Moseley 98; Jeb Owen 563; Martha Henderson 502; Bruce Coates 572; Cheryl Foreman 478; H.P. O'Mary 67; Kathy Taylor 361; Eric Morgan 81; Elissa Smith 85; Dr. Russell Riepe 383; Nell Berry 358; Tom Taylor 488b; Myrl Jones 189b; Jenny Willard 140; David Lee 68t; Mary Bachmann 546; Matt Wells 543; Myra Palmer 497; John Gardenour and Sharron Gardenour 573.

RECESS

Vice Chairman Reed Coates called the class back to order leading song on page 58. Leaders: Cissy Moseley 168; Morris Nelms 365; Robert Vaughn 387; Doris Hanks 515; David Moseley 112; Tom Owen 416t; Scott Curran 384; Kevin Powell 133; Mary Owen 47b; Curtis Owen 198, 381; Jenny Willard 367; Catherine Rogan 276; Jerry Schreiber 393; David Lee 49b; Dalton Clanton 507. Mike Moseley and Reed Coates led song on page 377b as the closing song. Tollie Lee offered prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, April 29

Chairman Mike Moseley called the convention to order at 9:30 a.m. leading songs on pages 179 and 442t. David Lee offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Vice Chairman Reed Coates 217; Secretary Pat Blundell 164; Kevin Powell 183; Diane Ross 434; Myra Palmer 414; Donald Ross 95; Catherine Rogan 186; Matt Wells 288; Myrl Jones 142; David Lee 99; Lori Rodgers 552; H.P. O'Mary 343; Martha Henderson 386; Lavaughn Ballinger 63; Kathy Lee 145b; Kelly Beard 192; Sarah Coates 123b; John Baker 120; Ernestine Pipkin 203; Al Rogers 575; Curtis Owen 372; Janet Morgan 282; Tollie Lee 422; Michele Rogan 215; Eric Morgan 274; Donna Sewell 171; Joyce Gardenour 571; Jerry Schreiber 182; Cheryl Foreman 410; John Schaffer 300; Carol Selleck 440b; Keith Willard 416t; Ramona Lee 461; Earl Ballinger 224; Jenny Willard 199; Johnny Lee and Delorese Lee 47t; Carla Smith 559; John Morris 553; Kay Sirco 143.

A memorial lesson was held. Cissy Moseley presented the list of those who had passed away the past year: Eugene Wakefield, Annie Mae Smith, Alcie Craig, Mildred Edmonds, Robert Todd, Robert Jackson Corley, Winston Jones, Mary Kay Friday, Lorene Hutchinson, Judy Nieth, Lucille Gentry McMillian, Vesta Ellis, Lee Schaffer, and Anna Smith. Kevin Powell led song on page 285t for the deceased.

Liz Rogan Owen presented the names of the sick and shut-ins and then led song on page 283b for: Michael Kaye, Thelma McMahan, Verna Powell, Nannie P. Woods, Adelaide Vaughn, Frances Daniels, Georgia Bass, Lawson Smith,

Pauline Willis, Nobie Smith, A.A. Smith, Jr., Marie Smith, Lennie Baker, Lavonia Owen, Viola Jones, and Ophelia Matthews. The memorial was closed. Leaders: Amanda Owen 200; B.E. Matthews 574; Terre Schill 31t; Morris Nelms 79. Leon Ballinger offered prayer.

LUNCH

Chairman Mike Moseley brought the class back to order for the afternoon session. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 443b; Vivian Rogan 392; Dr. Russell Riepe 126; Liz Owen 82; Burl Russell 418; Beverly Coates 131t; Thomas Willard 36b; Nell Berry 500; Zach Rogan 128; Olivia Powell 348t; Tom Owen 122; Katie Moseley 222; Leola Perry 58; Jeb Owen 421; Cissy Moseley 543; Scott Curran 270; Doris Hanks 422b; David Moseley 137; Joanie Porter 159; Billy Huckaby 400; Cassandra Baker 323b; John Kanode 395; Edith Owen 155; Leon Ballinger 217; Dale Redmon 540; Josh Rogan 408; Jenny Willard 336t; Gaylon Powell 216; Robert Handel 239.

Chairman Mike Moseley and Vice Chairman Reed Coates led song on page 69 as the closing song. Elder Billy Moseley dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Mike Moseley; Vice Chairman - Reed Coates; Secretary - Patricia Blundell.

HARRODS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Brownsboro, Kentucky

April 28-29, 2001

Saturday, April 28

The tenth annual shape note singing was held at Harrods Creek Baptist Church in Brownsboro, Kentucky. "The Sacred Harp" and "Southern Harmony" books were used on Saturday, and the "Cooper Book" was added for Sunday.

Bob Meek opened the day of singing by leading song on page 103. John Bayer offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Brenda Waters 68b; Dick Dunagan 7t (SoH); Janet Fraembs 93 (SoH); David Rust 89t (SoH); John Bayer 132 (SoH); Lee Steinmetz 163b (SoH); S.T. Reed 64; Bud Oliver 398; Loraine Bayer, Jubal Bayer, and Hans Bayer 179; William Shetter 373; Mike Grimes 35; Marilyn Burchett 38 (SoH); Karen Hojnacki 448t; Sandie Scott and Tim Reynolds 28; Regina Bayer and Cara Kast 203.

RECESS

Bob Meek brought the class back to order leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Berkley Moore 300b (SoH); Robert French 133; Josh Kast and Mark Boyd 148; Mark Boyd and Josh Kast 209; Val Dunagan 322 (SoH); Jo Ann Grimes 128; Tim Reynolds 17b (SoH); Claire Simon 47; Michelle Cull 25 (SoH); Joan Frankel and Bob Meek 50 (SoH); Charles Coulston 99.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Bob Meek leading song on page 123 (SoH).

Leaders: Ruth Borchman 107; Bob Cull 388; Dick Dunagan 6 (SoH); Janet Fraembs 475; David Rust 264 (SoH); John Bayer 117; Lee Steinmetz 149; S.T. Reed 40; Bud Oliver 145b; Loraine Bayer, Jubal Bayer, and Hans Bayer 354. John Bayer offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Bob Meek leading song on page 496. Leaders: Merle Matika 39; William Shetter 8 (SoH); Mike Grimes 278b (SoH); Marilyn Burchett 551; Karen Hojnacki 220; Sandie Scott 159; Regina Bayer 569b; Berkley Moore 114; Robert French 313b; Val Dunagan and Diane Blair 78 (SoH); Jo Ann Grimes and Mike Grimes 198; Tim Reynolds 278; Claire Simon

146; Mary Brinkman 497; Charles Coulston 344; Bob Cull 312b; Bud Oliver, S.T. Reed, and Bob Meek 270.

RECESS

The final session of the day was called to order by Bob Meek and Tam Flor leading songs on pages 276 and 49t. Leaders: Dick Dunagan 29; Janet Conrad and John Bayer 49b; Janet Fraembs 335; David Rust 17t (SoH); Lee Steinmetz 250; Loraine Bayer 106; William Shetter 154t (SoH); Mike Grimes 384; Karen Hojnacki 208; Bob Meek 25b (SoH).

Bob Meek led song on page 334 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, April 29

The day of singing began with Bob Meek leading song on page 103. Leaders: William Shetter 38t (CB); Michelle Cull 393 (CB); Lee Steinmetz 563 (CB), 559 (CB); David Rust 163, 96 (CB); Janet Fraembs 141 (CB), 410 (CB); Karen Hojnacki 505 (CB), 471 (CB); Mike Grimes 518 (CB), 572 (CB); Bud Oliver 535t (CB), 46t (CB).

RECESS

Bob Meek brought the class to order leading song on page 484 (CB). Leaders: S.T. Reed 74b (CB), 569; Jo Ann Grimes and Mike Grimes 492, 449 (CB); Val Dunagan 63 (SoH), 90 (SoH); Berkley Moore 164 (SoH), 163 (CB); Sandie Scott 571 (CB), 408.

A memorial lesson was held with Mike Grimes and Jo Ann Grimes leading song on page 500 for those that have passed away, and song on page 488 for the sick and shut-ins.

Leaders: Marilyn Burchett 229 (CB), 392 (CB).

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Bob Meek leading song on page 324. Leaders: Dick Dunagan 259 (SoH), 14 (SoH); Merle Matika 31t, 361; Bob Cull 189, 148; Mark Risinger 45 (CB); Michelle Cull 236, 302; Lee Steinmetz 565, 179; Bill Shetter 330b (SoH); David Rust 200, 123; Alan DuBois and Bob Meek 268; Bob Meek 16 (SoH); Janet Fraembs 218; Mike Grimes 503; Bud Oliver 73t; S.T. Reed 541 (CB); Jo Ann Grimes 49b; Merle Matika 475.

The song on page 334 (SoH) was sung as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Merle Matika.

Chairman - Bob Meek; Secretary - Brenda Waters.

MIDWEST CONVENTION

Chicago, Illinois

April 28-29, 2001

Saturday, April 28

The sixteenth annual Midwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Ida Noyes Hall on the University of Chicago campus, Chicago, Illinois on the fifth Sunday and Saturday in April.

Outgoing Co-Chair Kris Richardson opened the Saturday morning session at 9:30 a.m. by welcoming singers from near and far, and then led song on page 171. Sarah Davie led the class in the opening prayer.

Co-Chairs, Melanie Hauff and Kris Richardson, led song on page 271. Leaders: Kate Lingley 107; Jim Helke 441; Connie Karkuck 391; Lorena Moore 148; John Uhlmann 189; Rachel Edelstein 151; Al Frank 362; Doug Stapleton 168; Sarah Davie 384; Cathryn Baker 468; Don Bowen 99; Tim Binkley 133.

RECESS

The morning session resumed with Melanie Hauff leading song on page 421.

Leaders: Hannah Roberts and Micah Roberts 128; Chip Ward 442.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Jim Helke; Vice Chairs - Doug Stapleton and Cathryn Baker; Secretaries - Debbie Barford and Natalia Cecire; Assistant Secretary - Jim Swanson; Arranging Committee - Lisa Grayson, Marcia Johnson, Ted Mercer, and Carolyn Deacy; Chaplain - Jesse Roberts; Memorial Committee - Samuel Sommers, Richard DeLong, Buell Cobb, and David Barford; Finance Committee - Randy Neufeld, Jason Osik, Julie Veal, and Steven Schmidgall; Resolutions Committee - Kate Lingley, Brad Oglesby, and Helen Brown; Locating Committee - Anne Heider, Ariel Weinberg, and Jeff Gauthier. Leaders: Steve Schmidgall 68b; Beverly Enright 49; Alisa Shore 448B; Gene Hauptmann 34b; Pat Forsberg-Smith 540; Jerilyn Schumacher 436; Buell Cobb 72t; Reba Dell Windom 224; John Redman 236; David Barford 276.

RECESS

Co-Chair Jim Helke brought the class back with song on page 186. Leaders: Dave Ressler 192; Julie Veal 106; Andy Morse 547; Brad Oglesby 365; Helen Brown 448t; Jesse Roberts 507; Pauline Childers 480; D.J. Hatfield 269; Rebecca Browne 304; Ruth Cooper 454; Cassie Franklin 216; Jim Crawford 522; Kiri Miller 42. Herb Schroeder led the class in prayer, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Cathryn Baker and Doug Stapleton leading song on page 485. Leaders: Wendy Wahn 310; Sarah Beasley Smith 108t; James Page 505; Dean Slaton 500; Ted Johnson "Boulder"; Ashley Roberts 220; Louis Hughes 76b; Tony Singleton 504; Ted Mercer 137; Sue Kessel 361; Carolyn Deacey 501; David Cooper 66; Jessica Roberts and Micah Roberts 203; Richard DeLong 82t; Lisa Grayson 222; James Gingerich 455; Julie Veal and Steven Schmidgall 31t (for the Finance Committee).

RECESS

Natalia Cecire brought the class back to order by leading song on page 36b. Leaders: John Bailey 145; Susie Kauffman 452; Suzanne Flandreau 40; Henry Schuman and Pauline Childers 318; Virginia Warren 48b; Gary Smith 569b; Deborah Johnson 207; Steve Warner 85; Bob Borcharding 122; Wally Block 31b; Kelly Brest Van Kemp 84; Jo Dell Albi 195; John Graven 268; Robert Dworkin 56t; Lisa Echtersberg 30t; Helen Brown and Melanie Hauff 294 (in memory of John Harbin); Jim Helke 496. Chaplain Jesse Roberts dismissed the class with a prayer.

Sunday, April 29

The convention resumed singing at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday with Chairman Jim Helke leading song on page 59. John Seaton led the class in the opening prayer. Leaders: Doug Stapleton and Cathryn Baker 312b; Natalia Cecire 538; Nathan Barford and Emmie Barford 274t; Randy Neufeld 32t; John Seaton 47t; Nick Pasqual 116; Barbara Uhlemann 344; Lissa Blood 39b; Brad Oglesby 503b; Jacob Affolter 481; Paul Wyatt and Ann Meisner 350; Helen Brown 542; Ariel Weinberg 112; Debbie Barford 181; Samuel Sommers 518; Grace Scrimgeour 33b.

RECESS

Doug Stapleton and Cathryn Baker called the class back to order leading song on page 288. Leaders: Hugh Thomas 99; Carol Crawford 458; Megan Jennings 282; Jason Osik 66; Kate Lingley 229; Chris Thorman 179; Violet Stark 84; Bruce Holmes 146; Kathy Krug 107; Joan Yeatman 551; John Redman 358.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Natalia Cecire leading song on page 191. Leaders: Martha Beverly 163t; Connie Karduck, Karl Karduck, Marjorie Karduck, and Max Karduck 299; Marjorie Benwits 300; Hannah Roberts 145b.

Buell Cobb began the memorial lesson, speaking of the singers and their friends and family that had passed on in the past year. David Barford read the names of the deceased: Susan Garber - Connecticut; Karen House and John Flandreau - New York; Josephine Mead; Jack Corley and Jack Smith - Georgia; Joanna Sorlien - Pennsylvania; Winston Jones, Marie Aldridge, Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Gene Wakefield, Sheila Moon, A.C. McGough, Rosa Hughes, and Woodie Walker - Alabama; Barbara Weigold and Ruby Easley - Michigan; Hollis Sigler, Al Teoli, Ario Teoli, Karl Younger, Pat Kuchinski, Kevin Thomas Hill, and Lola Blish - Illinois; Norma Lee, Judith Miller, and David Johnston - Texas; Gregg Johnson - Colorado; Mary Brown, Michael Thompson, and Betty Potter - Derby, England; Matthew Ettinger - Florida; Mary Kay Friday - Virginia; Adele Weichmann - Wisconsin; Sally Owen Murphy - California; Gordon Dickson - Minnesota; Patricia Woodbury - Missouri. Buell Cobb then led song on page 69 in remembrance of the deceased.

Richard DeLong spoke of the sick and shut-in friends and singers, who long to be amongst us in our song, and reminded us all that a card, call, or note to these friends is a treasure and blessing to them. David Barford read the names of the sick and shut-ins: Don Garber - Connecticut; Paulina Leonard and Charles Derleth - Missouri; Toby Manheim, Larry Horburg, Donna Shive, Timothy Hall, Marg Haddocks, Tayna LeMarbe, Virginia Evans, and Mariam Pasqual - Illinois; Joyce Walton, Jap Walton, Elsie Beasley, and Shelbie Sheppard - Alabama; Audrey Nathan and Gordon Matthews - England; John Morris and Dorothy Williard - Maryland; Philip Page, Jr. - New Jersey; Bob Scorgie - Wisconsin; Jargus Begley - Kentucky; Madeleine Steel and Bill Beverly - Michigan; Kathy Williams - Florida; Vivian Rogers - Georgia; Everett Yoder - New Mexico. Richard DeLong led song on page 381 for the sick and shut-ins. Samuel Sommers led the class in prayer to close the memorial lesson, and Becky Browne gave the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jim Helke brought the class back together leading song on page 276. Leaders: Ted Johnson and Edward Thomas 76b; Chip Ward 383; James Nelson Gingerich 34t; Reba Dell Windom 196; Ashley and Micah Roberts 372; Judy Hauff 215; Louis Hughes and Steven Schmidgall 270; Kris Richardson 269; Tony Singleton 163b; Marcia Johnson 218; Don Bowen 283; Kiri Miller 216; Cassie Franklin 142; David Cooper 324; Doug Stapleton and Cathryn Baker 424; D.J. Hatfield and Cassie Franklin 430; Peggy Brayfield 338; Ruth Cooper 198; Karen Freund 77t; Sarah Beasley Smith and Janice Werlein 354b; Deborah Johnson 277; John Bailey 475; Sarah Davie 68b; Gary Smith 31t; Lorena Morre 335; Andy Morse 183; Jeff Gauthier 122; Richard DeLong 411.

Helen Brown and Kate Lingley spoke for the Resolution Committee: "We resolve to thank God in whose name and praise we are here gathered, for the fellowship that brings us together. We wish to thank all those who made this singing possible, including the officers for their hard work and dedication. We realize that an event such as this requires the work not only of the various officers, but also of many hands from the local singing community. We wish to thank the many Chicago singers who met, planned, xeroxed, stuffed envelopes, bought supplies, and who were ever ready to leap once more into the breach when something needed to be done. For outdoing themselves once again in hard work and cheerful hospitality, we would like to thank our tireless kitchen helpers,

Kate Thomas and Norah Storment. For outdoing themselves once again in the quality and quantity of the dinner we enjoyed both yesterday and today, we thank all those local singers who brought such wonderful food. Both our bodies and our souls have been well nourished here. For making this space available for our use, we wish to thank the University of Chicago student Sacred Harp group, the office of the Reynolds Club and Student Activities and Ida Noyes Hall. For being a good sport and for all his cheerful help, we would particularly like to thank Stan, the custodian. Finally, we wish to thank the international community of Sacred Harp singers for gathering here from far and near to lift your voices in song. Without singers to join their voices together, to welcome one another into their homes, to build bridges of friendship across great distances and in some cases across the Atlantic Ocean, what we do here would be not only impossible, but in fact, pointless. It is the friendship and hospitality between singers that makes Sacred Harp singing what it is. We resolve to be grateful for the inheritance that is ours from traditional and Southern singers from whom we have learned so much. We resolve to meet again next year on the first fifth Sunday and Saturday before July 4 (June 29-30, 2002). We are fortunate to have access to both this space and the singing venues elsewhere in Chicago, so that we hope to see you next year in one of the many lovely places where we have been fortunate enough to sing in the past.”

Jim Helke, Doug Stapleton, Cathryn Baker, and Becky Browne led song on page 347 for the closing song. Becky Browne dismissed the class with a closing prayer. Chairman - Jim Helke; Vice Chairs - Doug Stapleton and Cathryn Baker; Secretaries - Debbie Barford and Natalia Cecire.

PARKER, HOLLIS, AND PUTMAN MEMORIAL
Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama
April 29, 2001

Velton Chafin called the class to order at 9:50 a.m. leading song on page 31b. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer. Velton Chafin led song on page 30t. The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders; Secretary - Ida Lee Parker Starnes.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 35; Willodean Barton 123t, 460; Ivalene Donaldson 288, 290; Ida Lee Starnes 426t, 111b; Wilton Donaldson 317, 75; John Hocutt 225t, 66; Travis Keeton 480, 400; Glenn Keeton and Ashley Keeton 182, 64, 306, 196; Marie Guthrie 220, 170; Larry Ballinger 154, 98; John Merritt 71, 300; Eldagene Roberson 89, 457; Velton Chafin 80b.

RECESS

Harrison Creel brought the class to order leading song on page 335. Leaders: Brenda Merritt 81t, 316, 434; Edith Tate 389, 532; Chris Green and Pam Green 129, 110; Chris Green, Pam Green, and Susan Sweatman 45t; Susan Sweatman 480, 475; Ann Jett 496, 77t, 88t; Amber Springfield 53, 142; Josie Hyde 150, 507. Chris Green offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 130. Leaders: Henry Guthery 407, 439, 271t; David Roberson 318, 275b; Margaret Gowan 358, 30b; Flarce Creel 270, 503; Kate Merritt 171, 448t, 168; Kenneth Tate 112, 426b, 73t; Harrison Creel 565; Brenda Merritt and Kate Merritt 192. Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led song on page 521 as the closing song. John Merritt dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Ida Lee Parker Starnes.

LIBERTY CHURCH
Henagar, Alabama
April 29, 2001

The annual fifth Sunday singing at Liberty Baptist Church was called to order at 9:25 a.m. with Chairman David Ivey leading songs on pages 82t and 33b. The morning prayer was led by Elder Billy Ray Killian. Coy Ivey and Shane Wootten were appointed as the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Rodney Ivey 32t; Secretary Norma Green 310; Loyd Ivey 89; Dennis George 274t; Lamar Smith 76b; Henry Johnson 278t; B.M. Smith 284; Mattie Townsel 48t; Eloise Wootten 186; Leola Smith 384; Roy Nelson 111t; Judy Mincey 475; Laura Clawson 362; Lomax Ballinger 144; Phil Summerlin 350; Jeannette DePoy 411; Milton Oliver and Scot Oliver 314, 313t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Vice Chairman Shane Wootten leading song on page 276. Leaders: Wayne Wootten and Andrew Wootten 486t (WB); Scott Ivey 300; Alexandra Makris 388; Donna Wootten and Tresha McClain 74b; Tony Ivey 163b; Mary Florence Smith 283; Felton Denney 231; Hobert Ivey and Betty Shepherd 282, 216; Jessica Davis 145b; Eschol Hughes 436; Nate Green and Norma Green 52t; Buddy Davis 49b; Linda Sides and Debi Gass 225t; Teenie Moody 37b; Eugene Forbes 213; Josephine Denney 143; Margie Smith 499; Jackson Harcrow 63.

RECESS

David Ivey brought the class together leading song on page 83t. Leaders: Shelbie Sheppard 183; Lee Rogers 467; Karen Clark 421; Stuart Ivey 189; Billy Thompson 569b; Aaron Wootten 101t; Jimmie Denney 155; Sarah Harcrow, Richard Ivey, and Marion Wilhoite 82t; J.P. Shavers 551; Amy Smith and Loretta Smith 47t; Freeman Wootten and Jewel Wootten 48b, 128; Karen Davis 270; John Henry Busby and Loyd Ivey "Jesus Died For Me" (WB), 401.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Rodney Ivey leading song on page 108t. Leaders: Tim Dalton 47b; Taylor Cobb 310; Hillary Brown 147t; Jamie Wootten, Jarred Wootten, and Hayden Wootten 45t; Flora Skinner 434; Pam Nunn 269; Teresa Bethune, Marian Biddle, Loyd Ivey, Martha Underwood, Lily Underwood, Candace Bethune, and Ivey Biddle 501(CB), 454; Susan Harcrow 430; Jeff Sheppard 236; Scott DePoy 179; Linton Ballinger 460; Max Berueffy and Diane Gates 503; Richard Ivey and Coy Ivey 222; John Plunkett 500; Randall Smith, Rodney Ivey, and Richard Ivey 137; Everette Denney 426t; Don Clark 215; Darlene Dalton and Syble Adams 171; LaRue Allen 232.

RECESS

Jackie Tanner brought the class together leading song on page 298. Leaders: Karen Travis 452; Lynne deBenedette 182; Elene Stovall and Rodney Ivey 358 (by request); Sandy Ivey 201; Judy Caudle 302; Lorrie Wootten 147b; Lydia Baswell and Vella Dailey 146; Charles Stiefel 448t; Melvin Stiefel 512; Karen Ivey and Betty Shepherd 138t, 196; Coy Ivey and Elene Stovall 99; Ruth Brown and Rodney Ivey 142.

Following announcements, David Ivey, Shane Wootten, and Rodney Ivey led song on page 62. The class was dismissed with prayer by Phil Summerlin. Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairmen - Rodney Ivey and Shane Wootten; Secretary - Norma Latham Green.

HUNTSVILLE SACRED HARP SINGING
Burritt On The Mountain -
A Living Museum, Huntsville, Alabama
Saturday, May 5, 2001

The seventeenth annual Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Madison Church building on the grounds of Burritt On The Mountain located atop Monte Sano Mountain in Huntsville. The singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with Chairman Richard Ivey leading songs on pages 29t and 101t. Sam Sommers of Elkhart, Indiana voiced the morning prayer.

The class organized by selecting the following additional officers: Vice Chairman - Lomax Ballinger; Secretary - Teresa Ballinger; Arranging Committee - Linton Ballinger and Lomax Ballinger.

The singing resumed with Vice Chairman Lomax Ballinger leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Secretary Teresa Ballinger 542; David Ivey 294 (by request); Sam Jones 159; Tina Leopold 63; Paula McGray 217; John Hyde 313t; Gary Leopold 128; Ashley Keeton and Ashley Campbell 442, 143; Coy Ivey and Elene Stovall 59; Judy Caudle 428; Gravis Ballinger 300; Margie Smith 494; Nate Green and Norma Green 503, 113; Jarrod George 358; Hershell King 340; Rhoda Norris 177; Phillip Ballinger 299; Karen Isbell 348b; S.T. Reed 32b.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey called the class together leading song on page 120. Leaders: Randall Smith, Richard Ivey, and Rodney Ivey 137; Karen Freund 278b; Bud Oliver 384; Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 47t, 37b; Dan Hopper 245; Pam Wilkerson 142; Lavaughn Ballinger, Buddy Ballinger, Linton Ballinger, Leon Ballinger, Lomax Ballinger, and Gravis Ballinger 167; Amber Springfield 192; Travis Keeton 343; Shelbie Sheppard 448t; Paul Unruh 155; Eloise Wootten 405; Jerry Enright 42.

RECESS

L.O. Harper and Sandra Jordan brought the class together leading song on page 45t. Leaders: Amanda Ballinger 454; Cassie Franklin and Jason Wright 224; Sam Sommers 188; Josie Hyde 507; Glenn Keeton 475; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 129; Gary Smith 31t; Syble Adams 430; Mark Carroll 344. Lavaughn Ballinger asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Richard Ivey leading song on page 82t. Leaders: Linda Thomas and Jeff Sheppard 352, 556; Richard DeLong 396; Jeannette DePoy 112; Leon Ballinger 195; Diane Mennella 349; B.M. Smith 273; Susan Harcrow 436; John Plunkett 449; Loyd Ivey 89; Darlene Dalton 290; Shane Wootten 172; Lisa Geist 327; J.L. Hopper 178; Sarah Smith 100; Henry Johnson 385t; Elene Stovall 182; Buddy Ballinger 212; Betty Wright 347; Arvid Holmes 312b; LaRue Allen 220.

RECESS

Linton Ballinger called the class together leading song on page 81t. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 50b; Tommy George 354b; Karen Ivey 391; Max Berueffy 498; Dennis George 198; Charles Meidinger 268; Philip Gilmore 201; Virginia Douglas 49b; Charles Stiefel 378b; Matt Wells 196.

Following announcements, Chairman Richard Ivey led song on page 62, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder J.L. Hopper.

Chairman - Richard Ivey; Vice Chairmen - Lomax Ballinger; Secretary - Teresa Ballinger.

EMMAUS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Carrollton, Georgia
May 6, 2001

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Felton Denney leading song on page 73b. Lonnie Rogers led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Felton Denney 73t; Sheri Taylor 114, 186; Everette Denney 119, 405; Lonnie Rogers 75, 298; Charlene Wallace 267, 274t.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Philip Denney; Vice Chairman - Bernard Denney; Chaplain - Louis Hughes; Secretary - Sheri Taylor; Arranging Committee - Charlene Wallace; Memorial Committee - Jan House and Shelbie Sheppard.

Leaders: Jimmie Denney 63, 143; Earlis McGraw 213t, 225t; Philip Denney 164, 120; Jan House 224, 137; Richard Driver 155, 472; Donna Duke 101t, 159; Bobby Jackson 147t, 290.

RECESS

Bernard Denney brought the class to order leading songs on pages 339 and 145b.

Leaders: Glenda Collins 282, 410t; John Plunkett 91, 569t; Josephine Denney 32t, 503; Charles Wood 39t, 85; Shelbie Sheppard 179; Jeremy York 454, 66; Orlanda Driver 127, 40; B.M. Smith 204, 28b; Teenie Moody 29t, 37b.

Jan House conducted the memorial lesson, and Hugh McGraw led song on page 231 for the deceased: Ethel Mae Entrekin, Allene Stanford, J.J. Aderhold, J.D.

Muse, Jack Corley, and Jack Smith - Georgia; Cecil Edwards, Eloise Watkins, and Erskine Norton.

Myron House led song on page 340 for the sick and shut-ins: Mozelle Sheppard, Norma House, Bernice Harper, Vivian Rogers, Revy Williamson, Gladys McGraw, Wilford Denney, B.J. Harris, Evelyn Harris, I.V. McWhorter, Alice Edwards, Katharine Benefield, and Polly Moore. The memorial was closed.

LUNCH

Henry Schuman brought the class to order leading songs on pages 145t and 344.

Leaders: Margie Smith 335, 108t; Raymond Hamrick 448b, 402; Eunice Webb 475, 392; Louis Hughes 420, 421; Renita Faldo 358, 457; Tommy McGraw 365, 39b; Nancy Allen 106; Jeff Sheppard 176t, 176b; Mary Florence Smith 53, 99; Oscar McGuire 276, 573; Phillip Langley 384, 107; Dennis Faldo 452, 68b; Carlene Griffin 146, 117; Louise Holland 273, 43; Joan Collins 408.

Announcements were made. Philip Denney and Bernard Denney led song on page 209 as the closing song. Louis Hughes dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Philip Denney; Vice Chairman - Bernard Denney; Secretary - Sheri Taylor.

SHADY GROVE (KEETON CEMETERY)

Walker County, Alabama

May 6, 2001

The thirty-first session of the annual Sacred Harp singing held at Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery) was called to order by Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 56t and 129. Harrison Creel led the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day by voting to retain the following officers:

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 176b (for Bruce Randolph); Joshua Keeton 108t, 503; Johnny Humber 283, 200; Wilton Donaldson 317, 30t; Ashley Keeton 222, 371;

Clarence McCool 111t, 111b; Ila Ingle 470, 500; Gary Smith 565, 47t; Kermit Adams 384, 99; Dwight Ingle 143, 358; Gravis Ballinger 34b, 144; Becky Briggs 63, 373.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton called the class to order leading songs on pages 89 (in memory of A.C. McGough) and 124. Leaders: Lora Cargo 454, 460; Earl Ballinger 331, 217; Ivalene Donaldson 39b, 73t; Sarah Smith 290 (in memory of A.C. McGough), 288; Ken Tate 496, 68b; Lavaughn Ballinger 401; Ann Ballard 284, 285t; Flarce Creel 475, 42.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 127. Leaders: Lisa Geist 234, 350; Leon Ballinger 490, 269; Elene Stovall 328, 272; Harrison Creel 498, 530; Roma Rice 104, 273; Larry Ballinger 133, 119; Gwen Cornelius 143; Gwen Cornelius and Arnie Keeton 45t; Max Berueffy 30b, 189; Frances Lee 274t, 59; Chris Rice 480, 282; Latrive Bailey 400, 571 (CB); Chuck Beasley 354, 235; Amber Springfield 47b, 142; Charlie Ballard 388, 512; Glenn Keeton and Max Berueffy 225t; John Beasley 335; David Beasley 348b, 75; Ricky Beasley 445, 101t; Willodean Barton and Josie Hyde 100, 477.

Travis Keeton and Glenn Keeton led song on page 46 as the closing song.

Lavaughn Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

MOUNT ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING Ashland Alabama May 6, 2001

The annual Homecoming Singing at Mount Zion Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in May. Eugene Forbes called the class to order leading songs on pages 59 and 75. Brother Thomas Futral offered the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Eugene Forbes; Secretary - Jenny Acton; Arranging Committee - Myrline Redmon and Aadress Gurley.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 101t; Thomas Futral 147t, 74t; Shirley Berry 137, 146 (for Aunt Lora); Vernelle Amason 189, 112; LaRue Allen 108t, 63; Lori Hinesley 405, 143, 288 (for M.B. Forbes); William Futral 489b, 36b; Virginia Futral 145b, 569b.

RECESS

Eugene Forbes brought the class to order leading song on page 100. Leaders: Jenny Acton "The Great Roll Call", 340, 571 (CB) (by request); Pam Anderson 490, 480; Sheila Cotney 358, 334; Sharon Whitehead 294, 49b; Jordan Whitehead 111t, 354b.

Preaching services were held.

LUNCH

Eugene Forbes brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 32. Leaders: Jenny Acton 566 (in memory of Betty Forbes); Edna Ruth Phillips 313t, 222; Charlotte Bishop 268, 45t; Nell Estes 172, 84; Martha Stanford 138b, 300; Floy Wilder 186, 373; Eugene Forbes 146, 148; Larry Acton and Jenny Acton 59; Myrline Redmon 274t, 323b (in memory of Willie Floyd Ray); Aadress Gurley 341.

Announcements were made. Eugene Forbes led songs on pages 77 and 46 as the closing songs. Brother Thomas Futral dismissed the class with prayer.
Chairman - Eugene Forbes; Secretary - Jenny Acton.

**FURMAN UNIVERSITY SACRED HARP
AND CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING**
Herring Music Pavilion, Greenville, South Carolina
Saturday, May 12, 2001

The fourth session of the Furman University Sacred Harp and Christian Harmony Singing was called to order by Chairman Frances Carnell leading song on page 34b. Leon Carnell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Frances Carnell 99, 85; Vice Chairman Dan Huger 178, 71 (CH); Secretary Lee Rogers 50 (CH), 281b (CH); Chaplain John Plunkett 155 (CH), 304 (CH); J.B. Parker 55 (CH), 304 (CH); Judy Mincey 339 (CH), 116t (CH). A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman - Dan Huger; Secretary - Lee Rogers; Chaplain - John Plunkett; Locating and Hospitality - Jean Osteen Gaston and John Gaston; Arranging - Dan Huger and Willie Israel; Finance - Larry Beveridge and Don Bowen.

RECESS

Mildred Chandler brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 87b (CH) and 381t (CH). Leaders: Larry Beveridge 321t (CH), 307 (CH); Amanda Denson (with new granddaughter, Emily Brady) 426t, 186; Sharon Kellam 143t (CH), 103b (CH); Don Bowen 70b (CH), 128b (CH); Henry Bizzell 225b (CH), 249t (CH); Deborah Jones 185b (CH), 313b.

LUNCH

Chairman Frances Carnell opened the afternoon session leading song on page 28b. Leaders: Willie Israel 551, 74 (CH); Scott Swanton 334, 130b (CH), 299 (CH) (requested by Amanda Denson); Leon Carnell 481; Chris Berg 248b (CH), 330 (CH); Karen Conner 141, 117; Nancy Yeager 110b (CH), 479 (CH).

RECESS

Frances Carnell brought the class to order leading song on page 43. Leaders: David Yeager 204t (CH), 169t (CH); Leann Carnell 105b (CH), 68b; Ben Wisdom 141b (CH), 95; Patrick Knowles 495, 148; Colin Brady 40; Dan Huger 268 (requested by Lib Porter); Scott Swanton and Larry Beveridge 49 (CH) (for Jean Gaston); Deborah Jones 454; Frances Carnell 475; Sharon Kellam 117 (CH). The officers led the class in the closing song on page 62, and John Plunkett dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman - Dan Huger; Secretary - Lee Rogers.

OLD FLATWOODS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Nauvoo, Alabama
May 13, 2001

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church was held on Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Elder Philip Gilmore leading songs on pages 32t and 30t. Harrison Creel led the congregation in the morning prayer. Elder Philip Gilmore led song on page 37b.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Elder Philip Gilmore; Vice Chairman - Joe Gilmore; Secretary -

Jimmie Gilmore; Arranging Committee - Arthur Gilmore and Josh Keeton; Memorial Committee - Jimmie Gilmore, Paula Gilmore, and Ashley Keeton. Leaders: Elder Philip Gilmore 76b; Bud Oliver 82t, 145b; Elene Stovall 145t, 138t; Wilton Donaldson 565, 503; Pam Keeton 186, 182; Max Berueffy 139, 36b; Cassie Franklin 97, 448b; Dennis George 285t, 288; Clarence McCool 349, 460; Rodney Ivey 480, 430.

RECESS

Joe Gilmore called the class back together leading songs on pages 68b and 176b. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 335, 270; Harrison Creel 512, 378b; Chip Ward 348t, 112; Sarah Smith 354b, 108t; Gary Smith and Trey Hudson 515, 31t; Billy Williams 154, 297.

The memorial lesson for the deceased and the sick and shut-ins was led by Jimmie Gilmore, Arthur Gilmore, Philip Gilmore, Pam Keeton, Josh Keeton, Ashley Keeton, and Josie Hyde leading songs on pages 45t and 348b. The following list of deceased were remembered: A.C. McGough, Marie Aldridge, Ruby Phillips, Karen House, Gene Wakefield, Lavada Gilmore, Wilma Davis, Joe Harper, Martha Harper, Grady Harper, Robert Harper, Wallace Harper, Mack Harper, and Nervie Harper. Also remembered were the sick and shut-ins: Elder Garnsey McGough, Ethel McGough, and Elmer Conwill. Jimmie Gilmore and Charlotte Keeton Gober led song on page 176b in memory of Wilma Keeton Davis. The memorial lesson was closed in prayer led by Dennis George. Gary Smith offered the noon blessing, and indeed we were blessed with plenty of natural food as we had been blessed with plenty of spiritual food in singing before lunch.

LUNCH

Joe Gilmore brought the class to order for the afternoon session leading songs on pages 300 and 196. Leaders: Amber Springfield 391, 454 (in memory of A.C. McGough); Travis Keeton 30b (for the children of Elder W.C. Barnes, deceased), 324; Josie Hyde 73t, 361; Glenn Keeton 274t; Glenn Keeton, Arnie Keeton, Christie Key, Linda Christian, and Gwen Cornelius 143 (in memory of their dad, Pete Keeton, and in honor of their mother, Lena Keeton); Lena Keeton, Arnie Keeton, Christie Key, Linda Christian, and Gwen Cornelius 294 (in memory of Pete Keeton); Ashley Keeton 327, 384; Paula Gilmore and Philip Gilmore 75, 47t; Philip Gilmore 64; Josh Keeton 189, 268; Velton Chafin 144, 35; Jimmie Gilmore and Arthur Gilmore 408, 378t; Lena Keeton 546, 475; John Beasley 47b; Chuck Beasley 61t, 571 (CB); Dennis George 79.

Announcements were made. Philip Gilmore, Joe Gilmore, and John Beasley led song on page 49b as the closing song. John Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Everyone is cordially invited back again next year, and God bless you all 'til we meet again. Your presence and support was appreciated.

Chairman - Elder Philip Gilmore; Vice Chairman - Joe Gilmore; Secretary - Jimmie Gilmore.

GARDEN STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Montclair, New Jersey** **May 18-19, 2001**

Friday, May 18

The ninth annual session of the Garden State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Gina Balestracci leading song on page 66. Rosemary Greenaway welcomed everyone with great joy and offered an opening prayer.

A brief business session was held with the election or appointment of the following officers: Chairman - Rosemary Greenaway; Vice Chairman - Gina Balestracci; Treasurer - Roland Hutchinson; Secretary - Diane Mennella; Arranging Committee - George Seiler, Paula McGray, and Tom Tucker; Memorial Committee - Donna Abrahams, Doron Henkin, and Bradford West; Resolutions Committee - Barbara Swetman and Bill Holt; Chaplains - Ginny Landgraf and George Seiler; Pitching/Keying - Jean Seiler, Bob Parr, Ginny Landgraf, and Bradford West; Registration - Marlene Levine and Martha Husick; Food Coordinators/Kitchen Clean-up - Gina Balestracci, Ellie Soler, Claire Simon, Sheila Girling Smith, Laura Timmerman, Edwin Macadam, Mary Martin, David Martin, Tom Gibney, Paula McGray, and Ginny Ely; Publicity - Roland Hutchinson.

Leaders: Rosemary Greenaway 31b; Gina Balestracci 39t; Roland Hutchinson 36b; Diane Mennella 37b; Paula McGray 47t; Guy Bankes 350; Claire Simon 503; Bill Holt 148; Thom Metzger 445; Paul Gauthier 101b; Chris Noren 299; Jean Seiler 217; Bob Parr 95; Margaret Bornick 212; Blake Morris 71.

RECESS

Diane Mennella brought the class back to order leading song on page 155. Roland Hutchinson introduced Sheila Smith and Edwin Macadam who are visiting from England, and made mention that they will host the next annual United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention in Oxford, England. They brought a collection of West Gallery songs which the class had an opportunity to sing, illustrating to many the common heritage that present day singers on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean share. In between songs, some of which had American printings in the 18th and early 19th centuries, both Sheila and Edwin treated the class to a historical overview of the evolution of congregational singing. Edwin reminded us that throughout history there has always been one source. Tunes sung were entitled "Babylon Streams," "Bampton," "Jersey," and "Durham." Sheila concluded their presentation by expressing the hope that the commonality between English and American singing of sacred songs will continue and asked the class to sing from "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition" on page 198.

Leaders: Susan Bingham 45t; Ted Stokes 61.

RECESS

Rosemary Greenaway brought the class back to order leading song on page 49b. Leaders: Dick Levine 492; Ginnie Ely 349; Dennis Leipold 352; Rosie Wojcik 48b; Dan Hertzler 274t; Barbara Swetman 73b; Matthew Wojcik 566. Ginny Landgraf offered the closing prayer.

Saturday, May 19

Rosemary Greenaway opened the morning session by leading song on page 33b. Ginny Landgraf offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Roland Hutchinson 473; Diane Mennella 472; Ginny Landgraf 351; Michal Truelsen 327; Gary Smith and Alice Cochran 569; Eileen Metzger 168; Ronald Bornick 454; Laura Timmerman 86; George Seiler 84; Gabriel Kastle with his father 340; Richard Schmeidler 474; Sarah Smith 129; Frank Evans 344; Sheila Girling-Smith 28t; John Redman 236; Hal Kunkel 89; Marty DeNys 299; Edwin Macadam 150; Pat Geritz 47t; Michael Kaye 163b; Doron Henkin 135; Alexandra Gilmore 457; Bradford West 99; Howard Katz 362; Tom Tucker 288.

RECESS

Edwin Macadam brought the class to order leading song on page 287. Leaders: Gerry Hoffman 458; Mary Ann Morrison 178; Tom Gibney 501; Charlotte Ehrman 66; Inga Knets 171; Edith Berger 114; Ginnie Ely 196; Bill Holt 419;

Thom Metzger 428; Paul Gauthier 228; Guy Bankes 441; Chris Noren 268; Laura Densmore 302; Claire Simon 91; Sarah Smith 145b; Jean Seiler 475; Paula McGray 460; Margaret Bornick 497; Bob Parr 542; Blake Morris 73t; Rosie Wojcik 77t; Kshama Ananthapura 430.

Donna Abrahams conducted the memorial lesson using a story about the medieval cabalists who believed that the vessels holding God's holy light were broken so that His love could be diffused throughout the universe. The result is that sparks of the divine can be found in every human being, and it is our obligation to recognize and celebrate these divine sparks. Donna Abrahams led song on page 218 and admonished us to remember that it is now our obligation to continue the light these folks have left. The deceased remembered were: Virgil Phillips, Ruby Phillips, Marie Aldridge, Gene Wakefield, and A.C. McGough - Alabama; George A. Seiler, Elsie Allen, and Eva Lampman - California; Susan Garber and George Nichols - Connecticut; Mary K. Friday - Washington D.C.; Joan "Tommy" Sahler - Georgia; Priscilla Hertzler - Massachusetts; Scott Curtis's mother - New Hampshire; Karen House, Ina Markulova, Ellen Moore, and George Berger - New York; Robert Todd - Pennsylvania; Katie Clark - Vermont; Mary Lang - Washington; Hal Hinds - Canada; Gina DiGuisto and Emma Venier - France; Ben Bailey - United Kingdom.

Bradford West was invited to speak of Karen House. He first read a message from her sister, Kelly House, which told of the important connections they had to the Garden State Convention. He commented that he used to think that memorial lessons were something to get through so the class could get back to singing, but he has discovered during this past difficult year that they give us a chance to remember and to express the sorrow we feel, a true catharsis. He then led song on page 153.

Doron Henkin expressed appreciation for all the years Susan Garber kept him on the mailing list for the New England Convention, and for the opportunity to have sung with Marie Aldridge. He read the list of the sick and shut-ins; led song on page 474; and made the remark that he didn't think the people on the list would mind a more upbeat tune! Those remembered were: Elsie Beasley - Alabama; Meadow B. Pritchard - Arizona; Dot Garber - Connecticut; Jerilyn Schumacher - Illinois; Ted Kunkel and Muriel Parke - Maryland; Phillip Shea and Kate Spencer - Massachusetts; Gabriel Spector and Richard Luzzi - New Jersey; Bryce Butler and Harriett Henry - New York; Gordon Ashman - United Kingdom. The memorial lesson was closed. George Seiler said grace.

LUNCH

Ellie Soler brought the class back to order for the afternoon session by leading song on page 358. Leaders: Gerry Hoffman 39t; Ted Stokes 142; Laura Clawson 269; Richard Schmeidler 254; Dan Hertzler 528; Tom Tucker 189; Dennis Leipold 376; Denise Morris 566; Matthew Wojcik 383; Barbara Swetman 157; Ron Bornick 186; Sheila Girling Smith 210; Marty DeNys 547; George Seiler 480; Alexandra Gilmore 47b; Hal Kunkel 558; Doron Henkin 224; Frank Evans 191; Eileen Metzger 70b; Gabriel Kastle 567; Mary DeNys 133; Bradford West 324.

RECESS

The class was called back to order. Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 102; Donna Abrahams 496; John Redman 143; Laura Timmerman 373; Roland Hutchinson 524; Kshama Ananthapura 245; Tom Gibney 448b; Gina Balestracci 543; Howard Katz 445; Gary Smith 31t; Edwin Macadam 538; Pat Geritz 34b; Ellie Soler 277; Dick Levine 68b; Edith Berger 159; Michael Kaye 510; Susan

Bingham 361; Charlotte Ehrman 523; Inga Knets 270; Donna Abrahams 192; Rosemary Greenaway 429.

A business session was held, and reports were given.

The Arranging Committee reported that 94 people registered coming from 10 states, District of Columbia, and the United Kingdom. Sixty leaders led a total of 122 Sacred Harp songs and 5 West Gallery pieces.

The Finance Committee reported that contributions given were enough to meet expenses.

The Resolutions Committee offered the following report:

We resolve to thank:

- 1) God for bringing us together and providing wonderful weather;
- 2) The Montclair Friends Meeting House for allowing us to use their facilities;
- 3) Edwin Macadam and Sheila Girling-Smith for coming from England to join us, and for providing an interesting session on West Gallery music;
- 4) All the officers, committee members, those who brought food, worked in the kitchen, cleaned up, publicity, keyed the music, or helped in any way to make this convention possible;
- 5) All who came, those who sang, and made this a successful convention, and finally:

We resolve that, God willing, we will gather together next year for the tenth Garden State Sacred Harp Convention.

Respectfully submitted: Barbara Swetman and Bill Holt.

Rosemary Greenaway led song on page 62 as the class took the parting hand.

Chaplain Ginny Landgraf closed the session with prayer.

Chairman - Rosemary Greenaway; Vice Chairman - Gina Balestracci; Secretary - Diane Mennella.

**HARRIS SPRINGS
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING
Gaither's Plantation, South of Covington (Newton County),
Georgia
Saturday, May 19, 2001**

This is a new singing that is being held in a church building that has been restored and relocated to Gaither's Plantation south of Covington, Georgia. The Newton County Historical Society's Mule Day Folklife Festival is being held concurrently here at Gaither's Plantation on this day.

Officers for the day are Co-Chairmen Alice West and Charles Woods.

The day of singing began with Alice West leading song on page 59. Hugh McGraw offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Hugh McGraw 448b, 177; Don Bowen 99, 97; Bill Hollingsworth 146, 147t; John Hollingsworth 77b, 82t; Andy Anderson 159, 28t; Hermon Wilkinson 73t, 215; Eric Tweedy 35, 131t; Marcena Wilkinson 101t; Mitzi Mills 569b; Charles Woods 28b, 269; Henry Zittrouer 87, 143; Bobby Jackson 274t; Lee Rogers 425, 475; John Plunkett 192, 45b. Hermon Wilkinson offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Charles Woods brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 300.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 34t, 538; Jeannette DePoy 282, 65; Richard DeLong 168, 123b; Alice West 120, 288; Angela Benton 358, 155; Charlene Wallace 79, 299; Lela Crowder 503, 117; Eric Tweedy 335; Don Bowen 145b; Lee Rogers 528;

Bill Hollingsworth 236; John Hollingsworth 196; Andy Anderson 178; Alice West 504; Richard DeLong 496, 510.

The chairman for next year's singing which will be held on May 18, 2002 will be Charles Woods.

Alice West led song on page 45t as the closing song. Richard DeLong dismissed the class with prayer.

Co-Chairmen - Alice West and Charles Woods.

MATTOX MEMORIAL SINGING
City Administration Building, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee
Saturday, May 19, 2001

The annual Mattox Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Tim Reynolds leading song on page 84. Clayton Ezell offered the morning prayer.

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

Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman - Clay Mattox; Secretary - Wanda Capps; Arranging Committee - Tim Reynolds.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 34b; Gordon Wilkinson 75, 112; Clayton Ezell 32b, 33b; Clay Mattox 119; Wanda Capps 225t, 503; Ron Harper 40, 47b; Danny Creel 76b, 275b; Dustin McCowan 354b; Dorothea McCowan 120, 235; Edith Tate 35, 37b.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class to order leading song on page 66. Leaders: Bob Simmons 569b, 299; David Killingsworth 209, 49t; Marilyn Burchett 231, 294; Lawrence Blankers 515, 141; Margie Norwood 46, 146; Ken Tate 496, 270; Sandy Scott 475, 452; Claire Outten 47t, 335.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 81t. Leaders: Wilton Donaldson 317, 30t; Ivalene Donaldson 77t, 147t; Henry Cobb 313b, 312b; Sandy Scott 571 (CB); Danny Creel 269, 460; Clayton Ezell 380; Claire Outten 198; Lawrence Blankers 551, 63; Margie Norwood 405.

Tim Reynolds led song on page 56t as the closing song and then dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman - Clay Mattox; Secretary - Wanda Capps.

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL SINGING
Angels Gate Cultural Center, San Pedro, California
Saturday, May 19, 2001

The ninth annual Los Angeles Regional Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Rick Russell leading song on page 52t. Steve Lazicki, Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Pasadena, California led the opening prayer. A business meeting was called at 10:15 a.m. to elect or appoint the following officers:

Chairman - Rick Russell; Vice Chairman - Laura Boyd Russell; Secretary - Larry Arnstein; Arranging Committee - Pat Keating; Treasurer - Duncan McLeod; Memorial Committee - Marion Black; Chaplain - Steve Lazicki. Leaders: Steve Lazicki 312b; Laura Russell 32t; Jerry Schreiber 220; Larry Arnstein 299; Duncan McLeod 40; Betty Herman 383; Pat Keating 178; Carla Smith 222; Norman Gholson 34b; Carroll Lunsford 390; Rick Russell 297; Tom Ostwald 504; John Reed 111b.

RECESS

Duncan McLeod called the class back to order leading song on page 59. Leaders: Susan Turpin "Nebraska"; Ron Huss 556; Janet Herman 536; Marion Black 378b; Jeff O'Toole 28b; Karen Huss 236; Tom Payne 114; Patricia Lazicki 29t. Marion Black gave the Memorial Lesson and led 81 for the following deceased: Ben Crittenden and Pinky Crittenden - Vermont; Ruth Gottdiener - Florida/New York; Bobbi Openheim - Massachusetts; Cecelia Durkin - Washington, D.C.

Mary Linn Bergstrom led 347 for the sick and shut-ins: Kimberly Davis Bhat, Anitra Gendreau, Judith Warren, Catherine Callenhour, and Brennan Pelosi. Leaders: Susan Turpin 31t; Marilyn Murata 528; Dan Vosnick 272.

LUNCH

Laura Russell called the class back to order leading 89. Leaders: John Rand 385t; Mike Laube 467b; Jerry Schreiber 198; Janice Hecksel 284; Betty Herman 442; Tom Payne 106; Pat Keating 542; Janet Herman 558; Steve Lazicki 74b; Mary Rose O'Leary 318; Jeff O'Toole 68b; Susan Turpin 328; Steven O'Leary 272; Marilyn Murata 573; Marion Black 131; Dan Vosnick 365; Carroll Lunsford 204; Patricia Lazicki 159; Larry Arnstein 47t.

RECESS

Duncan McLeod called the class back to order leading 228. Leaders: Ron Huss 287; Tom Ostwald 260; Rick Russell 146; Stan Jensen 380; Duncan McLeod 145t; Alice Magstrand 358; Janice Hecksel 46; Jenny Stern 335; Steven O'Leary 361; Laura Russell 384; Carla Smith 424; Mary Rose O'Leary 274t; Norman Gholson 147t; Karen Huss 151; Tom Payne 58; Susan Turpin 480.

A business meeting was called. Treasurer Duncan McLeod reported that contributions met and exceeded expenses. Announcements for upcoming singings were made.

Secretary Larry Arnstein reported that 65 songs were called, and that the singers sang like angels.

Rick Russell closed the singing leading song on page 276 as the closing song. Steve Lazicki gave the closing prayer, and the singing adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Chairman - Rick Russell; Secretary - Larry Arnstein.

COLUMBIA SINGING (FORMERLY ARROWROCK)

Riggs Union Church, Riggs, Missouri

Saturday, May 19, 2001

The Columbia Singing, which was formerly held at Arrowrock, met at the Riggs Union Church in Riggs, Missouri just north of Columbia, on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. Susan Green called the class to order leading song on page 48t. Wendy Hofmann welcomed everyone to the first singing in Riggs. Susan Green offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Wendy Hofmann 148; Lou Kujawinski 569b; Penny Kujawinski 142; Cindy Stone 40; Mabel Kinder 68b (dedicated to Charlie Derleth); Kim Fennewald 457; Wendy Hofmann 159; Jim Solheim 35; Becky Browne 36b; Jon Pearson 497; Jeanette Lowry 430; Gary Gronau 32t; Kathy Wood 452; Bill Ellason 137; Jim Wood and Jon Pearson 503; Karen Isbell 29t.

RECESS

Susan Green called the class back to order leading songs on pages 63 and 157. Leaders: Dave Ressler 56b, 48t; Lila Leyland 569b; Sue Pearson 344; Bill Ellason 110; Jim Solheim 189, 313b; Jeanette Lowry 191, 192; Jon Pearson 66, 312; Becky Browne 276, 203; Linda Baird 323b; Penny Kujawinski 82b, 84; Kathy Wood 496; Gary Gronau 201, 411.

LUNCH

Susan Green brought the class back to order by leading the afternoon prayer. Leaders: Dave Ressler 117, 181; Sue Pearson, Anna Pearson, and Catherine Pearson 354b; Jim Solheim 299, "Nebraska" (his own composition); Cindy Stone 361; Jim Wood 163; Karen Isbell 313t, 348b (dedicated to Charlie Derleth); Mabel Kinder 178; Susan Green 57, 58; Bill Ellason 268, 107; Kim Fennewald 63; Jeff Brotemarkle 547; Jon Pearson 472.

RECESS

Susan Green called the class back to order, and Becky Browne opened by leading songs on pages 47 and 436.

Penny Kujawinski and Karen Isbell conducted the memorial lesson to remember those named and not named on this day, and to send strength to the shut-ins. Karen Isbell led song on page 101 for the following sick and shut-ins: Charlie Derleth and Ann Leckie's mother of St. Louis, Missouri; Jerrilyn Schumacher - Illinois; Ward Carhart - Nebraska.

Penny Kujawinski led song on page 347 to remember the following deceased: Stella Heines, George Fisher, Robbie Guy, and Debbie Nichols. The memorial lesson was closed by a prayer led by Penny Kujawinski.

Leaders: Lou Kujawinski 535, 46; Lila Leyland 45; Michael McGowan 81t, 155; Jeanette Lowry 215, 300; Linda Baird 164; Kathy Wood 358; Gary Gronau 362, 99; Dave Ressler 216, 217.

Susan Green led song on page 62 as the closing song while those who wished took the parting hand, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Susan Green; Vice Chairman - Wendy Hofmann; Arranging Committee - Penny Kujawinski; Treasurer - Lou Kujawinski; Secretary - Cindy Stone.

CANE CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Cleburne County, Near Heflin, Alabama** **May 20, 2001**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in May was called to order by B.M. Smith leading song on page 59. Felton Denney offered the opening prayer. B.M. Smith led song on page 82t; Jeff Sheppard 75, 87; and Margie Smith 32t and 101t.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown. Leaders: B.M. Smith 144; Henry Schuman 145t, 480; Nancy Allen 146; Bud Oliver 145b, 42; Pearl Guier 127, 448b; George Garner 112, 186; Alice Edwards 104, 271; Roy Nelson 270, 283; Ivalene Donaldson 129, 61; Henry Johnson 425, 338.

RECESS

B.M. Smith called the class to order leading song on page 123t. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 70, 122; Everette Denney 84, 490, 405; Lou Cotney 189, 218; C.W. Garner 172, 173; Glenda Collins 45t, 124; Wilton Donaldson 317, 30t; Eunice Webb 208, 204; Felton Denney 549, 155.

Ruth Brown conducted the memorial lesson with comments about making a joyful noise, and what Sacred Harp singers and friends mean to each other. Alice Edwards, Hester Edwards, Alonzo Edwards, Louise Owen, Alma Owen, Harvey Austin, and Jeff Sheppard led songs on pages 430 and 491 for Cecil Edwards, Ted Edwards, Ruby Smith, Nell Williams, Billy Ross Edwards, Nannie Sue Green, Lee Green, Fratus Owen, Bobbie Jean Morrow, Kevin Morrow, and Bercha Thompson. Felton Denney led song on page 285t for

Leamon Norton, Franklin Snider, Bessie Mitchum, Opal Deese, Howard Murray, Camille Randle, Grady Price, and Eloise Watkins. Sylvia Holland led songs on pages 348b and 111t for the sick and shut-ins. Those remembered were: Kathleen Butler Powers, Mozelle Sheppard, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Gladys McGraw, Gary McGraw, Revy Williamson, Oakie Austin, and Jennie Cofield who is 100 years old. The memorial was closed with prayer.

Charles Wayne Norton gave a report on the cemetery.

LUNCH

B.M. Smith brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 29t. Leaders: Bobby Jackson 278b, 378b; Mary Florence Smith 62, 326; Jimmie Denney 276, 294; Mary Lee Smith 358, 313t; Howard McGuire 192; Rene Greene 222, 196; Lewis Norton 139b; Reba Norton 282, 177; Sam Jones 81, 179; Karen Reaves 410t, 312b; Betty Wright 89, 569b; Shelbie Sheppard 365 (in memory of Leman Brown), 212 (for Louise Allen); Ora Martin 215, 426b; Lois Owen 373; Sherrell Durand 335, 30b; Corene Laminack and Ruth Daniel 378t, 167; Celia Sanders 354; Evelyn Harris 47t, 225t; B.J. Harris 452. Announcements were made. B.M. Smith led song on page 46 as the closing song. B.J. Harris offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman - B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

SARDIS CHURCH

Lynn Park, Alabama

May 20, 2001

The annual singing at Sardis Church was held on the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Brenda Merritt leading song on page 30t. Lavaughn Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairperson - Brenda Merritt; Vice Chairman - Chris Ballinger; Secretary - Lisa Geist; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders.

Leaders: Brenda Merritt 35; Chris Ballinger 61, 49b, 52t; Winell Sanders 108t; Travis Keeton 129 (for John Hyde who was just released from the hospital), 73t, 345t; John Merritt 345b, 335, 225t, 108b, 278b; Lisa Geist 566, 155, 171, 31t, 503 (for Thurman Nall).

RECESS

Chris Ballinger called the class back to order leading songs on pages 99, 187, and 87. Leaders: Harrison Creel 111b, 89; Larry Ballinger 56t, 49t, 123t; Lavaughn Ballinger 122, 405, 401, 84, 424; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 460, 111t, 145t, 146.

LUNCH

Brenda Merritt brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on page 144, 142, and 192. Leaders: Chris Ballinger 350, 436, 147t; Larry Ballinger 334, 50b, 70t; Travis Keeton 44 (for Elmer Conwill who was in the hospital), 131b, 48t; Lisa Geist 117, 224, 542, 546, 45t (by request); Lavaughn Ballinger 294 (by request), 143, 528, 100, 358, 274t; John Merritt 121, 148, 496, 475, 480, 137 (in memory of Virgil Phillips); Larry Ballinger 498, 564 (to honor John Hocutt who wrote both songs); Travis Keeton 499.

Brenda Merritt led song on page 46 as the closing song. Lavaughn Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson - Brenda Merritt; Vice Chairman - Chris Ballinger; Secretary - Lisa Ballinger Geist.

GARDEN STATE UNCONVENTIONAL SUNDAY
Saint Bart's Church, New York, New York
May 20, 2001

The Garden State Unconventional Sunday singing was held at Saint Bart's Church, New York, New York on the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Roland Hutchinson leading song on page 77b.

Leaders: Edwin Macadam "Wiltshire" (Praise and Glory); Blake Morris "Ireland"; Gina Balestracci 38t (CB); Matt Wojcik "Sovereign Love"; Tom Tucker 92 (EH); Blake Morris 79 (EH); Hal Kunkel and Thom Metzger "The Stone Forever Stands"; Rosemary Greenaway 78 (EH) (with additional instruction in performance practice by Edwin Macadam); Bradford West "Kayron"; Gina Balestracci 84 (EH); Thom Metzger "Dow"; Roland Hutchinson "New Poole" (Praise and Glory).
RECESS

Bill Holt brought the class to order leading song on page 52t. Leaders: Barbara Swetman "Cranbrook" (Praise and Glory); Laura Densmore 98 (CB); Ginny Landgraf 76 (EH); Bradford West 90 (EH); Matthew Wojcik 12 (EH); Richard Schmeidler 110 (EH) (led by Gina Balestracci); Tom Tucker 1 (EH).
LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Bradford West leading song on page 48t. Leaders: Matt Wojcik 82t; Blake Morris 297; George Seiler 122; Claire Simon 522; Gina Balestracci 112; Ginny Landgraf 332; Kshama Ananthapura 433; Bill Holt 550; Ellie Soler 59; Thom Metzger 216; Rosemary Greenaway 203; Roland Hutchinson "Reilly's Third"; Barbara Swetman 390; Diane Mennella 564; Sheila Girling Smith 474; Bradford West 384; Tom Tucker 360; Hal Kunkel 411; Susan Hanson 269.
RECESS

The class resumed singing with Bradford West leading song on page 37b. Leaders: Ted Stokes "The Good Old Way (Second)"; Matt Wojcik 58; Jean Seiler 200; Edwin Macadam 236; Richard Schmeidler 146; Michael Kaye 147t; Gerry Hoffman 148; George Seiler 183; Ginny Landgraf 504; Gina Balestracci 419; Roland Hutchinson 553; Charlotte Ehrman 163; Bradford West 99; Blake Morris 351; Laura Clawson 114; Laura Densmore 55t (EH); Matt Wojcik 365; Rosemary Greenaway 335; Tom Tucker 347; Alexa Gilmore 162; Bradford West 340.

Co-Chairmen - Roland Hutchinson and Bradford West; Locating Committee - Gail Harper, Bradford West, and Roland Hutchinson; Secretary - Gina Balestracci.

MOUNT PISGAH SINGING SOCIETY (COOPER BOOK)
Stroud, Chambers County, Alabama
Saturday, May 26, 2001

The class was promptly called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Don Clark leading songs on pages 29t and 170. Mark Davis was called upon to offer the morning prayer. Don Clark welcomed everyone and led song on page 58. Vice President John Etheridge led song on page 408, followed by Secretary Amy Lee leading 59, after which the following program was presented.
Leaders: Jack Nelson 30b; T.J. Stewart 144; Jimmie Denney 145b; Margie Smith 507b; Annie Lee Price 384; Curtis Rogers 335; Henry Johnson 418; Riley Lee

485; Betty Wright 54t; B.M. Smith 559; Bud Oliver 563; Everette Denney 291; Julie Lee 82.

RECESS

The second session was called to order by President Don Clark leading song on page 358 (requested by Eleanor Clark). Leaders: Felton Denney 507t; Louis Hughes 381t; Floy Wilder 142; Liz Bryant 98; Isabelle Green 282; Johnny Lee 515; Tommie Spurlock 376; Anita Landess 500; S.T. Reed 138t; Ramona Lee 461; Linda Fagan 488b; Bill Stewart 451b; Laura Densmore 313; Dennis George 392.

RECESS

The final session of the morning was called to order by President Don Clark leading song on page 501. Leaders: John Plunkett 477; Kathy Lee 171; Scott Moore 270 (leading his first lesson); Darlene Dalton 38t; Mark Davis 522; Karen Clark 421; Elder Clarke Lee 149; Bobby Jackson 274t; Sharon Kellam 511t; John Merritt 283; Phil Slay 508; Elder Tollie Lee 395t; Don Bowen 326t; Velton Chafin 570.

LUNCH

After a bountiful spread of delicious food, the afternoon session was called to order by President Don Clark leading "Trusting" (WB) and 146. Leaders: Tor Bejnar 573; Chip Ward 416t; Danny Creel 383; Charlene Wallace 218; Mary Elizabeth Lee 40; Glenn Keeton 505; Charles Woods 571; Cassie Franklin 478; Frank Hadaway 395b; Lee Rogers 575; Judy Mincey 411; Buell Cobb 108t; Helen Bryson 484b; Linda Thomas 137 (requested in memory of Virgil Phillips); Brenda Merritt 450.

RECESS

The second session of the afternoon was opened with President Don Clark leading song on page 520. Leaders: David Lee 176t; Syble Adams 367; Joe Nall 294; Bob Goodman 63; Cindy Tanner 486; Lou Cotney 189; Nate Green and Norma Green 432; Guy Bankes 494; Andy Morris 288; Wilburn Ellyson 447t; Amber Springfield 276; Regina Grayson 470; Stanley Smith 140; Rachel Lee, David Lee, and Kathy Lee 268t; Alice Bejnar 100; LaRue Allen 110; Tommie Spurlock 567 (for Bill Aplin who was present but not able to stand and lead). President Don Clark thanked all singers who came from far and near making the day the great success it was, and made a few remarks concerning the history of this singing. A total of nine states were represented. The singing was organized in 1903, continued until about 1955, and reorganized in 1992, making this the tenth session since the reorganization. We invite everyone to meet with us again on May 25, 2002 for another great day of singing praises in Jesus' name. Announcements were made. Don Clark, John Etheridge, and Amy Lee led song on page 62, and all who wished took the parting hand. Elder Clark Lee dismissed the class with prayer.

President - Don Clark; Vice President - John Etheridge; Secretary - Amy Lee.

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Eva, Morgan County, Alabama

May 27, 2001

The May Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Chairman Milford Cobbs leading songs on pages 75 and 46. The morning prayer was offered by Henry Guthery. Leaders and selections were as follows: Arvid Holmes 460; Judy Caudle 33b, 28b (by request); Jonathon Thompson 39b, 68b; Eddis Guthrie 36b, 34b; Henry

Guthery 225t, 101t, 30t; Eldagene Roberson 89, 81t; Brandon Thompson 274t, 335; Wilda Holmes 501 (CB), 295; Judy Caudle 108b (for Mrs. Lessie Grant).

RECESS

Singing resumed with Milford Cobbs leading song on page 127. Leaders: David Roberson 340, 63; Nancy Thompson 45t, 49b; Linton Ballinger 32t, 35; Rhoda Norris 317, 384; Hershell King 163t, 348b; Susan Holmes 313t, 441; Milford Cobbs 143, 358; Arvid Holmes 312b; Judy Caudle 76t, 133; Jonathon Thompson 146; Eddis Guthrie 269, 186. Hershell King offered prayer and the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

After enjoying lunch and fellowship, the class was called to order by Milford Cobbs leading song on page 323.

A memorial session was held at this time. Milford Cobbs made remarks of remembrance of those who have passed from this life and admonished all to remember the veterans of the wars of our country, both those who gave their lives and those who returned, for they, too, gave of themselves for our freedoms. Judy Caudle led song on page 141 in memory of Aubrey Holmes and song on page 459 in memory of Bera Bradford, Mamie Buckelew, and Leon Holmes. Jonathon Thompson and Brandon Thompson led song on page 448t in memory of Willard Hopper, L.E. Hopper, and the others of the Hopper family who have passed away. The memorial session was closed with prayer offered by Elder J.L. Hopper.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 205, 383; Marie Guthrie 434, 322; Craig Holmes 111t; Linton Ballinger 110; Daniel Hopper 201, 268; Eldagene Roberson 300; Susan Holmes and Jane Long 100 (remembering Aunt Teenie, who has a broken hip and could not be at the singing), 142; J.L. Hopper 218, 376, 304, 306.

Announcements were made. Milford Cobbs and J.L. Hopper led song on page 389 as the closing song. Elder Daniel Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Secretary - Judy Caudle.

POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia, off Hwy. 100** **May 27, 2001**

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at Poplar Springs Baptist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Miranel Swafford leading songs on pages 32t and 155. The morning prayer was offered by Billy Joe Harris. Charlene Wallace led songs on pages 59 and 229; George Garner led songs on pages 480 and 222.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman - George Garner; Secretary - Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith; Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 34t, 34b; Mary Florence Smith 213, 72t; Anita Landess 297, 503; Eugene Forbes 145t, 378t; Beth Todd 124, 89; Norma Green and Nathan Green 321, 330, 385b; LaRue Allen 283, 215; Nancy Allen 106, 45t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by B.M. Smith leading song on page 123t. Leaders: Floy Wilder 402, 430; Lonnie Rogers 318, 343; Don Clark 41, 350; Brenda Stansbery 119, 84; B.J. Harris 77b, 303; Laura Densmore 29t, 542; Hugh McGraw 399t.

Mary Florence Smith conducted the memorial lesson and led songs on pages 143 and 348b for the deceased: Ivan "Bud" Dinger, Cecil Edwards, Ruby Phillips, Eloise Watkins, Arthur Phillips, Austin Phillips, Woodie Walker, Grady Price, Robert Todd, Susan Garber, Karen House, Aleen Minton, Bertha Pope, Albert Pope, and Mary K. Friday.

Mary Florence Smith led song on page 122 for the sick and shut-ins. Those remembered were Mozelle Sheppard, Vivian Rogers, and I.V. McWhorter. Rev. Mike Benefield closed the memorial with prayer and included the blessing on the food.

LUNCH

B.M. Smith brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 335. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 556, 472; Carlene Griffin 225t, 171; David Lee 501, 39t; Evelyn Harris 39b, 47t; Teenie Moody 37b, 148; Oscar McGuire 276, 441; Karen Clark 479, 66; Guy Bankes 120, 147b; Inez Chandler and Ceford Woods 290, 457; Cathy Lee 63, 101t; Reba Norton 275b, 208; John Plunkett 354t, 500; Darlene Dalton 203, 448t; Lewis Norton 76b, 47b; Sharon Kellam 48b, 565; Don Bowen 117, 40; Lenna Davidson 164.

Announcements were made. B.M. Smith led song on page 46 as the closing song. David Lee dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman - George Garner; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

DOSS MEMORIAL SINGING **Sardis Baptist Church, Morris, Alabama** **May 27, 2001**

The annual Doss Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the fourth Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Floyd Screws leading song on page 59. Tim Whitaker offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Floyd Screws 31b; Dick Nail 145b, 176t; Lora Cargo 498, 146; Jerry Ryan 345t, 111t; Willodean Barton 101t, 145t; Harrison Creel 111b, 30t; Flarce Creel 148, 475; Margaret Aderholt 348b, 203; Tim Whitaker 480, 354b.

RECESS

Floyd Screws called the class to order leading song on page 270. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 39b, 73t; Wilton Donaldson 566, 565; Glenn Keeton 313b, 294; Gerstle Nail 569b, 155, 235; Amber Springfield 32t, 109; Lora Cargo 571 (CB) (for Ginger Self); Mamie Jenkins 100.

James Abel, pastor of the church, presented the memorial lesson. Margaret Aderholt led song on page 159 for the sick and shut-ins.

Dick Nail led song on page 274t for the following deceased: Rosa Hughes, Atha James, E.V. Sharit, Erah Doss, Icie Isbell, Obie Doss, Willie Dunn, Juanita Whitaker Moore, Edith Willis, Bill Kennemer, A.C. McGough, Marie Aldridge, and all of those who died on the battlefields in defense of our country.

Brother James Abel welcomed everyone and gave thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Floyd Screws brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 384. Leaders: Travis Keeton 179, 48t; Buell Cobb 75, 33b; Bud Oliver 36b, 47t; Velton Chafin 225t, 45t; Edith Tate 37b, 88t; Danny Creel 76b, 269; Buell Cobb 567; Mamie Jenkins 112, 328; Dick Nail 312b, 294; Jerry Ryan 343b; Willodean Barton 290; Harrison Creel 512, 342; Flarce Creel 275b; Tim Whitaker 460; Lora Cargo 340; Wilton Donaldson 317; Glenn Keeton 358; Amber Springfield 503; Glenn Keeton 117 (in memory of Margaret Whitaker); Bud Oliver 421; Danny Creel 182; Elsie Moon 497, 436.

Floyd Screws led song on page 445b as the closing song. Gerstle Nail dismissed the class with prayer.
Chairman - Floyd Screws; Vice Chairman - Dick Nail; Secretary - Ruth Screws.

JACK SMITH MEMORIAL SINGING
Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia
Monday, May 28, 2001

The Jack Smith Memorial Singing was held on Memorial Day at Oakhurst Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia. John Plunkett called the class to order leading song on page 49t. Andy Anderson offered the opening prayer.
Leaders: John Plunkett 145t; Don Bowen 155, 192; Laura Densmore 312b, 528; Laura Akerman 111b, 384; Jeannette DePoy 229, 375; Andy Anderson 63, 28t; Joan Durdin 480, 47t; Guy Bankes 228, 441; Malinda Snow 163, 479; Scott DePoy 282, 201.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with John Plunkett leading song on page 277. Leaders: Richard DeLong 339, 207; Lela Crowder 34b, 569b; Sharon Kellam 312t, 160b; David Yeager 313b, 163t; Martha Ann Stegar 276, 146; Judy Mincey 501, 475; Andy Morse 347, 40; Liz Bryant 122, 299; Bob Goodman 452b, 147t; Nancy Yeager 178, 49b; Mark Bumgardner 439, 35; Janet Shepherd 114, 106. John Plunkett offered the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session consisted of singing from a gospel hymnbook that had been compiled by Jack Smith.

The class was in general agreement to hold this singing again next year on Memorial Day. Location and format are to be decided, though most expressed an interest in keeping it the same, and it is likely to be held at Oakhurst Baptist Church again.

Chairman - John Plunkett; Secretary - Laura Akerman.

NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY ALL DAY SINGING
Cunningham Chapel, Boyce, Virginia
Saturday, June 2, 2001

The eighth annual Northern Shenandoah Valley All Day Singing was held on the first Saturday in June at Cunningham Chapel in Boyce, Virginia. John delRe called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 129. Miriam Kilmer led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kelly Macklin 275; Leslie Alperin 178; Janine Smith 124; Mary Wright 324; Roland Hutchinson 439; Ellie Soler 278b; Sandra Polaski 217; Diane Mennella 336; Gina Balestracci 228; Paula McGray 215.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - John delRe; Vice Chairman - Gail Doss; Secretary - Doron Henkin; Treasurer - Stephen McMaster; Chaplain - Miriam Kilmer; Arranging - Pat Temple and Blake Morris; Pitching - Paula McGray.

Leaders: John delRe 123b; Doron Henkin 71; Laura Densmore 344; Cathy Tucker 556; Kelly Macklin 446; Daniel Henkin and Gilead Henkin 479; Don Polaski 112; Pat Temple 168; Evan Duncan 222; Stephen McMaster 288.

RECESS

Doron Henkin brought the class to order leading song on page 56b. Leaders: Guy Bankes 65; Elizabeth Cusick 547; Blake Morris 35; Hal Kunkel 88; Gerry Hoffman 107; Mary Ann Daly 114; Kathy Manning 460; Marilyn Estep 504;

Miriam Kilmer 378b; Tim Slattery 200; Kat Kinkaid 163t; Fred Beardsley 475; Craig Baughan 229; Gail Doss 137; Leslie Alperin 268; Mary Wright 510; Roland Hutchinson 242; John Daniel delRe 332; Ellie Soler 143; Diane Mennella 542; Sandra Polaski 142; Gina Balestracci 419; Liz Cusick 372; Paula McGray 300; Doron Henkin 277. Miriam Kilmer offered a blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with John delRe leading song on page 133; Cathy Tucker 144; and Don Polaski 198.

John delRe conducted the memorial lesson and spoke of our desire to remember those singers and loved ones we have lost in the past year and how much we will miss them. He read the names of the deceased who had passed away in the last year, and also the names of those sick and shut-in, of whom we wished to remember in our prayers. He then lead song on page 347. The deceased remembered were: Mary K. Friday - D.C.; Robert Todd and Joanna Sorlien - Pennsylvania; Karen House and Karen Hamilton - New York; Diane Woodward - Maryland; Susan Garber - Connecticut; Gabriel Spector - New Jersey; Elsie Allen and Eva Lampman - California; Jack Smith - Georgia; Emma Venier and Gina Diguisto - France. The sick and shut-ins remembered were: Muriel Parker, Jerilyn Schumacher, and Donna Forrester. Miriam Kilmer closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Pat Temple 129; Evan Duncan 513; Stephen McMaster 362; Guy Banks 254; Laura Densmore 40; Blake Morris 433; Hal Kunkel 179; Gerry Hoffman 196; Mary Ann Daly 564; Kathy Manning 384; Ray Lynn Showalter 354t; Marilyn Estep 236; Miriam Kilmer 163b; Tim Slattery 497; Kat Kinkade 328; Craig Baughan 86; Gail Doss 269.

RECESS

Kathy Manning brought the class to order leading song on page 440. Leaders: Fred Beardsley 532; Leslie Alperin 155; Mary Wright 274t; Roland Hutchinson 245; Ellie Soler 551; Diane Mennella 208; Sandra Polaski 192; Gina Balestracci 524; Paula McGray 530; Doron Henkin 369; Don Polaski 454; Evan Duncan 84; Stephen McMaster 282; Leyland delRe 291; Guy Banks 120; Laura Densmore 290; Iris Knell and Mark Knell 346; Blake Morris 297; Hal Kunkel 195; Gerry Hoffman 171; Mary Ann Daly 153; Kathy Manning 98; Pat Temple 209.

Kelly Macklin made a resolutions report.

Miriam Kilmer asked for a closing blessing. The class took the parting hand with song on page 62.

Chairman - John delRe; Vice Chairman - Gail Doss; Secretary - Doron Henkin.

BRATTLEBORO ALL DAY SINGING **First United Methodist Church, Brattleboro, Vermont** **Saturday, June 2, 2001**

The class began with a singing school taught by Cath Oss of Massachusetts. Cath focused on teaching the shapes and encouraged singers to keep practicing, and led 148, 402 and 318 as examples.

Leaders: Matt Wojcik 31t; Bill Holt 59; Laura Timmerman 475; Peter Irvine 108b; Eric Morgan 100; Brian Collett 217; Ginnie Ely 546; Duncan Vinson 67; Bob Parr 352; Tom Mousin 34b; Cath Oss 435b; L.H. Spencer 218; Barbara Swetman 35; Kitty Kagey 495.

RECESS

Tony Barrand called the class to order leading song on page 180. Leaders: Rosie Wojcik 163t; Kathy Collett 155; Linda Shea 99; Susan Jaster 327; Nicola Collett

146; Chris Noren 383; Dan Hertzler 299; Matt Wojcik 189; Bill Holt 112; Laura Timmerman 565; Peter Irvine 270; James Kushner 269; Brian Collett 268; Ginnie Ely 215; Duncan Vinson 126; Bob Parr 456; Cath Oss 81t; L.H. Spencer 504; Barbara Swetman 203; Kitty Kagey 371; Tony Barrand 95b. Tom Mousin offered the memorial lesson, reminding the class that "they are here and so are we," and led song on page 163b in remembrance. The sick and homebound remembered: Dorothy Collett - England; Dot Garber - Connecticut; Erken Seker - Turkey; Kate Spencer and Leonard R. Spencer - Massachusetts.

Those remembered in memorial were: John Aronson - Maryland; Bill Domler, Susan Garber, Anna Marley, and George Nichols - Connecticut; Robert Duncan - North Carolina; Priscilla Hertzler and Gerry Kelley - Massachusetts; Karen House - New York; Madeline - Maryland; Cassie Mason - Vermont. Tom Mousin led song on page 49t as a grace before lunch.

LUNCH

Dan Hertzler called the class back to order with song on page 48t. Leaders: Rosie Wojcik 29t; Katherine Collett 148; Linda Shea 312b; Susan Jaster 486; Kshama Ananthapura 384; Chris Noren 408; Eric Morgan 567; Nicola Collett 455; Mkhil Truelsen 200; Matt Wojcik 130 (NH); Laura Timmerman 365; Bill Holt 224; Peter Irvine 10 (NH); James Kushner 276; Dan Hertzler 319; Brian Collett 22 (NH); Laura Timmerman 168; Duncan Vinson 274t; Ginnie Ely 349; Tom Mousin 209; Bob Parr 166 (NH); Eliot Spencer 176 (NH); Barbara Swetman 145b.

Announcements were made. The next Brattleboro All Day Singing will be Saturday, June 1, 2002.

RECESS

Leaders: Kitty Kagey 385; Chris Noren 216 (NH); Rosie Wojcik 272; Kathy Collett 138 (NH); Linda Shea 501b; Susan Jaster 116 (NH); Kshama Ananthapura 340; Eric Morgan 542; Nicola Collett 122 (NH); Mkhil Truelsen 32b; Dana Welch 442; Andrew Magee 56b; Bridget Gullberg 171; Peter Irvine 228; Laura Timmerman 373. Dan Hertzler thanked all those who had helped with the singing, and especially those who traveled far to sing with us, and led song on page 62 as we took the parting hand.

77 songs were sung, led by 26 leaders.

Secretary/Treasurer - Laura Timmerman.

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Near Bremen, Georgia, I-20 and U.S. 27 South

June 2-3, 2001

Saturday, June 2

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in June. The singing was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 59. Rev. Henry Bizzell offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 141; Carlene Griffin 46; Geneva Prichard 77t; Teenie Moody 384; Bobby Jackson 270; Cindy Cole 144; Mary Florence Smith 40; Andy Anderson 128; Everette Denney 335; Wanda Capps 299; LaRue Allen 513; Liz Bryant 142; Jimmie Gilmore 276; Bob Goodman 354b; Helen Bryson 546; Philip Denney 28b; Floy Wilder 350; S.T. Reed 35; Henry Johnson 278b; Danny Creel 269; Rodney Ivey 300; Henry Zittrouer 87; Betty Shepherd 454; Norma Green and Nathan Green 274t; Laura Clawson 99.

RECESS

Earlis McGraw called the class to order leading song on page 213t. Leaders: Kenneth DeLong 568; Paula Gilmore 75; Eric Tweedy 74b; Frances Mary D'Andrea 368; Philip Gilmore 222; Reba Dell Windom 192; Harrison Creel 512; Carrie Grindon and Diane Murekateta 497; Andy Morse 505; Flora Skinner 434; Flarce Creel 475; Jerry Enright 383; Karen Rollins 34b; Al Grindon 178; Tokay Shumake 145t; Arthur Gilmore 378; Lou Cotney 172; David Carlton 298; Eunice Webb 436.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary and Arranging Committee - Judy Henry and Hugh McGraw; Memorial Committee - Debra Langley and Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: Sandie Scott 548; Syd Caldwell, Mary Ellen Wilkinson, Lois Graney, Alice Moran, and Bill Caldwell 143, 306; Amanda Denson 224; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Lois Owen 283; Phillip Langley 542; Laura Akerman 543; Josephine Denney 32t; Sheri Taylor 442.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Tommy McGraw leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Don Bowen 282; Kathy Williams 506; Buell Cobb 131b; Jim Pfau 328; Mel Kersey, Shirley Young, and James Young 68b; Orlando Driver 127; Richard DeLong 419; Henry Schuman 432; Louis Hughes, Sr. 431; Cheryl Foreman 480; David Killingsworth 347; Cathy White 84; Jeannette DePoy 456; Jeff Sheppard 556; John Fedderson 362; Lynda Hambourger 106; Rev. Henry Bizzell 452; Peggy Loddengaard 133; Judy Mincey 540; Shelbie Sheppard 216.

RECESS

The class was called together by Judy Henry leading song on page 117. Leaders: Pauline Childers 234; B.M. Smith 273; Martha Ann Stegar 198; Scott DePoy 201; Lee Rogers 217; John Plunkett 116; Carroll Lunsford 390; Felton Denney 155; Karen Freund 411; Aaron Girard 131t; Kiri Miller 181; Eugene Forbes 495; Mildred Patterson 146; Florice Akin 421; Claire Singleton 228; Elsie Brock 460; Elder Homer Benefield, Katherine Benefield, and Joyce Clackum 56t, 45t; Preston McLendon 68b; Raymond Hamrick 479.

Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace and Lenna Davidson led song on page 63 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Elder Homer Benefield.

Sunday, June 3

The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 60. Louis Hughes, Sr. offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 167; Carlene Griffin 85; Debra Langley 480; Orlando Driver 268; Phillip Langley 110; Mary Florence Smith 383; Cindy Cole and Brady Cook 117; Claire Singleton 455; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 569b, 512; Lela Crowder 135; Teenie Moody, Tommy McGraw, and Carol Chapman 148 (for Mozelle Sheppard); Margaret Eskew and Harry Eskew 40, 146; Don Bowen and Syd Caldwell 283, 284 (for Berta Anderson); Cathy White 159; Raymond Hamrick 350; David Killingsworth 528; Rev. Henry Bizzell 127; Jim Pfau 371; Kathy Williams 479.

RECESS

The class was called together by Earlis McGraw leading song on page 179.

Leaders: Pauline Childers 224; Eugene Forbes 203; Ted Mercer 300; Syd Caldwell 196, 353; Lori Goode 358; Sheri Taylor 369; Donna Duke 282; Oscar McGuire 573; Eunice Webb 392; Wesley Haley 34b; Gene Duke 75; Burnese Harper 126.

RECESS

The class was called together by Carolyn Huckeba and Judy Henry leading song on page 345t.

Memorial lesson: John Plunkett led songs on pages 562 and 330b in memory of the following deceased: Lynn Smith, Elder J.J. Aderhold, Walter Hamrick, Silas Hamrick, Austin Brock, Jack Smith, Eloise Watkins, Cliff Bradley, Mrs. Mae Entrekin, Jack Corley, Mae Warren, Vedic Touchstone, Rosa Hughes, Don Wilkinson, Alcie Craig, Ruby Phillips, Virgil Phillips, Mildred Edmonds, Cecil Edwards, Woodie Walker, Lois Stother, Karen House, Joanna Sorlien, Dr. Frank Stagg, Marie Aldridge, and Betty McGlashan.

Teenie Moody led song on page 340 for all the sick and shut-ins. Lonnie Rogers led the class in prayer to close the memorial.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 348b; Rita Haley 63; Hugh McGraw and Edmund Goladay 420; Richard DeLong 74t.

LUNCH

Charlene Wallace, Carly McWhorter, and Avery McWhorter called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 401. Leaders: Tommy McGraw 76b; Mel Kersey 354t; Henry Schuman 532; Louis Hughes, Sr. 208; Cheryl Foreman 53; John Feddersen 163t; Jeff Sheppard 200; Lynda Hambourger 453; Anita Landess 297; Peggy Loddengaard 61; Shelbie Sheppard 29b (in memory of Loyd Redding and Buford McGraw); Bobby Jackson 34t; B.M. Smith 28b (for his mother, Myrtle Smith, who will be 95 years old on her birthday, June 26), 222; Lee Rogers 230.

RECESS

Clyde McWhorter called the class to order leading song on page 546. Leaders: Jimmie Denney 294; Judy Mincey 494; Scott DePoy and Richard DeLong 457 (by request); Kiri Miller 112; Aaron Girard 165; Jeannette DePoy 550; Carroll Lunsford 426t; Martha Ann Stegar 47t; Mildred Patterson and Ellen Waters 119; Laura Akerman 240; Glenda Collins 124; Everette Denney 274t; Felton Denney 387; Philip Denney 120.

Elder Homer Benefield gave a short talk. Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace, Carlene Griffin, and Elder Homer Benefield led song on page 62 as the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Judy Henry.

PINE TUCKY CHURCH **Winston County, Alabama** **June 3, 2001**

The eighty-ninth session of the Sacred Harp singing held at Pine Tucky Church in Winston County, Alabama on the first Sunday in June was called to order by John Hyde. There were not enough singers present to continue singing, but some members of the church did not want to call the singing off, and asked that it still be continued for another year.

Secretary - Josie Hyde.

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING **Cullman County, Alabama** **June 3, 2001**

The Memorial Singing at Fellowship Church was called to order by Henry Guthery who welcomed everyone to the church. It was announced that this session of the singing was to be dedicated to Ted White and Eron White who

were long time singers and supporters of Sacred Harp singing in the community. Their lives were lost in a house fire earlier this year and they will be sorely missed in the community and by their fellow singers.

Henry Guthery led song on page 59 as the opening song, and Doyce Jones offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Marie Guthrie; Finance - Billy Williams. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 123t; Don Robinson 100, 101t; Corene White 37b, 146; Wilton Donaldson 426t, 30t; Ruth Burleson 73t, 490; A.D. Chandler 371, 112; Ida Lee Starnes 45t, 72b; Ivalene Donaldson 145b, 275b.

RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class back to order leading song on page 88t. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 274, 34b; Willodean Barton 460, 82t; Buell Cobb 138b, 565; Amanda Denson 566, 276; John Hyde and Travis Keeton 75, 297; Josie Hyde 234, 477; Billy Williams 147t, 496; Travis Keeton 129, 159; Judy Caudle 78, 540.

A memorial was held. Henry Guthery led songs on pages 420b and 306 in memory of Ted White, Eron White, and for all loved ones who have passed away since the last session of this singing. Glenn Keeton closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Marie Guthrie 192, 434; Amber Springfield 441, 391; Eldagene Roberson 142, 203; Buell Cobb 457, 294.

LUNCH

Henry Guthery called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 240. Leaders: Corene White 314; Sherry Guthery 340, 58; Cecil Sanders 123; A.D. Chandler 32t, 72t; Ruth Burleson 430; Glenn Keeton 378b; Amber Springfield 299; Buell Cobb 425; Willodean Barton 122; Travis Keeton 388; Ivalene Donaldson 335; Don Robinson 426; Josie Hyde 546; Judy Caudle 448t; Billy Williams 448b; Amanda Denson 39; Wilton Donaldson 480; Sherry Guthery 64; John Hyde 63; Cecil Sanders 108t; Marie Guthrie 358; Eldagene Roberson 144.

Announcements were made. Henry Guthery led song on page 421 as the closing song. Wilton Donaldson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

LIBERTY DECORATION SINGING **Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama** **June 3, 2001**

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing held at Liberty Church was called to order with Chairman David Ivey leading songs on pages 82t and 34t. Phil Summerlin led the morning prayer.

The singing continued with Vice Chairman Rodney Ivey leading song on page 317 (in memory of his grandfather, Eulas Ivey). Leaders: Vice Chairman Shane Wootten 73t (for Edith Tate); Secretary Norma Green 448t (in memory of her mother, Helen Ivey); Jackie Tanner 421; Richard Ivey 42.

Jackie Tanner and Richard Ivey were appointed as the Arranging Committee. Leaders: Loyd Ivey 378t (in memory of Aunt Woodie Walker); Henry Johnson 338; Joan Aldridge 192; S.T. Reed 379; Donna Wootten 274t; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Mattie Townsel 143; Rex Wilks 89 (in memory of his

father, Bonard Wilks); Lisa Geist 335; Jarrod George 137; Tony Ivey 99; Deborah Morton and Rodney Ivey 299, 78 (in memory of her grandmother, Nora Lacy); Jimmy Ballinger 565.

The memorial lesson was held in the cemetery with the class singing the following songs: 162, 340, "That Beautiful Land" (WB), "Jesus Died for Me" (WB), "She is Sleeping" (CB), "Cleansing Fountain" (CB), 45t.

RECESS

David Ivey called the class together leading song on page 205. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 50b; Leola Smith 318; Earl Ballinger 203; Linda Sides 285t; Eschol Hughes 58; Linda Thomas 289; Linton Ballinger 212 (in memory of D.T. White); Karen Freund 378b; Jackson Harcrow 63; Jarred Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamie Wootten "Brown" (WB); Amanda Ballinger 112; Phil Summerlin 411 (in memory of Margie Lacy); Gravis Ballinger 142; Karen Davis 270; Flarce Creel, Cindy Tanner, and Cassie Franklin 475. Aunt Bob and Uncle Paul Greeson, both in attendance, were recognized. Aunt Ruby Wilks, a shut-in, was also remembered at this time. Edward Tanner asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Rodney Ivey leading song on page 81t. Leaders: Max Berueffy 283; Sarah Harcrow and Richard Ivey 171; Harrison Creel 498; Dennis George 384; Elene Stovall 189 (in memory of Karen House); Jerry Enright 30b (in memory of Noah Lacy); the Ivey first cousins "Trusting" (WB), 358 (in memory of the cousins who have passed away); Betty Wright 108t; Cassie Franklin 224; Edward Tanner 45t; Laura Clawson and Elene Stovall 68b (in memory of Karen House); Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd 196, 216; Susan Harcrow 430; Lavaughn Ballinger and Loyd Ivey 424; Allison Ivey 182; Marty Wootten 336 (CB); Teresa Bethune, Marian Biddle, and Lorrie Wootten 454, "That Beautiful Land" (WB) (in memory of their grandmother, Ester Ivey); Teresa Ballinger 110; Bill Stewart 480.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Coy Ivey, Shane Wootten, and Linton Ballinger leading 222. Leaders: Eloise Wootten 186; Karen Travis and Trish McClain 74b, 76t; Jarrod George, Scott Ivey and Jackson Harcrow 300 (walked time); Sandy Ivey 503; Bud Oliver and Loyd Ivey 482 (in memory of Eulas Ivey); Jeffrey Wootten, Kristy Wootten, Kennedy Wootten, and Cole Wootten 542; Mark Brown 489; Jenny Wootten Mann and Cassie Franklin 559 (CB); Nate Green and Norma Green 398; Hobert Ivey and David Ivey 410t. Chairman David Ivey thanked the arranging committee for a job well done. Following announcements, David Ivey, Shane Wootten, and Rodney Ivey led 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Pastor Tony Ivey.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairmen - Shane Wootten and Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Norma Latham Green.

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING **Masonic Temple, Altamont, New York** **Saturday, June 9, 2001**

The Albany area New York State Regional Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Michael Ryan leading song on page 114. George Seiler offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Fred Kirk 34b; Edith Berger 84, 48t; Patricia Geritz 49b, 479t; Richard Schmeidler 474, 475; Mryka Hall-Beyer 280, 551; Laura Densmore 74b, 76b;

Dan Hertzler 33b, 319; Mary Ann Morrison 566, 99; Thom Metzger 101b, 274t; Paula McGray 286, 377; Michael Ryan 569b.

RECESS

Laura Densmore called the class to order leading song on page 155. Leaders: Jean Seiler 217, 192; Roland Hutchinson 110, 142; Eileen Metzger 383; George Seiler 159, 268; Ron Bornick 106, 178; Diane Mennella 545, 546; Alexandra Gilmore 82t, 39t; Gina Balestracci 77b, 173; Sheila Kelly 77t, 107; Ellen Flanders 182, 242; Wendy Gilchrist 503b, 313b; Michael Ryan 102, 47b; Mary Ann Morrison led a singing of "Happy Birthday" to the tune of song on page 40 for Patricia Geritz. Dan Hertzler gave the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Thom Metzger brought the class back to order leading song on page 63. Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 66, 254; Laura Densmore 540; Edith Berger 480, 47t; Bruce Kokernot 183, 49t; Eileen Metzger 32t, 168; Jean Seiler 318, 299; Dan Hertzler 228, 229; Diane Mennella 471b, 349; Alexandra Gilmore 162, 65; Gina Balestracci 29b, 419; Mryka Hall-Beyer 210, 277; Michael Ryan 455.

Announcements of singings were made.

RECESS

George Seiler called the class to order leading song on page 68. Leaders: Patricia Geritz 523b, 163b; Thom Metzger 198, 547; Paula McGray 411; Roland Hutchinson 225b; Ron Bornick 454; Sheila Kelly 504, 37b; Wendy Gilchrist 335; Ellen Flanders 315, 313t; Mary Ann Morrison 344, 269; Bruce Kokernot 524; George Seiler 347, 31t.

Michael Ryan led song on page 143 and song on page 62 as we took the parting hand. George Seiler dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Michael Ryan; Secretary - Fred Kirk.

EXETER ALL DAY SINGING

Exeter Friends Meetinghouse, Exeter Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania Saturday, June 9, 2001

The Exeter All Day Singing was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by Chairman Ted Stokes leading song on page 39t, followed by a warm welcome to all the singers. In the manner of Friends a brief period of silence was observed.

Leaders: Doron Henkin 31b; Ina Henkin 354; Guy Banks 474; Claire Simon 47t; Gabriel Kastle 34t; Susan Bingham 34b; Ted Stokes 89; Gerry Hoffman 270; Doron Henkin 271; Ina Henkin 358; Elizabeth Stokes 335; Guy Banks 56b; Claire Simon 66; Gabriel Kastle 70b; Susan Bingham 30t; Ted Stokes 254; Susan Munch 312b; Gerry Hoffman 53.

RECESS

Doron Henkin called the class to order leading song on page 545. Leaders: Ina Henkin 24; Elizabeth Stokes 445b; Guy Banks 535; Claire Simon 299; Gabriel Kastle 528; Susan Bingham 542; Susan Munch 84; Ted Stokes 85; Doron Henkin 236; Ina Henkin 114; Elizabeth Stokes 102; Guy Banks 267; Claire Simon 457; Gabriel Kastle 330t; Susan Bingham 454; Susan Munch 87; Gerry Hoffman 86; Steve Sanford and Ted Stokes 146. A brief period of silence was observed as prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Ted Stokes brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 59.

Leaders: Suzanne Sanford and Doron Henkin 178; Doron Henkin 179; Ina Henkin 162; Elizabeth Stokes 268; Guy Banks 269; Claire Simon 504; Gabriel

Kastelle 95b; Susan Bingham 107; Susan Munch 48; Clare Maher 142; Gerry Hoffman 182; Doron Henkin 479; Ted Stokes 298; Ina Henkin 334; Elizabeth Stokes 163b; Guy Banks 481; Claire Simon 106; Gabriel Kastelle "Encouragement" (A.G. Kastelle); Susan Bingham 198; Susan Munch 133; Clare Maher 33b; Gerry Hoffman 183; Ted Stokes "The Good Old Way" (arr. Ted Stokes); Doron Henkin 429.

RECESS

Doron Henkin brought the class to order leading song on page 31t. Leaders: Ina Henkin "Millbrook" (Neely Bruce); Elizabeth Stokes 448t; Guy Banks 350; Claire Simon 148; Gabriel Kastelle "Mount Zion" (A.G. Kastelle); Susan Bingham 168; Susan Munch 77t; Clare Maher 77b; Gabriel Kastelle 232 (by request); Doron Henkin 228; Gabriel Kastelle 229; Claire Simon 62.

In the manner of Friends, the class was dismissed after a few minutes of silent prayer.

Chairman - Ted Stokes; Secretary - Guy Banks.

HOPEWELL HOMECOMING

Oneonta, Alabama

June 9-10, 2001

Saturday, June 9

The fifty-fifth session of the annual Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Terry Hullett leading song on page 59. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 87; Calvin Phillips 61; Jewel Wootten and Roie Alexander 145b, 101t; Bill Stewart 480; Willie Mae Moon 498; S.T. Reed 73t; Hershell King 100; Shelbie Sheppard 418 (in memory of Nettie Green); Doug Conn 318; Henry Johnson 435; Martha Beverly 274t; Milton Oliver 314; Tommie Spurlock 430; Carmon Brothers 112; Ernest Phillips 280.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class to order leading song on page 203.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Calvin Phillips; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten, Paula Gilmore, and Marie Hyatt; Arranging Committee - Terry Hullett; Memorial Committee - Linda Thomas and Philip Gilmore.

Leaders: Philip Gilmore 76b; Glenn Keeton 475; Bill Beverly 84; Velton Chafin 225t; Bill Waddington 143; David Yeager 350; Charlene Wallace 159; Freeman Wootten 282; Elder J.L. Hopper 543; Jimmie Gilmore 288 (for her parents, Garnsey McGough and Ethel McGough who are in a nursing home); Jeff Sheppard 137; Genora Whitworth and granddaughter, Neila Nicholson 354; Judy Caudle 187; Rodney Ivey 47t; Chita Blakeley 145t; Nate Green and Norma Green 448b, 144.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class to order leading song on page 78. Leaders: David Ivey 376; Donna Wootten 74b; Laura Clawson 85; Rhoda Norris 432; Amber Springfield 142; Shane Wootten 442; Max Berueffy 224; Jessica Davis 166; Arthur Gilmore 511b (CB); Jackie Tanner and Cindy Tanner 155, 208; Paula Gilmore and Philip Gilmore 445; Ruth Walker 490; Travis Keeton 131b; Elene Stovall 299; Dwight Phillips 290 (in memory of his mother, Ruby Phillips).

LUNCH

Philip Gilmore brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 300 and 272. Leaders: John Plunkett 492; Anita Landess 24; Margaret Spurlock 108b; David Carlton 276; Carlene Griffin 171; Eugene Forbes 186; LaRue Allen

196; Corene White 379; Betty Wright 40; Bill Green, Randy Green, and Billy Green 378b; Linda Thomas and Rodney Ivey 500 (CB), 486t (WB); Bob Watkins and Jewel Wootten 460, 235; Alex Makris 49b; Lora Cargo 454; Lydia Baswell and Vella Dailey 46, 452; B.J. Green and Genora Whitworth 45t; Martha Beverly and David Yeager 344; David Carlton 86; John Plunkett 50; Terry Hullett 269; Shane Wootten "Love At Home" (WB); David Ivey 501 (CB).

Terry Hullett and Elder Philip Gilmore led song on page 68b as the closing song. Elder Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, June 10

Terry Hullett brought the class to order leading songs on pages 29t and 31t and welcomed everyone to the singing. Elder Philip Gilmore offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jewel Wootten 31b, 68b; Roie Alexander 32, 145; Alex Makris and Neila Nicholson 87, 49b; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 76b, 343b; Doug Conn 35, 495; Shelbie Sheppard 332, 106; Floy Wilder 373, 441.

RECESS

Elder Philip Gilmore brought the class to order leading songs on pages 348b and 97. Leaders: LaRue Allen 203, 314; Linton Ballinger 81, 144; Freeman Wootten 278b, 33b; Chris Green, Pam Green, Hannah Green, and Mary Grace Green 101t, 354b, 426t; Chita Blakeley 530, 394; Buddy Davis 426; Nate Green and Norma Green 77t, 146.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class to order leading song on page 36b. Leaders: Eugene Forbes 496, 299; Amanda Denson 391, 155; Buell Cobb 138b, 69t; Bill Green, Randy Green, and Billy Green 378b.

Elder Philip Gilmore and Linda Thomas conducted the memorial lesson. Philip Gilmore made a talk and led song on page 381. Linda Thomas read the names of the deceased and a letter about Ruby Phillips written by her children: Mary Ann Holmes, Betty Sue Johnson, Dwight Phillips, and Wayne Phillips. Linda Thomas led song on page 290 in memory of Ruby Phillips and songs on pages 340 and 358 in memory of Herbert Phillips.

Jeff Sheppard and the children of Aunt Nettie Green led song on page 418 in memory of the deceased: Ruby Phillips, Herbert Phillips, Allen Phillips, Bertie J. Phillips, Austin Phillips, Arthur Phillips, Eloise Watkins, Woodie Walker, Grady Price, Avie Blackwood, Marie Aldridge, Chloe Dailey, Ted White, Eron White, Madison Rose Tidmore, Betty Forbes, and Ida Gargus.

Jeff Sheppard led song on page 45t in memory of Allen Phillips, grandson of Virgil and Ruby Phillips, and son of Wayne and Yvette Phillips, who is being buried today.

The class was dismissed to reassemble in the cemetery to complete the memorial service. Several hymns were sung and Chris Green closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Terry Hullett brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 313, 297, and 189 (in memory of his father, Jimmy Hullett). Leaders: Carmon Brothers 403, 406; Elder Philip Gilmore and Paula Gilmore 39t, 75; Leola Smith 176; Karen Davis 384, 282; Linda Thomas 73b, 217; Jeff Sheppard 176b, 448b; Rev. Jimmy Wadsworth 218; Herby Bailey 501 (CB), 34b; Elder Philip Gilmore 270 (for Bud Oliver), 448t; Terry Hullett 358 (for Eudelle Lowe Putman).

Terry Hullett, Philip Gilmore, and Rev. Jimmy Wadsworth led song on page 62 as the closing song. Rev. Jimmy Wadsworth dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman - Calvin Phillips; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten, Paula Gilmore, and Marie Hyatt.

NEW HOPE MEMORIAL SINGING
East of Villa Rica, Georgia, off U.S. Highway 78
June 10, 2001

The New Hope Primitive Baptist Church Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the second Sunday in June. Hugh McGraw called the class to order leading song on page 128. Rev. Max Vincent led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Hugh McGraw 73b; Charlene Wallace 61, 60; Jimmie Denney 63, 68b, 101t; Earlis McGraw 271t, 163t; Bobby Jackson 59, 445, 81; Preston McLendon 75, 45t; Josephine Denney 43, 452; Tommy McGraw 225t (for his grandmother, Gladys McGraw, and his uncle, Gary McGraw), 475, 37b.

RECESS

Hugh McGraw called the class together leading song on page 64.

The class organized for the day by electing the following officers: Chairman - Hugh McGraw; Vice Chairman - Tommy McGraw; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

Hugh McGraw made a brief talk on Sacred Harp for the benefit of the people in the congregation. Chairman Hugh McGraw called the leaders.

Leaders: Charles Woods 283, 28b, 168; Lenna Davidson and Charlene Wallace 335; Oscar McGuire 155, 441; Donna Duke 129, 146; Nick Griffin 551, 127; Orlando Driver 40; Felton Denney 55 (for Preston McLendon), 47t; Glenda Collins 354, 282; Lonnie Rogers 97, 33b.

LUNCH

Tommy McGraw called the class to order leading songs on pages 30t and 39b.

Leaders: Eunice Webb 298, 290; Belinda Stansbery 48b, 49b; Alice Edwards 104 (in memory of Cecil Edwards); Cecil Roberts 119; Wesley Haley 34b, 503; Elsie Brock 112, 36b; Gene Duke 80b, 69b; Joyce Clackum and Katherine Benefield 373, 111t, 56t; Judy Henry 106, 171, 100 (for Carlene Griffin); Hugh McGraw 294 (by request); Felton Denney 549; Charlene Wallace 79; Charles Woods 164 (in memory of his father, Oscar Woods); Earlis McGraw 148 (in memory of his father-in-law, Fowler Earnest); Lonnie Rogers 222 (for Vivian Rogers); Wesley Haley 117; Eunice Webb 378 (in memory of her brother); Orlando Driver 274t; Josephine Denney 405 (for Everette Denney); Glenda Collins 124; Oscar McGuire 122 (in memory of Elder J.J. Aderhold); Preston McLendon 133.

Announcements were made. Tommy McGraw led song on page 46 as the closing song. Lonnie Rogers dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Hugh McGraw; Vice Chairman - Tommy McGraw; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

ALPHARETTA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Alpharetta, Georgia
June 10, 2001

The one hundred thirty-third annual session was held at the Alpharetta Municipal Building in Alpharetta, Georgia. Chairman Richard DeLong brought the class to order leading song on page 101t. Andy Anderson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Chairman Richard DeLong 32t, 121; Vice Chairman Kenneth DeLong 34t, 301, 298; Secretary/Treasurer Helen Bryson 70t, 328, 47t; Brady DeLong

36b, 317; Bobby Bailey 494, 510, 229; Cathy White 77t (for her nephew, Evan, whose birthday is today), 63, 34b; Jack Paulk 452, 282.

RECESS

Helen Bryson called the class to order leading song on page 100. Leaders: Andy Anderson 49t, 28t, 45t; Lee Rogers 145b, 228, 475; Lela Crowder 146, 178, 300; Faye Pettis Holbrook 105, 380, 455; Loy Garrison 59, 123t, 503; Scott DePoy 179, 410t, 102; Violet Thomason 318, 189, 343.

LUNCH

Kenneth DeLong brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 381. Leaders: Mike Castleberry 294 (for Bob Shivers), 345b, 299; John Plunkett 168, 489, 330b; Jeannette DePoy 384 (in memory of Horace DeLong), 566 (in memory of Dollie Hudgins), 448t; Bill Waddington 49b, 29t, 209; Laura Ackerman 85, 313b, 38b; Janice Paulk 120, 518.

Richard DeLong conducted the memorial lesson. This year we remember: Johnny Cagle, Herman Thomason, Mary Lou Cagle, Uncle Jack Corley, and Jack Smith. Herman Thomason, Mary Lou Cagle, Uncle Jack Corley, and Jack Smith loved, enjoyed, and supported this singing for many years. If they could speak to us today they would say to us that it is important that we continue to carry it on through the coming years. Richard DeLong led song on page 122 for the deceased and song on page 68b for the sick and shut-ins. Kenneth DeLong led song on page 143 for Herman Thomason. Reuben Ball offered the prayer to close the memorial lesson.

RECESS

Kenneth DeLong brought the class to order leading song on page 501. Leaders: Dianne Walls 497, 496, 117; Reuben Ball 480, 348b, 569b; Vaudie Sherer 358, 119; Shirley Wagner 376, 196; Alice West 39b, 207, 448b; Violet Thomason 198; Bill Waddington 155, 45t (by request); Loy Garrison 59.

A business session was held for the purpose of electing officers for next year's session. Those elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong led song on page 82t as the closing song. Ruth Wills dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

ALDRIDGE MEMORIAL

Pleasant Hill (Johnson Schoolhouse), Fayette County, Alabama June 10, 2001

The annual Aldridge Memorial Sacred Harp singing at Pleasant Hill (Johnson Schoolhouse) was held on the second Sunday in June, and was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Elene Stovall leading song on page 36b. Harrison Creel led the morning prayer.

Elene Stovall appointed Glenn Keeton as Vice Chairman; Amber Springfield as Secretary; and Max Berueffy as the Arranging Committee.

Elene Stovall announced that the singing this year would be held as a memorial for Marie Aldridge who passed away in August of last year, and lead song on page 47t in memory of her.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 34b; Amber Springfield 276; Max Berueffy 300; Jimmie Gilmore 343 (in memory of Robert Aldridge); John Merritt 294; John Hyde 63; Ivalene Donaldson 328; L.H. Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 318; Chuck Beasley 33b; Donna Wootten 56t; Lavaughn Ballinger 405; Wilton Donaldson 37b; Betty Wright 347; Julie Poston 284; Clarence McCool 349; Milton Oliver 222.

RECESS

Joan Aldridge brought the class to order leading song on page 40. Leaders: Henry Johnson 385t; Vernice Phillips 112; Earl Ballinger 217; Martha Beverly 474; Margaret Keeton 432; Gravis Ballinger 384; Ottis Sides 571 (CB); L.E. Hannah 500; Willodean Barton 416; Laura Clawson and Cheyenne Ivey 354, 546; Bill Beverly 515; Judy Caudle 163t; Toney Smith 193; Dennis George 220; Shirley McCoy 358; Chris Ballinger 110; Linda Sides 480; Larry Ballinger 151; Rodney Ivey 503; Kenneth Tate 270; Anita Landess and Bill Vanderminden 58.

Elene Stovall led the memorial lesson with the quote by Ian Thomas, "I can't, he never said I could. He can, he always said he would." Elene Stovall and Allison Stovall lead song on page 192 in memory of Marie Aldridge. Harrison Creel led song on page 512. Joan Aldridge, Elene Stovall, Shirley McCoy, and their first cousins lead song on page 318.

LUNCH

Elene Stovall called the class to order leading song on page 101t. Leaders: Max Berueffy 316; Beth O'Dell 442; Danny Creel 383; Josie Hyde 507; Cassie Franklin 430; Lisa Geist 304; Reba Dell Windom 269; Shane Wootten 172; Harrison Creel 342; Mattie Townsel and Rodney Ivey 186; Joyce Hubbard 371; Clarissa Springfield and Amber Springfield 299; Paula Springfield 380; Allison Stovall 436; Latriva Bailey 400; Fred Killingsworth 123t; A.A. Malone 183; Rodney Ivey 294; Laura Clawson 142; Travis Keeton 235b; Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 86; Anita Landess and Bill Vanderminden 297; Henry Johnson and Dennis George 472; Flarce Creel and Cassie Franklin 475; Chris Ballinger 146; Elene Stovall 49b (in memory of Murray Livingston and D.M. Aldridge) (by request of Paula Springfield).

Elene Stovall led song on page 45t as the closing song. Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

We would like to thank Willa Rush for paying for the minutes.

Chairperson - Elene Stovall; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Amber Springfield.

MOUNT VERNON PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Near Cullman, Alabama, On Highway 69 East** **June 10, 2001**

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held on the second Sunday in June at Mount Vernon Primitive Baptist Church near Cullman, Alabama. David Roberson called the class to order by extending a welcome to everyone and then led song on page 36b. Harlie Moon offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: David Roberson 146; Edis Guthrie 91, 29t; Corene White 73t, 55; Minilia Hudson and Caleb Hudson 100, 59; Don Robertson 47b, 212, 215; Harlie Moon 45t; David Light 274t, 340.

RECESS

David Roberson called the class to order leading song on page 268. Leaders: Eldagene Roberson 67, 457; Hershell King 75, 97; Elvin Guthrie 138b, 31t, 31b; Edis Guthrie 434, 99; Minilia Hudson 338; Billy Williams 147t, 339; Gennie Nelms 143, 354; Harlie Moon 30t, 30b.

LUNCH

David Roberson brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 142. Leaders: Arvid Holmes 312b, 460; Elder J.L. Hopper 295, 187, 301; Wilda Holmes 571 (CB); Rhoda Norris 317b, 145; Corene White 171; Marie Guthrie 270, 112, 113; David Light 192, 176b; Ruth Burleson 147t, 143; Hershell King 235; Gennie Nelms 378t.

Elder J.L. Hopper spoke of attending the singing when he was younger and how important it is to help and support these singings to keep the traditions alive for the future.

Announcements were made. David Roberson led song on page 46 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman - David Roberson; Vice Chairman - Edis Guthrie; Arranging Committee - Gennie Nelms; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

NATIONAL SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Trinity United Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama
June 14-16, 2001

Thursday, June 14

The twenty-second session of the National Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Chairman Buell Cobb leading song on page 52t. Henry Guthery led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 61; Kathy Williams 474; Don Bowen 34b; Richard Mauldin 40; John Redman 362; Sharona Nelson 36b; Ottis Sides 530; Patricia Mauldin 63; Freeman Wootten 97; Flarce Creel 297; Mike Hinton 373; Gaston White 35; Henry Guthery 543; Joe Todd 58; Ruth Wyers 206; Nate Green and Norma Green 153; Tim Cook 125; Kathy Lee 171; Linton Ballinger 81t; Bill Hogan 436; Phill Wisor 131b; Jewel Wootten 299; Elder Donald Smith 43; Lomax Ballinger 129; Cathryn Baker 472.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Cassie Franklin leading song on page 270, followed by Ken Tate leading song on page 426.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Buell Cobb; Vice Chairman - Mark Davis; Secretary - Kathy Williams; Chaplain - Jesse Roberts; Arranging Committee - Cassie Franklin, Jenny Acton, Beth Todd, Linda Sides, Dan Huger, and Hubert Nall; Resolutions Committee - Pat Temple and Mary P. Wright; Finance Committee - Don Bowen and John Redman; Memorial Committee - Mike Hinton, Ruth Brown, and Bill Hogan.

Leaders: Lisa Webb 84; Amber Springfield and Ashley Keeton 155; Patricia Temple 107; Travis Keeton 142; Sheri Taylor 369; David Carlton 42; Edith Tate 532; Henry McGuire 183; Emily Jones 74t; Myra Dalton 542; Henry Zittrouer 68b; Laura Clawson 345b; LaRue Allen 220; Henry Bizzell 127; Dr. Bill Stewart 480; Liz Bryant 475; Edward Howton 434; Claire Simon 66; Sharon Kellam 49b; Floy Wilder 350; Bernard Collard 217; Carroll Lunsford 390; Eugene Forbes 203; Betty Jones 290. Elder Jesse Roberts led the blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by David Lee leading song on page 76b. Leaders: Tommy McGraw 365; Cheryl Foreman 328; Jamie Dalton 383; Willie Mae Moon 441; Jessica Roberts 168; Elene Stovall 384; Tim Slattery 344; Mary Florence Smith 300; Alexandra Gilmore 162; Max Berueffy 187; John Plunkett 466; Bob Bonnell 503; Shelbie Sheppard 269; Judy Holst 499; Vernelle Amason 189; Melanie Hauff 216; Reba Windom 224; Berkley Moore 179; Linda Thomas 391; Gail Doss 277; Joanne Hoover 56b.

RECESS

Beth Todd brought the class to order leading song on page 377. Leaders: Judy Mincey 538; Judy Hauff 411; Coy Ivey 222; Matthew Wojcik 456; Kathy Vlach 551; Danny Creel 182; Lisa Grayson 430; Warren Steel 360; Ginnie Ely 454;

Teenie Moody 410t; Kennon A. Smith 268; Lou Cotney 218; Henry Johnson 70b; Johanna Fabke 122; Amanda Denson 159. Chairman Buell Cobb and Vice Chairman Mark Davis led song on page 46 as the closing song. Mike Hinton led the closing prayer and the class was dismissed.

Friday, June 15

Chairman Buell Cobb opened Friday's session leading song on page 31. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 176b; Kathy Williams 95; Jesse Roberts 327; Cassie Franklin 448b; Jenny Acton 340; Beth Todd 39t; Linda Sides 192; Dan Huger 32t; Mary Wright 71; Patricia Temple 72b; Mike Hinton 146; Bill Hogan 475; John Redman 236; Don Bowen 39b; Ila Ingle 436; Margaret Keeton 517; Morgan Bunch 82t; Hilda Morrison 45t; Miriam Kilmer 378b; Judy Caudle 80b; Pernie Pelfrey 83t; Betty Wright 482; Glenn Keeton 47b; Willodean Barton 416.
RECESS

The class was called back together by Cassie Franklin and Jarrod George leading song on page 300. Leaders: Dan Hopper 413; Kurt Davis 274t; Tommy George 354t; Seth Holloway 388; Lee Rogers 52b; Velton Chafin 573; Douglas Foster 179; Mark Brown 68b; Alice Bejnar 34t; John Hocutt 225t; Louis Hughes 565; Lyra O'Brien 553; Uel Freeman 64; Lela Crowder 503; Leon Ballinger 269; Sarah Smith, Jorge Carillo, and Maria Carillo 129; Hunter Hale 163b; Jayne Fulmer 454; David Lee 282; Jeff Sheppard 347; Jeannette DePoy 411; Myrl Jones 302. Elder Jesse Roberts led the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Linda Sides brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 480. Leaders: Dennis George 455; Scott DePoy 410; Cindy Tanner and Jackie Tanner 298; Jarrod George 137; Reba Windom 216; Rodney Ivey 430; Chris Noren 268; Lisa Davis 528; Richard DeLong 530; John Etheridge 385; Myra Palmer 441; Louise Holland 49b; Janet Fraembs 556; David Ivey 205; Ivan Mann 324; David Yeager 32b; Ann Ballard 277; Ms. Virgel Campbell 421; Linda Baird 148; Paula Gilmore and Phillip Gilmore 445; Gary Smith and Jairo Carillo 569b.

RECESS

Kathy Williams resumed the singing leading song on page 273. Leaders: Nancy Yeager 479; Tor Bejnar 361; Hattie Kennedy 45t; J.L. Hopper 407; Kshama Ananthapura 33b; Philip Gilmore 448t; Megan Jennings 112; Dennis O'Brien 162; Hubert Nall 186; Vernelle Amason 143; Travis Keeton 73t; Kathy Lee 101t; Bob Bonnell 75; Johanna Fabke 312b; Amber Springfield 142; Bernard Collard 287.

Chairman Buell Cobb and Vice Chairman Mark Davis led song on page 323t as the closing song. Elder Jesse Roberts led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Saturday, June 16

Saturday's session was called to order by Chairman Buell Cobb leading song on page 82. Elder Jesse Roberts led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 87; Kathy Williams 506; Jesse Roberts and Susan Roberts 318; Jenny Acton 340; Beth Todd 122; Dan Huger 99; Mary Wright 180; Pat Temple 312t; Mike Hinton 288; John Redman 497; Don Bowen 510; Hubert Nall 299; Lori Forbes Hinesley 405; Tim Cook 50t; Phil Summerlin 112; Andy Morse 571; John Merritt 240; Cecile Cox 282; Briana Hirsch 272; Toney Smith 326; Claire Outten 106.

RECESS

Buell Cobb brought the class back together leading song on page 32t. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 192; George Cox 348b; Pauline Griggs 49t.

The convention was turned over to the Memorial Committee. Mike Hinton made these comments: "Why do you like Sacred Harp Music? This is a special time at any Sacred Harp convention when we pause to remember singers who have died since we last gathered for this convention. It is a time observed at every convention, yet it is always a special few moments for Sacred Harp singers. I was with family members from my father's family earlier this week in Jasper. These family members are not Sacred Harp singers. But they are still good folks! One of my cousins innocently asked me, 'Why do you like Sacred Harp music?' I gave her an answer that satisfied her, but, on reflection, did not satisfy me. I'm sure if I asked twenty people around this hollow square, I would get a wide variety of answers. And they would all be right. I also think that most of you would say 'I love Sacred Harp.' I make that distinction because of something Aunt Ruth Denson Edwards told me one time. She said, 'The good Lord told us we should love everyone. But he didn't say we have to like them!' Why do we take time to remember those who were in our presence last year but are now gone? Because they, too love Sacred Harp music. For unlike many other activities in our lives, we have a very strong bond to this community. For many of us, we have a strong heritage in this music. Our families have been involved with Sacred Harp music for many, many years. But, the love of Sacred Harp transcends heritage. Is our love of Sacred Harp just the shaped note music? There are certainly other types of shaped note singing, but they just aren't the same as Sacred Harp, are they? In Sacred Harp singing, we find a community of love, acceptance, care, and concern among singers that is truly a grand experience, and in many ways unique. We care about each other, and we love each other. We don't care about what is in another person's bank account nor what their social status may be. We aren't concerned about occupation. We are concerned about those who are ill. We care about those who are dying. Those that we remember and celebrate today were part of the larger community of Sacred Harp singers. Some were great singers, some were not. Some did not sing at all, some brought food, some brought peppermints; some were singers for many years, some for only a few years. But all those we remember this day loved Sacred Harp music. They found a spirit of love and companionship with other singers that was special. We revere the memory of these dear ones, and we have gratitude to them for helping to preserve the traditions that make Sacred Harp music such an important part of our lives. For Christians, we also believe that the music we enjoy here around this hollow square is just a foretaste of that which is to come when we join that throng of Sacred Harp singers and sing for endless years around God's throne. What a singing that will be! What a time we will have!" We will now hear the names of the deceased: Ruby Phillips, Rosa Hughes, Eloise Watkins, Ted White, Eron White, Grady Price, Betty Forbes, Woodie Walker, Mrs. Rupert Yarbrough, A.C. McGough, Volly Hardy, Rozelle Cowan, Arnold Hardy, Katherine Marsh, Royce Wilburn Wood, McLain Finley, Willie Floyd Ray, Marie Aldridge, Gene Wakefield, Bill Guthery, Bertie Jay Phillips, Austin Phillips, Anna Smith, Arthur Phillips, Herbert Phillips, and Mercedes Cagle Lambert - Alabama; Jack Corley, Jack Smith, and Herman Thomasson - Georgia; Nobie Smith, Pauline Cathey, Alcie Craig, and Mildred Edmonds - Texas; Carrie Mims - Louisiana; Mae Ola Nelson - Mississippi; Robert Logan Duncan - North Carolina; Susan Garber - Connecticut; Richard Coultas and Sally Owen Murphy - California; Miriam Pasqual - Illinois; Robert Todd - Pennsylvania; Wendy Hahn and Susan Motherway - Massachusetts; John Flandreau - New York; June Hall - Virginia; and Mary K. Friday - Washington, D.C.

Buell Cobb led song on page 209 in memory of Rosa Hughes. Mike Hinton and Buell Cobb led song on page 347.

The list of sick and housebound singers was then read, and Louis Hughes led song on page 57 to honor those listed. Mike Hinton closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Rosemary Greenaway 384; Myra Palmer 208; Jim Carnes 436; Erskine Vandegrift 59; Denice Burleson 196; Karen Clark 474.

RECESS

Warren Steel brought the class back to order leading song on page 66. Leaders: Sharon Kellam 567; Ed Snell 460; Chris Green 220; Barney Roberson 429; Don Clark 171; Kiri Miller 224; Sharona Nelson 385b; Joe Todd 442.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Kathy Williams leading song on page 222.

Leaders: Phill Wisor 37b; Cathryn Baker 430; Henry Bizzell 452b; Liz Bryant 542; Myrl Jones 142; Claire Simon 47t; Samuel Holloway 335; Carroll Lunsford 204; Eugene Forbes 155; Betty Jones 128; David McGinty 323b; Richard Mauldin 36b; Judy Mincey 540; Cheryl Foreman 74b; H.J. Jackson 400.

RECESS

Chris Green called the class to order leading song on page 388. Leaders: Judy Hauff 215; Jessica Roberts and Micah Roberts 107; Tim Slattery 415; Alexandra Gilmore 457; Linda Thomas and Rodney Ivey 270; Judy Holst 31t; Bernice Harvey 176b; Melanie Hauff 271t; Berkley Moore 145b; Gail Doss 29t; Joanne Hoover 213t; Matthew Wojcik 380; Kathy Vlach 280; Lou Cotney 189; Lisa Grayson 528; Ginnie Ely 349; Henry Johnson 278b; Charlotte Ehrman 147t; Morgan Bunch and Sue Bunch 144; Amanda Denson 273.

A business session was held to hear committee reports.

The Finance Committee, Don Bowen and John Redman, reported that contributions were such that all expenses of the convention were covered. Pat Temple and Mary Wright, Resolutions Committee, made the following report.

Be it resolved that the twenty-second annual National Sacred Harp Singing Convention gives grateful thanks to our Lord God who has given us the blessings of fellowship and music we have enjoyed.

Be it resolved that:

- 1) Thanks be given to the officers of this convention who worked hard and faithfully for its success.
- 2) Further thanks be given to all those who so generously provided food for our use and enjoyment.
- 3) The Chaplain, Arranging Committee, Finance Committee, and Memorial Committee, are due thanks for their contributions to the success of this convention.

Special thanks are due to Buell Cobb for the sense of welcome and family he gives to this convention.

Let it be known that the twenty-second annual National Sacred Harp Convention owes much to all those singers from far and near who have sung mightily to the glory of God during these past days.

Secretary Kathy Williams gave the following report:

427 people from 22 states, the United Kingdom, Colombia, and Japan, registered over the three days of the convention; 275 leaders stood in the square to lead 260 songs. The numbers by state and country: Alabama - 268; Georgia - 29; Massachusetts - 16; Florida - 15; Mississippi - 12; Texas - 10; North Carolina, Tennessee, and Illinois - 8; Virginia - 6; Colombia and Washington - 3; Japan,

Michigan, Ohio, New Jersey, Missouri, and Louisiana - 2; Connecticut, California, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Wyoming, New York, and United Kingdom - 1.

A motion was made and carried to accept the reports and include them in the minutes of the singing. The business session was closed.

Myra Palmer and Myrl Jones led song on page 299. The officers led song on page 62 as the closing song as singers took the parting hand to close the convention. Chaplain Elder Jesse Roberts led the closing prayer and the class was dismissed. Chairman - Buell Cobb; Vice Chairman - Mark Davis; Secretary - Kathy Williams.

MOORE, GRAVES, AND CALVERT MEMORIAL SINGING **Addington Chapel, Cullman, Alabama** **Saturday, June 16, 2001**

The annual singing held at Addington Chapel was called to order by Harrison Creel leading song on page 317b. Velton Chafin offered the morning prayer. Danny Creel led song on page 89.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the same officers: Chairman - Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman - Danny Creel; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

Leaders: Danny Creel 76b; Ruth Walker 290, 112; Hershell King 426t, 97; Wilton Donaldson 56t, 205; Uel Freeman 127, 65; Ashley Keeton 78, 99; Corene White 314, 379; Marie Guthrie 383, 411; Cecil Sanders 225t; Eldagene Roberson 313, 306; Judy Caudle 394, 540.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class back to order leading song on page 512. Leaders: Kenny Graves and Billy Williams 146; Kenneth Tate 167, 124, 343, 270; Cassie Franklin 74t, 312t; David Roberson 340, 220; Jackie Tanner 101t, 108t.

LUNCH

Harrison Creel called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 335. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 499, 274t; Edith Tate 116, 333; Elsie Moon 434, 436; Elvin Guthrie 172, 535; Julianna Jett 59, 87, 88t; Winell Sanders 111t; Willodean Barton 82t, 454; Flarce Creel and Cassie Franklin 217, 299; Ivalene Donaldson 228, 73t; Edis Guthrie 100, 371; Travis Keeton 37t, 30t; Ann Jett 43, 77t; Velton Chafin 437; Cindy Franklin 358; the class sang "Mercy Seat" (by request); Elder J.L. Hopper 352 (by request); Danny Creel 269.

Announcements were made. Harrison Creel led song on page 378 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman - Harrison Creel; Vice Chairman - Danny Creel; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Roopville, near Ephesus, Georgia** **June 17, 2001**

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held on the third Sunday in June at the Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Roopville, near Ephesus, Georgia. Lonnie Rogers called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 101t. Curtis Rogers offered the morning prayer. Felton Denney led songs on pages 31b and 31t, followed by B.M. Smith leading songs on pages 284 and 212.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Arranging

Committee - Margie Smith; Memorial Committee - Karleen Williams and Ruth Brown; Secretary - Karen Rollins.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 298; Karen Rollins 136, 143; Nancy Allen 146; Margie Smith 499; Shelbie Sheppard 167; Jimmie Denney 111t, 176t; LaRue Allen 112, 106; Hugh McGraw 413; Katherine Benefield and Joyce Clackum 405, 108t; Curtis Rogers 147t, 323b; George Rogers and G.W. Rogers, Jr. 40, 45t.

RECESS

Lonnie Rogers brought the class to order leading song on page 222. Leaders: Kathy Williams 107, 385b; Louis Hughes, Jr. 276, 278b; Sharona Nelson 37b, 445b; Earlis McGraw 225t, 389; Beverly Rollins and Randa Harris 59, 268; Louis Hughes, Sr. 48t, 39t; Charlene Wallace 117, 326; Oscar McGuire 327, 573; Floy Wilder 195, 432; Sherry Louvorn 454, 373; Bill Denney 358, 164; Louise Holland 273, 144; Josephine Denney 145b, 100.

Chuck White gave a report on the church, grounds, and finances.

LUNCH

Felton Denney brought the class to order leading song on page 503. Leaders: Bobby Jackson 569b, 480; Glenda Collins 354b, 410t.

A memorial lesson was conducted by Karleen Williams. Felton Denney led song on page 231 for the deceased: Vedio Touchstone, Mary Lou Cagle, Jack Corley, Elder J.J. Aderhold, Eloise Watkins, Cecil Edwards, Walter Hamrick, Jack Smith, Margaret Rogers Morgan, Opal Huddlestone, Velma Smith, Erma Caldwell, Bobby Purgason, Ira Mae McCormack, Capitola Rollins, Kermon Denney, Barney Scott, and Brenda Yates.

Richard DeLong led songs on pages 75 and 98 for the sick and shut-ins: Beau Caldwell, Mary Gardner, Ike Stanford, Mozelle Sheppard, Elzie Cook, Cramer Rogers, Wilford Denney, Gladys McGraw, and Vivian Rogers. Curtis Rogers closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 110, 124; Mary Florence Smith 171, 29t; Tommy McGraw 33b, 475; Teenie Moody 275b, 317; Everette Denney 335; Lela Crowder 178, 155; John Plunkett 354t, 564; Laura Ackerman 189, 34t; Denney Rogers and Karleen Williams 318; Philip Denney 63, 120; Fran Adams 551, 159; the class sang 73b (for Alice Edwards who became ill and had to leave the singing).

Announcements were made. Lonnie Rogers and Felton Denney led song on page 46 as the closing song. Louis Hughes, Sr. dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Karen Rollins.

CLIFFORD WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church), Natural Bridge, Alabama June 17, 2001

The ninety-third session of the annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Natural Bridge, Alabama on the third Sunday of June. Travis Keeton called the class to order leading song on page 48t. Velton Chafin offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led song on page 129.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Debbie Wakefield; Arranging Committee - Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 343; Debbie Wakefield 394, 432; Larry Wakefield 37b, 339; Alonzo Malone 203, 300; Betty Baccus and Joseph Baccus 358, 59; Wilton

Donaldson 480, 565; Roma Rice 426t, 566; Julia Poston 274t, 421; Wendell Wakefield 317, 157.

RECESS

John Hyde called the class to order leading song on page 297. Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 77t, 39b; Velton Chafin 76b, 97; Willodean Barton 101t, 100; Leon Ballinger 212, 120; Jayne Fulmer 454, 36b; Gravis Ballinger 144, 34b; Vernice Phillips 40; Larry Ballinger 207, 206; Margaret Keeton 85, 29t; the family of the late Sim Wakefield and Catherine Wakefield (Cecil Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Clara Stults, Julia Poston, Faye Donaldson, Helen Langston, Betty Baccus, Debbie Wakefield, Geneva Horton, and Alfie Mobley) 153, 333, 176b, 134, 294, 408 (in memory of Sim Wakefield, Catherine Wakefield, Ganus Wakefield, Clifford Wakefield, Wilford Wakefield, Fayrene Wakefield, and Gene Wakefield).

LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 44. Leaders: Faye Donaldson 406, 270; Lavaughn Ballinger 405, 167; Clara Stults 335, 143; Cecil Wakefield 282, 290, 159; Helen Langston 490, 391; Kermit Adams 288, 142; Latrivi Bailey 384, 340; Steve Miles 163, 345b, 45t; Josie Hyde 358 (for Robert Mobley), 225b, 284.

Announcements were made. Travis Keeton and John Hyde led song on page 73t as the closing song. Steve Miles offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - John Hyde; Secretary - Debbie Wakefield.

LITTLE VINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Empire, Walker County, Alabama** **June 17, 2001**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Vice Chairman Harrison Creel leading song on page 30t. Henry Guthery offered the opening prayer.

The singing was held in honor of Kathleen Robbins who was unable to attend because of health problems.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 123, 101t; Cassie Franklin 74b, 345b; Kshama Ananthapura 477, 100; Ginnie Ely 313t, 389; Cathryn Baker 148, 384; Don Bowen 287, 270; Winell Sanders 111b; Beth Todd 39t, 373; Kiri Miller 378b, 112; Mary Wright 108, 121; John Redman 496, 358; Lisa Grayson 201, 278b; Nancy Yeager 178, 313b.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class to order leading songs on pages 498 and 342.

Leaders: Rosie Wojcik 475, 77t; Claire Simon 86, 523; Chris Noren 183, 473; Pat Temple 181, 566; Bernard Collard 362, 36t; Rosemary Greenaway 315, 472; Phil Wisor 319, 72b; Ann Jett 327, 269.

LUNCH

Harrison Creel called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 89.

Leaders: Megan Jennings 196, 501b; David Yeager 34b, 551; Gale Doss 68t, 176; Matt Wojcik 340, 110; Gary Smith 565, 31t; Alexandra Gilmore 288, 448; Amber Springfield 434, 192; Joe Todd 103, 497; Charlotte Ehrman 66, 163b; Judy Holst 205, 69t; Don Robertson 546, 236; Amanda Denson 274t, 460; Buell Cobb 26; Karen York 324, 410t; Kathy Robinson 436, 480; Sylvia Childers 59. Harrison Creel led song on page 512 as the closing song. Henry Guthery dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - John Hocutt; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee - Cassie Franklin; Secretary - Kathleen Robbins.

MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Section, Alabama
June 17, 2001

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June was called to order with Chairman Dennis George leading song on page 82t. The morning prayer was led by Brother Lamar Smith. Dennis George then led song on page 87.

Leaders: Jarrod George 358, 300; Sandra Jordan 63, 101t; Bud Oliver 32t, 39b; Jackson Harcrow 68b, 317; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 76b, 36b; S.T. Reed 37b, 225t; Henry Johnson 111t, 418; Jackie Tanner 48t, 89; Susan Harcrow 85, 479; Sarah Harcrow 350, 299.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class back together leading songs on pages 348b and 512. Leaders: Boyd Scott 58, 127; Laura Clawson 72b, 313t; Betty Wright 323b, 84; Nate Green and Norma Green 128, 176, 401; L.O. Harper and Sandra Jordan 45t; Randall Smith 384, 480; Milton Oliver 321, 155; Cindy Tanner 198, 200; David Ivey 410b, 92.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was assembled with Dennis George leading songs on pages 203 and 129. Leaders: Shane Wootten 278b, 171; Ruth Hancock and Russell Varner 490, "Love At Home" (WB), "Jesus Died For Me" (WB); Joanne Hoover 375, 108; Betty Jones 312b, 556; Kathy Vlach 213b, 496; Miriam Kilmer 285, 178; Donna Wootten 56t; Marilyn Burchett 551, 294; Marlon Wootten 535, 335; Eloise Wootten 445, 454; Tim Slattery 52, 168; the class sang "That Beautiful Land" (CB); Robert Harper 75, 288; Coy Ivey "Trusting" (WB). Announcements were made. Dennis George led song on page 146, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by S.T. Reed.

Chairman - Dennis George; Vice Chairman - Jarrod George; Secretary - Sandra Jordan.

ANNUAL OXFORD SACRED HARP SINGING DAY
Seacourt Hall, Botley, Oxford, England
Saturday, June 23, 2001

The third Annual Oxford Sacred Harp Singing Day was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June. Edwin Macadam brought the class to order at 10:30 a.m. leading song on page 287, and then giving thanks for the safe arrival of so many friends from far and near, come together once more in joyous song, and commended to God's care those still on their journeys.

Leaders: Sheila Girling Smith 299; Rachel Jordan 66; Ken Baddley 99; Fred Emigh 65; Bernard Collard 63; Ros Clements 47t; Dave Richardson 73t; Steve Fletcher 148; Alan Weeks 34b; Mandy Townsend 48t; Paul Setford 49b; Grace Scrimgeour 178; Adrian Bolge 314; Roz Argyle 383; Phil Tyler 340; Helen Brown 384; Margaret Gillanders 84; Mick Verrier 272; Ruth Cooper 38t; Dave Cooper 36b.

RECESS

Fred Emigh called the class back to order by leading song on page 455. Leaders: Edwin Macadam 547; Rachel Jordan 155 (for her son, Dafydd Charles); Ken Baddley 350; Sheila Girling Smith 273; Bernard Collard 36t; Ros Clements 150;

Dave Richardson 56b; Steve Fletcher 300; Alan Weeks 151; Mandy Townsend 85; Paul Setford 86; Grace Scrimgeour 31t; Adrian Bolge 370; Roz Argyle 532; Phil Tyler 376; Helen Brown 498; Margaret Gillanders 143; Mick Verrier 107; Ruth Cooper 454; Dave Cooper 324. Alan Weeks asked God's blessing on the midday meal.

LUNCH

Before the end of the recess the class was taught a new song, "Coddock", by the composer, Mick Verrier. Emily Verrier (aged 3) taught the class the shaped version of the children's song "There's a worm at the bottom of my garden", especially arranged by her father.

The afternoon session resumed with Edwin Macadam leading song on page 497.

Leaders: Rachel Jordan 163; Bernard Collard 28b; Sheila Girling Smith 349.

Bernard Collard led the memorial lesson and related the story of Lorena Ledsham, which illustrated the significance of prayer for the souls of the departed. A few weeks ago, the United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention organizers had received an e-mail from Lorena's mother. Lorena had died in 1998 and recently her husband had typed her name into an internet search engine. Her family was amazed to find Lorena had been on the memorial lesson list at the United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention in September 1998. They knew nothing about Sacred Harp singing at all, but were comforted and touched by the knowledge that strangers had prayed for the repose of Lorena's soul. This story serves to remind us that in our respectful remembrance of the dead, we also reach out with consolation to the bereaved. Today we remembered: Ben Bailey, James Smith, Peggy Woodley, Jon Doncaster, Jeremy Haslam, Isabel Joan Hunter, John Theobald, and Mary Brown. The song on page 122 was led for those remembered.

For the sick and housebound, Ken Baddley spoke of the story of Jean-Dominique Bauby, a victim of locked-in syndrome and read a chapter entitled 'Prayer' from his book, 'The Diving-Bell and The Butterfly', and led song on page 50b. We remembered: Peggy Hunsley, Win Taylor, Gordon Ashman, and Helen McCarrick.

Leaders: Fred Emigh 47b; Ros Clements 477; Dave Richardson 473; Steve Fletcher 448t; Ken Baddley 515b; Alan Weeks 479; Mandy Townsend 106.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Grace Scrimgeour leading song on page 33b.

Leaders: Adrian Bolge 156; Roz Argyle 284; Phil Tyler 339; Helen Brown 540; Margaret Gillanders 542; Mick Verrier and Emily Verrier 217; Ruth Cooper 198; Dave Cooper 159; Edwin Macadam 236.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Sheila Girling Smith and Jean Finnegan leading song on page 474.

Announcements were made and invitations extended to other Sacred Harp singing events around the country.

Leaders: Rachel Jordan 269; Ken Baddley 147; Dave Richardson 306; Mandy Townsend 36; Grace Scrimgeour 504.

Fred Emigh asked the class to sing the song on page 299 once again, for his friend Larry Gordon in recognition of his contribution to the furtherance of shape-note singing in the United Kingdom for more than ten years.

Edwin Macadam and Sheila Girling Smith thanked all those who had made the day such a success and led the closing song on page 347.

Chairman - Edwin Macadam; Secretary - Sheila Girling Smith.

OLD SONGS FESTIVAL
Altamont Fairgrounds, Altamont, New York
Saturday, June 23, 2001

A one hour book singing was held from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Altamont, New York Fairgrounds as part of the Old Songs Festival. Eric Bean called the session to order by leading song on page 47t. A prayer was offered by George Seiler. Leaders: Laura Densmore 344; Pat Geritz 31t; Mary Ann Morrison 479; Gerry Hoffman 142; Guy Bankes 350; George Seiler 84; Jean Seiler 87; Ginnie Ely 454; Sheila Kelley 448b; Eric Bean 47b; Michael Kay 569b; Steve Kasparick-Postellon 282; Barbara Swetman 106; Phil Dutton 66; Dick Levine 102; Laura Densmore 99; Pat Geritz 143; Mary Ann Morrison 34b; Gerry Hoffman 448t; Guy Bankes 441; George Seiler 269.

Eric Bean lead song on page 62 as the class took the parting hand. The session was closed with a prayer led by George Seiler.

Chairman - Eric Bean; Secretary - Barbara Swetman.

SHADY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Winston County, Alabama
June 23-24, 2001

Saturday, June 23

The annual Sacred Harp singing on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in June at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 33b. Blanton Adair led the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led song on page 47t.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman - Ken Tate; Secretary - Romas Rice; Arranging Committee - Margaret Keeton and Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 43; Roma Rice 81t, 63; Cecil Wakefield 168, 203; Bill Stewart 145b, 101t; Gladys Bonds 39t, 48t; Betty Baccus 454, 134; Winell Sanders 569b; Cecil Sanders 123t; Blanton Adair 129, 274t; Larry Wakefield 480, 100; L.E. Hannah 85, 312b.

RECESS

Ken Tate brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 37b and 477. Leaders: Alonzo Malone 34t, 65; Chris Rise 276, 384; Amber Springfield 171, 186; Ivalene Donaldson 204, 317b; Velton Chafin 225t, 35; Glenn Keeton 410t, 467; Kenneth Fannin family 354b; Pernie Pelfrey, Edna Earl Pace, Joan Gilbreath, Nancy Falkner, and Carla Morris 83t; Billy Williams 496, 84.

LUNCH

Kermit Adams called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 99. Leaders: Clarence McCool 73t, 36b; Josie Hyde 189, 294; Vernice Phillips 318, 112; Faye Donaldson 371, 138t; Amanda Denson 217, 299; Roxie Keeton 349; Carol Fannin and Rachel Allred 72b, 122; Carla Morris 143, 145t; Caleb Allred 294, 87; Jennifer Allred 192, 300.

RECESS

David Holcomb brought the class to order leading songs on page 39b and 47b. Leaders: Kenneth Fannin 235, 176b; Adam Hale 147t; Susan Allred 183, 358; Dawson Adams 77t; Mary Holcomb 373, 408; Will Allred 401, 45t; Emily Jones 337, 288.

Kermit Adams led song on page 45b as the closing song. Velton Chafin dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, June 24

Chairman Kermit Adams opened the Sunday morning session by leading song on page 47t. Margaret Keeton led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 46; Margaret Keeton 144, 426t; Emily Jones 45t, 44; Sharon Spangle 143, 128; Carla Morris 145b, 183; Julie Poston 83t, 274t; Pernie Pelfrey 275b, 75, 74b; Chris Rice 282, 475.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading songs on pages 68b and 73t.

Leaders: Azilee Adams 317b, 337; Parnell Berry 278b, 285t; Barbara Cooksey 155, 61t; Faye Donaldson 40, 78; Cecil Wakefield 170, 480; Nellie Alexander 108b, 81t.

A memorial session was held for those who have passed away since last year. The deceased remembered were: Raymond Fannin, Marie Smith, Juanita Whitman, A.C. McGough, Hubert Hood, Rufus Mann, Gene Wakefield, David Young, Fayrene Wakefield, Marie Aldridge, Eron White, Ted White, and Thomas McCool.

The following people in nursing homes were also recognized: Gladys Bonds, Rose Altha Taylor, Elmer Conwill, L.E. Hannah, Oscar Jones, and Ora Lee Fannin. Josie Hyde led songs on pages 546, 284, and 153. Loretta Whitman led songs on pages 45t, 101t, and 147t. The memorial lesson was concluded.

LUNCH

Kermit Adams called the class to order for the afternoon session leading song on page 99. Leaders: Dawson Adams 39b, 39t, 48t; Roma Rice 49b, 425, 34t; Roxie Keeton 382; Betty Clayborn 59, 159; Pernie Pelfrey family 358, 146; Milford Watts 328, 426b, 378b; Josie Hyde 43, 477; Sara Berry 388, 62; John Hyde 297; Margaret Keeton 310; Travis Keeton 172; Kermit Adams and Emily Jones 288. Kermit Adams led song on page 414b as the closing song. Cecil Wakefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman - Ken Tate; Secretary - Roma Rice.

DELONG MEMORIAL

Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church, Dunwoody, Georgia June 24, 2001

The annual DeLong Memorial Sacred Harp singing was opened with Chairman Richard DeLong leading songs on pages 32t and 60. Louis Hughes, Sr. offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Kenneth DeLong 34t, 572; Andy Anderson 28t; Andy Morse 349; Brady DeLong 47t; Carlene Griffin 81; Frances Carnell 442; Juni Wooten 270; Reuben Ball 497; Cathy White 63; Frances Mary D'Andrea 318 (for her uncle Pat who died this week); Vaudie Sherer 143.

RECESS

Richard DeLong called the class to order leading song on page 421. Leaders: Laura Ackerman 532; Lela Crowder 455; Don Clark 350; Charlene Wallace 548; Nancy Yeager 313b; Rachel Carlisle 137; Wesley Haley 34b; Debra Jones 503; Don Bowen 163b; Kathy Lee 47b; Jeff Sheppard 322.

A business session was conducted with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

RECESS

Richard DeLong called the class back to order by leading song on page 282.

Leaders: John Plunkett 541; Jessica Roberts 142; Louis Hughes, Sr. 403; Helen

Bryson 456; Hugh McGraw 287; Raymond Hamrick 486; Ashley Roberts 419; Chris Carnell 99; Rebecca Tulie 341; Scott DePoy 410t.

Richard DeLong conducted the memorial lesson. The flowers placed in the church today are in memory of Dollie Hudgins and Uncle Jack Corley. The deceased remembered were as follows: Carrie D'Andrea, Pat D'Andrea, Cecil Edwards, Ernestine Hendrix, Harold White, infant Jacob Lloyd, Mary Lou Cagle, Herman Thomason, Jack Smith, and Uncle Jack Corley. Richard DeLong shared fond remembrances of those we are remembering today and led song on page 123b for Uncle Jack Corley and 348b.

Ruth Brown led song on page 340 for the sick and shut-ins and challenged us, in the coming weeks, to call, send a card, or visit a shut-in. We especially want to remember Alice Edwards as she recovers from surgery. Elder Jesse Roberts shared memories of Uncle Jack Corley and Mary Lou Cagle with the class and then closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Faye Holbrook 82; Doug Allison and Emma Allison 77t.

LUNCH

Richard DeLong brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 132 and 411. Leaders: David Lee 299; Henry Johnson 267; Violet Thomason 189, 112; Dennis George 198; Shelbie Sheppard 556; Jesse Roberts 542; Janice Paulk 518; Laura Clawson 550; Jeannette DePoy 89; Judy Mincey 365 (for Matt DeLong who is ill today); Hannah Lee 319; Denise Kania 217; Michael Shewmaker 85; Susan Roberts 155; Karen Clark 474.

RECESS

Helen Bryson called the class back to order leading song on page 145b. Leaders: Mike Castleberry 401; Heather Carnell 361; Lee Rogers 220; Jack Paulk 147t; Shirley Wagner 101b; Dianne Walls 66; Jonathan Carnell 101t; Alice West 496; Nita Ray 73t; Liz Bryant 300; Kenneth DeLong 492.

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong led song on page 146 as the closing song. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman - Kenneth DeLong;

Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

NEW HOPE CHURCH **Cullman County, Alabama** **June 24, 2001**

The sixty-seventh session of the annual singing at New Hope Church in Cullman County, Alabama was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading songs on pages 467 and 59. Elvin Guthrie offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers: Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 34b; Corene White 37b, 379, 78t; Ruth Walker 135, 75, 48t; Aubrey Tyree 322, 298, 434; Stella Pratt 323b, 147t, 100; Eldagene Roberson 299, 306, 132; David Roberson 146, 222, 274b; Billy Williams 294.

RECESS

Elvin Guthrie called the class back to order leading songs on pages 566, 482, and 398. Leaders: Edis Guthrie 99, 186, 171; Geraldine Watkins 143, 120, 361; Judy Caudle 227, 284, 540; Jane Knight and Joette Jones 218, 220, 108; Ercyl Vidrine 68b, 335, 409; Billy Williams 496.

At this time the floor was given over to the church for a business session.

LUNCH

Glenn Keeton called the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 337 and 342. Leaders: Lora Cargo 182, 498, 274t; Susan Allred 112, 480, 182; Amber Springfield 73b, 350, 40; Marie Guthrie 192, 411, 189; Don Robertson 212, 215, 47b; Henry Guthery 558, 224, 240, 151; Margie Crider 388, 358, 445b; Ruth Burlison and Kenneth Fannin 457, 30t; Shirley McCoy 217; Joyce Hicks 300; Caleb Allred 87; Rachel Allred 276; Delong Cobb 39t; Kenneth Fannin and grandson, Will Allred 36b, 45t; Henry Guthery 236. Announcements were made. Glenn Keeton and Elvin Guthrie led song on page 267 as the closing song. Kenneth Fannin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

MT. LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Near Fayette, Alabama
June 24, 2001

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Linton Ballinger leading song on page 32b. Earl Ballinger led the class in the morning prayer.

The class organized with the following officers being elected or appointed: Chairman - Linton Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Secretary - Johnny Humber; Arranging Committee - Lomax Ballinger.

Leaders: Larry Ballinger 89; Lomax Ballinger 81t; Johnny Humber 460; Edwin Ballinger 340; Charles Humber 480; Teresa Ballinger 212; David White 137; Lisa Geist 507; Beverly Nelson and Kim Watkins 299; Albert Humber 313t; Leslie Ballinger and Patrick Brady 78; A.A. Malone 183; Janet Litton and Anna Litton 155; Jimmy Ballinger and James L. Ballinger 441, 200.

RECESS

Buddy Ballinger called the class back to order by leading song on page 399b. Leaders: Dwayne Ballinger 300; Amanda Ballinger 454; Jeffrey Ballinger and Edwin Ballinger 108t; Teresa Guyton 216; Tim Cook 163b; Jerry Enright 542; Nate Green and Norma Green 70b, 119; Sherry Stover 445b; Ken Tate 430; Miranda Gilbreath 35; Donna Wootten 274t; Milton Oliver 222; Diane Anderson, Judy Thomas, and Brenda Robbins 45t; Leon Ballinger 490 (for those who have passed away and had supported this singing).

RECESS

Gravis Ballinger brought the class back to order leading song on page 99. Leaders: Emily West and Jill Ballinger 477, 59; David Ballinger, Zackery Thomas, and Will Thompson 123t; Karen Freund 402; Clarence McCool 475; John Merritt 392 (CB); Julie Ballinger, Carol Robbins, and Amber Ballinger 405; S.T. Reed 289; Willodean Barton 290; Betty Wright 484; Wilton Donaldson 565; Jayne Fulmer 384; Phillip Ballinger and Kaytln Ballinger 142.

LUNCH

Earl Ballinger called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 217. Leaders: Chris Ballinger 350; Warren Steel 352; Flarce Creel 146; Johnny Lee and Delorese Lee 503, 116; Sarah Harcrow 186; Velton Chafin 149; Ivalene Donaldson 270; Max Berueffy 396; Cassie Franklin 440; Coy Ivey 559 (CB); Edith Tate 436; Bud Oliver 145t; Elene Stovall 558; Rodney Ivey 269; Joan Aldridge 198; Shane Wootten 424; Paula Gilmore and Philip Gilmore 566, 278; Randall Smith 36b; Toney Smith 225t; Amanda Denson 421; Harrison Creel 111b; Juliette Haynes 192; Buell Cobb 398; Beth O'dell 546; Linda Thomas 345b; Bill Stewart 452; Joyce Hubbert 273; Wayne Baines 560.

Linton Ballinger led song on page 46 as the closing song. Buddy Ballinger led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Linton Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Secretary - Johnny Humber.

HENAGAR-UNION CONVENTION

Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama

June 30-July 1, 2001

Saturday, June 30

The eighty-fifth session of the Henagar-Union Sacred Harp Convention was called to order with Chairman David Ivey leading song on page 32t. The morning prayer was led by Louis Hughes.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Rodney Ivey 101t; Vice Chairman Shane Wootten 37t; Secretary Norma Latham Green 408; Loyd Ivey 438; Marlon Wootten 68b; Donna Wootten 56t; Mattie Townsel 317; Tony Ivey 448t; Betty Wright 84; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Tommy George 354b; Laura Clawson 318; Eloise Wootten 234; Jarrod George 300; Margie Smith 501; Hershell King 176b; Louis Hughes 176t; Wayne Wootten 48t.

RECESS

The singing resumed with David Ivey leading song on page 177.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 475; Allison Dodson 378t; Bob Meek 454; Dr. Bill Stewart 145b; Jerry Enright 100; Carla Smith 410b; Chip Ward 101b; William Shetter 505 (CB); Travis Keeton 129; Wilton Donaldson 565; Jerry Schreiber 421; Nate Green and Norma Green 229; Michelle Cull 235; John Plunkett 564; Tom Owen 528; Dewayne Hawthorne 285t; Velton Chafin 488; Sandie Scott 335.

RECESS

Wayne Wootten brought the class back together leading song on page 108t.

Leaders: Milton Oliver 206; Joan Aldridge 228; Jenny Wootten Mann 198; Thomas Willard 106; Gordon Olsen 277; S.T. Reed 568; Syble Adams 515; Ricky Harcrow 571 (CB); Mel Kersey 354t; Ivalene Donaldson 146; Scott Ivey 186; Sandra Jordan and Lydia Jordan 572 (CB); Sally House 503; Jeb Owen 163b; Vernice Phillips 112; Katie Moseley 222; Marilyn Burchett 29t; Aaron Wootten 270; Bob Cull 148. The lunch blessing was asked by Phil Summerlin.

LUNCH

The afternoon session opened with Rodney Ivey leading song on page 276.

Leaders: Coy Ivey 384; Betty Shepherd 216; Ted Johnson 377; Jackie Tanner 172; Flora Skinner 294; Tommy McGraw 383; David Lee 63; Jenny Willard 434; Phil Summerlin 99; Melanie Hauff 168; Louis Hughes, Jr. 208; Max Berueffy 542; Liz Owen 442; Bud Oliver 426; John Etheridge 39t; Midge Olsen 218; LaRue Allen 301; Karen Freund 428; Amanda Owen 344.

The results of the election were announced at this time: Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairmen - Shane Wootten and Rodney Ivey; Secretary- Norma Latham Green.

RECESS

Vice Chairman Shane Wootten called the class together leading song on page 155. Leaders: Cassie Franklin 411; Sarah Harcrow 350; Marcia Johnson 485; Reba Window 142; Elene Stovall 215; Henry Johnson 56b; Dennis George 224; Lynne deBenedette 437; Allison Ivey 196; Teenie Moody 28b; Cindy Tanner 217; Mary Ruth Stiefel 220; Richard DeLong 439; Hobert Ivey and Rodney Ivey 47t; Jimmy Williams 77t; Coy Ivey and Elene Stovall 559 (CB) (for Don Bowen).

Following announcements, David Ivey led song on page 46, and the Saturday session was dismissed by Tom Owen.

Sunday, July 1

The Sunday session was called to order with Chairman David Ivey leading song on page 82t. The morning prayer was given by Lavaughn Ballinger.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Rodney Ivey 81t; Vice Chairman Shane Wootten 42; Secretary Norma Green 489; Jackie Tanner 47t; Tony Ivey 31b; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b; Mattie Townsel and Coy Ivey 59; William Shetter 195; Henry Johnson 74b; Eloise Wootten 39b; Johnny Humber 268; Leola Smith 340; Jarrod George 358; Betty Wright 410t; Dewayne Hawthorne 104; Joan Aldridge 475; S.T. Reed 477.

RECESS

Shane Wootten brought the class together leading song on page 388. Leaders: Dennis George 430; Lynne deBenedette 376; Boyd Scott 58; Judith Green and Rodney Ivey 117; Jimmy Ballinger 565; Amanda Owen 535; Terry Hullett 222; Amanda Ballinger 384; Nate Green and Norma Green 139; Michelle Cull 496; Linton Ballinger 306; Midge Olsen 66; Mel Kersey 47b; Lisa Geist 269; Tommy McGraw 33b; Liz Owen 273; Bob Meek and Pat Meek 457; Alexandra Makris 312b.

RECESS

The singing resumed with David Ivey leading song on page 72b. Leaders: Lavaughn Ballinger and Loyd Ivey 424; Mary Ruth Stiefel 408; Bob Cull 99; Sally House 171 (in memory of her daughter, Karen House); L.O. Harper and Coy Ivey 45t; Katie Moseley 448t; Jeb Owen 480.

The memorial committee, Eloise Wootten and Tony Ivey, presented the memorial lesson. Tony Ivey quoted from the 150th chapter of Psalms, "Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord, praise ye the Lord," and read the names of the deceased: Woodie Walker, Eloise Watkins, Grady Price, Ercell Ott, Alcie Craig, J.T. Blalock, Ruby Phillips, Winston Jones, Barbara Weigold, Clyde Windom, Tim Craven, Mrs. Rupert Yarbrough, William Mosley, and Sheila Moon. Tony Ivey and Eloise Wootten led song on page 46.

Eloise Wootten read the names of the sick and shut-ins on the list: Ruby Wilks, Paul Greeson, Nelda Tolbert, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Jeff Sheppard, Mary Stiefel, John Henry Busby, Thurman Nall, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Lavert Howell, Martha Howell, Pete Baker, Curtis Owen, Gladys McGraw, Mozelle Sheppard, Jeannette DePoy, Nellie Miller, Mrs. Mims, and Mr. Mason. Dewayne Wootten led song on page 213t. The class sung the last verse of 47b, and Elder Tony Ivey closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Singing resumed with leaders: Tom Owen 532; Teresa Ballinger and Jimmy Ballinger 361; J.A. Mosley 282; Stuart Ivey and Richard Ivey 567, 182. The lunch blessing was asked by Dennis George.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened with Rodney Ivey leading song on page 225t. Leaders: Don Polaski 454; Laura Clawson 29t; David Killingsworth 277; Sandy Ivey and Trish McClain 201, 128; Wayne Wootten, Andrew Wootten, and Anna Wootten 486t (WB); Linda Thomas 303; Gordon Olsen 497; Susan Harcrow 218; Max Berueffy 455; Reba Windom 196; John Etheridge 348b; Karen Ivey and Allison Ivey 428, 31t; Jamie Wootten, Jarred Wootten, and Hayden Wootten 45t; Chris Green and Pam Green 129; Cassie Franklin 112; Jerry Enright 77t; Betty Shepherd 299; Earl Ballinger 40; Flora Skinner 434.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey and Randall Smith called the class back together leading songs on pages 56t and 137. Leaders: Loyd Ivey, Teresa Bethune, and Marian Biddle 452, 501 (CB); Karen Freund and Lynne deBenedette 278; Arvid Holmes 460; Teenie Moody 84; Hobert Ivey, Tony Ivey, and Lorrie Wootten 511 (CB); Terry Wootten 116; April Hall 83t; Larry Ballinger 224; Lydia Baswell and Vella Dailey 300; Marty Wootten 445b; Amy Smith and Loretta Smith 551b; Chip Ward 348t; Freeman Wootten and Jewel Wootten 49b; Cindy Tanner 146; Robert Harper 63; Rodney Ivey and Lisa Geist 358 (by request).

Chairman David Ivey expressed the thanks of the convention to the Arranging Committee, Shane Wootten and Jackie Tanner, for a job well done.

Following announcements, David Ivey, Rodney Ivey, Shane Wootten, and Tony Ivey led song on page 62, and those who wished took the parting hand.

The convention was dismissed with prayer by Pastor Tony Ivey.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairmen - Shane Wootten and Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Norma Latham Green.

DUTTON, GREEN, AND JACKSON MEMORIAL
Liberty Grove Primitive Baptist Church (New Flatwoods Church),
South of Nauvoo, Alabama
July 1, 2001

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing for the Duttons, Greens, and Henry "Doc" Jackson was held on the first Sunday in July. Travis Keeton called the class to order with song on page 127. Elder Ronald Gilmore offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led song on page 43.

The class organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Elder Ronald Gilmore; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders and Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 319; Ivalene Donaldson 61, 129; Ida Lee Starnes 426t, 68b; Winell Sanders 108t, 111b; Alene Woodley 35, 399b; Amber Springfield 147t, 147b; Clarence McCool 225t, 503; Chris Bell 384, 546; Nathan Gilmore 103, 124; Margaret Keeton 78, 276; L.H. Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 421, 34t.

RECESS

Elder Ronald Gilmore called the class back to order leading songs on pages 235 and 475. Leaders: Wilton Donaldson 317, 75; Anita McLemore and Roni McLemore 145b, 72b; Ashley Keeton 36b, 37b; Josie Hyde 39b, 43; Glenn Keeton 354t, 467; Tim Gilmore 186, 273, 297; Kermit Adams 277, 391.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 348b and 343. Leaders: Janet Jones 32t, 373; Lative Bailey 45t, 571 (CB); Jessica Williams 141, 569; Velton Chafin 144, 145t; Ivalene Donaldson 204; John Hyde 313t, 63; Chris Bell 358; Clarence McCool 111t; Wilton Donaldson 565; Josie Hyde 490 (by request); L.H. Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 275, 349; Tim Gilmore, Linda, and Sara 146, 128, 122; Elder Ronald Gilmore and Hazel 47b, 42, 142 (in memory of Lavada Gilmore); Travis Keeton 418 (for Dovey Jackson).

Travis Keeton and Elder Ronald Gilmore led song on page 48t as the closing song. Elder Ronald Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer. We would like to thank Otis Alexander for paying for the minutes.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Elder Ronald Gilmore; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

CROSS ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
North of Tallapoosa, Georgia
July 1, 2001

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Cross Road Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in July. Louis Hughes, Sr. called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. with song on page 82t. B.J. Harris offered the morning prayer. Louis Hughes, Sr. extended a warm welcome to everyone and led song on page 138b. Leaders: Miranel Swafford 155, 313t; Mary Florence Smith 171, 141; Belinda Stansbery 63, 45t; Margie Smith 335.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Louis Hughes, Sr.; Vice Chairman - Miranel Swafford; Secretary - Belinda Stansbery; Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith.

Leaders: Louis Hughes, Sr. 37b; Sandie Scott 38b, 40; Louis Hughes, Jr. 285t; Carlene Griffin 117, 73t; B.J. Harris 303, 225t; Allison Dodson 89, 348b; Felton Denney 175, 549; Charlene Wallace 373, 425; Richard DeLong 464, 435.

RECESS

Louis Hughes, Sr. brought the class to order leading song on page 75. Leaders: Jimmie Denney 111t, 101t; Pearl Guier 59, 49t; Don Clark 542; Kaley Morris 119; Hugh McGraw 93; Carla Smith 123t; David Lee 48b, 49b; Lela Crowder 142, 146.

Mary Florence Smith conducted the memorial lesson with John Plunkett leading songs on pages 341 and 500 for the deceased: Cecil Edwards, Jack Corley, Jack Smith, Rosa Hughes, and Miranda Kuck.

Felton Denney led song on page 31t for the sick and shut-ins: Alice Edwards, Mozelle Sheppard, Jeff Sheppard, I.V. McWhorter, Vivian Rogers, Katherine Benefield, Evelyn Newman, Carrie Garner, and Wilford Denney. Mary Florence Smith closed the memorial with prayer,

LUNCH

Louis Hughes, Sr. brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 61. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 318, 389; Evelyn Harris 39b, 47t; Keith Willard 111b; Karen Clark 287, 501; Jerry Schreiber 35, 460; Everette Denney 84, 490; Eunice Webb 276, 270; Eschol Hughes 383, 100; Jenny Willard 434, 145b; children of A.M. Wood (Inez Chandler, Ceford Wood, and Theo Waddell) 457; Aaron Little 384, 480; Joyce Clackum 127, 56t; Milton Oliver 403; Mildred Patterson 358, 294; Earlis McGraw 284, 544; Josephine Denney 503; children of Gilbert Pope (Marlene Garner, Miranel Swafford, and Cynthia Fielder) 334, 137; Cecil Roberts 128; James Newman and Elaine Newman 36b; children of J.C. Hughes (James Newman, Elaine Newman, Louis Hughes, Sr., Louis Hughes, Jr., Eschol Hughes, and Vickie Hughes) 153; C.W. Garner 68b; B.M. Smith 99, 222; Nancy Allen 108t.

Announcements were made. Louis Hughes, Sr. and Miranel Swafford led song on page 347 as the closing song. Felton Denney dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - Louis Hughes, Sr.; Vice Chairman - Miranel Swafford; Secretary - Belinda Stansbery.

INDEPENDENCE DAY SINGING
Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama
Wednesday, July 4, 2001

The eighteenth session of the Independence Day Singing met at Muscadine Methodist Church on Wednesday, July 4, 2001. In the absence of Chairman Jeff

Sheppard, the class was called to order by B.M. Smith, acting Chairman, leading song on page 36b. Felton Denney offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 448b; Shelbie Sheppard 242; Mary Florence Smith 40; Margie Smith and Nancy Allen 313t; Pam Nunn 269.

A business session was held and the class voted to retain the following officers: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith. B.M. Smith will act as Chairman for Jeff Sheppard who is in the hospital awaiting heart surgery.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 112; Bobby Jackson 568; Teenie Moody 303; Kenneth DeLong 34t; Lynne deBenedette 192; Earlis McGraw 148; LaRue Allen 200; Jerry Schreiber 394; Melanie Hauff 464; Nate Green and Norma Green 479; Tommy McGraw 477; Carla Smith 70t; Roy Nelson 380; Marcia Johnson 178.
RECESS

B.M. Smith brought the class to order leading song on page 81t. Leaders: Thomas Willard and Allison Dodson 378t; Max Berueffy 137; Kelly House Dunn 57; Ted Johnson 348b; Jenny Willard 564; Jesse Roberts 120; Leola Smith 234; Bill Dunn 101t; Pearl Guier 503; Kelly House Dunn and Rodney Ivey 430; Carlene Griffin 283; Keith Willard 100; Elene Stovall 389; Louis Hughes 76b; Charlene Wallace 146; Philip Denney 440; Henry Johnson 414b; Josephine Denney 45t; Richard DeLong 202.

In observance of this holiday, Lonnie Rogers gave a short talk on the importance and meaning of this day. He reminded us of what it should mean to each of us to have the freedom to meet together to sing and enjoy the fellowship of one another. In closing, he led song on page 225t and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

B.M. Smith brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 123t. Leaders: Felton Denney 523; Susan Roberts 155; Eunice Webb 474; Everette Denney 405; Reba Norton 328; John Plunkett 346; Laura Clawson and Kelly House Dunn 282; Homer Benefield 56t; Janice Paulk 478; Mildred Patterson 89; Betty Wright 515b; Joyce Clackum 127; Lou Cotney 384; Martha Ann Stegar 275t; Jimmie Denney 46; Mary Lee Smith 358; Keith Willard 144; Marcia Johnson 436; Jerry Schreiber 198; Jenny Willard 271b; Ted Johnson 222; Melanie Hauff 203; Carla Smith 185; Kelly Dunn and Bill Dunn 48t; Lynne deBenedette 216; Jesse Roberts 212; B.M. Smith and Shelbie Sheppard 448t (for Jeff Sheppard who will have heart surgery on Thursday, July 5, 2001), 110. Announcements were made. B.M. Smith led song on page 213 as the closing song. Lonnie Rogers dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

CULLMAN COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION

Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama

July 7-8, 2001

Saturday, July 7

The annual Cullman County Courthouse Singing Convention was convened on the third floor of the Cullman County Courthouse on the second Sunday and Saturday before in July. Henry Guthery welcomed everyone and led song on page 59. John Merritt led songs on page 76b and 81t. Robert Bates, Circuit Clerk, addressed the convention by welcoming everyone and offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: David Roberson 340, 63; Hershell King 460, 204; Gordon Wilkinson 208, 512; Travis Keeton 399, 392; Linda Thomas 47t, 299; Bill Stewart 36b, 145b.

RECESS

Elvin Guthrie called the class back to order leading song on page 171. Leaders: Gennie Nelms 373, 186; Ruth White 45t, 59; Marie Guthrie 250, 343; John Bealle 442, 543; Corene White 146, 543; A.D. Chandler 144, 403, 371; Amanda Denson 189, 327; Glenn Keeton 231, 410t; Gaston White 35, 66; Ivalene Donaldson 274t, 275b.

RECESS

John Merritt called the class to order leading song on page 278b. Leaders: Amber Springfield 69b, 142; Danny Creel 269, 383; Aubrey Tyree 434, 358; Lora Cargo 498, 454; Eldagene Roberson 215, 203; Sherry Guthery 58, 64.

LUNCH

Elvin Buthrie called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 61. Leaders: Bill Hogan 67, 120; Betty Shivers 155, 335; Clayton Ezell 300, 390; Eloise Clark Bealle 448, 209.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Vice Chairman - John Merritt; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson; Memorial Committee - Gennie Nelms and Ruth Walker; Arranging Committee - Brenda Chafin Merritt.

Leaders: Elvin Guthrie 87; Betty White 84, 285t; Uel Freeman 391, 119; Eugene Forbes 239, 480; Ruth Walker 159, 430; Buell Cobb 435; Wilton Donaldson 503, 565; Roscoe Knight 127; Henry Guthery 354, 68b; Ida Lee Starnes 426t, 37b; Harrison Creel 111b; Uel Freeman 65; Flarce Creel 475; Brenda Merritt 336, 192.

Announcements were made. Elvin Guthrie and John Merritt led song on page 69 as the closing song. Clayton Ezell dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, July 8

Elvin Guthrie called the Sunday session to order by welcoming everyone and then led song on page 49t. Velton Chafin offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Elvin Guthrie 81; Corene White 171, 216; Don Robertson 100, 101, 212; Willodean Barton 145t, 460; Pam Green and Chris Green 87, 129; Flarce Creel 148, 225t; Marie Guthrie 220, 446; David Roberson 222, 145b, 30t.

RECESS

John Merritt called the class back to order leading song on page 571 (CB).

Leaders: Julianna Jett 87, 88t; Ruth Walker 290, 490; Gaston White 565b, 503, 426; Bill Hogan 387, 77t, 276; Aubrey Tyree 208, 298, 189; Gennie Nelms 270, 36b.

RECESS

John Merritt called the class to order leading song on page 176t. Leaders: David McGinty 146, 32b; Betty Shivers and Amanda Denson 412, 496, 143; Marie Guthrie and great grandson, Harlie Moon 59, 45t.

A memorial lesson was conducted by Gennie Nelms and Ruth Walker. Gennie Nelms read the names of the deceased: Sheila Moon, Marie Aldridge, Ruby Phillips, Talvin Shelton, Claude Parker, Eula Moon, Eron White, Ted White, Cora Wright, Winston Jones, Harless Ponder, Evelyn Moon, Gene Wakefield, Anne McGough, Thomas Jones, A.C. McGough, Elbert Kilgo, Bill Guthery, Martin Harbison, Willie Mosley, and Betty Forbes. Henry Guthery led song on page 408 in memory of Ted White and Eron White. Cindy Tanner led songs on pages 40 and 358 for the deceased.

Gennie Nelms read the names of the sick and shut-ins: Gladys Bonds, Mavis Price, Ray Tate, Kathleen Robbins, Thurman Nall, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Runman Graves, Edna Graves, Lena Woodley, Lucille Tolbert, Elsie Beasley, Charlotte Hinkle, Garnsey McGough, Ethel McGough, Thor Parks, Dearn Morgan, Bill Green, Tressie Adkins, Ruth Talman, Callie Calvert, John Hight, and Elmer Conwill. Ruth Walker and Gennie Nelms led song on page 340 in honor of those sick and shut-ins. The memorial was closed.

LUNCH

Elvin Guthrie called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 172. Leaders: Ann Jett 495, 546; Henry Guthrie 120, 112; Cindy Franklin 507, 489; David Light 192, 110; Chris Green 384, 277; Velton Chafin 104, 494; Edith Tate 532; Eldagene Roberson 29t, 142; Herbie Bailey 47t, 34b; Amanda Denson 196, 300; Jewel Wootten 186; Harrison Creel 498, 530; A.D. Chandler 137, 313; Edis Guthrie 99, 171; Rodney Ivey 512; Ricky Harcrow 37b, 274; Buell Cobb 207, 202, 131b, 131t; Brenda Merritt 475, 542.

Announcements were made. Elvin Guthrie and John Merritt led song on page 27 as the closing song. Aubrey Tyree dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Vice Chairman - John Merritt; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

BOILING SPRINGS CONVENTION Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Oak Grove (near Sylacauga), Alabama July 8, 2001

The annual Boiling Spring Convention was held at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church in the Oak Grove community, near Sylacauga, Alabama, on the second Sunday in July.

The day of singing began with the class singing songs on pages 312b and 354. Waylon Blakeley called the class to order leading song on page 81t. Brother Jack Nelson offered the morning prayer. Waylon Blakeley led song on page 33b. A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Waylon Blakeley; Vice Chairman - Elder Bufrey Dean; Secretary - Lacey Blakeley; Arranging Committee - Daniel Dean. Leaders: Elder Bufrey Dean 46, 47t; Lacey Blakeley 39b, 145t; Daniel Dean 67, 77t; Hilda Morrison 75.

RECESS

Elder Bufrey Dean called the class to order leading song on page 31t. Leaders: Kay Dean 274t, 294; Elder Rodger Morrison 143, 358; Dollie Bush 126, 30b (in memory of Elder A.L. Beckett); Elder Jonathan Blakeley 278b, 146; Brenda Dean 124, 369; Douglas Conn 100, 35; Chita Blakeley 123t, 448t; E.W. Bush 127, 341.

LUNCH

Daniel Dean brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 147. Leaders: Lacey Blakeley 58; Eugene Forbes 32t, 155; Myra Goss 170, 222; Elder Ben Keebler 490, 47; Stormy Britain 378t, 340; Jack Nelson 176t, 165; Maudie Frederick 111b, 111t; Justin Burdett 68b, 45t; Hilda Morrison 164, 64; Jack Nelson 77t (for Willard Frederick who was able to attend, but not able to lead), 491; Brenda Dean 28b (for her mother, Leara Beckett); Stormy Britain 229 (CB). Announcements were made. Elder Rodger Morrison dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Waylon Blakeley; Vice Chairman - Elder Bufrey Dean; Secretary - Lacey Blakeley.

LAMAR AND PICKENS COUNTY CONVENTION
Zion Church, Eight Miles North of Gordo, Alabama
July 8, 2001

The eighty-fourth session of the annual Lamar and Pickens County Convention was held at Zion Church on the second Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Chairman Clarence McCool leading song on page 36b. Glenn Keeton offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Clarence McCool 82t; Travis Keeton 452b, 129; Glenn Keeton 112, 274; Laura Clawson 58, 276; Elene Stovall 56t, 88; Tim Cook 99, 327.

RECESS

Clarence McCool brought the class to order leading songs on pages 159 and 49b.

Leaders: Dave Gibson 290, 551; Josie Hyde 200, 298; John Hyde 297, 313; Paula Springfield 340, 318; Lavaughn Ballinger 401, 84; Toney Smith 323; Lisa Geist 91, 546; Larry Ballinger 96, 101; Beth Ballinger 166, 454; Amber Springfield 186, 560; Annie Lou Price 90, 299; Mattie Townsel 168, 124; Earl Ballinger 167, 124; Lena Keeton 475, 34b; Vernice Phillips 40; Gravis Ballinger 120, 300.

LUNCH

Clarence McCool brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 63 and 73t. Leaders: Wilton Donaldson 480, 30; Ivalene Donaldson 270, 335; Etna Barton 460, 441; A.A. Malone 203, 183.

Earline Ellis conducted the memorial lesson and led songs on pages 75, 457, 358, 430, and 349 for the deceased: Annie McCool, Wayne Wakefield, Vernel Yarbough, and Flora Mae Suddath.

RECESS

Clarence McCool brought the class to order. Leaders: Laura Clawson 436; Paula Springfield 380, 88; Lisa Geist 217; Elene Stovall 432; Beth Ballinger 384; David Gibson 133; Tim Cook 141; Glenn Keeton 354; Larry Ballinger 49; Josie Hyde 66; Mattie Townsel 63.

We invite everyone to come again next year on the second Sunday in July.

Announcements were made, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Clarence McCool; Vice Chairman - Toney Smith; Arranging Committee - Wayne Baines; Secretary - Earline Ellis.

MT. OAK METHODIST CHURCH
Six Miles Northwest of Arab, Alabama
Saturday, July 14, 2001

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in July and was called to order by Hershell King leading song on page 59. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the morning prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - David Light; Secretary - Eunice Kimbrell; Arranging Committee - Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Hershell King 30t; David Light 274, 100; Eunice Kimbrell 61, 42; Judy Caudle 273, 489; Arvid Holmes 63, 155; Gennie Nelms 503, 225t; S.T. Reed 65, 64; J.C. Rutledge 145t, 277; Eldagene Roberson 144, 313; Elvin Guthrie 49b, 47t.

RECESS

Hershell King brought the class together leading song on page 146. Leaders: J.L. Hopper 71, 184; Alexandra Makris 312b, 425; Sandra Light 143, 354b; Carmon Brothers 340, 341; Jill Geroca 212, 441; Nate Green and Norma Green 79, 284; David Roberson 78, 275b; Rhoda Norris 177, 460; Ramona Light 454, 172; Hershell King 34t.

LUNCH

Hershell King brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 80b. Leaders: Marie Guthrie 222, 89; Alexandra Makris 388, 49t; S.T. Reed 44, 104; Hershell King and DeAnn King 358; Nate Green and Norma Green 335; David Light 192, 110 (in memory of his father, Owen Light); Arvid Holmes 171; David Roberson 196; J.L. Hopper 34b; Elvin Guthrie 311; P.T. Williams and Ann Williams 358 (played on the piano by request).

Hershell King led song on page 389 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the closing prayer and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Hershell King; Vice Chairman - David Light; Secretary - Eunice Kimbrell.

WALKER COUNTY CONVENTION **Sardis Church, Walker County, Alabama** **Saturday, July 14, 2001**

The eighty-seventh session of the Walker County Sacred Harp Convention met on Saturday before the third Sunday in July at Sardis Church and was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 48t. John Merritt offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led song on page 127.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Willodean Barton; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton; Memorial Committee - Brenda Merritt and Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 129, 61; Ida Lee Starnes 111b, 426t; Barbara Swetman 333, 335, 40; Margaret Keeton 171, 177; Wilton Donaldson 566, 480; Ashley Campbell 143, 47b; Willodean Barton 314, 416; Ivalene Donaldson 166b, 274t.

RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class together leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Ashley Keeton 120, 200, 224; Winell Sanders 111t; Ottis Sides 378t, 460; Brenda Merritt 426b, 192, 475; J.H. Mosley 75, 144; Josie Hyde 361, 434; Alice Mosley 138b, 235.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton brought the class to order leading songs on pages 64 and 278t.

Leaders: John Hyde 63, 73t; John Merritt 312b, 101t.

A memorial was held. Josie Hyde and Brenda Merritt led song on page 146 for the sick and shut-in: Jeff Sheppard, Gladys Bonds, Elmer Conwill, Tressie Adkins, John Hocutt, Thurman Nall, Bill Green, Dr. James Howell, Marthan Howell, L.E. Hannah, Mae Conwill, Elsie Beasley, Virginia Carter, and Shelbie Sheppard.

Josie Hyde and Brenda Merritt led song on page 285t in memory of the deceased: Gene Wakefield, Ted White, Eron White, Marie Aldridge, A.C. McGough, Juanita Whitman, Bea Marlowe, Jan Cupps, Lula Moon, Shelia Moon, Winston Jones, Willy Mosley, Mercedes Cagle Lambert, and Mrs. Rupert Yarbrough. John Merritt closed the memorial with prayer.

Edith Tate led songs on pages 35 and 37b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order with the class singing "Mercy's Seat". Leaders: Velton Chafin 106; Amber Springfield 67, 142; Wanda Capps 53, 299; Laura Clawson 385b, 189; Bill Stewart 36b, 145b; Amanda Denson 168, 183; M.A. Malone 34t, 112; Tommie Spurlock 442, 436; Clarence McCool 137, 428; Gary Smith 565, 31t; Stanley Smith 522, 500, 482; Sarah Smith 72b, 406; Billy Williams 96, 28b, 48t; John Etheridge 28t; Flarce Creel 269, 430. Velton Chafin led song on page 521 as the closing song. Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Willodean Barton.

MICHIANA SINGING

New Testament Baptist Church, Goshen, Indiana Saturday, July 14, 2001

The fourteenth annual Michiana Singing was called to order by James Nelson Gingerich leading song on page 171. Christine Guth offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Matthew Lind 28b; Samuel Sommers 30t; Rachel Miller Jacobs 56b; Kent Beck 68b; Christine Guth 88t; Roger Williams 92; Henry Schuman 344; Karen Freund 213; Coy Ivey 137; John Bealle 217; Martha Lang 312b; Cathryn Baker 472; Bruce Holmes 146; Martha Beverly 77t; James Page 505; Cindy Tanner 269.

RECESS

Matthew Lind brought the class together leading song on page 39t. Leaders: Jacob Affolter 91; Megan Jennings 142; Dean Slaton 304; Joan Aldridge 270; Louis Hughes 282; Aaron Girard 383; Carolyn Deacy 448b; Lori Graber 479; Warren Steel 352; Kiri Miller 224; Janet Conrad 515; Robert Dworkin 56t; Syble Adams 203; Joanne Bowman 477; Ted Mercer 139; Charlotte Wolfe 47; Richard DeLong 319.

RECESS

Samuel Sommers brought the class to order leading song on page 358. Leaders: Greg Howard 48b; Melanie Hauff 485; Suzanne Flandreau 441; David Rust 399; Jan Ketelle 464; Michelle Cull 222; Wendy Wahn 326; Pauline Childers 384. Matthew Lind conducted the memorial lesson remarking that singers who have come before us have shaped us along with the whole singing community. James Nelson Gingerich read the list of names of the sick and shut-in: Allen Huggins - North Carolina; Susan Smith, Fay Davis, and Mary Coleman - Michigan; Al Frank, Dan Foley, and Jerilyn Schumaker - Illinois; Pauline Vick and Francis Hooley - Indiana; Dorothy Florine - Minnesota; Philip Page, Jr. - New Jersey; Bob Scorgie - Wisconsin; Roy Driskell, Ruby Driskell, and Nellie Miller - Kentucky; Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Elmer Conwill, Jap Walton, and Joyce Walton - Alabama; Ev Yoder - New Mexico.

Rachel Miller Jacobs then read the names of the deceased: Jean Speck and Quay Smathers - North Carolina; Mary Ellen Critchlow and John Flandreau - New York; Peter Forsberg - Indiana; Miriam Pasqual - Illinois; William Lawn - Pennsylvania; Marie Dixon - Texas; Jack Smith and Jack Corley - Georgia; Woodie Walker, Marie Aldridge, and Sheila Moon - Alabama; Barbara Weigold - Michigan; John Morris - Maryland; Kent Malone and Ed Jerasik - California. Matthew Lind led song on page 285t. Christine Guth offered the noontime prayer.

LUNCH

Rachel Miller Jacobs brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 299. Leaders: Carolyn Craig 268; Linda Speck 49t; Rodney Ivey 186; Janet

Fraembs 532; Rachel Adelstein 198; Charles Knecht, Kathryn Knecht, and Xander Knecht 42; John Bayer, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 124; Jackie Tanner 182; John Seaton 49b; Carol Crawford and Jim Crawford 523; Lee Steinmetz 163; Violet Stark 84; Lissa Blood 504; Jeff Gauthier 170; Eloise Clark 390; Doug Stapleton 452; Nancy Yeager and David Yeager 178; Anne Steel 209; Berkley Moore 30b; Elizabeth Todd and Ron Adnrico 58; Reba Windom 276.

RECESS

Matthew Lind and Rachel Miller Jacobs brought the class to order leading song on page 230. Leaders: Lisa Grayson 419; Catherine Pfaff 235; Natalia Cecire 538; Jerry Enright and Coy Ivey 300; Sue Kessell 365; Randy Neufelt 32t; Cassie Franklin 216; Bill Beverly 24b; Judy Hauff 456; Jan Wright 183; Ted Johnson 536; Molly Williams 163t; Julie Vea 444; Joe Todd 179; Ann Miczulski 569b. Announcements were made. Matthew Lind led song on page 62 while the class took the parting hand, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Matthew Lind; Treasurer - James Nelson Gingerich; Chaplain - Christine Guth; Secretary - Samuel Sommers.

CHAFIN, HARBINSON, AND HOLLIS MEMORIAL New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama July 15, 2001

The one hundred twenty-eighth session of the Chafin, Harbinson, and Hollis Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Velton Chafin leading songs on pages 31b and 30t. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Brenda Merritt; Arranging Committee - Billy Williams.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 35; Clayton Ezell 66; Tommie Spurlock 430, 376; Freda Bledsoe 335; Wilton Donaldson 565; Vernice Phillips 112; John Hyde 297; Ivalene Donaldson 61; Flarce Creel 475; Laura Clawson 171; Winell Sanders 108t; Don Johnson 212, 192; Marie Guthrie 280, 411; Shelley Capps 73t; Stanley Smith 273, 542; Corene White 314.

RECESS

Harrison Creel brought the class to order leading song on page 317b. Leaders: Eldagene Roberson 215, 203; Travis Keeton 161; Guy Bankes 77b, 441; S.T. Reed 267; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Richard Ivey 222; Lisa Geist 532, 528; Elvin Guthrie 138t, 193; David Roberson 146, 274t; Wanda Capps 440, 216; John Etheridge 74b, 74t.

RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading song on page 175b. Leaders: Ashley Keeton 220, 306; Ashley Campbell 196, 143; Velton Chafin and Coen Chafin 384, 480; Ottis Sides 58, 530; Margaret Keeton 517; Edith Tate 155, 371; Barbara Swetman 383, 145t; Karen Ivey 120, 276; Lavaughn Ballinger 401; Josie Hyde 507.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 318. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 50b; Ken Tate 275b; Ann Jett 37b, 43; Willodean Barton 122; David Ivey 484; Richard Ivey and Randall Smith 137; Amber Springfield 454, 142; Glenn Keeton 354t; Linda Sides 328, 225t; Amanda Denson 566, 345b; John Merritt and Brenda Merritt 384, 358; Brenda Merritt 448t, 111t; Harrison Creel 498; Henry Guthery 140, 456; Sherry Guthery 49t, 340; Stuart Ivey 208, 189; David Ivey 198.

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led song on page 46 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Brenda Merritt.

KALAMAZOO SINGING **Kalamazoo, Michigan** **July 15, 2001**

The third annual Kalamazoo Singing was held at the Wesley Foundation, Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan on the third Sunday in July.

Chairperson Ann Miczulski brought the class to order by leading songs on pages 82t and 34b. Samuel Sommers offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jan Wright 48t; Samuel Sommers 112; Bill Beverly 28t; Roger Williams 298; Molly Williams 59; Louis Hughes 76b; Lori Graber 80t; Rodney Ivey and Cassie Franklin 81t; Carolyn Deacy 66; Joe Todd and Ron Andrico 373; Joan Aldridge 300; James Page 284; Syble Adams 147t; James Nelson Gingerich 455; Judy Hauff 430; David Yeager and Peggy Kidwell 515; Pauline Childers 475; Bill Venema 40; Coy Ivey 63; Lisa Grayson 29t; Richard DeLong 458; Cathryn Baker 277; Ann Miczulski 122.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Martha Beverly leading song on 274. Leaders: Martha Beverly and Coy Ivey 137; Mathew Lind 189; Reba Dell Windom 208; Jim Crawford 522; Cassie Franklin 278b; Ted Mercer 80b; Michelle Cull 224; Carol Crawford and Jack Vimmerstedt 327; Aaron Girard 384; Mary List 143; Megan Jennings 106; David Rust 201; Joanne Bowman 474; Nancy Yeager 313b; Ted Johnson 377; Mary Postellon and Sarah Postellon 155; Melanie Hauff 215; Beth Todd 234; Kiri Miller 385t; Julie Veal 528; Jan Ketelle 168; Rodney Ivey 192; Jim Crawford, Benjamin Crawford, and Samuel Crawford 268; Cathryn Baker 335; Coy Ivey 222; Cassie Franklin 198; Louis Hughes 303; Reba Dell Windom 196; Coy Ivey, Rodney Ivey, and Cassie Franklin 270.

Ann Miczulski introduced Grace Flesche, kitchen wizard, and her able assistant, Sarah Postellon. Louis Hughes offered the blessing.

LUNCH

Samuel Sommers brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 176. Leaders: Terry Hogg 503; Molly Williams 551; Matthew Lind 496; Joan Aldridge 228; David Yeager 32b; Syble Adams 171; James Page 216; Joanne Bowman 547; Joe Todd 103; Melanie Hauff 218; Bill Venema 159; Kiri Miller 454; James Nelson Gingerich 448b; Megan Jennings 282; Henry Schuman 434; Pauline Childers and Henry Schuman 318; Jan Wright 209; Ann Miczulski 497.

RECESS

Roger Williams and Molly Williams brought the class to order leading song on page 128. Leaders: Nancy Yeager 49b; Michelle Cull 64; Lisa Grayson 436; Ted Johnson 89; Aaron Girard 315; David Rust 150; Judy Hauff 546; Beth Todd and Ron Andrico 179; Julie Veal 302; Lori Graber 354b; Jan Ketelle 178; Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 86.

Announcements were made. The officers of the Kalamazoo Singing led song on page 323 as the closing song. Samuel Sommers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson - Ann Miczulski; Vice Chairman - Roger Williams; Treasurer - Molly Williams; Secretary - Martha Beverly.

HILLABEE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama
July 15, 2001

The Introductory Lesson was led by Eugene Forbes with song selections on pages 75 and 32t. Prayer was led by Elder Ben Keeble.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Eugene Forbes; Secretary - Jenny Acton; Arranging Committee - Charlotte Bishop.

Leaders: Chairman Eugene Forbes 100, 438; Mary Jean Payne 294, 272 (in memory of Sister Annie Mann); Bobby Jackson 59, 290; Elder Ben Keeble 39b, 490; Carla Smith 274t, 358; Floy Wilder 373, 432; Jenny Acton "Great Roll Call" (WB), 340; Edna Ruth Phillips 452, 569 (for Myrline Redmon).

RECESS

Chairman Eugene Forbes brought the class to order leading song on page 63.

Leaders: Nell Estes 145b, 84; Audress Gurley 36b, "Not Made With Hands" (WB); Stormy 143, 147t; Larry Acton, Jr. 74t, 45t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Chairman Eugene Forbes with song on page 61.

Business Lesson:

1. Correspondence - none
2. Union Singings - none
3. Location for this singing next year (2002) - Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church
4. Singing Schools - none

Memorial Lesson:

Nell Estes led 566 in memory of Betty Forbes and Willie Floyd Ray and song on page 49 in memory of others who have passed away.

Regular singing was resumed with the following leaders called: Edna Ruth Phillips 164 (by request); Elder C.V. Estes 128; Myra Goss 405, 222; Charlotte Bishop 268, "Jesus Died for Me" (WB); Bobby Jackson 445b; Elder Ben Keeble 47b; Mary Jean Payne 410t; Nell Estes 313t; Floy Wilder 383, 373; Audress Gurley 108t; Jenny Acton 288; Edna Ruth Phillips 318; Charlotte Bishop 496 (for Susan); Stormy 489b; Myra Goss 337; Sylvia Wesson 334; Charlotte Bishop 499 (by request).

After announcements were made, Chairman Eugene Forbes led song on page 46 as the closing song. Elder Ben Keeble dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Eugene Forbes; Secretary - Jenny Acton.

COTACO CONVENTION
Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Gum Pond, Alabama
Saturday, July 21, 2001

The one hundred-thirteenth session of the Cotaco Convention was called to order by Elder Daniel Hopper leading song on page 147b. The morning prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper. Dan Hopper led songs on pages 95, 129, and 179. Leaders and selections were as follows: Judy Caudle 33b, 276, and 406 (by request of Mrs. Lessie Grant); J.L. Hopper 407, 358 (by request of Mr. Cotton Shaddix); Jonathon Thompson 384, 84; Hershell King 204; Delone Cobbs 127, 144; Brandon Thompson 274, 335; Steve Cobbs 285t, 146, 480; David Roberson 436, 100.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Buckley Hopper leading song on page 39t. Leaders and selections: Cecil Sanders 123t; Arvid Holmes 460; Billy Williams 448b, 39b; Marie Guthrie 222, 192; Nancy Thompson 40, 101t; Elvin Guthrie 234, 200; Eldagene Roberson 89, 81t; Lomax Ballinger 168, 300; Jimmie Gilmore 68b, 143; Imogene Nelms 383, 53. Elder Daniel Hopper led the class in prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

After enjoying a bountiful lunch and fellowship, the class was reassembled by Chairman Buckley Hopper leading song on page 268.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Jonathon Thompson; Vice Chairman - Buckley Hopper; Secretary - Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee - Brandon Thompson. The new chairman opened the floor and gave the opportunity for anyone desiring to host the next session of the convention to make their request known. None were received, so the 114th session of the convention will remain with Gum Pond Church for July 2002. The business session was closed.

Leaders and selections: Milford Cobbs 381, 323b; Bud Oliver 30t, 145b; Arthur Gilmore "Jesus Died For Me" (WB), 565; Wilda Holmes 490, 501 (CB); Kenneth Fannin 176b, 313t; Carol Fannin 109, 122; Carol Newman 378t, 388; Athea Gibbs 174t, 47t; Jeremy Wootten 235b, 59; Winell Sanders 569b; Linton Ballinger 36b, 35; Elene Stovall 99, 208; Buckley Hopper 475, 489; Judy Caudle 236 (by request); Buckley Hopper 441; Daniel Hopper 451.

Jonathon Thompson led song on page 46 as the closing hymn, and the class was dismissed by prayer offered by Elder Daniel Hopper.

Chairman - Jonathon Thompson; Vice Chairman - Buckley Hopper; Secretary - Judy Caudle.

MARILOU AND DON JOLLY MEMORIAL

Poway, California

Saturday, July 21, 2001

The fifth annual Marilou and Don Jolly Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, in the Grand Room of the Porter House at Old Poway Park, Poway, California. The opening session was called to order by Janice Hecksel with song on page 63. David Lee offered an opening prayer.

Carroll Lunsford led song on page 61, followed by Jerry Schreiber leading song on page 212.

A motion was made and seconded to go into a business meeting. The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Carroll Lunsford; Vice Chairman - Marion Black; Secretary - Jerry Schreiber; Chaplain - David Lee; Arranging Committee - Carla Smith; Resolutions Committee - Kathy Lee and Mary Linn Bergstrom.

Leaders: Carroll Lunsford 111t, 111b; Jon Giles 182, 123t; Marion Black 53, 77t; Norma Ruptier 148, 84; Pat Keating 332, 216; Carla Smith 68b, 532 (Carla remarked that "Peace and Joy" was Don Jolly's favorite tune); Norman Gholson 147b, 410t; Laura Russell 47b, 39b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Marion Black leading song on page 29t.

Leaders: Rick Russell 28b, 99; Duncan McLeod 89, 168; Kathy Lee 146, 66; Betty Herman 421, 34b; Ron Huss 515, 510; David Lee 39t, 274t; Marcia Tucker 163b, 504; Karen Huss 151, 236; Gerry Hoffman 70t, 70b.

RECESS

The class was called together by Marion Black leading song on page 348t. Leaders: Marilyn Molena 384, 388; Janice Hecksel 31b, 551; Jerry Schreiber 474, 198. Laura Russell offered a prayer before the meal.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Marion Black leading song on page 131t. Leaders: Jon Giles 108t; David Lee 48t; Laura Russell 202; Kathy Lee 171; Gerry Hoffman 272; Betty Herman 464; Rick Russell 183; Jerry Schreiber 538; Janice Hecksel 481; Marcia Tucker 180; Duncan McLeod 475; Mary Linn Bergstrom 424; Jane Campbell 479; Lisa Koide 40; Carroll Lunsford 390; Norman Gholson 401; Marion Black 72b; Pat Keating 142; Norma Ruptier 313b; Karen Huss 365; Marilyn Molena 277; Ron Huss 486; Carla Smith 503.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Janice Hecksel leading song on page 107. Leaders: Susanna Ball 45t; Gerry Hoffman "Denton" (his own composition); Mary Linn Bergstrom 76b; Rick Russell 200; Marcia Tucker 497; Betty Herman 442; Duncan McLeod 58; Norman Gholson 178; Ron Huss 535b; Marilyn Molena 282; Laura Russell 222; Kathy Lee 59; David Lee 176t.

Carroll Lunsford and Marion Black led song on page 62 to conclude the session, and all who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer led by David Lee.

Chairman - Carroll Lunsford; Vice Chairman - Marion Black; Secretary - Jerry Schreiber.

MT. ZION MEMORIAL **Mt. Zion, Georgia (off Hwy. 16)** **July 21-22, 2001**

Saturday, July 21

The one hundred-ninth session of the Mt. Zion Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in July.

Earlis McGraw called the class to order leading song on page 59. Hugh McGraw led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Earlis McGraw 303; Phillip Langley 67, 101t; Charlene Wallace 99, 299; Hugh McGraw 344, 88b; Carlene Griffin 146; Tommy McGraw 76b, 475; Danny Griffin 318, 426b (for Jeff Sheppard and Shelbie Sheppard); Mary Florence Smith 224, 313t; Eunice Webb 480, 569b; Jimmie Denney 85, 145t; Andy Anderson 350, 117; Josephine Denney 81t, 145b; Don Bowen 496, 409; Mildred Patterson 373, 108b.

RECESS

Judy Henry brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 225t and 33b.

Leaders: Bobby Jackson 100, 290; Mimi Wright 319, 31t; Kenneth DeLong 439, 530; Jeannette DePoy 216, 147t; John Morris 119, 378b; Helen Bryson 175, 522; S.T. Reed 275b, 278t; Emmie Morris 142, 215; Lonnie Rogers 222, 97; Felton Denney 503, 155.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Earlis McGraw leading song on page 283.

A motion was made and duly seconded to go into the business session. Officers re-elected were: Chairman - Earlis McGraw; Vice Chairman - Phillip Langley; Secretary/Arranging Committee - Charlene Wallace; Chaplain - Hugh McGraw; Memorial Committee - Judy Henry and Carolyn Huckleba.

Leaders: Laura Clawson 88t, 217; John Plunkett 432, 308; Susan Fetcho 84, 178; Scott DePoy 278b, 56b; Lela Crowder 384, 274t; Kelly Beard 387, 390;

Peter Irvine 47b, 128; Lou Cotney 218, 189; Nancy Yeager 479, 34b; Phil Summerlin 436, 448t; Ernestine Pipkin 203, 110; David Fetcho 148, 547; David Yeager 40, 38b; Gene Duke 45t, 348b (in memory of his mother); Teenie Moody 277, 317; Nick Griffin 551.

Announcements were made. Earlis McGraw led song on page 162 as the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, July 22

The class was called to order by Earlis McGraw leading song on page 435. Hugh McGraw led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Phillip Langley 107, 148; Charlene Wallace 171, 168; Hugh McGraw 188; Judy Henry 283, 276; Don Bowen 532, 384; Cindy Cook 143, 144; George Garner 480; Elsie Brock 176t, 340; Gene Duke 535, 235; Reba Norton 177, 275b; Tommy McGraw 37b, 475; Lori Goode 551, 358; Bobby Jackson 81t, 274t.

RECESS

The class was called together by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 79.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 225t, 503; Sheri Taylor 440, 430; Bud Oliver 42, 39b; Jan House 142, 284; John Hollingsworth 82t, 138b; Donna Duke 189, 300.

Memorial lesson: Hugh McGraw led song on page 420 in memory of Mrs. Mae Entrekin, Cecil Edwards, Elder J.J. Aderhold, C. Gene Munce, Woodie Walker, Eloise Watkins, and Jack Corley.

Don Bowen led song on page 50b for all the sick and shut-ins including: I.V.

McWhorter, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Mozelle Sheppard, Alice Edwards, Vivian Rogers, Joyce Walton, Jap Walton, and Mrs. Norma Mincey. End of the memorial.

Leaders: Laura Clawson 53, 95; Louis Hughes, Sr. 32t, 569b; Jeannette DePoy 39t, 192; Charles Woods 45t, 196; Teenie Moody 268, 383.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Earlis McGraw leading song on page 544. Leaders: Milton Oliver 321, 270; Mary Florence Smith 29t, 27; Kelly Beard 200, 201; Cassie Franklin 316, 186; Henry Johnson 385t; Lela Crowder 178, 146; Raymond Hamrick 385b; Lee Rogers 409, 454; Dennis George 290, 542; Eunice Webb 460, 208; Wilton Donaldson 565; Ernestine Pipkin 172, 112; Oscar McGuire 155, 473; Glenda Collins 282, 354b; Sharon Hamrick 236, 269; Ivalene Donaldson 335; Martha Ann Stegar 59, 63; Louise Holland 137, 273; Karen Reeves 445; Nick Griffin 127.

Announcements were made. Earlis McGraw and Phillip Langley led song on page 62 as the closing song. John Hollingsworth led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Earlis McGraw; Vice Chairman - Phillip Langley; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION **Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Douglas, Alabama** **Saturday, July 28, 20001**

The twenty-first session of the Young People's Convention was held at Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church near Douglas, Alabama on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in July. Co-Chairs Sarah Harcrow and Richard Ivey called the class to order leading song on page 31t. Chaplain Samuel Sommers led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Secretary Allison Ivey 48t; Laura Clawson 186; Jarrod George 282; Jackson Harcrow 63; Kshama Ananthapura 475; Nate Green and Norma Green

354t; Tim Cook 201; Mary Wright 290; Henry Johnson 570; Betty Wright 569b; Katharine Manning 328; Bridget Gullberg 340; Glenn Keeton and Ashley Keeton 442; Sarah Beasley Smith 108t; Kristin Irving and Mirjana Lausevic 178; Rodney Ivey 99; Karen Freund 383; Tommy McGraw 477; Nick Edwards 171; Cindy Tanner 198; Ron Crocker 31b; Patricia Temple 72b; Diane Mennella 92; Gary Smith 565.

RECESS.

Richard Ivey called the class to order leading song on page 101t. Leaders: Lynne deBenedette 430; Allison Schofield 542; Jeannette DePoy 426t; Linda Thomas 350; George Seiler 480; Ariel Weinberg 106; Peter Irvine 229; Jackie Tanner 318; Samuel Sommers 426b; Jacob Affolter 504; Andrew Magee 77t; Kim Bahmer 370; Linda Sides 148; Elder Ricky Harcrow 384; Wanda Capps 146; Alexa Gilmore 47b; Chris Green 128; Natalia Cecire 538; Bud Oliver 37b; Marlin Beasley 336; Mirjana Lausevic 274t; Eugene Forbes 299; Barbara Swetman 312b; Teenie Moody 222; Rachel Adelstein 300.

LUNCH.

Sarah Harcrow and Jackson Harcrow called the class to order leading song on page 155. Leaders: Stuart Ivey 189; Alex Makris 401; Phill Wisor 33b; Lela Crowder 142; Kelsey Wessels 162; Phillip Langley 192; Richard DeLong 411; Tim Eriksen 236; Aaron Wootten 82t; Linda Shea 179; Reba Windom 224; Elder Jesse Roberts 412; Jarrod George 358; Sarah Harcrow 38b.

Officers of the first Young People's Convention, David Ivey and Susan Harcrow, led song on page 200.

Leaders: Eliza Cavanaugh 89; Jerry Enright 396; Matthew Wojcik 81t; Karen Ivey 216; Henry Guthrie 316; Judy Caudle 227; Coy Ivey 170; Buckley Hopper 39t; Philip Gilmore 445; Hershell King 97. Sarah Harcrow and Richard Ivey led 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed after Samuel Sommers led the benediction.

Co-Chairs - Sarah Harcrow and Richard Ivey; Chaplain - Samuel Sommers; Secretary - Allison Ivey.

LACY MEMORIAL SINGING **Lacy's Chapel, Henagar, Alabama** **July 29, 2001**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Lacy's Chapel on the first fifth Sunday following July 4th was called to order with David Ivey leading songs on pages 144 and 110. The morning prayer was led by Louis Hughes.

Leaders: Reba Dell Windom 159; Rodney Ivey 208; Ruth Brown 101t; S.T. Reed 409; Milton Oliver 224; Lamar Smith 76b; Loyd Ivey 97; Norma Green 225t; Wilton Donaldson 285t; Margie Smith 569b; Jackie Tanner and Cindy Tanner 222; Betty Wright 347; Lavaughn Ballinger 401; Eloise Wootten 318; Tommy McGraw and Teenie Moody 283; Jeannette DePoy 277; Shane Wootten and Reba Windom 172; Karen Freund 171; Linton Ballinger 299; Katharine Manning 298; B.M. Smith 28b; Jo Dell Albi 143; Jerry Enright 77t; Kshama Ananthapura 196; Richard DeLong 193; Becky Brown 269; Larry Ballinger, Lisa Geist, and Chris Ballinger 327; Alexa Gilmore 457; Peter Irvine 319; Allison Schofield 324; John Plunkett 517.

RECESS

Wayne Wootten brought the class back together leading song on page 108t. Leaders: Louis Hughes 496; Gary Smith and Sarah Smith 354b; Andrew Magee 73t; Kelsey Wessels 270; Henry Johnson 138b; Barbara Swetman 417; Sam Sommers 422; Diane Mennella 32b; Matthew Wojcik 59; Rachel Adelstein 362;

George Seiler 84; LaRue Allen 291; Nick Edwards 442; Mirjana Lausevic 131b; Jacob Affolter 34b; Mary Wright 421; Floy Wilder 142; Bud Oliver 343; Linda Shea 448b; Jeanette Lowry 475; Glenn Keeton, Ashley Keeton, and Amber Springfield 192; Beth Odell and Earl Ballinger 546; Dennis George 198; Eliza Cavanaugh 163; Phill Wisor 300; Sarah Harcrow 155; Coy Ivey and Karen Ivey 532; Pat Temple 566; Charles Franklin 288; Kristen Dugan 81t; Dana Welch 162; Rosie Wojcik 29t; Randall Smith and Rodney Ivey 137; Donna Wootten 274t; Tim Eriksen 419; Susan Harcrow 436; Lynne deBenedette 542; Lela Crowder 282; Richard Ivey and Allison Ivey 567; Laura Clawson 112; Stuart Ivey 182; Jarrod George 145b; Judith Green and Rachel Ivey 117; Sandy Ivey, Amy Smith, and Loretta Smith 47t; Jackson Harcrow 63; Kim Bahmer 47b; Hobert Ivey and Loyd Ivey 426; Betty Shepherd 216; Max Berueffy and Elene Stovall 99; Linda Sides 454; Andrew Dewar and Tim Eriksen 499.

Announcements were made. David Ivey led song on page 56t, and the class was dismissed by Joe Owens. Because of rain, the lunch fellowship was held at Liberty Church.

The 2002 session of the Lacy Memorial Singing will be held at Fuller Church in Ider, Alabama.

Chairman - David Ivey; Vice Chairmen - Shane Wootten and Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Norma Latham Green.

WARRIOR RIVER - CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION **Old Clear Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Boaz, Alabama** **Saturday, August 4, 2001**

The one hundred twenty-seventh session of the Warrior River Convention and the one hundred-second session of the Clear Creek Convention were held at Old Clear Creek Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the first Sunday in August.

Terry Hullett called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 59. Elder Philip Gilmore offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 87, 64; Philip Gilmore 37b, 32t, 345b; Rebekah Gilmore and Philip Gilmore 445; Jewel Wootten 129, 159, 145t; Milton Oliver 314, 321; Carmon Brothers 112, 340; Linda Thomas 56t, 101t, 39t; Roie Alexander 75, 145b, 317; Helen Lambert "Brown" (WB), 441 (in honor of her mother, Sarah Brothers), 489 (for Paul Gilliland who is in the hospital).

RECESS

The singing resumed with Terry Hullett leading song on page 48t.

A motion was made and seconded to go into a business session. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Elder Philip Gilmore; Vice Chairman - Paula Gilmore; Secretary - Jewel Wootten; Arranging Committee - Terry Hullett; Memorial Committee - Linda Thomas and Elder Philip Gilmore; Finance Committee - Roie Alexander and Carmon Brothers; Resolutions Committee - Helen Lambert. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Philip Gilmore 47b; Hershell King 175, 34t, 426t; Beecher Yancey 47t, 480, 565; Jimmie Gilmore 124, 68b, 378t; S.T. Reed 388, 278b, 270; Arthur Gilmore 108t, 123t, 318.

LUNCH

Paula Gilmore brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 29t and 97. Leaders: Billy Williams 154, 89, 448b; Freeman Wootten 63, 111t; Lydia Baswell and Vella Dailey 84, 28b.

Elder Philip Gilmore and Linda Thomas conducted the memorial lesson, and led song on page 45t for the deceased: Ruby Phillips, Eloise Watkins, Avie

Blackwood, Herbert Phillips, Marie Aldridge, Woodie Walker, Allen Phillips, Bertie J. Phillips, Austin Phillips, Ted White, Eron White, Nelda Oliver Tolbert, Mary Oliver, Arthur Phillips, and Elmer Conwill.

Elder Philip Gilmore and Linda Thomas led song on page 348b for the sick and shut-ins: Paul Gilliland, Sarah Brothers, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Douglas Conn, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Eldora Moody, Lillie Lybrand, Annie Brothers, and Ella Lee Robertson. The memorial lesson was closed.

A business session was held. Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church near Oneonta, Alabama will host the convention on Saturday before the first Sunday in August in 2002.

Helen Lambert gave the following Resolutions Committee report.

Be it resolved:

- 1) That we always express our thankfulness for friends, both singers and listeners;
- 2) To Old Clear Creek Church, and all who have done so much to help carry this singing convention through another session;
- 3) To all officers and committees;
- 4) That we never forget those no longer with us, whether deceased or in bad health;
- 5) And above all, we always try to come together with a song in our hearts for the sole purpose of praising the One who gave so much for us.

The Finance Committee reported a balance brought forward of \$72.45. A collection was given in the amount of \$40.00. The Convention agreed to give the collection of \$40.00 to the church. A total of \$30.00 was taken from the previous balance to pay for the minutes, leaving a total on hand of \$42.45.

The business session was closed.

Leaders: Jimmie Gilmore and Arthur Gilmore 276, 288 (for Garnsey McGough and Ethel McGough); S.T. Reed 42, 103; Hershell King 67; Beecher Yancey 99. Elder Philip Gilmore, Paula Gilmore, and Jewel Wootten led song on page 31t as the closing song. Arthur Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - Elder Philip Gilmore; Vice Chairman - Paula Gilmore; Secretary - Jewel Wootten.

CHATTAHOOCHEE CONVENTION

Wilson's Chapel, Carrollton, Georgia

August 4-5, 2001

Saturday, August 4

The one hundred forty-ninth session of the Chattahoochee Convention was held at Wilson's Chapel, near Carrollton, Georgia on the first Sunday and Saturday before in August. Chairman Sheri Taylor opened the convention by leading song on page 77t. Everette Denney led the class in prayer.

Leaders: Sheri Taylor 84; Helen Bryson 546; Donna Duke 159, 155; Richard Mauldin 63, 143 (sung in honor of his mother, Tommye Denson Mauldin); John Plunkett 97, 432; Kathy Williams 275b, 53; Charles Woods 378b, 411; Laura Boyd Russell 140, 428; Everette Denney 426t, 335; Duncan McLeod 168, 89; Coy Ivey 101t, 99; Scott DePoy 277, 47b; Kiri Miller 448b, 448t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Sheri Taylor, Laura Frey, and Lisa Webb leading song on page 178. Leaders: Lisa Webb and Laura Frey 369.

Chairman Sheri Taylor opened the business session of the convention, and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Sheri Taylor;

Vice Chairman - Richard DeLong; Secretary - Donna Duke; Chaplain - Lonnie Rogers; Arranging Committee - Saturday - Laura Frey and Lee Rogers - Sunday - Jeannette DePoy and Lela Crowder; Finance Committee - Don Bowen and Lisa Webb; Resolutions Committee - Kiri Miller and Richard Mauldin; Memorial Committee - Judy Mincey and Kathy Williams.

New business: John Plunkett will form an ad hoc committee to plan the celebration of the convention's 150th session in 2002. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact John Plunkett. End of business session. Leaders: Lee Rogers 337, 298; Cindy Scott 28b, 29t; Aaron Girard 384, 385t; Hugh McGraw 354; Lela Crowder 300, 480; Bobby Jones 568, 569b; Paul Gailunas 163, 344; Rick Russell 425, 201; Sue Bunch and Morgan Bunch 49b, 383; Ted Mercer 132, 43.

LUNCH

Vice Chairman Richard DeLong opened the afternoon session by leading songs on pages 399b and 407. Leaders: Don Bowen 82t; Lou Cotney 218; Kenneth DeLong 492; Tom Ivey 501; Judy Mincey 327; Louis Hughes 176t; Jeannette DePoy 306; Andy Anderson 430; Charlene Wallace and Carlene Griffin 365; Gene Duke 45t; Eric Tweedy 245; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Frances Mary D'Andrea 171; Andy Morse 57; Henry Johnson 418; Earlis McGraw 148 (for Mozelle Sheppard and Gladys McGraw); Jimmie Denney 276.

RECESS

David Yeager brought the class to order leading song on page 142. Leaders: Tokay Shumake 204; Felton Denney 299; Louise Holland 441; Dan Huger 32t; Josephine Denney 503; Bernard Denney 222; Homer Benefield 119.

Chairman Sheri Taylor and Vice Chairman DeLong closed the Saturday session with song on 323t. Chaplain Lonnie Rogers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, August 5

The Sunday morning session was brought to order by Chairman Sheri Taylor leading songs on pages 39t and 95. Chaplain Lonnie Rogers led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Richard DeLong 43; Donna Duke 45t; Phillip Langley 542; Don Bowen 390; Kathy White 159; Sue Bunch 72b; Andy Morse 28t; Carlene Griffin 113; David Yeager 34b; Josephine Denney 143; Tommy McGraw 477; Evelyn Harris 155; Bobby Jackson 100; Mary Florence Smith 460; Tom Ivey 198; Eunice Webb 544; Jimmie Denney 313t; Laura Frey 163b; B.J. Harris 303.

RECESS

Charlene Wallace called the class to order leading song on page 106. Leaders: Teenie Moody 441; Richard Mauldin 36b; Pearl Guier 49t; Morgan Bunch 335; Louise Holland 323b; "Happy Birthday" was sung for Ruth Brown who is 91; Earlis McGraw 389; Tokay Shumake 145b; Philip Denney 503; Lee Rogers 91; Phil Summerlin 35; Judy Mincey 34t; Lonnie Rogers 222; Sharon Strong 38b; Felton Denney 489; Laura Ackerman 192; Lloyd Toney 401; Glenda Collins 354b; Adam Wilson 68b.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Judy Mincey read the following list of deceased and led song on page 510 in their memory: Doris Sills, Mary Lou Cagle, Jack Corley, Jack Smith, Judith Ann Caruthers, Lisa Nelson Bobo, G. Gene Munce, Cecil Edwards, Gene Wakefield, Mercedes Cagle Lambert, Marguerite White, and Sara Street.

Kathy Williams led song on page 340 for the sick and shut-ins: Mozelle Sheppard, Jerilyn Schumacher, Vivian Rogers, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard,

Tommye Denson Mauldin, Sandy Sensenbach, and Alice Edwards. Lonnie Rogers closed the memorial session with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Chairman Sheri Taylor leading song on page 142. Leaders: John Plunkett 271t; Charlene Wallace, Judith Green, and Kady Simpson 384; Paul Gailiunas 86; Karen Clark 138t; Henry Johnson 138b; Kiri Miller 224; Buell Cobb 42; Tom Clark 329; Amanda Denson 399b; Tom Hubert 99; Ted Mercer 151; Oscar McGuire 573; Bob Goodman 84; Gene Duke 75; Jeannette DePoy 318; Lela Crowder 282; Jack Nelson 30b.

RECESS

Vice Chairman Richard DeLong called the class together leading song on page 109. Leaders: Paul Gailiunas 497; Ted Mercer 379; Lee Denney and Philip Denney 164, 120; Kiri Miller and Aaron Girard 270; Tom Ivey 66; Karen Clark and Ted Mercer 501; Sharon Strong 479; Lisa Webb 451.

A motion was made and duly seconded to go into a business session for the purpose of hearing committee reports.

Finance Committee - Collected \$476.00 for the two days.

Resolutions Committee Report. In 1880 the Chattahoochee Convention met at Mt. Zion, and the minutes were published in the Carroll County Time. They read, "The convention was harmonious from first to last. We were all kindly treated and the good people of that vicinity deserve credit for entertaining the visitors. May they live a long and prosperous life and their baskets and store-houses be filled full, and may their souls be filled with the love of God."

And with this thought in mind, we wish to thank:

- 1) The Wilson family for this wonderful location provided by them;
- 2) Our officers and committees that administered their duties in a superlative manner;
- 3) Our singers, leaders, visitors;
- 4) And especially all the people that provided the bounteous supply of food that has sustained us these two days.

In 1894, the convention made the following resolutions of which we repeat today. "That the good people of this vicinity have our thanks for their kindness shown in opening their doors, hearts and souls to us, ever praying heaven's blessing upon them that their souls may be filled with the love of God." And "that we respect and praise the young people for the good order and high bred manners, for they are the hope of our country and will soon have to take our station in life."

We give thanks to God for the songwriters and people who have kept these songs flourishing up to the present days so we can continue to meet in common fellowship to sing these wonderful hymns and anthems with themes that are so appropriate even in these current times.

We end as the convention minutes ended in 1869, with the observation that "Separating one year hence seemed a long time to those who have become so much attached to each other as all appeared to be." Therefore, we resolve to meet next year for the 150th session of the Chattahoochee Musical Convention and encourage all to be here to celebrate in songs and presence.

Submitted respectfully to this Convention by this Resolution Committee today, Sunday the 5th day of August in the year 2001. Kiri Miller and Richard Mauldin, Resolutions Committee.

A motion was made and carried that the reports be accepted as read, and added to the minutes.

The collection of \$476.00 was acknowledged. After payment to the minutes, \$60.00, the remaining monies were given to the Wilson family for expenses. New Business: Hugh McGraw suggested that the Memorial service be moved back to 11:00 a.m. The motion was seconded and carried. John Plunkett asked that everyone bring someone next year to the 150th session.

Announcements for future singings were announced. Sheri Taylor and Richard DeLong led song on page 62 as the closing song. Lonnie Rogers dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman - Richard DeLong; Secretary - Donna Duke.

FAYETTE COUNTY CONVENTION **Bevill State Community College, Fayette, Alabama** **August 5, 2001**

The one hundred-second session of the annual Fayette County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Bevill State Community College on the first Sunday in August.

Gravis Ballinger called the class to order leading song on page 34b. Buddy Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

Following welcoming comments, the class organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Gravis Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Johnny Humber; Secretary - Amanda Ballinger; Arranging Committee - Lomax Ballinger and Linton Ballinger.

The class concurred in dedicating this session of the convention to the memory of Elmer Conwill, a lifelong supporter of Sacred Harp singing and this convention.

Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 99; Johnny Humber 200; Amanda Ballinger 454; Lomax Ballinger 49b; Linton Ballinger 410t; Jimmy Ballinger 37b; Jill Ballinger 186; Leon Ballinger 299; Ashley Keeton 300; Stuart Ivey 171; Chris Ballinger 44; Willodean Barton 82t; Wilton Donaldson 565; Lena Keeton and Glenn Keeton 85; Emily West 318; John Hyde 313t; Edwin Ballinger 110.

RECESS

Buddy Ballinger called the class to order leading song on page 354b. Leaders: Richard Ivey 436; John Merritt 358; Amber Springfield 142; A.A. Malone 183; Donna Wootten 74b; Velton Chafin 338; Amber Ballinger 155; Rick Russell 276; Laura Clawson 362; Bickett Howton 290; Laura Russell 42; Kermit Adams 79; Sarah Smith 288; Jackie Tanner 475; Wanda Capps 546.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Leon Ballinger leading song on page 490. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 278t; Betty Shepherd 216; Duncan McLeod 168; Rachel Richards 317; Josie Hyde 507; Winell Sanders 569b; Gary Smith 31t; Clarissa Springfield 445; Cecil Wakefield 268; Ivalene Donaldson 77t; Chuck Beasley 61; Allison Ivey 542; Larry Ballinger 72b; Paula Springfield 373; Travis Keeton 129; Joyce Hubbard 212; Lavaughn Ballinger and Will Thompson 111b.

LUNCH

Earl Ballinger brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 528. Leaders: Lisa Geist 304; Bud Oliver and Richard Ivey 270; Susan Harcrow 182; Rodney Ivey 430; Cassie Franklin 112; Dennis George 442; Karen Ivey 532; Clarence McCool 349; Jayne Fulmer 273; Shane Wootten 383; Cindy Tanner 501; David Ivey 384 (in memory of D.T. White); Ida Lee Starnes 448b; Toney Smith 444; Julietta Haynes 172; Harrison Creel 498; Faye Donaldson 40; Edith Tate 389; Beth O'dell 269; Bill Stewart 145b; Glenn Keeton 133; Shane Wootten

424; Rodney Ivey 222; Cassie Franklin 39b; Laura Russell 74t; Duncan McLeod 89; Betty Shepherd 137; Harrison Creel 342; Laura Clawson 335; Rick Russell 503; Susan Harcrow 192; Beth O'dell 560; John Merritt 179; Travis Keeton 379. Announcements were made. Gravis Ballinger led song on page 46 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman - Gravis Ballinger; Vice Chairman - Johnny Humber; Secretary - Amanda Ballinger.

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING Farmers' Museum, Cooperstown, New York Saturday, August 11, 2001

The New York State Regional Singing was held at the Farmers' Museum in Cooperstown, New York on Saturday before the second Sunday in August from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The singing was called together by Barbara Swetman leading 34b. Dennis Leipold led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Barbara Swetman 40; Pat Geritz 503, 47t; Mary Ann Morrison 479, 344; Laura Timmerman 270, 34t; George Seiler 84, 68b.

Jean Seiler gave a brief introduction to shape note singing for those who were new using 49t and 209 as examples.

Leaders: Margaret Bornick 38b, 49b; Thom Metzger 312b, 168.

RECESS

Dennis Leipold brought the class back together leading song on page 99. Leaders: Laura Densmore 528, 83t; Nancy Crawford 335, 497; Eileen Metzger 148, 383; Gina Balestracci 495, 207; Barbara Swetman 66, 299.

Katie Boardman of the Farmers' Museum gave a presentation on "The Easy Instructor" tune book, the first four-shape tune book; then she led the following tunes: "Sherburne", "Richfield", and "Evening Hymn."

Leaders: Dennis Leipold 182, 192; Lucy Roberts 452, 146; Denise Morris 58, 31t; Guy Bankes 311, 198; Susan Hanson 117, 142.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Barbara Swetman leading 145t. Leaders: Ron Bornick 178, 454; Roland Hutchinson "St. Martins", "Bristol" (The Easy Instructor); Diane Mennella 472, 542; Juanita Heyerman 86, 87; Michael Ryan 53, 455.

Katie Boardman made a short presentation on "Indian Melodies", a shape note book edited by Thomas Commuck, who resided in Oneida County for many years; she then led "Susquehannan," "Missionary or White Pilgrim," and "Iroquoi."

Leaders: Jean Seiler 217, 236; Ellie Soler 114, 277.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Margaret Bornick leading 474. Leaders: Laura Densmore "Ten Thousand Charms" (by request); Diane Mennella 203; Roland Hutchinson 250; Susan Hanson 269; Guy Bankes 504; Denise Morris "Cayuga" ("Indian Melodies"); Lucy Roberts 48t; Gina Balestracci 532; Eileen Metzger 102; Katie Boardman 141; Jean Seiler 200; Barbara Swetman and Ric Crislip 122; Nancy Crawford 229; Ellie Soler 156; Thom Metzger 101b; George Seiler 480; Michael Ryan 45t; Pat Geritz 163b; Dennis Leipold 475; Mary Ann Morrison 547; Laura Timmerman 373; Juanita Heyerman 131t; Margaret Bornick 347.

Announcements were made of upcoming singings. Barbara Swetman led song on page 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Eileen Metzger.

Chairman - Barbara Swetman; Vice Chairman - Margaret Bornick; Secretary - Gina Balestracci.

**EAST TEXAS SACRED HARP
SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)
Henderson Community Center, Henderson, Texas
August 11-12, 2001**

Saturday, August 11

The one hundred thirty-third session of the East Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the Henderson Community Center in Henderson, Texas and was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by John Morris leading song on page 119. Tom Owen offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Marion Grant 36t; Emmie Morris 171; B.E. Matthews 434; Morris Nelms 49t; Sam Craig 120; Beverly Coates 442t; Nate Green and Norma Green 283t; Alexandra Makris 59; Ophelia Matthews 563; Tommie Spurlock 183; Jeannette Adams 275b; Aubrey Barfield 140; Doris Hanks 112; Robert Vaughn 466; H.P. O'Mary 61; Bob McLemore 58; Vivian Rogan 36b; Reed Coates 143; Jeb Owen 559; Leon Ballinger 217; Liz Owen 99.

RECESS

The class was called to order by John Morris leading song on page 127. Leaders: Coy Ivey 137; Myra Palmer 497; Donald Ross 250; Mattie Townsel 186; John Beard 282; Gaylon Powell 272; Charlene Wallace 192; Kelly Beard 395t; Diane Ross 168; Olivia Powell 450; Stanley Smith 193b; Ryan Ross 276; Bruce Coates 553b; Josh Rogan 383; Myrl Jones 142; Michelle Rogan 522; Cissy Moseley 189; Ernestine Pipkin 277; Owen Ross 518; Billy Huckaby 76b; Robert Gholson 564; Tim McClain 82; Mary Bachmann "Land Beyond The Sky" (her own composition); Neil Vaught 60. Judge Donald Ross offered the prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was brought to order by Anita Landess leading song on page 348. Leaders: Katie Moseley 543b; Catherine Rogan 215; Sarah Coates 131t; Charlie Vaughn 549; Margaret Rounsavall 222; Monnie Ross 108b; Kevin Powell 240; Gary Rogan 54t; Amanda Owen 508; Mike Moseley 200; Tom Owen 541; Frank Hataway 138; Baron Powers 239; Dustin Rounsavall 299; Zach Rogan 427; Jo Redmon 40; Albano Alban 38t.

RECESS

Tom Owen opened with song on page 176t. Leaders: Dale Redmon, Jr. 540; B.E. Matthews and Ophelia Matthews 45; Scott Curran 98; Seth Howard 31t; David Moseley 216; Cheryl Foreman 53; Owen Howard 47b; David Rousseau 447t; Hans Guttman 505; Margaret Rounsavall 358; Owen Ross 182; Morris Nelms 28t; Sam Craig 145t; Beverly Coates 148; Nate Green and Norma Green 115; Alexandra Makris 388; Dustin Rounsavall 128.

Stanley Smith led 331t as the closing song, and the class was dismissed in prayer led by Robert Vaughn.

Sunday, August 12

The Sunday morning session was opened at 9:30 a.m. by John Morris leading song on page 170. The morning prayer was led by Gary Rogan.

Leaders: Dale Redmon, Jr. 507b; Jeannette Adams 417; Aubrey Barfield 156; Doris Hanks 384; Jeanette Nelson 333; Lynnette Howard 133; Vivian Rogan 290; Reed Coates 39; Scott Curran 203; Sam Craig 270; Jeb Owen 421; Leon Ballinger 470; Frank Hataway 395b; Ernestine Pipkin 171; Liz Owen 376; Cheryl Foreman 84; Coy Ivey 559; David Rousseau 159.

RECESS

John Morris brought the class back to order leading song on page 58. Leaders: Gary Rogan 132; Myra Palmer 414; Gaylon Powell 365; Hans Guttman 340; Mattie Townsel and Coy Ivey 444; Mike Moseley 139; Owen Howard 280; John Beard 218; Seth Howard 168; Anita Landess 571; Kevin Powell 300; Charlene Wallace 186; Tommie Spurlock 574; Nate Green and Norma Green 145b; Alexandra Makris 63; Landis Powell 68; Stanley Smith 411; Kelly Beard and Neil Beard 379; Katie Moseley 222; Myrl Jones and Myra Palmer 572.

Memorial Lesson: David Rousseau read the list of names of those who had passed away since last year's convention. Those listed were: Alcie Craig, Pauline Cathy, Nobie Smith, Mildred Edmonds, and Lucille McMillan - Texas; Woodie Walker, Grady Price, Nelda Tolbert, Winston Jones, Eloise Watkins, and Arnell Henry - Alabama; B.H. Handley and Lanelle Handley.

A moving devotional was given by Mary Craig entitled "Death and Immortality." David Rousseau led song on page 33, and Charlie Vaughn led song on page 285t. Gaylon Powell closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

LUNCH

The class was brought to order for the afternoon session by John Morris leading song on page 98. Leaders: Amanda Owen 99; Sarah Coates 110; Michelle Rogan 220; Mary Bachmann 188; Monnie Ross 422b; Grant Howard 47t, 47b; Zach Rogan 215; Robert Vaughn 442; Olivia Powell and Jo Redmon 235; David Moseley 137; Cissy Moseley 89; Tom Owen 558b; Catherine Rogan 196; Morris Nelms 40; Bruce Coates 134; Josh Rogan 404; Billy Huckaby 400; Hans Guttman and Jeanette Nelson 32t; Neil Vaught 563; Beverly Coates 416t; Charlie Vaughn 387; Jo Redmon 393t; Grant Howard, Seth Howard, Trevor Howard, and Owen Howard 45t.

Kelly Beard led the closing song on page 377b, and the class was dismissed in prayer led by David Rousseau.

Co-Chairpersons - John Morris and Emmie Morris; Secretary/Treasurer - Marion Grant.

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Haleyville, Alabama

August 12, 2001

The second annual Sacred Harp singing at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in August. Ivalene Donaldson called the class to order leading song on page 31b. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Wilton Donaldson; Vice Chairman - Ken Tate; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Lena Keeton and Ivalene Donaldson.

Leaders: Ivalene Donaldson 61; Wilton Donaldson 503, 565; Ken Tate 37b, 36b; L.E. Hannah 187, 523; Debra Wakefield 521, 432; Chris Rice 371, 276; Jarrod George 300, 59; John Hyde 297, 63; Willodean Barton 391, 416; Corene White 171, 314; Andy Davis 53, 434; Betty Wright 347, 410t.

RECESS

Wilton Donaldson called the class to order leading song on page 30t. Leaders: John Merritt and Jarrod George 268, 240; Margaret Keeton 517; Dennis George

546, 348b; Flarce Creel 475; Bud Oliver 42, 39t; Jayne Fulmer 186, 454; A.A. Malone 112, 142; Linton Ballinger 212, 217; Laura Clawson 460, 192; Sarah Smith 75, 141.

LUNCH

Ken Tate brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 48t and 530. Leaders: Lavaughn Balliner 405, 84; Billy Williams 412, 166; Edith Tate 35, 76b; Clarence McCool 111t, 111b; Amber Springfield 340, 155; Lisa Geist 222, 436; Harrison Creel 378b; Julie Tate 235, 68b; Julietta Haynes 216, 298; Gary Smith 31t, 34b; Travis Keeton 284; Cassie Franklin 349, 328; Julie Poston 108b; Cecil Wakefield 480, 79; Larry Ballinger 78; Parnell Berry 283, 306; Vernice Phillips 168, 40; Josie Hyde 234; Lena Keeton 269; Kermit Adams 426t, 77t.

Wilton Donaldson and Ken Tate led song on page 32t as the closing song. John Merritt dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Wilton Donaldson; Vice Chairman - Ken Tate; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

ELMORE-CENTER SINGING

Elmore-Center United Methodist Church, near Gordo, Alabama Wednesday, August 15, 2001

The one hundred fifty-seventh annual session of the Sacred Harp Singing at Elmore-Center United Methodist Church was called to order by Clarence McCool leading songs on pages 61 and 36b. Hugh Bill McGuire offered the morning prayer. Johnny Humber served as the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Clarence McCool 101t; Johnny Humber 89, 146; James Cunningham 45t, 68b; Cecil Sanders 145t, 123t; Ivalene Donaldson 145b, 335; Annie Lou Price 299, 298; Alonzo Malone 300, 203; Lena Keeton 88t, 480.

RECESS

Clarence McCool called the class back to order leading song on page 341.

Leaders: Winell Sanders 111b; Dessie Goodman 332, 204; Raymond O'Mary 403; John Van Horn 410t, 224; Jack Pate 535, 452; Dorothy Elmore 490; Marlin Burkhalter 46; Earline Ellis 30t, 294; Irma Hitt 235, 100; Bill Stewart 147t, 73b; Clarence McCool 73t.

LUNCH

Toney Smith brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 225.

The class elected the following officers for the coming year: Chairman - Jack Pate; Vice Chairman - Clarence McCool; Secretary - Rena Humber.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 278, 107; Hugh Bill McGuire 40, 272.

Johnny Humber conducted the memorial lesson and led song on page 49b. Jack Pate led song on page 348b in memory of the deceased: Elmer Conwill, Vernell Yarbrough, Elsie Ray, Deloris Canaday, Gene Wakefield, and Ruby Phillips. Jack Pate closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Margaret Keeton 138t, 276; John Merritt 358, 571 (CB); Cecile Cox 290; Wilton Donaldson 285t, 565; Travis Keeton 179, 482; Velton Chafin 97, 127; Earline Ellis 457, 317 (for Nellie Brown), 318; Toney Smith 475; Amanda Denson 38b.

Jack Pate closed out the session leading song on page 323b and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Jack Pate; Vice Chairman - Clarence McCool; Secretary - Rena Humber.

**ROCK CREEK-MOUNTAIN HOME
AND RYAN CREEK CONVENTION
Mew Hope Church, Cullman, Alabama
Saturday, August 18, 2001**

The one hundred-fifth session of the Rock Creek-Mountain Home and the one hundred twenty-eight session of the Ryan Creek Convention were held at Mt. Hope Church in Cullman County, Alabama on Saturday before the third Sunday in August. Billy Williams called the convention to order leading song on page 39b. Glenn Keeton led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Corene White 146, 40, 64; Elvin Guthrie 135, 147t; Uel Freeman 317, 82t; Travis Keeton 159 (in memory of Lee Barnes), 147b; Ida Lee Starnes 30t, 111b; Glenn Keeton 354t, 410t; David Roberson 274t, 63.

RECESS

Billy Williams brought the convention back to order leading song on page 268. Aubrey Tyree, one of the elder members of this convention, spoke of learning to sing this type of music and how much it means to be able to sing these songs today, and closed his comments with prayer.

Leaders: John Hocutt 445b; Marie Guthrie 155, 322; Winell Sanders 569b; Ivalene Donaldson 204, 275b; Edith Tate 48t, 73t; Wilton Donaldson 566, 56; A.D. Chandler 81t, 144; Judy Caudle 131b, 276; Ruth Burlison 111t; Lelia Lee 480; Velton Chafin 35, 97; John Hyde 147, 313t; Mrs. A.D. Chandler 109, 354b; Aubrey Tyree 358; Judy Caudle 269, 280 (for Reddie Powell who was not able to stand and lead the songs).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Billy Williams leading song on page 47b. Leaders: Brenda Pena 77b, 523; Richard Schmeidler 474, 475, 66; Ann Ballard 129, 85; Brenda Merritt 86, 319; John Merritt 65, 348.

A memorial lesson was held for friends and loved ones who have passed away since the convention met last year, and for the sick and shut-ins who are unable to attend.

The list of the deceased remembered were: Gene Wakefield, Elmer Conwill, Sheila Moon, Eula Moon, Annie McCool, Ted White, Eron White, A.C. McGough, Tom Jones, and Delores Canady. John Hucutt led song on page 348b for the deceased.

Velton Chafin led songs on pages 61 and 75 for the sick and shut-ins: Ruth Tillman, Mavis Price, Elsie Beasley, Callie Calvert, Deana Morgan, Maudie McSwain, Timothy Jones, Chrystal Crocker, Charlotte Hinkle, John Etheridge, Tressie Adkins, and Mae Conwill. John Merritt closed the memorial with prayer. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 117; Brenda Pena 569t; Richard Schmeidler 84; Marie Guthrie 454; Billy Williams 300.

Announcements were made. The convention elected to keep the same officers. Billy Williams led song on page 62 as the closing song. Uel Freeman offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Billy Williams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

**CHATTANOOGA SACRED HARP SINGING
Chattanooga Primitive Baptist Church
Saturday, August 18, 2001**

The fifth annual Chattanooga Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Chattanooga Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in August. Phil

Summerlin called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading songs on pages 34b and 32t. John Plunkett gave the opening prayer.

Leaders: Linda Sides 81t, 276; Daryl Chesney 59; Duane Chesney 85; Coy Ivey 99; Tim Reynolds 86, 270; Cindy Tanner 217, 335; B.M. Smith 475, 222; Anita Landess 510, 297; Milton Oliver 314; Danny Creel 112; S.T. Reed 267, 176b; Jackie Tanner 172, 37b; Phil Summerlin 30t; Lela Crowder 208, 503; Mel Kersey 565, 515; Henry Johnson 138b, 138t; Margie Smith 373, 225t; Butch White 39b, 77t.

RECESS

Shane Wootten brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 29t and 388. Leaders: Laura Clawson 42, 352; Nate Green and Norma Green 290, 33b; Karen Ivey and Donna Wootten 56t, 45t; Floyd Peters 282, 285b; Sandie Scott 154, 408; Bud Oliver 145b, 145t; John Plunkett 435, 569; David Carlton 68t, 220; David Ivey 124, 319; Judy Mincey 410, 497; Betty Wright 347, 84. Elder Joe Hildreth welcomed singers and guests to the church before offering the noon blessing.

LUNCH

Linda Sides brought the class back to order for the afternoon session leading song on page 480. Leaders: Lisa Geist 273, 546; Stuart Ivey 430, 171; Larry Ballinger 119, 121; Duane Chesney 146, 159; Coy Ivey 384; Tim Reynolds 564; Cindy Tanner 358; B.M. Smith 548; Anita Landess 312b; Milton Oliver 403; Danny Creel 182; S.T. Reed 313; Jackie Tanner 298; Lela Crowder 542; guests and those new to Sacred Harp were invited to stand in the hollow square as Linda Sides led 274t and 192; Mel Kersey 47t; Daryl Chesney 454; Henry Johnson 418; Margie Smith 512; Shane Wootten 345; Laura Clawson 142; Nate Green and Norma Green 378t; Karen Ivey, David Ivey, and Stuart Ivey 216; Floyd Peters 68b; Sandie Scott 148 (for Jeff Sheppard and Shelby Sheppard); Bud Oliver 426t; Judy Mincey 34t; David Carlton 442; Betty Wright 323b; John Plunkett 467; Lisa Geist 568.

Following announcements, Phil Summerlin led "Not Made with Hands" (WB), and John Lamb offered the closing prayer.

The Chattanooga area singers extend their appreciation to the members of the church for the use of their facilities. Next year's singing will be on August 17.

Co-Chairs - Phil Summerlin and Linda Sides; Secretary/Arranging Committee - Bill Thomas and Daryl Chesney.

EMMA BEASLEY, JOHN BELTON BEASLEY, AND PHILLIP LEE, III MEMORIAL SINGING

Concord Primitive Baptist Meeting House, Winfield, Alabama August 19, 2001

The thirty-third session of the Emma Beasley, John Belton Beasley, and Phillip Lee, III Memorial Singing was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading songs on pages 316 and 39t. John Merritt offered the morning prayer. Marlin Beasley led song on page 480.

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

Chairman - Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee - Lena Keeton; Secretary - Gary Smith. Leaders: Travis Keeton 75, 496; A.A. Malone 285t, 348b; Becky Briggs 179, 336 (in memory of Belton Beasley); John Hyde 337, 39b; Ivalene Donaldson 274, 328; Brenda Pena 77b, 569t; Elsie Beasley 192, 460; Richard Schmeidler 155, 268; Berniece Brewer 123t, 298; Ida Lee Starnes 448b, 426t; David Beasley 72b, 68b.

RECESS

Marlin Beasley called the class to order leading song on page 317. Leaders: Velton Chafin 318, 321; Frances Lee 30t, 59; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 225t; Edith Tate 106, 532; Gary Smith 565, 31t; Brenda Merritt 142, 215; Dr. Julietta Haynes 40, 46; Tommy Beasley 30b, 348b; Faye Donaldson 78, 430; Harrison Creel 498, 512; Lena Keeton 546, 475. John Merritt offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Marlin Beasley brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 340. Leaders: Wilton Donaldson 566, 503; Willodean Barton 418, 145t; Gravis Ballinger 384, 300; Jessica Briggs and Dustin McCowan 354; Cora Sweatt 145b, 312b; Vernice Phillips 168, 112; Glenn Keeton 497, 143 (in memory of Belton Nix); Julia Poston 101, 166; Ann Ballard 490; Clarence McCool 349, 73t; Jimmie Sue Gilmore 276, 43; John Beasley 335, 144; Joyce Taylor 327, 326 (in memory of Garnsey McGough); Charlie Ballard 45t, 388; John Merritt 398; John Merritt and Brenda Merritt 438 (for Velton Chafin); Sarah Smith 290, 129; David Beasley 235, 33b; Cecil Wakefield 146, 491; Dorothea McCowan 120, 442, 64; Lisa Morton 87, 77t; Ricky Beasley 457, 47b; Kermit Allen 99, 301; Alvin Beasley and Beverly Beasley 81t, 108t; Elsie Beasley, Brenda Pena, Sarah Beasley Smith, Frances Beasley Lee, David "Chug" Beasley, Ann Beasley Ballard, Becky Beasley Briggs, Jessica Briggs, Alvin "Bunk" Beasley, Marlin Beasley, Cora Beasley Sweatt, Corissa Sweatt, and John Beasley 406, 153. After announcements, Marlin Beasley and Travis Keeton led song on page 62 as the closing song. John Merritt offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Gary Smith.

CLEBURNE COUNTY CONVENTION

Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Near Heflin, Alabama August 19, 2001

The one hundred-twelfth session of the Cleburne County Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church near Heflin, Alabama on the third Sunday in August.

Vice Chairman Billy J. Harris called the class to order leading song on page 32t. Felton Denney offered the morning prayer. Billy J. Harris led song on page 303; Mary Florence Smith 37b, 225t; B.M. Smith 49b; and "Happy Birthday" was sung to Henry Johnson.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Billy J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Eunice Webb; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith.

Henry Johnson led the Introductory Lesson with songs on pages 72b and 435 as the selections. The Introductory Lesson was taken from a book that was given to the Cleburne County Convention by the late J.W. Laminack with the stipulation that the book only be used when in conjunction with the Introductory Lesson.

Leaders: Eunice Webb 390; Earlis McGraw 148 (for Mozelle Sheppard), 163t; Glenda Collins 282, 124; Nancy Allen 45t; Rodney Ivey 317, 318; Charlene Wallace 99, 139; Tommy McGraw 108t, 475; Reba Norton 441, 328; Lonnie Rogers 186, 448b.

RECESS

Billy J. Harris called the class to order leading song on page 503. Leaders: Everette Denney 146, 335, 489; LaRue Allen 426b, 277; Bud Oliver 48t, 47t; Laura Clawson 115, 297; John Plunkett 354t, 540; "Happy Birthday" was sung to Flora Skinner in honor of her 93rd birthday which will be on August 21; Flora Skinner 405, 434; Anita Landess 73b, 480.

Mary Florence Smith gave the memorial service and spoke of the many years that the late Cecil Edwards had given of his time and effort in support of this convention. Cecil Edwards served in the capacity of Chairman or as Vice Chairman for this convention for many years, and will be missed by the singers and the community for all that he did to support and sustain this convention and others throughout the area. Mary Florence Smith led songs on pages 97 and 144, two songs that Cecil Edwards led at this convention last year. Also remembered was another faithful member who had supported this convention and other singings in the area throughout his life, Walter Hamrick. Walter Hamrick passed away since the convention met last year. The convention lost two people who will be missed very much here and throughout the singing community. We would also like to remember all those who have passed away that worked so hard to keep this convention, and others like it, going and for their support and encouragement to other singers.

Felton Denney led songs on page 47b and 31t for the sick and shut-ins: Alice Edwards, Vivian Rogers, Mozelle Sheppard, Polly Moore, I.V. McWhorter, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Hazel Parker, and Sandie Nelson. Mary Florence Smith closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

Eunice Webb brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 276. Leaders: Jimmie Denney 61, 63; Floy Wilder 187, 430; Margie Smith 494, 393; Hugh McGraw 312b; Milton Oliver 206; Carlene Griffin 448b, 117; Eugene Forbes 299, 203; Howard McGuire 354b, 269; Betty Wright 145b; Evelyn Harris 155, 89; Cecil Roberts 128; Winford Kerr 294, 36t; Nellie Mae White 119, 129; Lou Cotney 218, 196; Lewis Norton 418, 490; Joyce Clackum and Katherine Benefield 127, 56t; Henry Johnson and Rodney Ivey 385t, 384, 34t; Felton Denney 523b; John Plunkett 564.

The Cleburne County Convention will be held at Cane Creek Church again next year.

Announcements were made. Billy J. Harris and Eunice Webb led song on page 62 as the closing song. Elder Lewis Norton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Billy J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Eunice Webb; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

BEAR CREEK CONVENTION

**Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama
Saturday, August 25, 2001**

The one hundred-third session of the Bear Creek Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Winston County, Alabama on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August.

The class was called to order by John Hyde leading songs on pages 37b and 61.

Cecil Wakefield offered the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Roma Rice; Arranging Committee - Chris Rice.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 47t, 47b; Cecil Wakefield 480, 208, 282; Roma Rice 452b, 36b, 297; Julie Poston 274t, 421, 83t; Clarence McCool 225t, 569t, 68b; Roxie Keeton 349, 498.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading songs on pages 89 and 75.

Leaders: Lorene Gray 410b, 74t, 74b; Margaret Keeton 29t, 42, 129; Vernice Phillips 155, 40; Ida Lee Starnes 30t, 111b, 448b; Dawson Adams 147t, 77t, 39b; Chris Rice 384.

LUNCH

Kermit Adams called the class back to order leading song on page 99. Leaders: Chris Rice 34t, 63; Milford Watts 75, 277, 460; Travis Keeton 378b; Margaret Keeton 322; Roma Rice 45t; Vernice Phillips 112; Cecil Wakefield 144, 145b; Clarence McCool 111t; Ida Lee Starnes 426t; Dawson Adams 39t, 43; John Hyde 73t; Pernie Pelfrey 147t, 67; Kermit Adams 44, 45b.

Kermit Adams led song on page 37b as the closing song. Milford Watts dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Roma Rice.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONVENTION **Pine Grove Church, near Collinsville, Alabama** **August 25-26, 2001**

Saturday, August 25

The ninety-eighth session of the Lookout Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August at Pine Grove Church near Collinsville, Alabama.

The class was called to order by Bud Oliver leading songs on pages 32t and 82t. Louis Hughes offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: S.T. Reed 87; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Lou Cotney 189; Evelyn Harris 155; Rebecca Lowman and Henry Johnson 288; Henry Johnson 135; Patricia Temple 27, 72b; Margie Smith 499; Betty Wright 410t; Boyd Scott 358; Peggy Bergman 434; Lee Rogers 528; Sally House 178; B.M. Smith 273; Hubert Nall 299; Jewel Wootten 212; Mike Grimes 569; Andy Morse 505; Floyd Wilder 432.

RECESS

Milton Oliver brought the class to order leading song on page 403. Leaders: Scott DePoy 201; Eunice Webb 480; Hershell King 340; Jerry Enright and Doyle Ashley 300; Laura Clawson 216; Willodean Barton 314.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman - S.T. Reed; Secretaries - Pauline Oliver and Randall Smith; Arranging Committee - Henry Johnson and Max Berueffy; Finance Committee - Scot Oliver, S.T. Reed, and Milton Oliver; Chaplain - Wayne Reed.

Leaders: Max Berueffy 426; Jeannette DePoy 458; John Plunkett 150; Charlene Wallace 276; Louis Hughes 448; Nate Green and Norma Green 177; Bob Cull 99; B.J. Harris 303; Amanda Ballinger 384; Teenie Moody 430; Edith Tate 389.

RECESS

Bud Oliver brought the class to order leading song on page 39b. Leaders: Sarah Harcrow 168; Myra Dalton 35; Matt Wells 39t; Lavaughn Ballinger, Shane Wootten, and Lloyd Ivey 424; Cheryl Foreman 460; Wanda Capps 29t; Karen Freund 56b; Jim Carnes 146; Danny Creel 269; Jackson Harcrow 354b; Jarrod George 137; Bob Parr 112; Rodney Ivey and Judith Green 117; Edward Howton

436; Judy Mincey 540; Clayton Ezell 182; Larry Ballinger and Gravis Ballinger 224; Velton Chafin 488; Janice Paulk 478; Hugh McGraw 484; Bob Meek 270.

LUNCH

Max Berueffy brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 309. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 186; Joe Nall 193; Kelly Beard 507; Linton Ballinger and Earl Ballinger 217; LaRue Allen 234; Kelly House 542; Richard DeLong 278b; Becky Browne 304; Rodney Ivey 192; M.H. Creel 530; Elene Stovall 196; Ricky Harcrow 142; Lynne deBenedette 442; Lisa Geist 273; David Ivey 564; Susan Harcrow 383; Glenn Keeton 497; Cindy Tanner and Flarce Creel 454; Gail Doss 455; Lela Crider 274t; Coy Ivey 475; Leola Smith 318; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene Donaldson 129.

RECESS

Jim Ballinger and Shane Wootten brought the class to order leading song on page 345. Leaders: David Carlton 47t; Gary Gronau 362; Ernestine Pipkin 171; Lydia Baswell and Vella Dailey 85; Anita Landess 58; Mary Florence Smith 302; Milton Oliver and Paula Oliver 45t; Gordon Wilkinson 220; Andy Anderson 28t; Mary Ruth Stiefel 268; Dennis George 222; Lora Cargo 348b (for Mamie Jenkins).

Announcements were made. Bud Oliver led song on page 146 as the closing song. Elder Ricky Harcrow dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, August 26

S.T. Reed called the Sunday morning session to order leading song on page 82t.

Louis Hughes offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 42; Randall Smith, Danny Smith, and Lamar Smith 36b, 76b; Henry Johnson 535; Sally House and Kelly House 163b; Boyd Scott 58; Betty Wright 84; Pat Temple 209; Richard Ivey 208; Mike Grimes 128; Hans Guttman 448b; Gary Gronau 163t; Judith Green 384; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Mary Florence Smith 43; Lora Cargo 498; Jackie Tanner 138; Kelly Beard 543.

RECESS

Bud Oliver and Doyle Ashley called the class to order leading song on page 186.

Leaders: Doyle Ashley 192; LaRue Allen 415; Dennis George 224; Scot Oliver, Alanna Blanks, and Paula Oliver 354b; Leola Smith 234; Stuart Ivey 189; Pam Green and Chris Green 87; Chris Green 400; Gail Doss 277; Lynne deBenedette 274; Scott Ivey 28b; Rex Wilks 47b; Matt Wells 448t; Bill Dunn 101t; Cheryl Foreman 53; Mel Kersey 515; Anita Landess 297; Bob Cull 148.

RECESS

Milton Oliver brought the class to order leading song on page 61. Leaders: Nate Green and Norma Green 134; Jeannette Nelson 474; Charles Wood 283; Tony Ivey 477; Alanna Blanks, Cheryl Beard, and Eric Blanks 405; Bob Meek 496; Bob Parr 215; Teenie Moody 47b; Louis Hughes 282; Chita Blakeley 278b; Darlene Dalton 39t; Melvin Stiefel 129; Amanda Denson 142; Floy Wilder 350; Kyle Blakeley 30b; Buell Cobb 435; Rodney Ivey, Sally House, and Kelly House 503; Karen Freund 411.

LUNCH

Bud Oliver brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 145b.

Leaders: Loyd Ivey and Ardelle Turnure 511b (CB); Irish McClain 435; Mark Gooch 143; Rodney Ivey and Hobert Ivey 47t.

Henry Johnson and Sue Wills conducted the memorial lesson. Henry Johnson reminded us that we should call, visit, or write people that are sick or lonely and led song on page 147. The sick and shut-ins remembered were: Mary Stiefel, Ruby Wilks, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Jap Walton, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, and Polly Moore - Alabama; Don Bowen and

Mozelle Sheppard - Georgia; John Etheridge - Florida; Charlie Derleth and Audra Browne - Missouri; Roy Driskell and Ruby Driskell - Kentucky. Louis Hughes led song on page 408 for the sick and shut-ins.

Sue Wills and Wayne Reed spoke of memories of the deceased. Shane Wootten and Rodney Ivey led song on page 349 for Woodie Walker; Milton Oliver and S.T. Reed led song on page 403 for Charles Ashley; Norma Green and Betty Shepherd led song on page 317 for Nelda Oliver Tolbert; and Randall Smith and Sue Wills led 501 (CB) for Mary Oliver, Mercedes Cagle Lambert, Jerilyn Schumacher, Richard Hooke, Alcie Craig, Nobie Smith, Elmer Conwill, Robert Berueffy, Eloise Watkins, Grady Price, and Loraine Cox. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Becky Browne 211; Max Berueffy 532; Elene Stovall 112; Karen Ivey 446; Laura Clawson 270; Kelly House 260; Ricky Harcrow 486t (WB); Cindy Tanner and Cassie Franklin 198; Christy Tolbert 36b; Betty Shepherd and Karen Ivey 216; Allison Stovall Davis and Elene Stovall 436; Susan Harcrow 542; Jerry Enright 77t; Charles Stiefel 312; Cassie Franklin 440; Jackson Harcrow 63; David Ivey and Donna Wootten 83t; Mae Fox, Mildred Turnure, and Ardele Turnure 358; Charles Franklin 342; Coy Ivey 222.

Announcements were made. Bud Oliver led song on page 146 as the closing song. Wayne Reed dismissed the class with prayer.

The Lookout Mountain Convention wishes to thank everyone who helped in any way with the convention.

Chairman - Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman - S.T. Reed; Secretaries - Randall Smith and Pauline Oliver.

CHERRY TREE SINGING
James Creek Primitive Baptist Church,
Itawamba County, Mississippi
August 26, 2001

The annual Sacred Harp singing at James Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Itawamba County, Mississippi on the fourth Sunday in August was requested to be a memorial for Elmer Conwill who was buried here in July of this year.

The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 48t.

Lavaughn Ballinger offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led song on page 73t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Lena Keeton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 127; John Hyde 75, 168; Ivalene Donaldson 166, 343; A.A. Malone 34t, 300; Linton Ballinger 81, 146; Vernice Phillips 143, 111t; Beatrice Brewer 123t, 112; Warren Steel 179, 296 (in memory of Elmer Conwill); Margaret Keeton 172, 298 (in memory of Ruby Conwill); Wilton Donaldson 285t, 225t; Lisa Geist 560 (in memory of Elmer Conwill), 208; Glenn Keeton 274 (in memory of Elmer Conwill), 294 (by request).

RECESS

Larry Ballinger called the class back to order leading songs on pages 90 and 29t.

Leaders: Gladys Bonds 28b, 39t; Ida Lee Starnes 31b, 111b; Dale Kennidy 59, 159; Sara Smith 384, 108t; Amber Springfield 203, 142; Jayne Fulmer 460, 99; Gary Smith 163b, 565; Julie Poston 145b, 101t (in memory of Elmer Conwill); Lavaughn Ballinger 546, 63.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 348b. Leaders: Anne Steel 110, 480; Clarence McCool 349, 328; Betty Baccus 284 (in memory of Gene Wakefield), 100 (for Mae Conwill who was unable to attend); Gravis Ballinger 278, 457; Julietta Haynes 216, 430; Earl Ballinger 331, 224; Estes Jackson 186, 426t; Michael Kennedy 45t; Amber Springfield, Amanda Kennedy, and Audrey Hughes 30t; Lena Keeton 43, 231, 294 (by request); Lisa Geist 222; Warren Steel 340 (by request); Amber Springfield 192; Josie Hyde 475; Travis Keeton 44 (in memory of Elmer Conwill); Dale Kennedy and the church members "Mercy Seat" from the church hymn book; Warren Steel 470. Travis Keeton led song on page 282 as the closing song. Estes Jackson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. The church asked for the singing to be held here again in 2002. Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Larry Ballinger; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

MULBERRY RIVER CONVENTION

Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama

Saturday, September 1, 2001

The ninety-sixth session of the Mulberry River Convention was held at Liberty Church (McCormick) on Saturday before the first Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Velton Chafin at 9:45 a.m. leading song on page 31b. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer. Velton Chafin led song on page 30t. The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Edith Tate; Arranging Committee - Cecil Sanders.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 57; Wilton Donaldson 317, 566; Willodean Barton 460, 76t, 82t; Ivalene Donaldson 77t, 274, 275b; S.T. Reed 421, 418, 278b; John Hyde 39b, 63, 75; Flarce Creel 92, 297, 454; Ida Lee Starnes 111b, 426t, 448b; Vernice Phillips 40, 168, 155; Faye Donaldson 176b, 138t, 284 (in memory of Gene Wakefield); Ann Jett 339 (in memory of Tommy Creel), 88t (in memory of Marie Aldridge), 146 (in memory of Sheila Moon), 84 (in memory of Hadyn Creel).

RECESS

Velton Chafin reassembled the class by leading song on page 225t. Leaders: Kenneth Tate 498, 496, 426b; Elene Stovall 157, 129 (in memory of Elmer Conwill and Ruby Conwill); Elene Stovall and Lucy Heidorn 436 (in memory of Marie Aldridge); Elene Stovall 316 (in memory of D.M. Aldridge); Max Berueffy 425, 350, 336, 234 (for Lucille Tolbert and in memory of Aver Crider); Laura Russell 44, 74t, 383; Bill Stewart 36b, 145b, 68b.

LUNCH

Harrison Creel brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 89. Leaders: Lucy Heidorn 124, 200, 53 (lesson led for Charlie Creel, Annie Creel, Hadyn Creel, Paul Ryan, Marie Aldridge, and D.M. Aldridge); Charles Franklin 74b, 176t; Rick Russell 404, 515, 201; Wanda Capps 178, 222, 503; Travis Keeton 471, 131, 73t; Uel Freeman 65, 64, 87; Billy Williams 96, 394, 166b; Charles Kitchens 314 (in memory of Wren Stevenson), 205, 72 (for Dewey McCuller); Edith Tate 35, 48t; Harrison Creel 478b.

Announcements were made. The class sung song on page 521 as the closing song. Charles Kitchens dismissed the class with prayer.

We will meet at Liberty Church (McCormick Cemetery) on Saturday before the first Sunday in September 2002.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Harrison Creel; Secretary - Edith Tate.

MAIDENCREEK ALL DAY SINGING
Maidencreek Meeting House, near Leesport, Pennsylvania
Saturday, September 1, 2001

The Berks County Sacred Harp Singers hosted the sixth annual all day singing on Saturday before Labor Day at Maidencreek Meeting House near Leesport, Pennsylvania.

Guy Bankes called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 77b.

Ginny Landgraf led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Claire Simon 28b; Rosemary Greenaway 56; Donna Abrahams 85; Dennis Leipold 76b; Ginny Landgraf 504; Gabriel Kastle 33b; Diane Mennella 32t; Doron Henkin 29t; Barbara Swetman 315; Thom Metzger 216; Willie Israel 335; Eileen Metzger 48t; Ted Stokes 428; Kathy Manning 222; Gail Doss 269; Roland Hutchinson 99; Paula McGray 151.

RECESS

Gabriel Kastle brought the class to order leading song on page 30b. Leaders: Blake Morris 297; Gina Balestracci 182; Joyell Washington 28t; Hal Kunkel 158; Laura Densmore 448; Claire Simon 106; Rosemary Greenaway 383; Donna Abrahams 532; Dennis Leipold 406; Ginny Landgraf 564; Gabriel Kastle 179; Diane Mennella 530; Doron Henkin 573; Barbara Swetman 417; Thom Metzger 101b; Willie Israel 86; Eileen Metzger 168; Ted Stokes 401; Kathy Manning 202.

RECESS

Guy Bankes brought the class to order leading song on page 63. Leaders: Gail Doss 302; Roland Hutchinson 245; Theresa Farisi 312b; Blake Morris 103; Gina Balestracci 384; Joyell Washington 313b.

Rosemary Greenaway led the memorial lesson and song on page 429 for the following sick and shut-ins and those troubled in their hearts and souls: Jan King and Joanna Sorlien - Pennsylvania; Phil Shea - Massachusetts; Jeff Sheppard and Shelbie Sheppard - Alabama; Dan Brittain - Texas; Gordon Ashford - United Kingdom; John Etheridge - Florida; John delRe - Virginia.

Guy Bankes led the memorial lesson and song on page 312t for the following deceased: J.B.Parker - Georgia; Peter Henkel - Michigan; Jerilyn Schumacher - Illinois; Mary Kay Friday - District of Columbia; Susan Garber - Connecticut; Robert Todd - Pennsylvania. Ginny Landgraf closed the memorial lessons with a prayer.

Leaders: Paula McGray 228; Hal Kunkel 298; Laura Densmore 542.

Willie Israel offered a prayer as grace for lunch.

LUNCH

Susan Munch opened the afternoon session leading song on page 38b. Leaders: Ruth Shaffer "Pottsville" (in German); Blake Morris "Submission"; Doron Henkin "Hauff"; Gina Balestracci "Reading"; Thom Metzger "Conflict"; Guy Bankes "Willow Grove"; Blake Morris "Anticipation".

RECESS

Susan Munch called the class to order leading song on page 155. Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 344; Claire Simon 84; children's lesson 388; Rosemary Greenaway 362; Peter Pate 396; Diane Mennella 254 (in honor of the wedding of Susan Bingham and Bob Widmer); Nancy Tkacs 268; Donna Abrahams 114; Kacy Pate 440; Dennis Leipold 31t; Barbara Swetman 333, 515; Theresa Farisi 146; Thom Metzger 198.

A short business meeting was held, during which the treasurer reported that expenses had been met.

In addition to the officers, thanks were expressed to: Betty Hanf and Doron Henkin - organization; Guy Bankes - convener; Pat Pingel - set-up; Laura Densmore - housing and arranging; Blake Morris, Ginny Landgraf, Paula McGray, and Joyell Washington - pitching; Rosemary Greenaway and Guy Bankes - memorial lessons; Susan Munch - registration; Ginny Landgraf and Willie Israel - chaplains; Ted Stokes - after singing social. Announcements of upcoming singings were made.

RECESS

Betty Hanf called the class to order leading song on page 163b. Leaders: Kathy Manning 377; Joyell Washington 126; Eileen Metzger 77t; Gabriel Kastle 189; Gail Doss 191; Doron Henkin 193; Gina Balestracci 419; Ted Stokes 444; Blake Morris 291; Roland Hutchinson 112; Hal Kunkel 36b; Susan Munch 178; Paula McGray 176b; Laura Densmore 83t.

Guy Bankes led song on page 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Willie Israel.

Chairman - Doron Henkin; Treasurer - Ruth Shaffer; Secretary - Gina Balestracci.

CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION WEST Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House), Fayette County, Alabama September 2, 2001

The Clear Creek Convention West Sacred Harp singing met at Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House) on the first Sunday in September. Travis Keeton called the class to order leading song on page 48t. Earl Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Max Berueffy; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Elene Stovall.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 340; John Hyde 61, 313; Wilton Donaldson 225t, 503; Lena Keeton 336, 120; Ivalene Donaldson 89, 175; Cecil Sanders 460; Winell Sanders 569b; Joyce Hubbert 182, 272; Charles Franklin 274t, 288; Vernice Phillips 143, 81; Earl Ballinger 80b, 40.

RECESS

Max Berueffy called the class back to order leading songs on pages 138t and 371. Leaders: Velton Chafin 56t, 130; Laura Boyd Russell 327, 189; Gravis Ballinger 99, 34b; Bud Oliver 176b, 176t; Julie Poston 101t, 145b; Ashley Keeton 112, 318; Clarence McCool 133, 68b; Rick Russell 147b, 183; Karen Ivey 67, 546; Larry Ballinger 90, 96; Glenn Keeton 215, 231; Lisa Geist 151, 396; David Ivey 511, 517; Elene Stovall thanked the people for work they did on the church; Elene Stovall and relatives: Willa Rush, Gene Aldridge, and Lucy Rutledge 454, 434, 45t.

LUNCH

Max Berueffy called the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 155 and 446. Leaders: Amber Springfield 436, 142; Amanda Denson 36b, 276; Josie Hyde 361, 234; Laura Boyd Russell 212; Rick Russell 200; Charles Franklin 74b; Bud Oliver 39b; David Ivey 156; Ashley Keeton and Glenn Keeton 504, 178; Velton Chafin 437; Lena Keeton and Glenn Keeton 475; Larry Ballinger 425; Joyce Hubbert 378t; Earl Ballinger 217; Ivalene Donaldson and Wilton

Donaldson 426t; John Hyde 297; Lisa Geist 430; Clarence McCool 349; Karen Ivey and Bud Oliver 270; Gravis Ballinger 78; Amber Springfield 192; Amanda Denson 186; Elene Stovall 285t.

This singing is a movable convention. No one called for the convention so it will be held here again in 2002.

Travis Keeton and Max Berueffy led song on page 499 as the closing song. Velton Chafin led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

We wish to thank Willa Rush for paying for the minutes.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Max Berueffy; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

LITTLE VINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Near Bremen, Georgia** **September 2, 2001**

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church was held the first Sunday in September. Chairman Charles Woods called the class to order leading song on page 31b. Charles Woods offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Charles Woods 49b; Richard DeLong 88t, 101b, 103; Jimmie Denney 155, 143, 30t; Earlis McGraw 284, 225t (for Gladys McGraw), 132; Eunice Webb 298, 544, 290; Bobby Jackson 100, 34t, 378b; Mildred Patterson 378t, 108t, 146.

The business session was delayed until the afternoon.

RECESS

The class was called together by Charles Woods leading song on page 312b.

Leaders: Tommy McGraw 58, 33b, 475; Joyce Clackum 82t, 59, 127; Nick Griffin 96, 137, 551; Mary Florence Smith 145b, 119, 123t; Carlene Griffin 70t, 81t; Judith Green 384, 117, 317.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Charles Woods leading song on page 323b. Leaders: Teenie Moody 268, 270, 73b (for Alice Edwards); Lela Crowder 47b, 112, 278b; Laura Clawson 385b, 379, 171.

Memorial lesson: Lonnie Rogers led song on page 68b in memory of Cecil Edwards and Walter Hamrick.

Mary Florence Smith led song on page 499 for all the sick and shut-ins and closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 328, 428 (for Mrs. Fannie Ray Lawrence), 283 (in memory of H.N. McGraw); Josephine Denney 101t, 145t, 503.

A motion was made and seconded to go into the business session. A discussion was held on moving the singing to Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church for the 2002 session, and the singing will be called Shiloh-Little Vine Singing.

Officers elected were: Chairman - Charles Woods; Vice Chairman - Richard DeLong; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

Leaders: Hugh McGraw 175; Elder Homer Benefield and Katherine Benefield 56t; Everette Denney 274t, 335, 490; Felton Denney 489, 31t; Aaron Little 448t; Cecil Roberts 51.

Announcements were made. Charles Woods and Berta Woods led song on page 45t as the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Charles Woods; Vice Chairman - Richard DeLong; Secretary - Charlene Wallace.

FOX VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL SINGING

**Geneva, Illinois
September 2, 2001**

The Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing opened at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 2, 2001, in the pavilion of Island Park in Geneva, Illinois, as part of the Fox Valley Folk Festival. Ted Mercer opened the singing by welcoming everyone and then led song on page 40.

A brief business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Herb Schroeder; Secretary - Debbie Barford; Arranging Committee - Dean Slaton.

Leaders: David Barford 216; Cathryn Baker 148; Claudia Harris 56b; Karen Freund 49t; Lisa Grayson 278b; Debbie Barford 215; Suzanne Flandreau 297; John Seaton 47t; Randy Neufield 32t; Jerry Enright 32b; Jim Helke 31t; Dean Slaton 34; Kelly Brest Van Kemp 312b; Jim Page 284. The class was dismissed until 12:45, and the many newcomers were invited to return to sing again.

LUNCH

The class resumed at 12:45 p.m. with Herb Schroeder leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Doug Stapleton 99; Bruce Holmes 146; Nathan Barford 274; Orwin Youngquist 117; Marcia Johnson 340; Virginia Warren 159; Johanna Fabke 350; Lissa Blood 480; Melanie Hauff 277; Ted Johnson 475; Sue Kessell 304; Randy Neufield and Sylvi Re 178; Becky Parat and Cathryn Baker 454; Jerry Enright 448; Judy Hauff 528; Meg Papadolias 268; Claudia Harris 288; Lissa Blood 68; Lisa Grayson 436; Karen Freund 224; Kelly Brest Van Kemp 335; Ted Johnson 34t; Nathan Barford 410t; Doug Stapleton 384; Jim Page 202; Bruce Holmes 163b; Suzanne Flandreau 276.

Ted Mercer led song on page 217 as the final song, and the class was dismissed. All newcomers were invited to attend regular Chicago singings.

Chairman - Herb Schroeder; Secretary - Debbie Barford.

LABOR DAY SINGING

**Shoal Creek Church, North of Heflin, Alabama
Monday, September 3, 2001**

The annual Labor Day Sacred Harp Singing met at Shoal Creek Church, Talladega National Forest, ten miles north of Heflin, Alabama on the first Monday in September.

The class was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 36b. Elder Ricky Harcrow offered the morning prayer. Mary Florence Smith led song on page 171, followed by Josephine Denney leading song on page 30t.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Richard DeLong; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards and Josephine Denney.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 63; Richard DeLong 132, 135; Bobby Jackson 290, 274t; Joyce Clackum 56t, 127; Don Bowen 99, 101t; Glenda Collins 354b, 45t; Everette Denney 335, 119; Jeannette DePoy 215, 235; Jimmie Denney 294, 155; Teenie Moody 142, 137; Bud Oliver 145b, 345t; Elene Stovall 300, 192; Rodney Ivey 268, 222; Flora Skinner 434, 358.

RECESS

Richard DeLong called the class back to order leading song on page 81t. Leaders: Max Berueffy 145t, 528; Betty Wright 569b, 499; Felton Denney and Max

Denney 523b, 143; Laura Clawson 39b, 80t; Jackson Harcrow 68b, 317; Judith Green 384, 117; David Yeager 34b, 40; Joe Jones and Sonja Randall 87.

Joe Jones of Huntsville, Alabama, Secretary/Treasurer of the Preservation Committee for Shoal Creek Church, gave a short talk on the history of the church. From collections given to the committee, the church pews were paid off and money was left to preserve the church and grounds. A collection of \$95.85 from the Sacred Harp singers was presented to the committee.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Richard DeLong leading songs on pages 79 and 542. Leaders: Ricky Harcrow 517 (WB); Mandy Cummings 312b, 39b; John Plunkett 94; Rick Russell 566, 347; Laura Boyd Russell 383, 95; Flora Skinner 434; Scott DePoy 410t; Lee Rogers 349 (for Liz Bryant); Phillip Langley 440; Judy Mincey 475; Dennis George 354; LaRue Allen 436; Les Scott 148; Charlene Wallace 441; B.J. Harris 503; Reba Norton 373; Lela Crowder 224; Aaron Little 480; Eunice Webb 390; Lou Cotney 189; Mandy Prater 460; Amber Springfield 299; Shelbie Sheppard 269 (for the Roy Nelson family and Polly Moore).

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong and Jeff Sheppard led song on page 46 as the closing song. Elder Ricky Harcrow offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - Richard DeLong; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

OBERLIN SACRED HARP SINGING **Christ Episcopal Church, Oberlin, Ohio** **Saturday, September 8, 2001**

The fourth annual Oberlin Sacred Harp Singing was held at Christ Episcopal Church, Oberlin, Ohio on Saturday before the second Sunday in September. Chandler York opened the morning session at 10:00 a.m. with song on page 128. Leaders: Joe Todd 373; Bill Beverly 272; Martha Beverly 274t; Beth Todd 163b; Chandler York 344; Ann Miczulski 34b; Joe Todd 178 (for David Barnes); Jan Wright 49b; Gerry Hoffman 48b; Debbie Hall 474; Fred Todt 48t; Sarah Pilzer 146; Naomi Morse 497; Jo Schultz 84.

RECESS

Charles Wells called the class back to order leading songs on pages 47t and 551. Leaders: Joe Todd 179, 103; Brad Oglesby 171, 127; Lois Hurt 49t, 358; Will Reilly 569b; Bill Beverly 440, 515; Martha Beverly 384, 500; Eric Schedler 455, 155; Beth Todd 501, 319.

RECESS

Chandler York called the class back to order leading songs on pages 547 and 480. Leaders: Ann Miczulski 300, 303b; Jan Wright 183, 86; Gerry Hoffman 189, 477; Debbie Hall 66, 528; Fred Todt 542, 59. Father Brian Wilbert offered a prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Beth Todd called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 270. Leaders: Sarah Pilzer 318, 268; Jo Schultz 198, 472; Joe Todd 475, 192; Brad Oglesby 39b, 38t; Lois Hurt 40, 145b; Martha Beverly 269, 56b; Chandler York 448b, 362; Avery Book 299; Bill Beverly 297, 203; Eric Schedler 117, 276; Gideon Crevoshay 47b; Ann Miczulski 314, 317; Naomi Morse 315, 288.

RECESS

Chandler York called the class to order leading 36b. Leaders: Beth Todd 112, 390; Sarah Pilzer 107, 122; Avery Book 324, 106; Will Reilly 143; Gerry

Hoffman 65, 348t; Debbie Hall 410, 200; Fred Todt 442, 312; Jo Schultz 454, 532; Barbara Bowers 313b, 312b.

Announcements of conventions and local singings in the region were made. Chandler York led song on page 452 as the closing song, and Beth Todd dismissed the class with prayer.

Officers were: Chairman - Chandler York; Secretary - Charles Wells; Treasurer - Joe Todd; Arranging Committee - Beth Todd and Charles Wells; Recording - Sarah Pilzer and Katie Zukoff.

We would like to thank all of the officers, and all those who helped in any way to make this singing possible, especially for those who prepared and helped with lunch. Also, we would like to thank those who helped with the setup and teardown: Nathaniel Damon, Naomi More, Gerry Hoffman, and a host of helpers.

Chairman - Chandler York; Secretary - Charles Wells.

UNITED SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Dutton (Jackson County), Alabama
September 8-9, 2001

Saturday, September 8

The ninety-eighth session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association was called together by Rodney Ivey leading song on page 32t. Louis Hughes offered the morning prayer.

Rodney Ivey led song on page 101t, and then the following officers were called to lead: Henry Johnson 425; Max Berueffy 147b; Nora Parker 36b; Harrison Creel 123t. The Arranging Committee proceeded with the following leaders called: Cassie Franklin 73t; Don Bowen 59; Elene Stovall 76b; Mark Carroll 37b; Dennis George 56b; Cindy Tanner and Jackie Tanner 298; Aaron Wootten 270; Syble Adams 515; Rex Wilks 53; Mike Dunn 186; Norma Green and Nate Green 379; Sandie Scott 548; S.T. Reed 32b.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Rodney Ivey leading song on page 48t.

A business session was held to elect officers. Those elected and appointed to serve were: Chairman - Dennis George; Vice Chairman - Max Berueffy; Secretary - Nora Parker (Permanent); Chaplain - Louis Hughes; Arranging Committee - Bud Oliver, Cassie Franklin, and Scott DePoy; Memorial Committee - Mark Brown and Susan Harcrow; Resolutions Committee - April Hall and Linda Thomas; Location Committee - Coy Ivey, Jeff Sheppard, and Larry Ballinger; Finance Committee - Rodney Ivey and Don Bowen.

End of business session.

Leaders: Mattie Townsel 68b; Kiri Miller 112; Velton Chafin 522; Mary Ann Daly 479; Hershell King 317; Milton Oliver 314; Edith Tate 532; Lela Crowder 99; Janice Paulk 518; Mary Florence Smith 222; Kenneth DeLong 556; Duane Chesney 146; David Carlton 300; Linda Sides 277; Cheryl Foreman 209; Daryl Chesney 218.

RECESS

The class was reassembled with Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten leading song on page 274t. Leaders: Scott DePoy 47b; April Hall 30t; Pauline Childers 269; Roy Turrentine 69t; Phil Summerlin 52b; John Plunkett 360; Darlene Dalton 454; Barbara Swetman 313b; Jeff Sheppard 321; Susan Harcrow 436; Betty Wright 410t; Bill Stewart 569b; Elsie Moon 456; Terre Schill 383; Keith Willard 144; Terry Wootten 201; Paula McGray 160; Judy Mincey 538; Laura Clawson 367.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Louis Hughes leading song on page 278b. Leaders: Ann Jett 546; Charlene Wallace 299; David Ivey 394; Wanda Capps 142; Lynne deBenedette 202; Floy Wilder 402; Reba Windom 216; Jeannette DePoy 475; Jerry Enright 168; Shelbie Sheppard 183; LaRue Allen 280; Jenny Willard 392; Karen Freund 77b; Judith Green and Coy Ivey 384; Flarce Creel and Danny Creel 182; Daphene Causey 434; Richard DeLong 302; Teenie Moody 217; Jarrod George 358; Linda Thomas 47t; Lou Cotney 196; Mark Brown "Sweet Beulah Land"; Freeman Wootten and Jewel Wootten 282; Karen Travis and Sandy Ivey 503; Jack Paulk 147t.

RECESS

The class reassembled with Cassie Franklin leading song on page 171. Leaders: Christy Blevins, Ethan Blevins, Conner Blevins, and Scott Ivey 145b; Eloise Wootten 137; Jackson Harcrow 354b; Melvin Stiefel 138b; Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 39t; Charles McCravy 143 (in memory of Tommye Denson Mauldin); Ron Harper 107; Bob Simmons 40; Kenneth DeLong 492; B.M. Smith 225t.

After announcements were made, Dennis George and Max Berueffy led song on page 56t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Louis Hughes.

Sunday, September 9

The class on Sunday morning was called together by Dennis George leading song on page 82t. Louis Hughes offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Dennis George 57; Max Berueffy 177; Rex Wilks 47b; B.J. Harris 303; Ken Tate 426b; Scott DePoy 179; Nora Parker 394; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Eddie Brown 312b; Ivalene Donaldson 204; Don Bowen 486t (WB); Mary Ann Daly 275; Evelyn Harris 39b; Mary Florence Smith 29t; Wilton Donaldson 285; Pam Wilkerson 424; Louis Hughes 408; Barbara Swetman 415; Betty Wright 347.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Shane Wootten leading song on page 299.

Leaders: Cassie Franklin 193; Terre Schill 284; Judy Mincey 540; Larry Ballinger 224; Jason Wilks 99; Lela Crowder 442; Roy Turrentine 35; Cheryl Foreman 378b; Linda Sides 383; John Plunkett 450; Chris Ballinger 276; Brenda Carroll 384; Harrison Creel 512; Danny Creel 112; Bill Stewart 460; Aaron Wootten 101t; Syble Adams 498; Carol Chapman 126; Wayne Wootten 111b.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Scott DePoy leading song on page 201. Leaders: Jerry Enright 77t; Lisa Geist 269; Pauline Childers 318; Myra Dalton and Darlene Dalton 309, 229; Chip Ward 336; Judith Green and Coy Ivey 142; Keith Willard and Jenny Willard 349; April Hall and Tim Dalton 33b, 277; Edith Tate 73t.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Susan Harcrow conducted this lesson with these comments. "Each one of us here is a member of a family. We have immediate families, our church family, community family, and maybe even a work family. But today we are all members of a singing family, and our singing family is just like all other families. Each time we are together, it is just like a family reunion. Many of us only see each other on certain occasions, such as this, but we are always excited to see one another. We care about each other, we are happy over good news, sad when there's bad, concerned when there is sickness, and we mourn when there is death. And, just like all families, our singing family changes. The appearance of this family has changed from what it

was this time last year because there are those who are no longer with us. And, just like family homecomings, decorations, and memorial days, we pause now to honor their memory. Anytime we lose a member of a family, we are sad for a season. But, we hope that our singing family will be reunited to sing again. The Bible tells of David being grieved at the death of a son saying, 'I know that he cannot return to me, but I can go to where he is.' That place, I believe, is heaven, where our family will be reunited once again to sing our Savior's praise forever and ever." We sing today's memorial lesson in memory of the following: Nobie Smith, Eloise Watkins, Grady Price, Woodie Walker, Barb Wiegold, Ruby Creel, Elmer Conwill, Gene Wakefield, A.C. McGough, Jerilyn Schumacher, Tommye Denson Mauldin, Mildred Ecrold, Alcie Craig, Jack Smith, Jack Corley, Mary K. Friday, Bob Todd, Joanna Sorlien, and Gene Munce. Mark Brown and Susan Harcrow led song on page 48t for the deceased. Mark Brown led "It Is Well With My Soul" (WB) for the sick and shut-ins: Delorese Lee, Milford Brown, Liz Bryant, Mozelle Sheppard, Ruby Wilks, Margaret Keeton, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Dr. James L. Howell, Martha Howell, Lawrence Underwood, and Lula Underwood. Jason Wilks closed the memorial with prayer.

Rodney Ivey and Betty Shepherd led song on 216.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Max Berueffy leading song on page 445. Leaders: Terry Wootten 448t; Lynne deBenedette 436; Kiri Miller 455; Jeannette DePoy 387; Coy Ivey and Richard Ivey 559 (CB); Laura Clawson 430; Susan Harcrow 218; Richard DeLong 411; Daphene Causey 200; Shelbie Sheppard 195; Karen Freund 172; Elene Stovall 542; Jeff Sheppard 128; LaRue Allen 220; Reba Windom 196; Floy Wilder 297; David Ivey 499; Jackie Tanner 477; Betty Shepherd 299; Nate Green and Norma Green 143; Sarah Harcrow 186; Cindy Tanner, Cassie Franklin, Wanda Capps, Shelley Capps, and Emily Creel 72b.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Cassie Franklin and Rodney Ivey leading song on page 300. Leaders: Tony Ivey and Hobert Ivey 29b; Amber Springfield 454; Lavaughn Ballinger 84; Loyd Ivey 89; Tresha McClain 345b; Marty Wootten 448b; Jenny Wootten Mann 148; Karen Travis 163; Scott Ivey 28b.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports from various committees.

Resolutions Committee Report. We resolve to give God praise for the opportunity to meet at the ninety-eighth session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Convention. We thank the:

- 1) Officers and committees for jobs well done;
- 2) Singers and listeners who supported the convention, and we remember those who were unable to attend.

We resolve to love and encourage one another as we support the tradition of Sacred Harp. We are thankful to God, our unfailing companion on life's journey, for His comfort, His amazing grace and unspeakable joy. Respectfully submitted by: April Hall and Linda Thomas.

Location Committee Report. The ninety-ninth session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association will be held at Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson School House), Fayette County, Alabama, on Highway 44, Old Fayette Road, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in September 2002. Submitted by: Coy Ivey, Jeff Sheppard, and Larry Ballinger.

Finance Committee Report. Balance brought forward of \$1,193.97; total expenses for this year's convention was \$419.27; a collection was received in the amount of \$389.95; balance on hand \$1,164.65. Submitted by: Nora Parker. The business session was closed.

After announcements were made, Dennis George, Max Berueffy, and Mark Brown led song on page 46 as the closing song. Tony Ivey dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Dennis George; Vice Chairman - Max Berueffy; Secretary - Nora Parker.

UNITED KINGDOM SACRED HARP CONVENTION Old School, Cumnor, Oxford, United Kingdom September 8-9, 2001

Saturday, September 8

The sixth United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Co-Chair Sheila Girling Smith, welcoming all those attending, and then led song on page 155. Helen Brown offered the opening prayer. Co-Chair Edwin Macadam led song on page 84, and then introduced David Lee of Hoboken, Georgia.

David Lee gave a workshop during which he outlined the history of singing in his family stretching back five generations. During his workshop, David led the following songs: 49b, 500 (CB), 38t (CB), 140 (CB), 488b (CB), 101t (duet with Kathy Lee), 98 (CB), 478 (CB), 336t (CB), 502 (CB), 411 (CB), 511t (CB).

RECESS

David Richardson brought the class to order leading song on page 176t. Leaders: Mandy Townsend 383; Bernard Collard 362; Grace Scrimgeour 33b; Rosie Wojcik 129; Phil Tyler 340; Dafydd Charles 299; George Seiler 480; Margaret Gillanders 452; David Hough 448t; Ruth Cooper 454; Paul Gailiunas 163b; Marcia Johnson 218; Mike Bailey 287; Judy Whiting 171; Mick Verrier 107; Katharine Hough 376; Leon Ballinger 269. Ruth Cooper offered Grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Ian West leading song on page 270. Leaders: Jill Thompson 504; Ted Johnson 142; Ros Clements 510; Dave Townsend 378b; Caroline Edwards 178; Alexa Gilmore 82t; Adrian Bolge 370; Rachel Jordan 474; Alan Weeks 468; Joanne Hoover 58; David Moore 361; Steve Fletcher 148; David Cooper 324; Jean Seiler 217; Paul Setford 273; Mryka Hall-Beyer 86; Matthew Wojcik 81t.

The Rev. Susan Durber, pastor of the United Reformed Church, Cumnor, conducted a Celebratory Lesson. She read a list of those with special reason to celebrate, including an engagement announcement, a recent marriage, wedding anniversaries, the birth and gift of grandchildren, restoration of health, graduation results and the community of song. During the lesson she remarked that the only other times she had heard such loud singing from the heart were from a group of African asylum seekers and from the brethren of a restored Monastery in Armenia. Susan encouraged us all to continue to "sing on" and led song on page 159, with Sheila Girling Smith.

RECESS

Sheila Girling Smith brought the class back to order leading song on page 186. Leaders: Ken Baddley 515; Roz Argyle 497; Ian Head 263; Helen Brown 189; David Lee 511b (CB), 559 (CB), 563 (CB).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Phil Tyler leading song on page 114. Leaders: Jean Barton and Helen Brown 344; Kathy Lee 146; Rosie Wojcik 475; Dafydd Charles 36b; George Seiler 347; Margaret Gillanders 300; David Hough 384; Ruth Cooper 209; Paul Gailiunas 335; Marcia Johnson 485; Mike Bailey 92; Judy Whiting 222; Mick Verrier and Emily Verrier 163b; Katharine Hough 569b; Ian West 28t; Leon Ballinger 121. Ken Baddley offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, September 9

Co-Chair Edwin Macadam called the convention to order at 10:00 a.m. leading song on page 276. Alan Weeks offered the opening prayer.

David Lee continued with his workshop. During this he described the important part that singing played in his own upbringing and the joy of seeing this continue into the next generation. During the workshop David led the following songs: 271 (CB), 45t, "Mercy Seat" (Lloyds Hymnal) - a duet with Kathy Lee on the occasion of their 23rd wedding anniversary that day, 505 (CB), 567 (CB), 336t (CB), 225t (CB), 263 (CB), 416t (CB).

RECESS

Dave Richardson brought the class back to order leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Sheila Girling Smith 535; Edwin Macadam 538; Grace Scrimgeour 48t; Bernard Collard 63; Jill Thompson 496; Ted Johnson 89; Ros Clements 501; Dave Townsend 434.

Kathy Lee conducted the memorial lesson and reminded us, through an illustration concerning her last meeting with Jerilyn Schumacher, of the need to let people know how we feel about them while they are still with us. Kathy read the names of the deceased and led song on page 499. Those remembered were: John Hayden, Vera Leigh, Mary Brown, Noreen Friar, Benjamin Francis Casson Bailey, and Jerilyn Schumacher - Illinois; Mary Kay Friday - Washington D.C.; George A. Seiler - California; John Doncaster, 'my brother Timothy, my brother Michael', Richard Hooke - Massachusetts; Rick Boardman, Faye Brewster, Mrs. Champkin, Val Elliott, James Smith, Stephen Paddock, Elizabeth Taylor, Lucy Collings, Zenia Lykkegaard, and Melvin Hickox - Georgia; Jane Ardle, Mary Wain, Dianna Scarfe, Gladys Vickery, Robert Vickery, Marilyn Hood, Anna Smith, and Tommye Denson Mauldin - Alabama.

For the sick and shut-ins, Bernard Collard told a story illustrating the kindness and acceptance of the young towards those less able than they themselves. Grace Scrimgeour read the names of the sick and shut-ins, and Dave Richardson led song on page 277. Those remembered were: Father Fred Green, Ian Ferguson, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Delorese Lee (in the hospital in York following an emergency appendectomy, and Johnny Lee staying at her side), Win Tyler, Patrick Hennessey, Stan Whiting, Mary Kellaway, Dorothy Ronson, Gordon Ashman, Tony Rose, Heidi Marriott, Emily Hewlett, Ivan Gillett, Eric Conrod, Rinie Loades, Nesrin Boysan, Steven Hough, Jason Brittain, Mick Tems, Ev Yoder, Helen Bray, John Powell, and Jean Paine. The memorial was concluded. Leaders: Alexa Gilmore 83b; Helen Brown 442. Edwin Macadam led a song "Grace" to the tune on page 49t, with an added doxology.

During the recess, to mark the fact that thirteen 'Davids' had been present during the convention, the song on page 268 was sung by eleven of them in the grounds outside the Old School.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Steve Fletcher leading song on page 128. Leaders: David Cooper 36b; Rachel Jordan 503; Adrian Bolge 350; Joanne Hoover 56b; Leon Ballinger 490; Mryka Hall-Beyer 210; Alan Weeks 174; Jean

Seiler 472; Paul Setford 28b; Roz Argyle 457; Matthew Wojcik 365; Claire Singleton 294; Ken Baddley 147t; Dafydd Charles 155; Marcia Johnson 179.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Mandy Townsend leading song on page 39t. Leaders: Phil Tyler 477; Judy Whiting 371; Mike Bailey and Charlotte Bailey 66; Mick Verrier and Emily Verrier 272; Jill Thompson 31t; Ian West 135; Rachel Jordan 269; Paul Gailiunas 212; Rosie Wojcik 37b; George Seiler 168; Katharine Hough 29t; Ted Johnson 419; Alexa Gilmore 72b; David Hough 137; Marcia Johnson 216; Joanne Hoover 313b; Matthew Wojcik 112; Mryka Hall-Bower 352; Leon Ballinger 299; Jean Seiler 200; Kathy Lee 312b; David Lee 274t, 47b.

Edwin Macadam thanked David Lee and Kathy Lee, and presented them with a fan decorated by Bernard Collard as a memento of the convention.

Announcements of forthcoming singings were made, and the Co-Chairs then called for the officers' reports.

The Arranging Committee announced that 76 songs were led on Saturday and 66 on Sunday, including the workshop pieces. 96 singers attended on Saturday and 83 on Sunday. Included in this number were 14 Americans, including Tom Mitchell and Mary Ballinger who did not lead, and one Canadian.

George Seiler proposed thanks to the officers and to all who had assisted in making the convention such a success.

David Lee offered the parting prayer, and led song on page 62 as the class took the parting hand.

Co-Chairs - Edwin Macadam and Sheila Girling Smith; Arranging Committee - Dave Richardson; Secretary - Bernard Collard.

CALHOUN COUNTY CONVENTION **Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church,** **Between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama** **September 15-16, 2001**

Saturday, September 15

The eighty-seventh session of the Calhoun County Sacred Harp Convention met at Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church in the Four Mile Community between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama on the third Sunday and Saturday before in September.

B.J. Harris brought the class to order with song on page 33b. Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer. B.J. Harris led song on page 32t, followed by Evelyn Harris leading 47t, 155; and Pearl Guier 49b, 59.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - B.J. Harris; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Evelyn Harris; Arranging Committee - Pearl Guier and Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: B.J. Harris 503; Henry Johnson 278b, 56b; Margie Smith 123t, 101t; S.T. Reed 124, 125; Linda Thomas 31t, 56t; Felton Denney 448t, 448b; Nancy Allen 452; Harvey Austin 108t, 335; LaRue Allen 63, 37b.

RECESS

B.M. Smith called the class back to order by leading song on page 75. Leaders: Louise Holland and Robert Walker 36b, 40; Lonnie Rogers 225t, 318; Judith Green 384; Judith Green and Teenie Moody 117; Ginnie Prater 186, 460; Everette Denney 127, 171; Mary Florence Smith 378t, 378b; Mandy Cummings

312b, 358; Freeman Wootten 33b; Leola Smith 196, 268; Hershell King 426t, 97.

LUNCH

B.M. Smith brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 475 and 284. Leaders: Teenie Moody and Judith Green 142, 317; Nate Green and Norma Green 83t, 109, 64; John Plunkett 90, 26; Lou Cotney 218, 300; Jewel Wootten 336, 166; Bud Oliver 73t, 42; Shelbie Sheppard 229; Eunice Webb 298, 544; Jimmie Denney 313t, 276, 143; Reba Norton 217, 441; Jeff Sheppard 392, 293; Sherrell Cleino 294, 421; B.M. Smith 28b; Ruth Brown and Hester Edwards 73b (for Alice Edwards), 340.

The class was very moved by comments made by many singers during the day on events of September 11, 2001, but comments made by Bud Oliver, retired Army Officer, were especially meaningful and expressed the views of everyone present.

Announcements were made. B.J. Harris and B.M. Smith led song on page 46 as the closing song. Harvey Austin dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, September 16

The Sunday session was brought to order by B.J. Harris leading song on page 82t.

Lamar Smith offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: B.J. Harris 32t; B.M. Smith 70t, 448b; Evelyn Harris 30t, 39b; Pearl Guier 127, 303; Jeff Sheppard 75, 316; Mary Florence Smith 318, 300; Rodney Ivey 298, 475; Charlene Wallace 388, 391; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Louise Holland 137, 273; Milton Oliver 176t, 270; Daphene Causey 142, 186.

RECESS

The class was reassembled by B.M. Smith leading song on page 354b. Leaders: Margie Smith 512, 317; Earlis McGraw 181, 435 (for the fire fighters and policemen at the World Trade Center, Washington, and Pennsylvania); Glenda Collins 124, 282; Richard Ivey 111b, 192; Carlene Griffin 155, 171; Bud Oliver 480, 384; Karen Ivey 107, 72b; Max Berueffy 126, 302; Elene Stovall 203, 224; David Ivey 271b, 471; Eunice Webb 436, 460.

Mary Florence Smith gave a very moving memorial lesson using the words from the song on page 26. Great emphasis was devoted to the tragedies at the World Trade Center and Pentagon bombings. The deceased remembered were: Cecil Edwards, Daisy Roberts, Nelda Tolbert, and Lisa Bobo (daughter of Roy and Louise Nelson). Henry Johnson led songs on pages 410t and 341 and also talked about the tragedies that had occurred, offering a very somber and fitting tribute to those who had lost their lives.

Pam Nunn led songs on pages 146 and 524 for the sick and shut-ins. Those remembered were: Reba Edwards, Alice Edwards, Eula Johnson, Roy Nelson family, Sandie Sensenbach (daughter of Roy and Louise Nelson), Mozelle Sheppard, Vivian Rogers, Donnie McGraw, Polly Moore, Oakie Austin, and June Smith (daughter of Estelle Flowers). Mary Florence closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon of singing began with B.M. Smith leading song on page 108t. Leaders: LaRue Allen 454, 314; Leola Smith 268, 434; Stuart Ivey 99, 178; Judith Green and David Ivey 117, 274t; Randall Smith 73t, 501 (CB); Nancy Allen 106; Lou Cotney 172, 189; Teenie Moody 222, 37b; Shelbie Sheppard, Rene Greene, and Pam Nunn 216, 148, 269 (by request); Henry Johnson 81t, 229; Joan Aldridge 217; Max Berueffy 437, 120; David Ivey, Karen Ivey, Richard Ivey, and Stuart Ivey 182; Mary Florence Smith and Teenie Moody

383; Charlene Wallace, Carlene Griffin, and Earlis McGraw 225t; Elene Stovall 503; Daphene Causey and LaRue Allen 196; Randall Smith 343; Rodney Ivey and Lou Cotney 430; Reba Norton and Glenda Collins 373; Margie Smith and B.M. Smith 45t; Jeff Sheppard 454 (for grandson, Benjamin Greene); Hester Edwards and Eunice Webb 569b; Ruth Brown, Pearl Guier, and Louise Holland 68b.

After announcements, B.J. Harris and B.M. Smith led song on page 46 as the closing song. David Ivey dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - B.J. Harris; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Evelyn Harris.

CORNELIUS BENJAMIN (BENNIE) KEETON MEMORIAL Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery), Walker County, Alabama September 16, 2001

The thirtieth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Shady Grove Church, better known as Keeton Cemetery, in Nauvoo, Alabama on the third Sunday in September. This singing is dedicated to the memory of C.B. (Bennie) Keeton who was a great lover of Sacred Harp singing. He taught several schools in Alabama and in Tennessee.

The class was called to order by Travis Keeton, extending a warm welcome to everyone and then leading song on page 73t. The morning prayer was offered by Harrison Creel.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Arranging Committee - Willodean Barton; Secretary - Lena Keeton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 288, 30t; Winell Sanders 225t; L.E. Hannah 349, 523; Ivalene Donaldson 39b, 166; Ida Lee Starnes 111b, 448b; Kermit Adams 78, 99. A letter received from Bradford West of Manhattan, New York was read by Gary Smith. In the letter, Mr. West spoke of the terrorist attacks on the New York City's twin towers of the World Trade Center and how devastating it was. They have a group of Sacred Harp singers there in Manhattan and they planned to have their singing on this date. We remember all the people who lost their lives and those injured in this terrible tragedy that occurred in our great county on September 11, 2001. Gary Smith then led songs on pages 565 and 31t.

Leaders: Margaret Gowan 141, 30b; Ken Tate 75, 270; Betty Wright 569b, 410t; Linton Ballinger 110; Faye Donaldson 138t, 430.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Glenn Keeton leading song on page 64. Glenn Keeton then spoke of his grandfather, Bennie Keeton, and how he had heard of his love for Sacred Harp and the singing schools he had taught, and then led song on page 354 in his memory.

Leaders: Larry Ballinger 206; Lisa Geist 299, 68b (Lisa's lesson was dedicated to her cousin Kim who is ill); John Merritt 137; John Merritt stated that "the price of our faith and our freedom is not cheap" and asked the class to stand and sing "America"; Margaret Keeton 419 (requested by Brenda Merritt); Gravis Ballinger 101t, 300; Amber Springfield 29t, 142; John Hocutt 135, 321; Sarah Smith 129, 445; Elvin Guthrie 479, 544.

Edwin Ballinger's father-in-law passed away and Linton Ballinger, Larry Ballinger, Gravis Ballinger, and Lisa Geist had to leave at this time to attend the funeral.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together with Travis Keeton leading song on page 343. Leaders: Roma Rice 102, 285t; Marlin Beasley made the statement

"I've never been more proud to be an American than I am today", then led 336, 426t; Brenda Merritt 192; Brenda Merritt and John Hocutt 475; John Hyde 168, 297; Edith Tate 146, 212; Harrison Creel 89, 512; Eldagene Roberson 399b, 215; Velton Chafin 564, 278b; Flarce Creel 217; Henry Guthery 465, 431 (lesson dedicated to the people in New York and elsewhere who are suffering); Lena Keeton, her son (Glenn Keeton), and daughter (Gwen Cornelius) 235, 47b, 45t (in memory of Bennie Keeton, Lena Keeton's father, and for cousins Wallace Keeton and Ethan Johnson who were in attendance); Marie Guthrie 389, 434; Alene Woodley 77t, 83t; L.H. Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 376, 34t; Latrieve Bailey 358; Josie Hyde 200 (dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Milford Watts who are ill); Willodean Barton 44, 82t (in memory of Elmer Conwill).

Announcements were made. Travis Keeton and Glenn Keeton led song on page 348, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by John Merritt.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Glenn Keeton; Secretary - Lena Keeton.

ILLINOIS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Petersburg, Illinois
September 22-23, 2001
Saturday, September 22

The seventeenth annual session of the Illinois State Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Wagon Wheel, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, Illinois.

Co-Chair Peggy Brayfield opened the singing at 9:30 a.m. with comments relating to events of September 11 that are so heavy on all our hearts. She concluded with some words by Karen House from the fasola message line to remind us that Sacred Harp singing is "prayer that restores our understanding that no one can be separated from the love of God. It is poetry that gives word to the speechless. . . harmony in the face of chaos. . . the still small voice after the fire." She then led 49t and the "Doxology". Lee Steinmetz offered the opening prayer.

Previously elected or appointed officers and committees included: Co-Chairs - Peggy Brayfield and Becky Schildman; Secretary - Janet Fraembs; Arranging - Berkley Moore; Memorial - Berkley Moore and Susan Lied; Finance - Billie Mowery, Mark Graber, and Barbara Brown; Chaplains - Lee Steinmetz and Susan Lied.

Leaders: Co-Chair Becky Schildman 146; Lee Steinmetz 565; Lori Graber 47t; Bob Meek 209; Berkley Moore 33b; Penny Kujawinski 180; Joan Aldridge 300; Terry Hogg 147t; William Shetter "Anniversary" (original composition).

RECESS

The class was brought to order by James Page leading song on page 222. Leaders: Janet Fraembs 74b; Dean Slaton 383; Johanna Fabke 373; Mike Veech 277; Conrad Wetzel 84; Melanie Hauff 216; Don Baker 312b; Judy Hauff 142.

Chair Peggy Brayfield took this time to relate that there is evidence that the Missouri Harmony was used for singing in Lincoln's New Salem, and a copy of the book was found among Ann Rutledge's possessions after her death. Peggy thanked the Missouri singers for bringing copies of songs from the Missouri Harmony and invited singers to lead from that book. Leaders: Karen Isbell 34 (MH); Jeanette Lowry 46 (MH); Ted Johnson 12 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 503; Pete Ellertsen 72b.

RECESS

Becky Schildman brought the class back leading 128. Leaders: Peggy Brayfield 448t; Don Baker 354; Melanie Hauff 38 (MH); Lee Steinmetz 491; Conrad Wetzel 314; Lori Graber 352; Joan Aldridge 270; Johanna Fabke 32b; Mike Veech 547; Penny Kujawinski 23 (MH); Dean Slaton 436; Robert Meek 268; Terry Hogg 344; James Page 20 (MH); Janet Fraembs 532. Chaplain Lee Steinmetz asked the blessing and the class was adjourned.

LUNCH

Berkley Moore brought the class back together leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Karen Isbell 11 (MH); Judy Hauff 52 (MH); Jeanette Lowry 28 (MH); William Shetter 534; Ted Johnson 269; Lou Kujawinski 515; Pete Ellertsen 89; Jerome Colburn 229; Peggy Brayfield 523; Becky Schildman 163b; Don Baker 81; Melanie Hauff 83t; Lee Steinmetz 154.

RECESS

Terry Hogg brought the class back leading 112. Leaders: Conrad Wetzel 85; Lori Graber 384; Robert Meek 408; Johanna Fabke 198; Mike Veech 421; Penny Kujawinski 480; Dean Slaton 434; James Page 411; Janet Fraembs 475; Karen Isbell 137; Judy Hauff 215; Jeanette Lowry 168; Jerome Colburn 159; William Shetter 347; Ted Johnson 485; Lou Kujawinski 63; Pete Ellertsen 473. The Saturday session was brought to a close with Chaplain Susan Lied offering the benediction.

Sunday, September 23

The Sunday morning session of the convention was called to order by Chair Peggy Brayfield leading song on page 46. The morning prayer was led by Chaplain Susan Lied.

Leaders: Becky Schildman 335; Lori Graber 31t; Presley Barker 474; Berkley Moore 99; David Ressler 142; Luke Barker 79; Janet Fraembs 129; Rebecca Browne 36b; Gary Gronau 39b; Jo Dell Albi 34b; Lissa Blood 28b; Lou Kujawinski 497; William Shetter 171; Johanna Fabke 236; James Page 38 (MH).

RECESS

Mike Veech brought the class back leading 385t. Leaders: Terry Hogg 535; Penny Kujawinski 125; Joan Aldridge 475; Don Baker 133; Presley Barker 16 (MH); Dave Ressler 276; Luke Barker 215; Janet Fraembs 440; Rebecca Brown 344; Gary Gronau 564; Jo Dell Albi 32t; Lori Graber 299; Johanna Fabke 378b; William Shetter 477; Lissa Blood 192; Berkley Moore 278b; James Page 216; Mike Veech 86.

RECESS

The memorial lesson followed. Berkley Moore spoke for the deceased in our Sacred Harp family. He noted that the first verse of "Arnold" invites us to join our friends above right here and now, not by waiting until after we die. We are able to do this because our common worship in singing Sacred Harp together and maintaining its traditions, as well as our diverse private faiths, both create a sense of community of love so strong that it overcomes the separation caused by death. He reminded us that we are a community that loves and includes others. Terrorists also share a community but theirs is based on exclusion. Whatever our spiritual beliefs may be and however we interpret God, we all love and support one another. Our common worship is a true gift; we do join our beloved dead; and we will be comforted. He then led 122 for these honored friends: Tommye Denson Mauldin - Alabama; Jerilyn Schumacher, Mary A. Stander-Quinfez, and Brandy Niño - Illinois; Alok Melta - New York.

Susan Lied then talked about the way the national crisis might affect those who are sick and shut-in. They need to feel their loved ones are near them. We should tell those who are gravely ill what they need to hear from us: I love you,

thank you, forgive me, I forgive you. Following a prayer, Susan Lied and Berkley Moore led 45t for them. Peggy Brayfield closed the memorial lesson after this eloquent message.

“We are coming together at a time of immense and mixed, even contradictory emotions: mourning, sorrow, anger, fear, uncertainty, love, determination, and courage; a time for soul-searching. We seem to feel a closer sense of family with each other across the country, as we mourn with the victims of September 11, and ponder what may lie ahead. The thought comes to me that now, we here in the United States have also been initiated into the sad fellowship of ordinary, decent people in many countries around the world whose everyday lives are shattered by senseless acts of violence and the blind brutality and chaos of war. Now our national borders, too have been violated, and we have become painfully aware of how vulnerable our way of life, and our individual lives really are in a world where violence and an eye for an eye are mistaken for justice. Truly every human being needs God’s guidance every day, but now, more than ever, we as a country, and our leaders, need to seek God’s own wisdom to guide us through the crisis that thrust itself upon us on September 11. Our songs deal so powerfully with all aspects of human existence, from the mountain tops, to the valley of the shadow. Especially, they deal powerfully with the tragic aspects of human existence. We need such songs today more than ever. With the tragic events of recent day on our hearts, let us sing song on page 70, ‘Gainsville’, and let that serve as a prayer for this difficult time.”

Leaders: Presley Barker 155 (with an added verse from 409); Terry Hogg 212.

LUNCH

Co-Chair Becky Schildman brought the class back leading 203. Leaders: Pete Ellertsen 82t; Dave Ressler 547; Jerome Colburn 42; Luke Barker 354; Don Baker 49t; Janet Fraembs 501; Joan Aldridge 228; Becky Browne 560; Gary Gronau 270; JoDell Albi 32b; Lori Graber 49b; Johanna Fabke 71; Bill Shetter 393.

RECESS

The class was called back by Co-Chair Peggy Brayfield leading 145b. Leaders: Lissa Blood 100; Penny Kujawinski 2 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 556; Berkley Moore 8 (MH); Becky Schildman 178; Jim Page 29 (MH); Presley Barker 23 (MH); Dave Ressler 46 (MH); Becky Browne 217; Gary Gronau 222; Johanna Fabke 163; JoDell Albi 180; William Shetter 59; Lissa Blood 207; Lou Kujawinski; Jerome Colburn 107.

In lieu of Resolutions, Peggy Brayfield extended thanks to the following:

- 1) All who came to make the singing so meaningful and successful;
- 2) New Salem singers and others who provided the delicious food;
- 3) The “handyman” committee of Mark Graber and Mike Veech and all others who assisted in the work of setting up, cleaning up, and making the premises singer-friendly;
- 4) Lincoln’s New Salem Historic Site for providing the site;
- 5) Musicians for the Saturday night social;
- 6) Janet Fraembs and Dave Ressler for pitching.

The convention then added thanks to the Co-Chairs, Peggy Brayfield and Becky Schildman, and their helpers for making the singing so welcoming.

Following announcements of future singings the class sang 347, “Christians Farewell”, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Susan Lied.

Co-Chairs - Peggy Brayfield and Becky Schildman; Secretary - Janet Fraembs.

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Morgan County, Alabama
September 23, 2001

The September Sacred Harp singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Milford Cobbs who welcomed everyone and led song on page 75. Prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper. Chairman Milford Cobbs led song on page 127. Leaders and selections were as follows: Arvid Holmes 39b, 460; Nancy Thompson 47t; David Roberson 63, 274t; Gordon Wilkinson 42, 215; David Light 192, 110; Linton Ballinger 141, 144; Linda Thomas 31b (in memory of Roie Alexander), 345b; Carmon Brothers 418, 340; Rhoda Norris 187, 35; Richard Ivey 37b, 145t; Bud Oliver 145b, 30.
RECESS

The class was reassembled by Milford Cobbs leading song on page 81t. Leaders and selections: Steve Cobbs 285 (in memory of Prudie Cobbs), 480, 300; Carol Newman 457, 68b; Max Berueffy 267, 142; Eldagene Roberson 203, 222; Beecher Yancy 565, 503; Clayton Ezell 390, 182; Karen Ivey 112, 475; Marie Guthrie 113, 336; Wilda Holmes 384; Milford Cobbs 323b. Prayer was offered by Hershell King.

LUNCH

The class was called to order for the afternoon session by Milford Cobbs leading song on page 358.

A memorial session was held. Judy Caudle led song on page 131b for the following deceased: Nelda Tolbert, Roie Alexander, and Mamie Buckelew; and for the sick or shut-ins: Herbert Cobbs and Kimmie Holcomb.

Leaders and selections: Lisa Geist 546, 120; Herbie Bailey 34b, 70t; Elene Stovall 208, 282; Mark Brown 56b, 99; Marilyn Burchett 72b, 335; Hershell King 80, 426; Stuart Ivey 186, 171; Jonathon Thompson 448t (in memory of Willard Hopper), 313t; Craig Holmes 369; Larry Ballinger 101t, 119; David Ivey 312t, 65; Judy Caudle 50b, 229; Daniel Hopper 346, 268; J.L. Hopper 137, "Angel Band". Milford Cobbs led song on page 62 as the class took the parting hand.

The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Daniel Hopper.

Chairman - Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Secretary - Judy Caudle.

WINSTON COUNTY CONVENTION

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama
September 23, 2001

The Winston County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Double Springs, Alabama on the fourth Sunday in September.

The class was called to order by Kermit Adams who welcomed everyone and led song on page 59. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Dawson Adams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee - Josie Hyde; Secretary - Lena Keeton.

Leaders: Dawson Adams 39t, 48t; A.A. Malone 34t, 68b; Cora White 73t, 146; Doyce Bailey 147t, 143; Stella Pratt 63, 452; L.E. Hannah 498, 147b; Wilton Donaldson 565, 285t; Roma Rice 225t, 313t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Dawson Adams leading song on page 147t (for his wife, Edith). Leaders: John Hyde 37b, 75; Ivalene Donaldson 56t, 343;

Clarence McCool 77t, 569b; Faye Donaldson 371, 270; Beatrice Brewer 112, 460, 298; Julia Poston 421; Ken Tate 74b, 76b, 480; Margaret Keeton 85, 349.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Travis Keeton leading songs on pages 42 (in memory of Arnold Moore who passed away this week) and 57.

Leaders: Willodean Barton 318, 274t; Lee Starnes 111b, 448b; Lucy Heidorn 33b, 335; Harrison Creel 317, 512; Lena Keeton 482, 546, 475 (by request); Edith Tate 389, 532; Emily Jones 503, 288; Azilee Adams 337, 67; Josie Hyde 294 (by request), 43.

Albert White sang solo "Fifty Miles of Elbow Room", and a patriotic song written by Elton Britt, "There's a Star Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere" which was very appropriate at this time in our lives.

Dawson Adams and Travis Keeton asked for the announcements, and then led song on page 129 for the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Harrison Creel.

After the singing, several members of the class went to the Hendrix Health Care Facility to sing a few songs for Rose Altha Taylor, Milford Watts, and Bernice Watts who are residents there.

Chairman - Dawson Adams; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Lena Keeton.

NEW ENGLAND CONVENTION Irasburg Town Hall, Irasburg, Vermont September 28-29, 2001

Friday Night, September 28

The twenty-sixth annual New England Convention was called to order by Chairman Larry Gordon leading song on 31t. Mary Alice Amidon gave the opening prayer, asking that "our singing be a healing balm in troubled times."

Leaders: Larry Gordon 131t; Laura Timmerman 371; Dennis O'Brien 162; Marilyn Burchett 81t; Bob Parr 475; Floy Wilder 142; Eric Bean 70b; Berkley Moore 473; Fred Emigh 159; Chris Noren 362; Barbara Swetman 145b; Jackie Hall 217; Matt Wojcik 340; Nate Green and Norma Green 30t; Mary Alice Amidon 228; Richard Schmeidler 474; Eugene Forbes 155; Ginnie Ely 196; Susanne Garmsen 163b; Sarah Beasley Smith 108; Paul Gauthier 565; LaRue Allen 215; Larry Gordon 168.

RECESS

Larry Gordon brought the class to order leading song on page 34t. Leaders: Katie Shimizv 209; John Redman 344 (in memory of Susan Garber); Lou Cotney 218; Seth Houston 107; Lyra O'Brien 430; Paul Setford 28b; Gloria Thompson 146; Gary Smith 569b; Mary Neville 497; Pearl Guier 448b; Roger Garberg 117; L.H. Spencer 250; Diane Mennella 503; Susan Jaster 486; Seth Holloway 388; Erik Moore 82t; Scott Luscombe 195; Bobbie Goodell 510; Marcia Tucker 86; Patty Cuyler 216; Sue Hanson 49t; Francis Bliss 300; Peter Amidon 318.

Larry Gordon led song on page 208 as the closing song. Mary Alice Amidon offered a closing prayer.

Saturday, September 29

Larry Gordon called the class to order for the Saturday session by leading song on 47t. Lyra O'Brien gave the opening prayer. Leaders: Laura Timmerman 448b; Dennis O'Brien 297; Marilyn Burchett 335; Bob Parr 270; Floy Wilder 350; Charles Cofone 66; Eric Bean 163t; Chris Noren 299; Phill Wisor 107; Jackie Hall 528; Barbara Swetman 229; Ann Kazlauskas 284; Nate Green and Norma Green 310; Mary Alice Amidon 203; Mattie Townsel 68b; Lynette

Combs 178; Richard Schmeidler 254; Eugene Forbes 480; Ginnie Ely 454; Judy Holst 95; Susan Garmsen 313b; Kelsey Wessels 162; Paula McGray 573; Mary Ann Hagen 48t; Mary Ann Morrison 547; Sarah Beasley Smith 129.

RECESS

Paul Gauthier called the class back to order leading song on 34b. Leaders: Linda Shea 171; Berkley Moore 30b; LaRue Allen 302; John Redman 358; Lou Cotney 189; Lyra O'Brien 94; Paul Setford 273; Bill Holt 148.

Dan Hertzler gave the memorial lesson. He first read a list of names of 25 people known to singers, who died on September 11 at the World Trade Center and invited the class to a minute of silent prayer for all those who passed away on that day. Dan spoke of the power of music to comfort and unite those of us who are left behind. When we sing together we open ourselves to receive the gifts of singing to experience fellowship and to open the portals to the spirit. When we die, our love doesn't die; it's right here in this room. Remembered by singing song on page 319 were: Elmer Conwill, A.C. McGough - Alabama; Tera Alston - California; Susan Garber and George Nichols - Connecticut; Mary Kay Friday - Washington D.C.; Hans Reif - Florida; Mabel Dennison - Maine; Bunny Bean, Priscilla Hertzler, and Richard Hooke - Massachusetts; Ray Fitzsimons - Montreal; Joshua Rychick - New York; Franze Atherton, Joanna Sorlien, and Bob Todd - Pennsylvania; George Kanoff, Don Sunsen, Thomas Sustic, and Lee Viets - Vermont; James Jordan - Virginia; Melissa Rickerman - Texas.

Eric Bean spoke of the strength of friendship and led song on page 285t for the sick and shut-ins. Those remembered were: Elsie Beasley, Jeff Sheppard, and Shelbie Sheppard - Alabama; Bill Jordan - California; Dot Garber - Connecticut; Everette Denney, Moena Denney, Felton Denney, and Josephine Denney - Georgia; Orlela Combs - Kentucky; Harriett Bean and Henry Bean - New York; Elisabeth Bollinger - Ottawa; Kate Brinton, Arthur Brinton, and Dinah Breunig - Vermont. Chairman Larry Gordon led song on page 383.

Larry Gordon led song on page 72 (NH) as a grace for noon meal.

LUNCH

Larry Gordon called the class to order with song on page 151. Leaders: Matt Wojcik 274t; Allison Schofield 277; Diane Mennella 542; Mary Neville 163b; Ann Pierce 191; Pearl Guier 282; Roger Garberg 288; L.H. Spencer 442; Gary Smith 31t; Susan Jasper 441; Pat Gertiz 523b; Seth Holloway 354b; Erik Bellinger 276; Liz Thompson 269; Fred Emigh 306; Mona Lewondashi 131t; Scott Luscombe 481; Bobbie Goodell 228; Gloria Thompson 198; Marcia Tucker 147t; Patty Cuyler 91.

Announcements of singings were made. Next year's New England Convention will be in eastern Massachusetts on October 4-5, 2002.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Brenden Taafte leading song on page 410t. Leaders: Peter Amidon 77t; Sue Hanson 479; Kitty Kagey 108b; Bob Parr 546; Laura Timmerman 452; Matt Wojcik 38b; Barbara Swetman 35; Dennis O'Brien 417; Eugene Forbes 112; Allison Schofield 81t; Ginnie Ely 349; Kelsey Wessels 499; Paul Gauthier 448t; Larry Gordon 538.

Susan Miller-Coulter gave the closing prayer, asking that our spiritual work and bonds of love might strengthen us in days to come. The class then took the parting hand with song on page 62.

Chairman - Larry Gordon; Treasurer - Peter Amidon; Secretary - Laura Timmerman.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Niwot, Colorado

September 29-30, 2001

Saturday, September 29

The twelfth session of Rocky Mountain High Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Chairman David McPherson leading song on page 59. The morning prayer was led by Daniel Davis.

Leaders: David McPherson 71; Juliette Cunico 312b; Daniel Davis 300; Kay Sirco 143; John Schaffer and Jeanne Schaffer 66 (in memory of their son who died one year ago today); Sandy Klein 128; Brent Wilson 159; Margaret Bakker 155; Toby Tenenbaum 528; Anita Landess 46; Alfred Saussothe 276; Sharon Kermiet 48t; Allan Stavely 479; Mary Lou VanLaanen 31t; Hill Grimmett 178; Jeanette Ralston and Louise Tenenbaum 267; Elaine Cullor 45t; Pam Carson 114; Daniel Davis 294; Laura Meyers 198.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Toby Tenenbaum leading song on page 49t. Leaders: Susan Turpin 203, 89; Louise Tenenbaum 102, 299; John Schaffer 344, 350; Carol Selleck 99, 49b; Hill Grimmett 277, 497; Sophia Goss and Jeanette Ralston 468; David McPherson 383, 480; Anita Landess 81t, 297; Bart Dawkins and Alfred Saussothe 268; Sandy Klein 147t, 117.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by John Schaffer leading song on page 40. Leaders: Juliette Cunico 216, 332; Donald Klein 139, 556; Marilyn Murata 274t, 384; Deborah Johnson 504, 146; Judi Duerr 198, 107; Mary Lienn Bergstrom 424, 510; Toby Tenenbaum 38b, 84; Allan Stavely 112, 58; Pam Carson 133, 408.

RECESS

Singing resumed with David McPherson leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Mary Lou VanLaanen 217, 454; Jeanette Ralston 335, 77t; Margaret Bakker 551, 338; Kay Sirco 532, 137; Alfred Saussothe 183, 232; Elaine Cullor 122, 235b; Sharon Kermiet 474; Daniel Davis 455, 273; Carol Selleck 32t, 553; Marilyn Murata 24b, 282; Judi Duerr 63.

Following announcements, the session was dismissed with prayer led by Daniel Davis.

Sunday, September 30

The Sunday session was called to order by Co-Chair Mary Lou VanLaanen leading songs on pages 49b and 180. The morning prayer was offered by Daniel Davis.

Leaders: Donald Klein 351, 426b; Deborah Johnson 277, 143; Kay Sirco 68b, 480; Brent Wilson 186, 217; Anita Landess 324, "America" (CB); Allan Stavely 66, 106; Sharon Kermiet 189, 39t; John Schaffer 291, 174; Juliette Cunico 419, 278t.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Jeanette Ralston leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Margaret Bakker 457, 342; David McPherson 430, 569b; Toby Tenenbaum "Paonia", "Jefferson" (his own compositions); Marilyn Murata 388, 76b; Daniel Davis "Placitas", "Ojo Caliente" (his own compositions); Sandy Klein 515; Hill Grimmett 195, 236.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Hill Grimmett leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Jeanette Ralston 324, 567; Carol Selleck 98, 401; Kirk Dameron and Jeanette Ralston 122; Mary Ann Evans 137, 82t.

Deborah Johnson and Judi Duerr presented the memorial lesson. Judi Duerr read the names of the sick and shut-ins; led song on page 340; and read from the Bible with added and moving commentary. Those remembered: Carla Smith, Sandy Hill, and Sharman Wilson.

The names of the deceased were read: Georgina Catherine Johnson - Saskatchewan, Canada; Sally Snyder - Massachusetts; Byron Hunter (Sharman Wilson's father) - Utah; Paul Kermiet, Marjorie Higgins, and Samuel Higgins (Ruth Dameron's parents), Rosemary Rasmussen, Hildegard Dreisbach, Carl Mantle, and Lee Schaffer - Colorado; the son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren of Janis Falkenberg and Bill Falkenberg killed in the airplane crash at the Pentagon on September 11th. Deborah Johnson led song on page 294. The memorial lesson was closed.

The singing resumed with the following leaders: Alfred Sausstotte 208, 86; Judi Duerr 269, 323b; Elaine Cullor 312b, 348b; John Tindel 198, 127; Sandy Klein 145b, 142; Susan Turpin 475, 328.

A short business meeting was called for the purpose of hearing reports from various committees.

Leaders: Lorraine Buerger 147; Judi Duerr 441; Kay Sirco 551; Daniel Davis 209; Jeanette Ralston 95; Allan Stavely 64; Mary Ann Evans 38b; Hill Grimmett 250; Carol Selleck 68b; Donald Klein 540. The convention was closed by singing song on page 64 led by Sharon Kermiet, and the closing prayer was led by Daniel Davis.

The next Rocky Mountain High Convention will be the fourth Sunday in September and Saturday before, and will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, place to be announced at a later date.

Co-Chairs - Mary Lou VanLaanen and Sharon Kermiet; Treasurer - Alfred Sausstotte; Secretaries - John Schaffer and Jeanne Schaffer.

**MINNESOTA STATE
SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Town Hall, Murphy's Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota
September 29-30, 2001**

Saturday, September 29

The twelfth Minnesota State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held in the Town Hall at Murphy's Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota on the fifth week-end in September.

Co-Chairs Matt Wells and Darlene Dalton promptly called the convention to order by leading 147t. Charles Wells offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kit Pfau 47t; Christine Stevens 542; Stephen Parker 171; Kathy Wallace 112; Walter Graff 39b; Jim Goetz 159; Charles Wells 38b; Mirjana Lausevic 95b; John Bailey 218; Kristin Irving 370; Pierre Gingerich 497; Cindy Kisse 191; Paul Landskroener 547; Kathy Kaiser and Dale Gardner 122; Myles Alexander 34b; Jim Pfau 300; Susan Green 157.

RECESS

Paul Wyatt brought the class back by leading 37b. Leaders: Gordon Olsen 163b; Kim Bahmer 39t; Dick Levine 66 (commemorating 100 people from his New Jersey community who were killed in the attack on the World Trade Center); Carol Buche 143; Robin Fox 142; Martha Henderson 67; Roger Geroux 40; Reba

Windom 224; Denise Kania 217; Louis Hughes and Steven Schmidgall 270; Val Eng 528; Scott Schroeder 65; Jenny Willard 475; Jim Parsons 515; Midge Olsen 454; James Gingerich 455; Claudia Engelhoff 334.

RECESS

Steven Levine brought the class back to order leading song on page 29t. Leaders: James Solheim "Joyful Noise: An Anthem"; Jeanette Nelson 128; Jeffrey Bell 340; Jane Wells 228; James Page 216; Todd Mitchell and Monica Mitchell 160b; Cathy Lutz 378.

Chairman Matt Wells then called for a brief business session to elect next year's Co-Chairs, Steven Schmidgall and Cathy Lutz. A motion was also adopted setting dates for the next four conventions: in 2002 we will convene on the fifth Sunday of September and the Saturday before, September 28-29; 2003 - September 20-21; 2004 - September 25-26; 2005 - October 1-2.

Officers and committees for this year's convention: Co-Chairs - Matt Wells and Darlene Dalton; Treasurer - Walter Graff; Corresponding Secretary - Kathy Wallace; Secretary - Stephen Parker; Assistant Secretary - Denise Kania; Arranging Committee - Jim Pfau and Midge Olsen; Memorial Committee - Ted Johnson, Syble Adams, Melanie Hauff, and Joan Fritz; Resolutions Committee - Julie Vea, Cindy Kisse, and Don Clark.

Kit Pfau offered grace for the noon meal, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Kathy Wallace brought the class to order for the afternoon session leading 32t. Leaders: Keith Willard 106; Julie Vea 430; Michael Moore 101b; Eleanor Haase 269; Bill Waddington 481; Karen Clark 276; Matt Wells 137; Joan Yeatman 551; Don Clark 186; Melanie Hauff 444; Michael Shewmaker 107; Charles Obert 500; Lou Kujawinski 535; Ted Johnson 368; Syble Adams 99; Tim Eriksen 442.

RECESS

Steven Schmidgall brought the class back to order by leading 68b. Leaders: Hans Guttmann 480; Carol Crawford 74b; Paul Wyatt 182; Wendy Popp 148; Tim O'Brien 178; Richard Popp 441; Janet Crosby 49t; Alice Love 294; Steven Levine 49b; Lisa Grayson 192; Darlene Dalton 489; Louis Hughes 76b; Reba Windom 196; Mirjana Lausevic 274t.

Co-Chairs Matt Wells and Darlene Dalton led 45t as the closing song, and Louis Hughes dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, September 30

Co-Chairs Matt Wells and Darlene Dalton called the convention to order leading 47t. Don Clark offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Steven Schmidgall 333; Cathy Lutz 106; Midge Olsen 171; Paul Wyatt 176; Eleanor Haase 352; Scott Schroeder 313b; Penny Kujawinski 448t; Michael Moore 85; Mary Rose O'Reilly 500; Michael Shewmaker 86; Jim Parsons 385b; Melanie Hauff 317; Tim Eriksen 229; Karen Clark 421; Charles Obert 163t; Julie Vea 419.

RECESS

Lisa Grayson brought the class back leading 335. Leaders: Kathy Wallace 107; Lou Kujawinski 63; Carol Crawford 330t; Don Clark 209; Kristin Irving 56b; Richard Popp 436; Cindy Kisse 186; Ted Johnson 48b; Mirjana Lausevic 270; Charles Wells 231; Carol Buche 84; Keith Willard 29t; Kathy Kaiser 504; Bill Waddington 31t; Denise Kania 474.

RECESS

Charles Obert brought the class back by leading song on page 52t. Leaders: Alice Love 344; Jeff Bell 453; Dick Levine 492.

Ted Johnson, Joan Fritz, and Syble Adams presented the memorial lesson. Syble Adams spoke of hope that the privilege of this company and this singing never being taken for granted so that these precious memories nurture us in the times when we must endure illness. Syble Adams read the names of the sick and shut-ins and led song on page 68b for: Beau Caldwell - Arkansas; Mary Brown and Sara Curry - California; Donnie McGraw, Opal Wooten, and Jean Bradshaw - Georgia; Randy Hiller and Stephanie Rubin - Illinois; Lewis Brown - Iowa; Barbara Herr - Minnesota; Philip Page, Jr. - New Jersey; Ev Yoder - New Mexico; Bob Scorgie and Lilia Springer - Wisconsin.

Joan Fritz read the names of the deceased: Eula Johnson, Woodie Walker, and J. B. Blackmon - Alabama; Sally Murphy - California; Vedic Touchstone - Georgia; Jerilyn Schumacher and Larry Horberg - Illinois; C. Gene Munce - Idaho; George Stevens - Iowa; Judith Ann Caruthers - Louisiana; Richard Hooke - Massachusetts; Eleanor Strait, Brad Johnson, Tom Meyers, and Liz - Minnesota; Ward Carhart - Nebraska; Gabriel Spector - New Jersey; Steve Adams - New York; and Buddy Nelson - Wisconsin. Melanie Hauff led 83t for all victims of September 11, 2001.

Ted Johnson spoke about the role of singing and the arts in recovering from the trauma of the terrorist attacks. He described reading on the fasola list-serve some concerns from people in New York who weren't sure they could carry out a local singing on September 17th, but people drove in from all over the Northeast to keep the singing. Ted Johnson then led song on page 547 for all the deceased and asked for a prayer from Louis Hughes.

Syble Adams and Darlene Dalton led "My Country Tis of Thee" and "God Bless America." The memorial was closed.

Todd Mitchell offered grace for the noon meal, and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Midge Olsen brought the class back for the afternoon session leading song on page 36b. Leaders: Wendy Popp 236; Gordon Olsen 277; Walter Graff 297; Martha Henderson 428; Hans Guttman and Jeanette Nelson 267; Stephen Parker 82t; Kim Bahmer 178; Kit Pfau 306; Val Eng 312b; Jenny Willard 318; John Bailey 532; Darlene Dalton 488b (CB).

A raffle was held again this year for a crocheted afghan made by Ms. Eloise Jerome, and was won by Michael Shewmaker.

RECESS

Denise Kania brought the class back leading song on page 128. Leaders: Jim Crawford 522; James Page 505; Jenny Sterne 353; Claudia Egelhoff 556; Louis Hughes and Anne Marie Alden 565; Jan Ketelle 384; Reba Windom 216; Lisa Grayson 222; Syble Adams 203; Julie Veal 208; Steven Levine 350; Matt Wells 503; Jenny Willard, Keith Willard, and Mary Munce 145b; Robin Fox and Mary Rose O'Reilly; Emily and Dana 362; Kit Pfau and Jim Pfau 77t; Steven Schmidgall and Cathy Lutz 473.

The class then attended to final business.

The Treasurer gave his report: we made our budget. (Subsequent recalculations reveal that we fell a little short, but we have since made up the difference.)

Julie Veal, Cindy Kisse and Don Clark, Resolutions Committee, gave the following report. We give thanks to:

- 1) Everyone who came, and all who supported the convention in any way with their time, efforts, and contributions.
- 2) The officers and resolved that, "This convention is an example of a tradition that stays the same and a movement that evolves, changing to

make it more and greater. The Minnesota Convention brings this evolution to new heights.”

3) The arranging committee for, “managing the flow of leaders with judicial elegance.”

4) All committees, and those who made this convention a success.

Recording Secretary Stephen Parker reported that we had 162 leaders, 84 on Saturday and 78 on Sunday.

Upcoming singings were announced. The class took the roll of states and countries in attendance. There were singers from 15 states and 1 from Ottawa, Canada. Those states represented were: Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, and Wisconsin.

Co-Chairs Matt Wells and Darlene Dalton led song on page 347 as singers took the parting hand. Paul Wyatt offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

For next year’s schedule: the Minnesota Convention will be the fifth Sunday of September and the Saturday before, Sept. 28-29, 2002. The Saturday session will be held at a location to be announced and the Sunday session at Murphy’s Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota.

Co-Chairs: Matt Wells and Darlene Dalton; Secretary - Stephen Parker.

**SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP
SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)
Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church, Austin, Texas
September 29-30, 2001**

Saturday, September 29

The fall session of the one-hundredth year of the Southwest Texas Convention met at Littlevine Primitive Baptist Church in Austin, Texas beginning on Saturday, September 28th. Chairman Mike Moseley called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. with songs on pages 76 and 484. After greetings and announcements, Tom Owen offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Reed Coates 143; Secretary Pat Blundell 100; Billy Huckaby 47b; Beverly Coates 47t; Leon Ballinger 137; Al Rogers 63; Sarah Coates 416; Zachary Richards 45t; B.E. Matthews 563; Nancy Yeager 508; Gaylon Powell 268t; Edith Owen 442t; Troxel Ballou 299; Charles Whitmer 218; Tom Owen 411; George Jones 336b; Cheryl Foreman 410.

RECESS

Vice Chairman Reed Coates brought the class to order leading song on page 51.

Leaders: Katie Moseley 99; Kevin Powell 200; Cissy Moseley 573; Ryan Ross 216; Amanda Owen 300; Mike Hinton 146; Martha Aiken 450; Morris Nelms 68t; Olivia Powell and Paula Richards 274t; Jeb Owen 384; Frank Price 571; Mary Bachmann 507b; Robert Vaughn 544; Bruce Coates 264b; Liz Owen 203; Mark Richards 142; Owen Howard and Seth Howard 484b, 133; David Yeager 494; Laura Russell 393; Rick Russell 425b; David Polacheck 324. Prayer was offered by Elder Mark Richards.

LUNCH

Chairman Mike Moseley called the class back together with 139. Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 497; Kevin Powell 240; Joanie Porter 505; John Gardenour 488b; Liz Owen 98; Zachary Richards 72; Mike Hinton 343; Joyce Gardenour 268t; Seth Howard 168; Nancy Yeager 335; Morris Nelms 49t; Sarah Coates 186; Charles

Whitmer 575; Cissy Moseley 567; Jeb Owen 470; Laura Russell 383; Owen Howard 58; Katie Moseley 183; Leon Ballinger 332.

RECESS

Vice Chairman Reed Coates brought the class to order leading 77t. Leaders: Amanda Owen 155; Billy Huckaby 559; Beverly Coates 543; Joseph Stang 73t; David Yeager and Melba Forsberg 38; Al Rogers 500; Rick Russell 276; Olivia Powell 235; David Polacheck 38b; Edith Owen 511t; Ryan Ross 224; Gail Stang 239; Tom Owen 244; Robert Vaughn 533b; Troxel Ballou 427; B.E. Matthews 414; Mary Bachmann 78; Gaylon Powell 434; Curtis Owen 400; Bruce Coates 225t.

The Saturday session was dismissed with prayer led by Bruce Coates.

Sunday, September 30

Chairman Mike Moseley opened the day of singing with songs on 131b and 30b. Curtis Owen offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Reed Coates 217; Secretary Pat Blundell 164; Ryan Ross 196; Olivia Powell 450; Al Rogers 54t; Amanda Owen 99; John Baker 110; Mary Bachmann 43; Owen Howard 283t; Nancy Yeager 508; Morris Nelms 395b; Katie Moseley 543; Rick Russell 280; Liz Owen 84; Seth Howard 79; Laura Russell 428; David Yeager 494; Beverly Coates 572; Leon Ballinger 358; Cheryl Foreman 381t.

RECESS

Vice Chairman Reed Coates called the class back together with 75. Leaders: Cassandra Baker 159; Robert Vaughn 239; Sarah Coates 421; Gaylon Powell 53; Cissy Moseley 143; Curtis Owen 558; Kevin Powell 132; Edith Owen 293b; B.E. Matthews 230; Billy Huckaby 406; Liz Owen 444t; Jeb Owen 522; George Jones 513t; Tom Owen 138t; David Moseley 424; Laura Russell 42; Rick Russell 48t; David Yeager 47t; Nancy Yeager 422b; Seth Howard 388, 282.

Memorial Service: Tom Owen read the following names of singers and supporters of Sacred Harp music that have passed away: Alcie Craig, Mildred Edmonds, Annie Mae Smith, Lorene Hutchinson, Bill Handley, Lanelle Handley, Erma Holmes, Nobie Smith, and Ruby Meek.

Tom Owen used "Mothers of Sacred Harp" as his theme for the memorial and led song on page 403 for the deceased.

Reed Coates read the list of sick and shut-ins and led song on page 129 for: Verna Powell, Myra Palmer, Lawson Smith, Junior Smith, Myrl Jones, W.M. "Pete" Baker, Frances Daniels, Ophelia Matthews, and Viola Jones - Texas; Kim Watkins - Alabama.

Gaylon Powell brought to our attention that it had been 19 days since America was attacked by terrorists in New York City and Washington, D.C., and then led song on page 484 in memory of those who died September 11. Robert Vaughn closed the memorial service with prayer. George Jones offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Chairman Mike Moseley called the class back together with 442. Leaders: Al Rogers 449; Katie Moseley 47b; Kevin Powell 486; James Moseley 32t; Jeb Owen 182; Cassandra Baker 323b; Morris Nelms 365; Tom Owen 306; Billy Huckaby 290; Amanda Owen 189; Ryan Ross 198; Bruce Coates 31t; Robert Vaughn 538; Beverly Coates 270; John Baker 98; Sarah Coates 112; Leon Ballinger 192; B.E. Matthews 405; Edith Owen 515; Gaylon Powell 91; Liz Owen 288; Curtis Owen 149; George Jones 285t; Seth Howard 166b; Nancy Yeager 489; Owen Howard 77t; Seth Howard and Owen Howard 133; David Yeager 122; Olivia Powell

511b; Jeb Owen 377t; Katie Moseley 222; Billy Huckaby 400; Amanda Owen 404; Ryan Ross 559; Sarah Coates 478.

Chairman Mike Moseley gave thanks to Littlevine Church for hosting the singing. Chairman Mike Moseley and Vice Chairman Reed Coates led song on page 377b as the closing song. Leon Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer. The following states were represented: California, Georgia, Indiana, North Carolina, and Texas.

Chairman - Mike Moseley; Vice Chairman - Reed Coates; Secretary - Pat Baker Blundell.

UNION MUSICAL CONVENTION **Sweetwater Memorial Chapel, Lilburn, Georgia** **September 29-30, 2001**

Saturday, September 29

The one hundred thirty-third session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Chairman John Plunkett leading song on page 171. Jesse Roberts offered the morning prayer. John Plunkett led song on page 31t.

The introductory lesson was conducted by Kenneth DeLong who led the following songs: 59, 303, 97, 87, 275b, 203, 319, 541, 422, and 316.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Scott DePoy 47b, 179; Secretary Helen Bryson 456; Helen Bryson and Diane Hodgnett 49b; Judy Mincey 410t, 50b; Jeannette DePoy 217, 216; Jesse Roberts 242, 34t.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class back to order leading song on page 52t. Richard DeLong led songs on pages 36t and 61.

On orderly motion, the convention entered into a business session. The following officers were elected or appointed: Chairman - Scott DePoy; Vice Chairman - Jessica Roberts; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson; Chaplain - Jesse Roberts; Memorial Committee - Ted Mercer and Rodney Ivey; Finance Committee - Doug Allison and Andy Anderson; Arranging Committee - Jeannette DePoy; Resolutions Committee - John Plunkett and Judy Mincey.

Leaders: Lela Crowder 270, 278b; Ted Mercer 92, 181; Susan Roberts and Micah Roberts 155, 37b; Eric Tweedy 148, 200; Margie Dietz 47t, 268; Andy Anderson 276, 28t; Laurie Allison and Emma Allison 335; Loy Garrison 74t, 75; Shelbie Sheppard 332, 499; Charles Woods 271t, 411; Rodney Ivey 142, 384; Henry Johnson 231, 418; Doug Allison 77t, 71; Jeff Sheppard 347, 322.

LUNCH

Scott DePoy called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 235.

Leaders: Jessica Roberts 479, 91; Alice West 207, 448b; Eric Tweedy 442; Helen Bryson 196; Jesse Roberts 186; Shelbie Sheppard 110; Ted Mercer 192; Margie Dietz 46; Henry Johnson 570; Lela Crowder 282; Richard DeLong 374; Judy Mincey 497; Rodney Ivey 277; Loy Garrison 503; Jeff Sheppard 464; Doug Allison 278t; Andy Anderson 120; Charles Woods 149; Susan Roberts 40; Alice West 294; Laura Akerman 454.

Helen Bryson gave a short history of the Sweetwater Memorial Chapel. Announcements were made. Scott DePoy led song on page 36b as the closing song. Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, September 30

The day of singing began with Chairman Scott DePoy leading songs on pages 101t and 421. Jeff Sheppard offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jessica Roberts 37b, 148, 99; Jeannette DePoy 39b, 44, 436; Cathy White 63, 34b, 84; Andy Anderson 38b, 39t; Lela Crowder 56b, 112, 430; Junie Wooten 503, 492; Teenie Moody 171, 187; John Plunkett 271b, 53, 435.

RECESS

Jessica Roberts called the class to order by leading song on page 542. Leaders: Lee Rogers 147b, 540, 350; John Hollingsworth 138t, 176t; Mary Florence Smith 271t, 441, 57; Bob Goodman 66, 68b, 155; Laura Akerman 532, 434.

RECESS

Scott DePoy called the class to order leading song on page 201. Leaders: Helen Bryson 163t, 300, 522; Joel Jenkins 82t, 59; Susan Roberts 146, 339.

Ted Mercer conducted the memorial lesson. The following deceased singers were remembered: Herman Thomason, Uncle Jack Corley, Mary Lou Cagle, Doris Sills, and J.B. Parker - Georgia; Jerilyn Schumacher - Illinois; Eula Johnson and Roie Alexander - Alabama. Richard DeLong led songs on pages 123b and 348b for the deceased.

The sick and shut-ins remembered were: Helen Plunkett, Robert DePoy, Barbara DePoy, June Smith, Mozelle Sheppard, and Don Bowen - Georgia; Roy Nelson family, Alice Edwards, Joyce Walton, Jap Walton, Marie Ivey, and Polly Moore - Alabama. Rodney Ivey led songs on pages 275b and 138b for the sick and shut-ins. Jesse Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Scott DePoy began the afternoon of singing leading song on page 48t. Leaders: Jackson Harcrow 354b, 153; Shelbie Sheppard 242, 263 (by request); Ted Mercer 280, 345b; Susan Harcrow 113, 142; Jesse Roberts 291, 365; Henry Johnson 566, 535; Jeff Sheppard 362, 538; Dan Huger 501b, 474; Rodney Ivey 172, 564; Richard DeLong 567.

RECESS

Jessica Roberts called the class to order leading song on page 128. Leaders: Sarah Harcrow 168, 340; Kenneth DeLong 301; Frances Mary D'Andrea 547, 182; Faye Holbrook and son, Wayne Pettis 343b (for Violet Thomason), 45t; Judy Mincey 367, 510; Alice West 496, 540.

The business session was continued for the purpose of hearing committee reports. The Locating Committee reported that next year's convention will be held at Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church.

Resolutions Committee - The 133rd meeting of the Union Musical Convention hereby offers the following: We resolve to offer thanks to Almighty God for all blessings bestowed upon us:

- 1) For this country in which we can freely meet and sing these songs, both old and new;
- 2) For the songs and the writers, past and present, stirring us to live more fully;
- 3) For the fellowship of kindred hearts and minds.

We offer our gratitude to Sweetwater Memorial Chapel, and those who maintain it, for allowing us to come and sing in this historic place.

We offer our thanks to all the convention officers whose work, though perhaps not seen, is not unnoticed.

We praise all the cooks and thank them for the bounty they prepared each day.

We resolve to continue to "walk in the old paths," seeking to establish that "New Jerusalem" in our hearts and in the world.

Submitted this day, the 30th of September 2001. Resolutions Committee - Judy Mincey and John Plunkett.

On orderly motion by Richard DeLong, it was moved and carried that the Young People's Convention would be held jointly with the Union Musical Convention on Saturday of next year's convention, and the years following when the convention falls on the same weekend.

Finance Report - Balance brought forward \$3,640.90. Expenses of the convention totaled \$270.10; collection for both days totaled \$242.50. Balance on hand - \$3,613.30. The business session was closed.

Announcements were made. Scott DePoy led song on page 192 as the closing song. Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Scott DePoy; Vice Chairman - Jessica Roberts; Secretary/Treasurer - Helen Bryson.

MOON AND GUTHRIE MEMORIAL SINGING **Liberty Church (McCormack), Jefferson County, Alabama** **September 30, 2001**

The twentieth session of the Moon and Guthrie Memorial Singing was called to order by Velton Chafin leading song on page 32t. Lavaughn Ballinger offered the opening prayer.

Officers were the same as the previous year: Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Arranging Committee - Brenda Merritt; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 30t; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 225t, 569b; Wilton Donaldson 317, 285t; Travis Keeton 460, 42; Willodean Barton 101t, 145t; Milton Oliver 318, 314; Vernice Phillips 40, 112; Ivalene Donaldson 288, 335; Glenn Keeton 474, 497; Earl Ballinger 270, 276; Kenneth Tate 145b, 354.
RECESS

Elvin Guthrie called the class back to order leading songs on pages 391 and 523. Leaders: Clarence McCool 475, 349; Janet Shipp 358, 408; Larry Ballinger 425, 90; Willie Mae Moon 441, 568; Philip Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore 445, 348b; Ann Jett 43, 339; Marie Guthrie 397, 411; Linton Ballinger 217, 208; Cassie Franklin 298, 299; John Hocutt 114; A.A. Malone 203, 183; Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore 275b, 73t; Julie Poston 138, 396; Ellis Shipp 108t; Lisa Geist 155, 110.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 35.

Leaders: David Roberson 222, 196; Lavaughn Ballinger 401, 84; Eldagene Roberson 175 (in memory of Harlie Guthrie), 306 (in memory of Vivalene Moon); Henry Guthrie 558, 240; Gravis Ballinger 300, 99; Edis Guthrie 100, 490; Ozella Blackmon 139; Harrison Creel 498, 530; John Merritt 502, 124; Amber Springfield 142; Edith Tate 47t; Philip Gilmore 270; Billy Williams 96, 450; John Hyde 566; Lisa Geist 532; Brenda Merritt 499.

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led song on page 46 as the closing song, and Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman - Elvin Guthrie; Secretary - Eldagene Roberson.

ATHENS BICENTENNIAL OLD HARP SINGING
Sandy Creek Park, Athens, Georgia
Saturday, October 6, 2001

The Athens Bicentennial Old Harp Singing was held in conjunction with the Northeast Georgia Folk Festival at the Visitors Center of Sandy Creek Park in Athens, Georgia.

Lee Rogers opened the first portion of the singing from the Social Harp with songs on pages 114 and 86. Hugh McGraw gave a synopsis of the tradition and history.

All selections in the first session are from the "Social Harp."

Leaders: John Plunkett 169, 60; Judy Mincey 191, 19t; John Garst 35, 37; Don Bowen 53, 87; Andy Anderson 118t, 190b; Amanda Denson 56, 57; Bob Goodman 90, 79b.

RECESS

The class resumed with singing from "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition."

Leaders: Lee Rogers and Phil Brunyan 155, 192; John Plunkett 452, 225t; Judy Mincey 410t, 50b; Liz Bryant 49b, 270; Mandy Brady 276, 40; Wesley Haley 34b, 63; Laura Akerman 111b, 149; Charlene Wallace 99, 441; John Garst 274t, 159; Tim Haley 117, 282; Amanda Denson 189, 365.

LUNCH

The class sang from the book of the leader's choice for the afternoon session. Songs from the Social Harp are marked.

Leaders: Lee Rogers 32 (ScH), 34 (ScH); Hugh McGraw 228 (ScH); Andy Anderson 479, 39t; Carlene Griffin 146, 448b; Judy Mincey 448t, 480; Bob Goodman 66, 36b; Don Bowen 39b, 48t; John Plunkett 159 (ScH); Laura Akerman 200 (ScH); Liz Bryant 122; Sylvia McLaurin and Ann McLaurin 503; Liz Bryant and Jenna Collins 145t; Tim Haley 384.

Lee Rogers, John Plunkett, and Judy Mincey closed the singing with 56t. Hugh McGraw dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Lee Rogers; Secretary - Judy Mincey.

LOUISIANA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Saturday, October 6, 2001

Jim Fields opened with a brief singing school, and led song on page 29t. Bill Hogan gave the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jim Fields 61; Nancy Van Den Akker 145b, 318; Wanda Gregg 63, 49t; Virginia Fields 45t, 127; Bill Hogan 171, 300; Jeff Corbett 354b, 128; Jim Fields and Jane Corbett 72b, 78t; Nancy Van Den Akker 496, 81t; Wanda Gregg 146, 147t; Virginia Fields 59, 159; Bill Hogan 503, 475; Jeff Corbett 133, 48t. Jeff Corbett led prayer, and the class dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Jim Fields called the class back with song on page 85.

A memorial lesson was held. Bill Hogan led song on page 480 for the deceased: Susan Fitch and Jim Brock - Louisiana; Gladys Harden, Eula Johnson, and Tommye Denson Mauldin - Alabama. Jim Fields led 155 for the sick and shut-ins: Donnie McGraw and Delorese Lee - Georgia; Bill Green - Alabama; the father of Ester Mann - Mississippi.

The singing continued with the following leaders: Nancy Van Den Akker 297, 515; Wanda Gregg 40, 28b; Virginia Fields 452, 58; Bill Hogan 387, 182; Jim

Fields 183, 323b; Nancy Van Den Akker 376, 212; Wanda Gregg 176t, 235; Virginia Fields 445b, 176b; Bill Hogan 348b, 288.

There was a brief discussion about moving the singing, since Jim and Virginia Fields are moving to Arkansas and the remaining officers are from New Orleans. Wanda Gregg agreed to approach the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary about holding it there. Jim Fields closed the singing leading song on page 339, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Jim Fields; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

SANTA BARBARA REGIONAL SINGING

Montecito, California

Saturday, October 6, 2001

The sixth session of the Regional Sacred Harp Singing in Santa Barbara was held on the first Saturday in October. Once again we sang in the Wallin Studios high in the hills above Montecito.

Tom Ostwald called the class to order leading song on page 126. Leaders: Carroll Lunsford 403; Jean Olsen 46; Erika Smith 47b; Norma Ruptier 148; Victoria Ostwald 504; Jerry Schreiber 324, 474; Carla Smith 287, 473; Larry Armstrong 66, 347; Ron Huss 461, 454.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Anne Friend leading songs on pages 242 and 532. Leaders: Rick Russell 212, 349; Laura Boyd Russell 416 (CB), 398 (CB); Mary Lou Bergstom 365, 323t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Tom Ostwald leading song on page 128.

Victoria Ostwald conducted the memorial lesson, read the memorial list, and led song on page 160t for the deceased. Those remembered: Jane Bingham - North Carolina; Armin Bauer; victims of September 11.

The sick and shut-ins remembered, included: Pat Keating, Anitra Gendreau, Catherine Callahan, and Wendy Hartloff. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Jerry Schreiber 122, 528; Janice Hecksel 515, 95; Marion Block 72, 235; Carroll Lunsford 282; Jean Olsen and Nance Snyder 163b, 421; Al Gentile 398; Chloe Webb 146; Bettine Wallin 268; Tom Ostwald 269, 117; Erika Smith 198.

RECESS

Tom Ostwald called the class to order leading song on page 333. Leaders: Karen Huss 236; Ron Huss 534; Larry Armstrong 40; Laura Boyd Russell 384; Carla Smith 153; Victoria Ostwald 260; Bettine Wallin 318; Ron Huss 217; Anne Friend 99.

Janice Hechsel led song on 551 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed. Chairman - Tom Ostwald.

TOM HARPER MEMORIAL

Old Sardis Church, Near Lynn, Alabama (County Road 17)

October 7, 2001

The forty-third session of the Sacred Harp singing at Old Sardis Church was held on the first Sunday in October. The singing is now a memorial for Tom Harper.

The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 131b.

Homer Miles offered the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day by retaining the following officers: Chairman - Steve Miles; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee - John Hyde; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 129; Willodean Barton 460, 480; Clarence McCool 101t, 225t; Wilton Donaldson 30t, 317; A.A. Malone 112, 110; Doyce Bailey 143, 147t; Ivalene Donaldson 39b, 146; Winell Sanders 569b; Faye Donaldson 78, 430; Lisa Geist 47t, 546; Lavaughn Ballinger 63, 45t.

RECESS

Steve Miles called the class back to order leading songs on pages 46 and 36b.

Leaders: Ken Tate 37b, 75; Ida Lee Starnes 111b, 448b; Betty Baccus 392, 396; Amanda Miles 385b; Lena Keeton 72b, 73t; Larry Ballinger 73b, 49t; Julie Poston 274t, 421; Joyce Hubbert 378t, 273; Josie Hyde 477; Allen Barnett 59; John Hyde 61, 170; Daniel Miles, Amanda Miles, and Christal Grober sang a special "Jesus I Need You."

LUNCH

Steven Miles brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 128.

Leaders: Willodean Barton 418; Faye Donaldson 270; Travis Keeton 161; Kermit Adams 99, 455; Lavaughn Ballinger 84; Clarence McCool 290; Wilton Donaldson 565; Doyce Bailey 100; Ivalene Donaldson 343; Betty Baccus 145b; Lena Keeton 88t; Ida Lee Starnes 31b; Julie Poston 166; Lisa Geist 410t; Ken Tate 354, 470 (in memory of Tom Harper); Larry Ballinger 109; Homer Miles and Steve Miles 373, 454, 143 (for Magel Miles and Mrs. Barton); Homer Miles, Steve Miles, Amanda Miles, and Christal Grober 358 (accompanied by Daniel Miles playing the piano); Joyce Hubbert 155, 426t; Josie Hyde 43; Allen Barnett 127; Travis Keeton 111t (by request of Alpha Mobley); A.A. Malone 448t; Janette Tidwell 234; John Hyde 566; Steve Miles 335 (for Allen Barnett's mother-in-law); Steve Miles, Daniel Miles, Amanda Miles, and Christal Grober 68b.

Steven Miles led song on page 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Junior Matthews.

Chairman - Steve Miles; Vice Chairman - Travis Keeton; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

**ALEXANDER, HULLETT, LOWE, BROTHERS,
HYATT, AND PUTMAN MEMORIAL
Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama
October 7, 2001**

The thirty-fifth annual session of the singing held as a memorial for Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander, Jimmy Hullett, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Alexander, Alvin Alexander, Arville Hyatt, J.B. Lowe, Alton Lowe, and Rev. James Putman was held on the first Sunday in October at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Oneonta, Alabama.

The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Terry Hullett leading song on page 59. Elder Philip Gilmore led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 145t, 166; Philip Gilmore 72b, 31t; Jewel Wootten 145b, 31b; Doug Conn 67, 144; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; Milton Oliver 403; Dennis George 277, 224; Leola Smith 389, 318; Jackie Tanner 37b, 101t; Edith Tate 35, 146; Bill Beverly 300, 86; Rodney Ivey 81t, 426b.

RECESS

Philip Gilmore brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 32t and 441 (in memory of his father-in-law, Roie Alexander). Leaders: Flarce Creel 475, 297; Nate Green and Norma Green 348b, 270; Benny Green 551, 196; Eloise

Wootten 299, 276; Henry Johnson 515, 341; Samuel Sommers 512, 422; Jarrod George 358, 127; Harrison Creel 378b, 111b; Glenn Keeton 317 (in memory of Roie Alexander), 178; David Light 192, 110; Donna Wotten 74b, 56t; Beecher Yancey 48t, 30t; Amber Springfield 391, 436; Chita Blakeley 383; Chita Blakeley and Linda Thomas 421; Marlon Wootten 83t, 448b; Hal Kunkel 129, 298.

LUNCH

Terry Hullett brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 47t. Leaders: Chris Green 99, 120; Carmon Brothers 75, 112; Shane Wootten 448t, 171; Elene Stovall 283, 327; Bud Oliver 418, 345t; Randall Smith 384; Cassie Franklin 406, 198; Herby Bailey 489, 523; Linda Thomas and Bud Oliver "My Country 'Tis Of Thee"; Lydia Baswell, Ovada Carr, and Vella Dailey 40, 34t, 452; Susan Harcrow 113, 347; Butch White 39t, 39b; Jackson Harcrow 63, 354b; Cindy Tanner 157, 336; Revis Murphree 203, 335; Elder Ricky Harcrow 517 (WB), 486t (WB); Susan Hackworth, Doyle Alexander, and Philip Gilmore 68b, 45t.

Terry Hullett, Doyle Alexander, and Philip Gilmore led song on page 445 as the closing song. Elder Ricky Harcrow dismissed the class with prayer.

Co-Chairmen - Terry Hullett, Richard Hullett, Doyle Alexander, and Philip Gilmore; Secretaries - Jewel Wootten and Paula Gilmore.

YELLOW SPRINGS SEMI-ANNUAL SINGING **Friends Meeting House, Yellow Springs, Ohio** **Saturday, October 13, 2001**

The twenty-third semi-annual Yellow Springs singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Eloise Clark leading song on page 147.

The following officers were appointed: Chairman - Eloise Clark; Secretary - Eric Conrad; Treasurer - Linda Coppock; Arranging Committee - John Bealle.

Leaders: Fred Todt 107, 34b; Eric Conrad 201, 378b; Linda Coppock 299, 542; Will Reiley 569, 569b; Sally Smith 159, 63; Greg Howard 47b, 48b; Christine Cox 515, 163b; Jim Coppock 71, 317; Sylvia Niedner 105, 40; David Rust 313b, 183; Lois Hurt 81, 81b; Jo Schultz 300, 198.

RECESS

Eloise Clark called the class back to order leading song on page 84. Leaders: John Bealle 217, 436; Marlen Rust 52, 29; James Cochran 185, 117; Henry Schuman 32; Debbie Hall 474, 532; Chandler York 547, 448b; John Bayer 53, 128; Aaron Kahn 209, 168; Kori Martodam 268, 277.

Eloise Clark led song on page 49, and then led the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Eloise Clark called the class back to order leading song on page 47. Leaders: Laura Weber 31; Olga Feider 86, 503; Pauline Childers 269, 498; Fred Todt 216, 480; David Rust 466, 151; Henry Schuman 318; Will Reiley 45, 143; Jo Schultz 36b, 282; Chandler York 270, 383; Lois Hurt 178, 551.

RECESS

Eloise Clark called the class back to order leading song on page 133. Leaders: Barbara Bowers 348, 504; Debbie Hall 335, 189; Aaron Kahn 284, 470; Sally Smith and Kara Jokelahall 299; Greg Howard 68b, 388; Eric Conrad 32b, 236; James Cochran 38t, 38b; Kori Martodam 28, 200; Christine Cox 491, 497.

After announcements, Eloise Clark led the class in prayer. The class was dismissed with song on page 347.

Chairman - Eloise Clark; Secretary - Eric Conrad.

TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION
Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Near Five Points,
Tennessee
October 13-14, 2001

Saturday Evening, October 13

The "Sacred Harp, 1992 Cooper Revision" was used for the Saturday evening singing.

The seventh annual session of the Tennessee State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Tim Reynolds leading song on page 88. Gary Smith offered the evening prayer.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 293b; Clayton Ezell 300, 119; Gordon Wilkinson 112, 117; Gary Smith 461, 81; Elvin Guthrie 172, 200; Henry Cobb 63, 72; Eldagene Roberson 142, 222; Shelley Capps 505, 54t; Bud Oliver 330, 83t; Debbie Sides 159, 508.

RECESS

Max Berueffy brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 511t and 511b. Leaders: Judy Caudle 140, 543b; Elene Stovall 559, 572; Milton Oliver 410; Wanda Capps 355, 225t; David Roberson 100, 101t; Marie Guthrie 135, 404; Linda Thomas 515, 484; Sarah Smith 288, 129; Sandie Scott 408, 137; John Sides 451, 348t; Paige Hunter 128, 358,

Tim Reynolds led song on page 152 as the closing song, and Gordon Wilkinson closed the session with prayer.

Sunday, October 14

The Sunday singing was from "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition."

Tim Reynolds called the convention to order by leading song on page 59. Linton Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 73b; Clayton Ezell 124, 225t; Gordon Wilkinson 34b, 141; Sarah Smith 159, 108; Henry Cobb 268, 28b; Sandie Scott 475, 137; Elvin Guthrie 234, 398; Gary Smith 565, 31t; Velton Chafin 30t, 35.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class back to order by leading song on page 82t.

Leaders: Clay Mattox 124; David Roberson 126, 340; Val Dunagan 63, 171; Ray Turrentine 569b, 146; Eldagene Roberson 215, 81t; Bud Oliver 145b, 39t; Beth Odell 187, 560; Dick Dunagan 284, 74b; Linda Thomas 120.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class to order by leading song on page 178. Leaders: Lavaughn Ballinger 401, 89; Ivalene Donaldson 129; Linton Ballinger 217, 460; Lisa Geist 542, 272; Gravis Ballinger 78, 300; Wilton Donaldson 285t, 503.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 168.

Leaders: Max Berueffy 278b, 41; Michael Stalcup and Milton Oliver 206, 208; Marie Guthrie 220, 280; Larry Ballinger 282; Wanda Capps 299, 430; Earl Ballinger 80b, 203; Judy Caudle 193, 76, 358 (by request for Thelma Ezell); Anita Shadix and Emily Shadix 100, 235.

The memorial lesson was held by Sarah Smith and Gordon Wilkinson. Sarah Smith remembered the deceased and led song on page 61 in their memory.

Gordon Wilkinson remembered the sick and shut-ins, and led song on page 180 in the their honor.

Leaders: Lucy Heidorn 200; Elene Stovall 198; Elene Stovall and Linda Thomas 192; Debbie Sides 147b; Emily Shadix 45t; Linda Johnson 222, 189; Margie

Norwood 405, 452; Clayton Ezell and Mina Bell Gillespie 182, 294; Lawrence Blankers 551.

Announcements were made. Tim Reynolds led song on page 107 as the closing song, and Gary Smith dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman - Gordon Wilkinson; Secretary - Sandie Scott.

WALKER CATES AND HERBERT BROWN MEMORIAL Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama October 14, 2001

The annual Walker Cates and Herbert Brown Memorial was held at Muscadine Methodist Church on the second Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 37b. Felton Denney offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 82t; B.M. Smith 101t, 28b; Shelbie Sheppard 186 (in memory of June Smith), 242 (by request); Margie Smith 512, 503.

The class organized, voting to retain the same officers: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith and Pearl Guier.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 61; Bobby Jackson 568, 569b; Carlene Griffin 70t, 155; Pearl Guier 40, 45t; Everette Denney 274t, 274b; Jeannette DePoy 216 (in memory of Karen House), 34t; Leola Smith 285t (in memory of her sister, Lois Green, and her aunt, Martha Ann George); Felton Denney 385b, 387; Lela Crowder 445, 383; Judith Green 384, 117.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with B.M. Smith leading song on page 318. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 222, 389; Daphene Causey 172, 327; Reba Windom 192, 217; Mark Brown 142, 137; Charlene Wallace 349, 428 (in memory of Preston and Louella Warren); Judy Mincey 510 (in memory of Jack Smith), 475 (in memory of Virgil and Ruby Phillips); Richard DeLong 513 (in memory of his grandmother, Dollie Hudgins, and his aunt, Eva Reeves), 202 (in memory of Walker and Lessie Cates).

LUNCH

Jeff Sheppard brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 152 and 460. Leaders: Henry Johnson 535, 69t; Eunice Webb 284, 480; Ted Mercer 346, 436 (in memory of Jerilyn Schumacher); Rene Greene 273, 220; John Plunkett 487, 486; Glenda Collins 354b, 410t; Scott DePoy 276, 201; Mary Florence Smith 403 (in memory of the terrorist victims), 347 (in memory of Allene Stanford); Jimmie Denney 135, 145b; Pam Nunn 528 (in memory of Barbara Finley), 269 (in memory of Lessie Cates); David Yeager 39t, 47t; Reba Norton 334, 200; Oscar McGuire 283, 573; Teenie Moody 317 (in memory of M.F. McWhorter), 98 (in memory of John McWhorter); Louis Hughes 83t, 270; Lou Cotney 300, 497; B.J. Harris 303, 225t; Evelyn Harris 87, 452; Hester Edwards and Pearl Guier 448b, 73b (for Alice Edwards).

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and B.M. Smith led song on page 46 as the closing song. Donald Payne, pastor of the church, dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Shelbie Sheppard.

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH
Ider, Alabama
October 14, 2001

The seventy-fifth session of the annual Chestnut Grove Sacred Harp Singing was held on the second Sunday in October. The singing is held in memory of its founder, Elder C.G. (Uncle Tobe) Keith, and long-time singing school teacher, Henry Ott. The singing was called to order by Co-Chairmen Loretta Smith and Amy Smith leading songs on pages 37b and 39t. Pastor Steve Lea welcomed the congregation and led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Billy Thompson 47t, 108t; Floyd Peters 68b, 82t; Lamar Smith and Randall Smith 36b, 76b; David Killingsworth 30b, 120; Phil Summerlin 138b, 489; David Ivey 505 (CB), 410 (CB); Coy Ivey and Bill Gifford 45t, 48; Betty Wright 569b, 499; Chris Green 121, 58; Rodney Ivey 317, 511 (CB).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Shawn Carroll leading songs on pages 87 and 28b. Leaders: Chris Carroll 47b, 101t; Steve Lea 129, 75; Marty Wootten 99; Phil Townson 45 (to the tune of "Brown"); Bill Stewart 480, 145b; Brenda Carroll 63, 384; Dennis George 128, 203; Levon Wootten 330t; David Townson 162. Brother Leonard Smith asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Loretta Smith and Amy Smith leading songs on pages 65 and 358. Leaders: Winnie Blevins and Carla York 136, 571 (CB); Nate Green and Norma Green 67, 74; Darlene Dalton 454, 163t; Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten 274, 278b, 518 (CB).

Loretta Smith and Amy Smith led 486t (WB), 572 (CB), 512 (WB), and 540 (CB) for the memorial lesson and for the sick and shut-ins.

Leaders: Charles Stiefel 39b; Eloise Wootten 89; Rodney Ivey and Sylvia Ivey 559, 336 (CB); Chris Green 434; Betty Wright 340; Coy Ivey 449 (CB); Phil Summerlin 515; Floyd Peters 72b; Randall Smith 501 (CB); Shawn Carroll and Shane Wootten "Sweet Beulah Land"; Brenda Carroll and Carla York 500 (CB); Dennis George 270.

After announcements, the class was dismissed with prayer led by Brother Donald Carroll.

Co-Chairmen - Loretta Smith and Amy Smith; Secretary - Amy Smith.

HARPER MEMORIAL SINGING AND REUNION
Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church, Nauvoo, Alabama
October 14, 2001

The annual Harper Memorial Sacred Harp Singing and Reunion was held at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church on the second Sunday in October. The class was greeted and called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Jimmie M. Gilmore leading song on 36b. The morning prayer devotional was led by Harrison Creel.

Jimmie Gilmore turned the class over to her granddaughter, Ashley Keeton, and to her grandson, Joshua Keeton.

Officers for the singing are: Chairperson - Ashley Keeton; Co-Chairperson - Jimmie M. Gilmore; Vice Chairperson - Joshua Keeton; Co-Vice Chairperson - Arthur R. Gilmore; Arranging Committee/Secretary - Jimmie M. Gilmore.

Leaders: Ashley Keeton 74b, 48t; Joshua Keeton 146, 268; Arthur Roland Gilmore 108t, 378t; Clarence McCool 112, 172; Chuck Beasley 33b, 517 (WB); Ida Lee Starnes 111b, 448b; A.A. Malone 142, 300; Billy Williams 78, 410t; L.H. Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 421, 73t; Amber Springfield 56b, 192.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Ashley Keeton leading song on page 328. Leaders: Tim Cook 448t, 347; Glenn Keeton 278t, 354t; Margaret Keeton 349, 455; Willodean Barton 454, 480; Travis Keeton 460, 373.

The memorial lesson for all the deceased Harper family and singing friends and for the sick and shut-ins was led by Jimmie Gilmore, Joshua Keeton, and Ashley Keeton who led song on page 45t. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by Marlin Beasley.

LUNCH

After a wonderful lunch and fellowship of which the Lord so graciously blessed us, the class was called to order by Ashley Keeton leading song on page 37b.

Leaders: Harrison Creel 317, 512; Lena Keeton 318, 225t; Marlin Beasley 282, 392 (for Martha Harper); Ila Ingle 434, 436; Amanda Denson 27, 566; Myrtle Ann Ballard 390, 382; Flarce Creel 475; John Beasley 72b, 290; Furn Kitchens 338, 345t; Charles Kitchens 90, 326.

Jimmie Gilmore, Charles Kitchens, and Furn Kitchens led the class in the singing of a patriotic song, "My Country 'Tis Of Thee," due to our nation being in war which terrorists have brought to and on our country. Jimmie Gilmore, Joshua Keeton, Ashley Keeton, and Glenn Keeton led the class in singing "America The Beautiful," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "The Star Spangled Banner." The singing of these songs brought a standing ovation from the class in honor of our Lord, the wonderful nation in which we live, our great flag, glory, and our freedom.

Jimmie Gilmore thanked the class for participating in this special event of singing these beautiful songs in salute to our Lord, country, leaders of our nation, and all our service people who are defending our nation and each other.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Josie Hyde leading song on page 39b. Leaders: Charlie Ballard 30t, 354; Dwight Ingle 143, 445; Charles Kitchens and Mary Gardner 385b.

Co-Chairperson Jimmie Gilmore and Co-Vice Chairperson Arthur Roland Gilmore extended an invitation for everyone to come back a year from today, thanked everyone for their attendance, and then led 47 as the closing song.

Charles Kitchens led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairpersons - Ashley Keeton and Jimmie M. Gilmore; Co-Vice Chairpersons - Joshua Keeton and Arthur Gilmore; Secretary - Jimmie M. Gilmore.

MCWHORTER MEMORIAL

Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Cleburne County, Alabama Saturday, October 20, 2001

The annual McWhorter Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church in Cleburne County, Alabama on Saturday before the third Sunday in October.

The class was called to order by Mary Florence Smith who welcomed everyone, led song on page 317, and offered the morning prayer. Teenie Moody led songs on pages 222 and 148 (for Mozelle Sheppard); and Lonnie Rogers led songs on pages 225t and 143.

The class was organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairperson - Mary Florence Smith; Vice Chairperson - Teenie Moody; Arranging Committee/Secretary - Hester Edwards.

Leaders: Glenda Collins 81t, 282; Jimmie Denney 276, 155; Judith Green 384, 117; Eugene Forbes 480, 340; Josephine Denney 31b, 30t; LaRue Allen 299, 277; Everette Denney 335, 405; Floy Wilder 224, 373.

RECESS

Teenie Moody brought the class back to order leading song on page 182. Leaders: Corene Laminack 146, 147t; Ginnie Prater 186, 490; David Yeager 504, 142; Jenny Willard 318, 303; Henry Schuman 290, 344; Laura Clawson 107, 58; Jeff Sheppard 97, 203 (in memory of J.T. Pruitt); Lou Cotney 172, 218; Henry Johnson 515, 414; Flora Skinner 426b, 434.

Lonnie Rogers gave a special memorial for Cecil Edwards and Walter Hamrick, long time supporters of Sacred Harp. Both men passed away this year, and will be greatly missed in this church, the community, and throughout the singing community. They both supported and loved Sacred Harp, and went to singings far and near as long as they were physically able to do so. Lonnie Rogers led song on page 348b in their memory.

Mary Florence Smith and granddaughter Hannah Smith led song on page 294.

LUNCH

Mary Florence Smith brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 77t. Leaders: Keith Willard 112, 101b; Shelbie Sheppard 272, 300; Felton Denney 327, 73t; Eunice Webb 475, 284; Nancy Yeager 448b, 479; B.J. Harris 312b, 503; Betty Wright 495, 569b; Richard DeLong 467, 444; Louise Holland 49b, 37b; Evelyn Harris 47t, 89; Lois Owen 208, 460; Lela Crowder 306, 273; Homer Benefield 45t, 56t; Hester Edwards, Louise Owen, and Olivia Iverson 73b (for Alice Edwards).

After announcements were made, Mary Florence Smith and Teenie Moody led song on page 46 as the closing song. Felton Denney dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson - Mary Florence Smith; Vice Chairperson - Teenie Moody;
Secretary - Hester Edwards.

NEW YORK STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Barneveld, New York

October 20-21, 2001

Saturday, October 20

The thirteenth annual New York State Sacred Harp Convention was held at Unity Hall, Barneveld, New York on the third Sunday and Saturday before in October. The Saturday session was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairperson Laura Densmore leading song on page 34b. Eileen Metzger offered the opening prayer.

Laura Densmore led song on page 178 in memory of Linda Smart, a local singer who died in a car accident the week before. Linda's memorial service was held the same morning as the convention in Ithaca.

Tollie Lee and David Lee led the singing school using the "Cooper Book" and a selection from the "Lloyds Hymnal." David Lee began with 305 from the "Lloyds Hymnal", and the following selections from the "Cooper Book": 336t, 225t, 140, 511t, and 511b.

Tollie Lee led "Good Morning Brother Pilgrim" and selections from the "Cooper Book": 574, 572, 568, and 553.

RECESS

Laura Densmore brought the class to order leading song on page 276. David Lee and Tollie Lee continued with the singing school, and all songs led in this session are from the "Cooper Book."

David Lee 500, 478, 138t, 488b, 263, 502, 39, 38t, 505;
Tollie Lee 522, 515, 497, 485, 84. The singing school was concluded, and
Johnny Lee offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Laura Densmore leading song on page 155. Leaders: Allison Schofield 144; Phill Wisor 400; Michael Kaye 163b; Allen Fannin 39t; Deanna Anderson 117; Julie Veal 419; Tracy Vernon 47b; Gerry Hoffman 124; Michael Ryan 53; John Redman 532; George Seiler 183; Patricia Geritz 501; Charles Collett 260; Kelsey Wessels 499; Doron Henkin 217; Edith Berger 480; Margaret Bornick 268; George Seiler 31t; Gina Balestracci 430; Linda Shea 67.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Barbara Swetman leading song on page 73b. Leaders: Brian Collett 497; Mary Ann Morrison 47t; Ginnie Ely 349; Thom Metzger 216; David Lee 274t; Nicola Collett 455; Johnny Lee 503; Laura Densmore 542; Nancy Crawford 344; Scott Luscombe 159; Amy Lee 49b; Katherine Collett 122; Cath Oss 61.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Gina Balestracci leading song on page 28t. Leaders: Tim Wheeler 196; Roland Hutchinson "Relly's Third"; Anne Kazlauskas 479; Guy Bankes 297; Chris Haller 56b; Suzanne Garmsen 569b; Ramona Lee 108t; Rosemary Greenaway 384; Jim Ulrich 551; Dennis Leipold 434; Walter Hartley 146; Cathy Brochet 86; Tollie Lee 45t. Tollie Lee led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, October 21

The Sunday session was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Laura Densmore leading song on page 201. Tollie Lee offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Sue Ulrich 273; Paula McGray 300; Howard Katz 212; Bob Parr 131t; Jean Seiler 142; Claire Simon 143; Sue Hengelsberg 504; Ginny Huszagh 200; Hal Kunkel 158; Susan Bingham 340; Tollie Lee 100; Kathy Lee 59; George Seiler 45t; Diane Mennella 137; Hugh Anderson 87; Bill Holt 376.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Barbara Swetman leading song on page 452. Leaders: David Lee 414 (for Joan Frankel); Eileen Metzger 383; Denise Morris 58; Juanita Heyerman 71; Virginia Douglas 49b; Laura Timmerman 282; Richard Schmeidler 254; Allison Schofield 277; Amy Lee 63; Nancy Crawford 335; Edith Berger 48t; Lucy Roberts 46; Julie Veal 327; Tim Wheeler 77t. Bill Holt and Kathy Lee presented the memorial lesson for the deceased, and Kathy Lee led song on page 285t in their memory. Those remembered were: Linda Smart, Joshua Rychick, David Kalled, Stephen Mulderry, Edna Antillo, Richard Antillo, Michael Iken (WTC), Don DeFranco (WTC), Janice Lee, Viola DeVito, and Esther Christine Rosenberg - New York; Bob Todd, Karen Rumsey, David Lapin, Byron B. McCulloh, and Joanna Sorlien - Pennsylvania; Mary Kay Friday - Washington D.C.; Kevin Crossett Carter - Colorado; Priscilla Hertzler - Massachusetts; George A. Seiler, Elsie Allen, and Eva Lampman - California; J.B. Parker - Georgia; Susan Garber and George Nichols - Connecticut; Wanda Fross - Washington; Katie Clark - Vermont; Muriel Bishop Summers - Scotland and Canada; and Harry Seacombe - Wales, United Kingdom.

Dan Hertzler spoke concerning the loss of local singer Linda Smart and then led song on page 32b.

Diane Mennella and Cath Oss offered comments concerning our sick and shut-ins, and then led song on page 270 in their honor. Those remembered were: Kyra Bean, Harriet Henry, Bryce Butler, Sister Mary Carmel, and Mike Kerhannon - New York; Freeman Wootten - Alabama; Edmund Wojcik, Dot Garber Torrmuce - Connecticut; Dinah Bruenig - Vermont; Sue Lapin - Pennsylvania; Dolores Lee - Georgia; Bob Scorgie - Wisconsin; Anitra Kaye - California; Dorothy Witten - Maryland; Phil Shea - Massachusetts; Ruth Bruce, Grace McBurney, Annie Molner, Leila Whitcombe, Bettie Massett, and Isabel Smith - Canada; Dorothy Collett - United Kingdom; and Elisabeth Bollinger. Johnny Lee closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Cath Oss 171; Michael Kaye 501; Michael Wesser 229. David Lee offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was brought together by Paula McGray leading songs on pages 106 and 89. Leaders: Gina Balestracci 112; Deanna Anderson 481; Gerry Hoffman 485; Margaret Bornick 236; Tollie Lee 108b; Ann Kazlauskas 95; Dan Hertzler 235; John Redman 475; Barbara Swetman "Ten Thousand Charms"; George Seiler 347; Denise Morris 189; Ron Bornick 454; David Lee 176t; Ginnie Ely 196; Walter Hartley 209; Johnny Lee 175b.

RECESS

The class was brought together by Margaret Bornick leading song on page 49t. Leaders: Kathy Lee, Ramona Lee, and Amy Lee 40; Thom Metzger 101t; Patricia Geritz 34b; Scott Luscombe 274.

Bill Holt and Howard Katz gave the Resolutions Committee Report.

Announcements of singings were made. Laura Densmore led song on page 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chair - Laura Densmore; Vice Chair - Barbara Swetman; Treasurer - George Seiler; Secretary - Nancy Crawford.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION - OREGON **Sellwood Community Center, Portland, Oregon** **October 20-21, 2001**

Saturday, October 20

The ninth annual session of the Oregon portion of the Pacific Northwest Convention was held on the third Sunday and Saturday before of October in the Sellwood Community Center, Portland, Oregon. Chairman Peter Irvine convened the class at 9:30 a.m. leading song on page 59. Tim Eriksen offered the opening prayer.

Officers for the convention were as follows: Chairman - Peter Irvine; Vice Chair - Tim Eriksen; Treasurer - Katharine Hough; Secretary - Marie Zaworski.

Chairman Peter Irvine introduced Eric Morgan from New Mexico who taught a singing school until noon. Eric Morgan shared many lessons learned from singing Sacred Harp and Harp of Ages with his family, including poignant memories of singing with his grandfather. Pastor David Zaworski asked the noon blessing, and the class was recessed.

LUNCH

Peter Irvine welcomed the class to the afternoon session. Officers, past and present, led: David Hough 32t; Tim Eriksen 131b; Marie Zaworski 82; Katharine Hough 480; Peter Irvine 270. Other leaders followed: Bruce Rowland 282; Reed Schilbach 146; Eric Morgan 340; Karen Willard 349; Gary Plouff 277; Kshama Ananthapura 495; David Wright 83t; Anna Maria Nygren 34b; Jack Lofton 37b; Joanne Hoover 365; Jim Brock 350; Eliza Cavanaugh 148;

John Carson 324; Anne Huckins 497; Ken Cofield 49b; Carolyn Gilkey 503; Susan Helf 347; David Hough 448; Jill Accetta 48t; Jean Marcotte 66; Audrey Karabinus 74t; Will Marcotte 373; Sally House 31t; Linda Laing 312b; Peter Irvine 426b.

RECES

Joanne Hoover brought the class back leading song on page 72b. Leaders: Kathy Vlach 145b; Amy Davis 107; Pat Nida 45t; Tim Eriksen 442; Mary Lou VanLaanen 147t; David Wright 436; Kshama Ananthapura 384; Eric Holt 49t; Carolyn Gilkey 178; Jim Brock 479; Eliza Cavanaugh 81t; Reed Schilbach 65; Eric Morgan 142; Jean Marcotte 267; Gary Plouff 106; Callie Jordan 569b; Marie Zaworski 548; Will Marcotte 141; Anne Huckins 186; Katharine Hough 378b. Pastor David Zaworski led the closing prayer. Peter Irvine led song on page 68b, and the class was dismissed.

On Saturday evening, a social and informal singing from the Cooper Book, Harp of Ages, and Sacred Harp was held at the home of Marie Zaworski. About 30 singers attended.

Sunday, October 21

The class was called to order by Eric Morgan leading song on 448b. Kshama Ananthapura offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Marie Zaworski 39t; David Wright 27; Fran Ross 31t; Jack Lofton 276; Mary Lou VanLaanen 454; David Eisenbud 82; Tim Eriksen 328; Jean Murphy 504; David Hough 371; Meg Larson 49b; Bruce Rowland 75; Audrey Karabinus 369; Eliza Cavanaugh 318; Ken Cofield 86; Anna Maria Nygren 203; John Carson 40; Jill Accetta 383; Eric Holt 73b; Kathy Vlach 84.

RECESS

Mary Lou VanLaanen called the class back leading song on page 540. Leaders: Gary Plouff 567; Kshama Ananthapura 430; Callie Jordan 107; Abraham Hardy 268; Ann Huckins 163b; David Landazari 155; Katharine Hough 376; Caleb Hardy 106; Pat Nida 235; Peter Irvine 319; Reed Schilbach 324; Ethan Hardy 26; Karen Willard 440; Joanne Hoover 74b; Susan Helf 34b; Tim Eriksen 83b; Kathy Vlach 344; Eliza Cavanaugh 318; Fran Ross 532.

The memorial lesson was presented at this time. Suzanne Denker opened the lesson remarking how illness can bring us a closer appreciation of life. Those remembered as sick or shut-ins included: Lowell Ballinger, Laura Anthony, Ann Schilbach, Martha Taylor, Freeman Wootten, Carol Elson, Steven Hough, Johnny Jeans, Muriel Plouff, Tom Helf, Mike Choppy, Neila Campbell, and Elizabeth McKinley. Suzanne Denker led song on page 180 in their honor.

Eliza Cavanaugh continued the lesson speaking of connections made with singers, past and present, and that whenever we sing with each other, we continue the connections with those singers gathered together and those who have passed on. Eliza Cavanaugh led 162 in memory of: Ruth Wright - Arkansas; Dee Ross and Olive Laing - Kansas; Dick Golden and Richard Hooke - Massachusetts; John Hartz - New Jersey; Vinnie Mendito and Bob McGowen - New York; Art Skipper, Jr., Bob Graves, Nick Cooney, Lucy Cooney, and Sue Turchan - Oregon; Bob Filley - Washington; Nettie Meulemans - Wisconsin; as well as those who lost their lives in the tragedies occurring on September 11, 2001.

Peter Irvine led 36b; Bruce Rowland asked the blessing for the noon meal, and the class was dismissed.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Jack Lofton leading song on 335. Leaders: Kshama Ananthapura 400; Craig Brandis 159; Sally House 448t; Gary

Plouff 128; Fran Ross 198; David Wright 217; Eliza Cavanaugh 456; Tom Hardy 388; Jane Grant 380; Ken Cofield 183; Anna Maria Nygren 77t; John Carson 467; Reed Schilbach 39t; Caleb Hardy 455; Susan Helf 112; Bruce Rowland 427; Joanne Hoover 477; Eric Holt 565; Audrey Karabinus 542; David Hough 137; Jean Murphy 66; Karen Willard 362; David Landazuri 47b; Anne Huckins 114; Eric Morgan 229.

RECESS

Bruce Rowland reconvened the session leading song on page 213.

The convention went into a business session to hear committee reports.

Katharine Hough and Meg Larson, Finance Committee, reported that contributions were such that all expenses of the convention were covered.

Suzanne Denker gave the Resolutions Committee report with thanks and acknowledgements given to the following people:

- 1) Those who prepared the food, took registrations, set up and cleaned up rooms and meals, and provided housing for our guests;
- 2) Officers and committee members for their contributions in making the convention a success;
- 3) Everyone who came to listen and sing both days; and
- 4) Particular thanks to Eric Morgan in sharing his experiences and memories.

The Arranging Committee reported that out of 101 attending the convention, 65 were from Oregon, 29 from Washington, 3 from Massachusetts, and one each from Colorado, New Mexico, and Minnesota. Of those, 45 leaders were responsible for the singing of 123 songs.

A motion was made and carried that the reports be accepted and included in the minutes. Announcements of singings followed. The business session was closed. Singing resumed with Jane Grant leading song on 147t. Leaders: David Eisenbud 80t; Pat Nida 72b; Tim Eriksen 399b; Sally House 426t; David Wright 30b; Marie Zaworski 549; Jack Lofton 290; Jill Accetta 192; Ken Cofield 61; Katharine Hough 236 (by request); Karen Willard 330b.

Peter Irvine led song on page 62 as singers took the parting hand. The convention was closed with prayer led by Tim Eriksen.

Chairman - Peter Irvine; Secretary - Marie Zaworski.

REID MEMORIAL **Old County Line Church, Corner, Alabama** **October 21, 2001**

The eighty-second session of the Reid Memorial singing was called to order by Chairman Harrison Creel leading song on page 335. Prayer was offered by Chris Green. Harrison Creel then led song on page 498. The singing is permanently organized.

Leaders: S.T. Reed 477; Wilton Donaldson 565; Dennis George 274t; Jenny Willard 475; Shelbie Sheppard 216; Richard Ivey 222; John Merritt 438; Larry Ballinger 224; Clayton Ezell 300; David Roberson 340; John Bealle 442; Pam Green, Hannah Green, and Mary Grace Green 354b; Chip Ward 112; J.A. Mosley 282; Janine Smith 145b; Thurman Nall 480.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Rodney Ivey leading song on page 81t.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 304; Judy Caudle 302; Lavaughn Ballinger 401; Jim Carnes 436; Max Berueffy 426b; Eloise Clark 390; Eldagene Roberson 306; Eugene Forbes 212; Glenn Keeton 497; Nora Parker 394; Corene White 403; Winell Sanders 225t; Ben Green 144; Paula Springfield 297; Eloise Wootten 299; David Ivey 564.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Kenneth Tate leading song on page 75. Leaders: Henry Johnson 69t; Susan Harcrow 383; Stuart Ivey and Jackson Harcrow 63, 186; T.J. Willard 36b; Julianna Jett and Madison Jett 87, 88t; Jessica Green and Betty Green 59; Philip Gilmore 285t; Emily Creel, Shelley Capps, and Cassie Franklin 146; Darlene Dalton 489; Lisa Geist 377; Margaret Keeton 303; Jeff Sheppard 322; Laura Clawson 228; Jan Ketelle 178; Buell Cobb 109.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Cassie Franklin leading song on page 270. Leaders: Harrison Creel 111b; Brenda Merritt 470; Travis Keeton 428; Marie Guthrie 434; Keith Willard 278b; Linton Ballinger 142; Gordon Wilkinson 380; Elsie Moon 392; Chris Green 170; Lora Cargo 454; Ruth Walker 430; Gary Smith and Sarah Smith 384; Danny Creel 269; Milton Oliver 441; Henry Schuman 472; Myra Dalton 542; Pauline Childers 318; Amber Springfield 192; Velton Chafin 494; Syble Adms 171; John Hyde 73t; Willodean Barton 416; Amanda Denson 448t; Ann Ballard 512; Elene Stovall 556; Ann Jett 546; Lucy Heidorn 460; Wanda Capps 327; Jackie Tanner and Rodney Ivey 217, 76b; Edith Tate and Max Berueffy 532; LaRue Allen 373; Arnold Tate and Virginia Bonham 68b; Charlotte McCarn 358; Flarce Creel 298; Cassie Franklin 215; Cindy Tanner 198.

Harrison Creel led song on page 378b as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Arnold Tate.

Chairman - Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee - Cindy Tanner; Secretary - Lucy Heidorn.

COY PUTNAM MEMORIAL

Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama Saturday, October 27, 2001

The annual Coy Putnam Memorial singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Hershell King leading song on page 59. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the morning prayer.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - David Light; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Arranging Committee - Rhoda Norris; Secretary - Irene Jordan.

Leaders: David Light 274t, 147b, 176b; Rhoda Norris 177, 298; Irene Jordan 569b, 490, 45t; Sandra Light 143, 298; J.C. Rutledge 145t, 568, 105; Jack Jordan 348b, 49b, 30b.

RECESS

The class was reassembled by David Light leading song on page 480. Leaders: Elder Matt Jordan 146, 147t, 36b; Judy Caudle 47t, 47b, 276; Arvid Holmes 31t, 145b; Glenda Hopper 30t, 112, 137.

The noon blessing was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper.

LUNCH

David Light brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 100. Leaders: Ramona Light 288, 528; Elder J.L. Hopper 33b, 329; Elder Matt Jordan 67; Brenda Pena 569t, 569b; Ann Ballard 81t, 319; Hershell King 340, 79; David Light 172; Brenda Pena 229; Ann Ballard 129; Elder J.L. Hopper 407.

David Light led song on page 46 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder Matt Jordan.

Chairman - David Light; Vice Chairman - Arvid Holmes; Secretary - Irene Jordan.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)
Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, Morton Mississippi
Saturday, October 27, 2001**

John Merritt called the class to order leading song on page 90. Don Clark offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Merritt 116; Andrew Albers 50t, 163b, 315; Nancy Van Den Akker 189, 107t; Brenda Merritt 559, 497; John Lee Van Horn 263, 572; Don Clark 344.

RECESS

John Merritt and Brenda Merritt called the class back to order leading song on page 188t (OSH), and John presented Brenda with an anniversary ring.

Leaders: Mark Davis 54t, 402, 522; Wanda Gregg 384, 573; Charles Franklin 274t, 319; Junie McNeil 503, 571; Velton Chafin 114t, 478; Kate Merritt 392, 543; Andy Davis 183, 120, 434; John Kanode 507b, 500; Gary Smith 461, 146; John Merritt 396.

John Merritt led grace, and dismissed the class for lunch.

LUNCH

John Merritt called the class back to order leading "Confederate Memorial Lesson" and "Nettie". Leaders: Sarah Smith 288, 129; Edith Tate 49, 505; Willodean Barton 290, 470, 222; Georgia Kanode 358, 395b; John Merritt 45t, 283b; Don Clark 171; Andrew Albers 507t; Nancy Van Den Akker 411; Brenda Merritt 47b; John Lee Van Horn 393t; Jean Gray 215; Wanda Gregg 192; Charles Franklin 82; Junie McNeil 104; Kate Merritt 137; Andy Davis 106, 400; John Kanode 63; Georgia Kanode 136; Gary Smith 264b; John Kanode 449; Wanda Gregg 132.

John Merritt led 484b in place of a memorial lesson. Announcements of future singings were made. John Merritt led song on page 331t as the closing song. John Lee Van Horn dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - John Merritt; Secretary - Nancy Van Den Akker.

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO/HYDE PARK SINGING
Quaker House, Chicago, Illinois
Saturday, October 27, 2001**

The third annual University of Chicago/Hyde Park Singing was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Chairman Ariel Weinberg leading song on page 59. Jim Swanson offered the opening prayer.

Officers: Chairman - Ariel Weinberg; Arranging Committee - Cathryn Baker and Jeff Gauthier; Memorial Committee - Berkley Moore; Finance Committee - Shaffiq Welji and Randy Neufield; Secretary - Cathryn Baker.

Leaders: Ariel Weinberg 117; Megan Jennings 107; Randy Neufield 102; Rachel Adelstein 280; Kiri Miller 224; Herb Schroeder 36b; Berkley Moore 348b; Marcia Johnson 216; Dean Slaton 229; Judy Hauff 172; Jeff Gauthier 402; James Page 505; Bruce Holmes 547; Jim Swanson 477; Nick Pasqual 116; Cathryn Baker 384; Shaffiq Welji 148; Ted Johnson 542; Melanie Hauff 485.

RECESS

Ariel Weinberger called the class to order leading song on page 38b. Leaders: Megan Jennings 390; Bruce Holmes 146; Ted Mercer 353; Kiri Miller 82t; James Page "Nebraska"; Judy Hauff 163t; Dean Slaton 110; Randy Neufield 171; Berkley Moore 473; Marcia Johnson 196; Rachel Adelstein 198.

RECESS

Ariel Weinberger called the class together leading song on page 66.

The class held a memorial lesson in memory of loved ones and friends deceased during the past year, and to remember those in poor health. Berkley Moore led song on page 49b, first verse with printed words, second verse using the first verse of "Amazing Grace" in honor of those who are homebound: Jim Helke, Stephanie Rubin, and Al Frank - Illinois; Regina Weber - Arizona; Everett Yoder - New Mexico; Philip Page, Jr. - New Jersey; Bob Scorgie - Wisconsin; Randy Wells - Florida; Jason Brittain - Arkansas; Charlie Derleth - Missouri; Donnie McGraw - Georgia; Shelbie Sheppard - Alabama.

Berkley Moore led song on page 285t in remembrance of those who are deceased: Miriam Pasqual, Jerilyn Schumacher, and Stan Ellis - Illinois; Joanna Sorlein - Pennsylvania; John Flandreau (father of Suzanne Flandreau) - New York; Gladys Harden - Alabama. Jim Swanson closed the memorial with prayer, and also offered grace for lunch.

LUNCH

Shaffiq Welji called the class together leading song on page 268. Leaders: Herb Schroeder 332; Violet Stark 84; Ted Johnson 29b; Melanie Hauff 440; Jim Swanson 564; Jeff Gauthier 270; Nick Pasqual 515; Cathryn Baker 436 (in memory of Jerilyn Schumacher, and in celebration of Suzanne Flandreau's and Ariel Weinberg's birthdays); James Page 162; Ted Johnson 112; Berkley Moore, Celestial Watering, and Kiri Miller 448t; Bruce Holmes 24; Herb Schroeder 76b; Dean Slaton 306; Jim Swanson 454; Marcia Johnson 532; Lisa Grayson 288; Rachel Adelstein "War Memorial"; Shaffiq Welji 182; Nick Pasqual 333; Melanie Hauff 404 (for Dan Havens and Dory Havens); Violet Stark 122.

RECESS

Ariel Weinberg brought the class together leading song 99.

Leaders: Randy Neufield 32t; Jeff Gauthier 94; Ted Mercer 430; Cathryn Baker 531; James Page 284; Berkley Moore 417; Lisa Grayson 192; Marcia Johnson 368; James Swanson 40 (in memory of John Flandreau); Herb Schroeder 211; Rachel Adelstein 287; Melanie Hauff 203; Violet Stark 496; David Stech 210; Nick Pasqual 74b; Dean Slaton 222; Shaffiq Welji 174; Jeff Gauthier 340; Randy Neufield 47t; James Page 272; Lisa Grayson 378b.

After announcements, Ariel Weinberg led song on page 347 as the closing song with singers taking the parting hand. Jim Swanson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Ariel Weinberg; Secretary - Cathryn Baker.

SEED AND FEED SACRED HARP SINGING Embry Hills Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia Saturday, October 27, 2001

The twenty-fifth annual Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October at Embry Hills Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Helen Bryson leading song on page 31. Bryan Black led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Andy Morse 56t, 288; Laura Akerman 84, 532; Doug Allison and Emma Allison 326, 277; Kelly Morris 49b, 114.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman - Andy Morse; Vice Chairperson - Lela Crowder; Secretary - Laura Akerman; Chaplain - Bryan Black; Arranging Committee - Kelly Morris and Doug Allison; Memorial Committee - Eric Tweedy and Kenneth DeLong; Finance Committee - Andy Anderson and Dan Huger.

Leaders: Andy Morse 77t; Judy Mincey 464, 475; Charles Woods 479, 358; Martha Ann Stegar 276, 268; Bill Hollingsworth 59, 250; Jeannette DePoy 145t, 229.

RECESS

Lela Crowder called the class back to order leading song on page 34b. Leaders: Cathy White 503, 159; John Whitemore 40, 47; Nancy Yeager 178, 448; Eric Tweedy 362, 314; Joan Durdin 29, 148; John Hollingsworth and Bill Hollingsworth 236; Carri Grindon 122, 146; Andy Anderson and Ed Ridgewine 45, 63; Lee Rogers 332, 32b; Al Grindon and Lucy Grindon 28b, 299.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Andy Morse leading song on page 108. Leaders: Louis Hughes 348, 135; Malinda Snow 52t, 455; David Yeager and Richard Amy 504, 386; Karen Morris and Caran Bryant 480, 454; Kenneth DeLong 318, 301; Charlene Wallace 383, 385b.

A memorial lesson was held. Kenneth DeLong led a song for the deceased who have passed away since last year, and Eric Tweedy led for the sick and shut-ins, including Freeman Wootten. Bryan Black closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Hugh McGraw led song on page 382, and reminisced about the early days of this singing when singers were seated in "bleachers" at the Seed and Feed Theatre.

Leaders: John Plunkett 313b, 285b; Richard DeLong 467, 395; Bryan Black 376, 430; Diane Wall 497, 306; Susan Posey 384, 569; Dan Huger 210; Susan Firestone 66; Laura Akerman and Deborah Jolly 186.

Andy Morse led song on page 62 as the closing song, and Bryan Black dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Andy Morse; Vice Chairperson - Lela Crowder; Secretary - Laura Akerman.

JORDAN'S CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH

Newell, Randolph County, Alabama

October 28, 2001

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Jordan's Chapel Methodist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Lonnie Rogers leading songs on pages 112 and 33b. The morning prayer was offered by Rev. Julian Murphy, pastor of the church. B.J. Harris led songs on pages 303 and 343b.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - B.J. Harris; Arranging Committee - Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown and Henry Johnson; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 101t; Mary Florence Smith 208, 277; B.M. Smith 318, 222; LaRue Allen 106, 141; Reba Norton 61, 164; Eugene Forbes 203, 172; Everette Denney 146, 119; Glenda Collins 81t, 345b; Rodney Ivey 300, 358.

RECESS

Vice Chairman B.J. Harris brought the class back to order leading song on page 503. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 392, 335; Eunice Webb 283, 378b; Bud Oliver 480, 145t; Evelyn Harris and Leann Webb 47t, 155; Oscar McGuire 276, 336; Floy Wilder 183, 142; Henry Johnson 47b, 70b; Ruth Daniel 378b, 68b; Jeff Sheppard and Beth Rangers 49b.

LUNCH

Lonnie Rogers brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 410t. Leaders: Mary Florence Smith 29t, 37b; Bud Oliver 343, 270; Frank Bell and Pam Brown 274t, 339.

Ruth Brown and Henry Johnson presented the memorial lesson. Ruth Brown talked about the troubled times in which we are living and how the tragedy in New York affected so many lives. She asked each of us to pray for the President, and that we need to stop and count our blessings each day.

Henry Johnson led songs on pages 341 and 467 for the following deceased: Eula Johnson, Cecil Edwards, Nelda Tolbert, Eloise Watkins, Gene Wakefield, Grady Price, Essie Mae Yates, John Heflin Murphy, Dura Mitchell, Ula Brady, Sara Redding, and Barney Lee.

B.M. Smith led song on page 340 for the following sick and shut-ins: Vivian Rogers, Mozelle Sheppard, Coy Ivey, Marie Ivey, Roy Nelson family, Polly Moore, and Freeman Wootten. After a moment of silent prayer, the memorial was closed with prayer led by Mary Florence Smith.

The class resumed singing with the following leaders: LaRue Allen 273; Jimmie Denney 313t; Eugene Forbes 212; Everette Denney 405; Glenda Collins 124; Rodney Ivey 475; Tabitha Murphy and Evelyn Harris 452, 45t; Oscar McGuire 573; Floy Wilder 535; Jeff Sheppard and Beth Rangers 388, 63; Eunice Webb 436; "Happy Birthday" was sung to Hester Edwards whose birthday is October 30th.

Rev. Julian Murphy thanked all who came today, and invited everyone to come again next year.

Lonnie Rogers, Frank Bell, and B.J. Harris led song on page 460 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Frank Bell.

Chairman - Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman - B.J. Harris; Secretary - Mary Florence Smith.

MR. AND MRS. JOE MYERS AND W.A. PARKER MEMORIAL New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Walker County, Alabama October 28, 2001

The annual Sacred Harp singing held in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers and W.A. Parker was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading songs on pages 32 and 33b. The morning prayer was led by Glenn Keeton.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers:

Chairman - Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman - Ann Ballard; Secretary - Nora Parker; Arranging Committee - Travis Keeton.

Leaders: John Hyde 39b, 137; Ida Lee Parker Starnes 111b, 426t, 30t; Wilton Donaldson 225t, 317, 566; Brenda Pena 569t, 77b, 523; Becky Briggs 294, 405, 84.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Marlin Beasley leading song on page 73.

Leaders: Ann Ballard 204, 208, 322; Nora Parker 36b, 276, 394; Josie Hyde 129, 43; Gary Smith 46, 31t, 569b.

A memorial lesson was held in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers and W.A. Parker. The daughters of Joe Myers (Elsie Beasley, Martha Fredrick, Merlie Powell, and Thelma Crocker) and Marlin Beasley led songs on pages 192 and 45. Marlin Beasley led songs on pages 277 and 373 in memory of W.A. Parker and song on page 147 in memory of Velero Joe McCullars.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Ann Ballard leading songs on pages 35 and 48t. Leaders: Dorothea McCowan Pouler 475, 442, 196; Lavaughn Ballinger

331, 200, 358, 388; Lena Keeton 77t, 234, 146; Angel Woodley and Elsie Beasley 143, 460, 68b; Glenn Keeton 435, 420, 267; Larry Ballinger 445, 418, 101t; Chris Ballinger 110, 49b, 49t; Amber Springfield 30b; Lisa Geist 224, 95, 350, 546; Sarah Smith 445, 141; Marles Ray 432, 120, 517 (WB); Amanda Denson 40, 274t, 480; Travis Keeton 176b, 131, 179.

Marlin Beasley and Ann Ballard led song on page 421 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Lavaughn Ballinger.

This singing was well attended by the community. The church had been painted, and they welcomed all the singers to come sing each year on the fourth Sunday in October.

Chairman - Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman - Ann Ballard; Secretary - Nora Parker.

SHILOH SACRED HARP SINGING **Shiloh Museum, Springdale, Arkansas** **October 28, 2001**

The third annual session was held at Shiloh Museum in Springdale, Arkansas.

Syd Caldwell called the class to order leading songs on pages 59 and 63. Bill Caldwell offered the opening prayer. Dan Brittain led songs on 32 and 30b.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Syd Caldwell; Vice Chairman - Mike Veech; Secretary - Alice Moran; Chaplain - Bill Caldwell.

Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 74b, 209; Peggy Veech 87, 40; Mike Veech 497, 565; Louis Graney 145b, 310; Bill Caldwell 84, 503.

RECESS

Mike Veech brought the class to order leading songs on pages 146 and 277.

Leaders: Jim Williams and Syd Caldwell 86, 178; Penny Kujawinski 82b, 83t; Lou Kujawinski 515b, 569b; Syd Caldwell 460, 368; Peggy Veech 461, 335; Cheryl Foreman 300, 430; Dan Brittain 458, 322; Louis Ramey 231.

RECESS

Syd Caldwell brought the class to order leading song on page 33t.

Peggy Veech conducted the memorial lesson and led song on page 285t for all the deceased with special emphasis on the victims of September 11th. Other deceased remembered were: Tommye Mauldin, Eula Johnson, Woodie Walker, and Eloise Watkins - Alabama; Vedic Touchstone and Mary Lou Cagle - Georgia; Jerilyn Schumacher - Illinois; Linda Smart - New York; Nobie Smith, Mildred Edmonds, and Alcie Craig - Texas. Cheryl Foreman read the names of those who are sick and shut-in and led "Scott," which was composed by Dan Brittain, in their honor. Those remembered were: Freeman Wootten and Mary Gardner - Alabama; Donnie McGraw, I.V. McWhorter, Vivian Rogers, Nancy Allen, and Myrtle Smith - Georgia; Myrl Jones - Texas; Virginia Evans - Illinois; Jason Brittain and Andrea Brittain. Bill Caldwell concluded the memorial with prayer, and offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Dan Brittain brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 201 and 278b. Leaders: Syd Caldwell 171, 434; Bill Caldwell 344, 28b; Peggy Veech 442; Penny Kujawinski 99, 313; Mike Veech 268, 222, 358; Cheryl Foreman 475, 480; Lou Kujawinski 523, 312, 163b; Alice Moran and Syd Caldwell 441; Syd Caldwell 516, 472; Shannon Seyler 455, 85.

RECESS

Dan Brittain brought the class to order leading songs on pages 71 and 75. Leaders: Syd Caldwell 284, 142, 224, 189, 182; Dan Brittain "Steel", "Scott", 435, 338; Cheryl Foreman 347, 279.

Syd Caldwell led song on page 79, and then led song on page 347 as the closing song. Bill Caldwell dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Syd Caldwell; Vice Chairman - Mike Veech; Secretary - Alice Moran.

BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

**Heard County, Georgia
Saturday, November 3, 2001**

The fall singing at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Heard County, Georgia was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November, and was called to order by Everette Denney leading songs on pages 59 and 119. Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer. Felton Denney led songs on pages 47t and 81, followed by Josephine Denney leading 147b and 146.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Everette Denney; Vice Chairman - Felton Denney; Secretary - Josephine Denney; Arranging Committee - Margie Smith.

Leaders: Everette Denney 40, 159; Margie Smith 101t, 108t; Lloyd Toney 401, 45t; Bobby Jackson 100, 72b; Penny Kujawinski 101b, 99; Hugh McGraw 98; Kenneth DeLong 318, 439.

RECESS

Felton Denney brought the class to order leading song on page 387. Leaders: Judy Mincey 475, 50b; Ben Smith 284, 285t; Charlene Wallace 235, 313t; Louis Kujawinski 515b, 63; Kiri Miller 430, 448t; Lonnie Rogers 222, 389; Glenda Collins 270, 124; Bernard Denney 335, 299.

LUNCH

B.M. Smith brought the class to order leading song on page 30t. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 117; Kirsten Griffin 25; Aaron Girard 71, 542; Jimmie Denney 56t, 61; Virginia Douglas 455, 49b; John Plunkett 418, 424; Karen Stingle 122, 106; Kenneth DeLong 568, 34t; Bobby Jackson 290; Kiri Miller 383, 76b; Penny Kujawinski 71; Aaron Girard 47, 282; Louis Kujawinski 503, 163b; B.M. Smith 358 (for Mr. Burea Stitcher); Karen Stingle 569; Virginia Douglas 86; Hugh McGraw 382.

Announcements were made, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Felton Denney.

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

ALVIS BROTHERS AND B.I. WOOD MEMORIAL SINGING

**Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Attalla, Alabama
Saturday, November 3, 2001**

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing for Alvis Brothers and B.I. Wood was held at Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church in Attalla, Alabama on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. Ron Crocker brought the class to order leading songs on pages 31t and 39b. Carmon Brothers offered the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day by electing to keep the same officers as last year: Chairman - Ron Crocker; Secretary - Hazel Brothers; Arranging Committee - Ella Ruth Chamblee and Ruby Brothers.

Leaders: Amy Crocker 48t, 358; Andrew Crocker 128, 274t; Douglas Conn 278b, 35; Judy Caudle 34t, 34b; J.L. Hopper 33t, 113; Linda Thomas 87, 108t; Hershell King 112, 426t; Phil Brothers 45t, 144; Deborah Ritch 89, 168.

RECESS

Carmon Brothers brought the class to order leading songs on pages 30t, 59, 501 (CB). Leaders: Seth Crocker 84, 339; Judy Caudle 33b, 569b; Billie Dean Waid, Gloria Hutchens, and Doris Brown 490, 572, 566, 32t; Amy Crocker 143, 72b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ron Crocker leading song on page 29t.

A memorial lesson followed with Carmon Brothers and Linda Thomas leading songs on pages 38b, 30t, and 172.

This year marks the 23rd year that this singing has been held in memory of Alvis Brothers with B.L. Wood being included in the memorial singing at a later time.

Carmon Brothers and Ruby Brothers led song on page 340 to celebrate their wedding anniversary.

Leaders: Seth Crocker 58, 104; Ovetta Carr 42, 43.

Ron Crocker led song on page 127 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Brother J.L. Hopper.

Chairman - Ron Crocker; Secretary - Hazel Brothers.

EBENEZER MENNONITE CHURCH SCHOOLHOUSE SINGING

Bluffton, Ohio

Saturday, November 3, 2001

The eighth annual Ebenezer Mennonite Church Schoolhouse Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Eloise Clark leading song on page 36b. Chaplain Beth Huener led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Eloise Clark 171; Charlotte Wolfe 47t, 128; Jo Schultz 34b, 300; Henry Schuman 270, 480; Pauline Childers 440, 212; John Bealle 410t, 186; Beth Huener 547, 545; Joe Todd 179, 269; Beth Todd 89, 335; Greg Howard 569b, 47b; John Bayer 114.

RECESS

John Bayer called the class back to order leading song on page 213. Leaders: Kay Huener 38b, 178; Michael Darby 78, 142, 84; Laura Russell 275t, 287; Greg Creech 183, 40; Loraine Bayer 29t, 159; Kathy Knecht 87, 35; Anne Marie Bullock 117, 515; Regina Bayer 144, 312b; Maria Knecht 97, 460.

LUNCH

The women of Ebenezer Mennonite Church served lunch, and the class sang 45t in appreciation for their work.

The afternoon session was brought to order by Eloise Clark leading song on page 472. Leaders: Henry Schuman 77t, 34t; Charles Knecht 37b, 448t; Charlotte Wolfe 192, 64; Jo Schultz 532, 503; John Bealle 229, 189; Beth Huener 535, 200; Joe Todd 122, 112; Megan Johns and Zander Knecht 147b, 410t; Beth Todd 319, 566; Greg Howard 68b, 388; John Bayer 71, 354t; Kay Huener 234, 551; Michael Darby 344.

RECESS

Michael Darby called the class to order leading song on page 332. Leaders: Laura Russell 163t, 475; Loraine Bayer 501, 133; Kathryn Knecht 479, 146; Anne Marie Bullock 66, 74b; Regina Bayer 108b, 328; Maria Knecht 438; Eloise Clark 215, 49; Henry Schuman 318; Charles Knecht 58, 384; Charlotte Wolfe 504;

John Bayer 110, 111b; Jo Schultz 198; Pauline Childers 224; John Bealle 436; Joe Todd 373; Zander Knecht 97; Beth Todd 32t; Greg Howard 65.

Michael Darby led song on page 347 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Secretary/Arranging - Kay Huener.

MT. EBRON CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING **Near Double Springs, Alabama** **November 4, 2001**

The ninety-sixth session of the annual Mt. Ebron Church Memorial Singing was held on the first Sunday in November. Travis Keeton called the class to order leading song on page 48t. Harrison Creel offered the opening prayer. Travis Keeton led song on page 37.

The class organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Chris Rice; Arranging Committee - Josie Hyde; Secretary - Jayne Fulmer.

Leaders: Winell Sanders 225t; David Godsey 143, 455; Wilton Donaldson 285t, 565; Stella Pratt 147, 100; Cecil Wakefield 480, 153; Ivalene Donaldson 39b; Gravis Ballinger 99, 112; Roma Rice 104, 162; Lavaughn Ballinger 167, 294; Vernice Phillips 40; John Hyde 73t, 297.

RECESS

Chris Rice called the class to order leading songs on pages 34 and 36b. Leaders: Linton Ballinger 35, 32t; Faye Donaldson 78, 430; John Merritt 110, 358; Nell Delmonico 39, 38b; Earl Ballinger 155, 460; Zena Tucker 31, 30; Edith Tate 137, 532; Amber Springfield 192, 454; Gladys Bonds 72b, 77t.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 373.

Leaders: Willodean Barton 314, 322; Glenn Keeton 163t, 497; Lisa Geist 280, 347; Harrison Creel 512; Margaret Keeton 517, 365; Flarce Creel 157, 475; Larry Ballinger 119, 121; Lena Keeton 200, 123; Dawson Adams 68, 328; Bobbie Robbins 59, 445; Sharon Spangler 101t, 108t; Josie Hyde 236, 507; Roma Rice 410t.

Travis Keeton and Chris Rice led song on page 62 as the closing song. Harrison Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Chris Rice; Secretary - Jayne Fulmer.

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **South of Bremen, Georgia, Off Highway 27 And I-20** **November 4, 2001**

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading song on page 59. Louis Hughes offered the morning prayer.

Charlene Wallace led song on page 49t. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 40; Earlis McGraw 132; Danny Griffin 165; Joyce Clackum 127; Bobby Jackson 112; Charles Woods 453; B.J. Harris 452; Edward Howton 318; B.M. Smith 441; Andy Anderson 145t; Evelyn Harris 47t; Richard Mauldin 36b; Tokay Shumake 111b; Karen Stingle 198 (for father, Howard Stingle); Louise Holland 323b; Virginia Douglas 455; Myron House 242; Cindy Cole and Brady Cook 117; Judy Mincey 556.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers:
Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin;
Secretary/Arranging Committee - Hugh McGraw and Judy Henry.

RECESS

The class was called together by Charlene Wallace, Carly McWhorter, and Avery McWhorter leading song on page 401 (for Revy Williamson who was in the hospital). Leaders: Phillip Langley 216; Glenda Collins 270; Nancy Yeager 479; Toney Smith 229; Jan House 143; Sheri Taylor 207 (for granddaughter, Jenna); Lee Rogers 475; Lela Crowder 53; Penny Kujawinski 180; Jeff Sheppard 260; John Whittemore 181; Everette Denney 405; Louis Kujawinski 535; Kelly Morris 159; William Edwards 340; Gene Duke 81t; Eunice Webb 276; Louis Hughes, Jr. 138b (in memory of his grandfather, Rev. J.C. Hughes); Phil Summerlin 495; Shelbie Sheppard 195; Jeannette DePoy 328 (for Scott DePoy); Elene Stovall 209; Bud Oliver 42; Dennis George 220; Hugh McGraw and Edmund Golladay 146.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Hugh McGraw leading song on page 145b. Leaders: Kiri Miller 142; Aaron Girard 376, 384; Amanda Denson 76b, 448t; Louis Hughes, Sr. 378b; Henry Johnson 138t, 515; David Yeager 107, 32b; Laura Akerman 192 (in memory of Jack Smith); Tommy McGraw 477, 33b; Cathy White 178, 480; Lois Owen 373; Buell Cobb 187.

RECESS

Carolyn Huckeba and Judy Henry called the class together leading songs on pages 225t (for their mother, Gladys McGraw) and 358 (by request). Leaders: Betty Shepherd 299, 442; Max Berueffy 349, 203; Martha Ann Stegar 106, 155; Mary Florence Smith 63, 440; Teenie Moody 430, 317 (for Judith Green); Felton Denney 77t, 523; Lonnie Rogers 560 (in honor of Marshall Avery), 97; Bob Goodman 348, 37b; Elder Homer Benefield 45t, 56t; Mandy Cummings 335; Lou Cotney 218; Rev. Lloyd Toney 401, 100; Ginnie Prater 273; Jimmie Denney 101t, 313t.

A donation was given to the church in honor of Vivian Rogers and in respect of Lonnie Rogers by Bud Dean.

Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace, Elder Homer Benefield, and Phillip Langley led song on page 347 as the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairman - Carlene Griffin; Secretary - Judy Henry.

SOUTH GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church, Cordele, Georgia** **November 4, 2001**

The eighty-second session of the South Georgia Singing Convention was called to order by Chairman John Hollingsworth at 10:00 a.m. leading songs on pages 59 and 138b. Chaplain Jon Robinson offered the opening prayer.

The following committees were appointed by Chairman John Hollingsworth:
Arrangement Committee - Elsie Hollingsworth; Nominating Committee - Wesley Haley and Raymond Hamrick; Memorial Committee - Mary Brownlee and Myrtice Meeks.

Leaders: David Grant 175, 166; Rita Haley 46, 63; Jon Robinson 68b, 454; John Plunkett 432, 470; Ted Mercer 348t, 348b; Lee Bradley 73b, 49t; Mary Brownlee 47b, 350; Timothy Haley 146, 155; Richard DeLong 109, 513; Sharon Hamrick 276, 40; Tim Meeks 383, 390.

RECESS

President John Hollingsworth called the singing back to order leading song on page 77b. Leaders: Kay Robinson 39b, 72b; Raymond Hamrick 74b, 39t; Myrtice Meeks 206, 129.

The business session was held at this time. The following officers were duly elected to serve for the coming year: President - John Hollingsworth; Vice President - David Grant; Secretary/Treasurer - Rita Haley; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer - Joyce Harrison; Chaplain - Jon Robinson. The officers' terms begins at the end of this session.

The singings for 2001 were reviewed. All singings were renewed for the upcoming new year, 2002.

Treasurer Rita Haley presented the treasurer's report. It was accepted as presented. The business session was adjourned with President John Hollingsworth leading song on page 213b.

LUNCH

President John Hollingsworth opened the session after lunch leading song on page 230. Leaders: Wesley Haley 34b, 122; Bob Meeks 73b, 323b; Marjorie Robinson 569b, 373; Brittainy Rewis 59, 100; Bonnie Rewis 58, 64; Opal Holloway 145b, 236; David Grant 457; Rita Haley 268; Jon Robinson 452; John Plunkett 354t; Ted Mercer 379; Luanne Turner 147t, 515; Lee Bradley 354b; Mary Brownlee 163b; Timothy Haley 282; Richard DeLong 168.

The memorial lesson followed. Mary Brownlee and Myrtice Meeks came forward to present the following deceased since our last convention and led song on page 45 in their memory: Oren Childres, Yvonne Scott Johnson, Sara Akin, and Doris Sills.

Mary Brownlee presented the following sick and shut-ins and led song on page 542 in their honor: Doris Haley, Otis Hester, Polly Hester, and Runelle Crawford. The memorial lesson was concluded.

Leaders: David Grant 131b; Tim Meeks 340; Kay Robinson 358; Raymond Hamrick 231; Myrtice Meeks 490; Wesley Haley 117; Bob Meeks 341; Brittainy Rewis 72b; Bonnie Rewis 164; Opal Holloway 49b; Luanne Turner 523.

President John Hollingsworth asked for announcements and then asked Richard DeLong to close. Richard DeLong led song on page 347 as the closing song. Jon Robinson offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

President - John Hollingsworth; Vice President - David Grant; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer - Joyce Harrison; Chaplain - Jon Robinson; Secretary/Treasurer - Rita Haley.

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN SINGING Plum Grove Church, Folklore Village Farm, Dodgeville, Wisconsin Saturday, November 10, 2001

The fifteenth annual Southern Wisconsin Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Jim Page leading song on page 31t. Joyce Anderson led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Dick Dunagan 68b; Val Dunagan 171; Julie Veal 318; Jan Kettle 36b; Jim Helke 196; Johanna Fabke 163t; Hans Guttmann 270; Joyce Anderson 59; Francis Gurtz 212; Marjorie Benwitz 195; Michael Moore 131t; Kathy Kaiser 85; Doug Stapleton 485; Becky Browne 362; Paul Wyatt 71; Melanie Hauff 352; Scott Schroeder 155; Martha Henderson 442.

A business meeting was held in which Johanna Fabke was elected Chairman.

RECESS

Julie Vea called the class to order leading song on page 106. Leaders: Johanna Fabke 350; Gary Gronau 222; Lisa Grayson 528; Jim Page “Nebraska”; Jenny Willard 392; Mike Veech 385t; Christine Stevens 542; John Bailey 218; Colette Miller 547; Jim Crawford 523; Joan Yeatman 143; Steve Parker 515; Marcia Johnson 340; Lee Steinmetz 242; Jeanette Nelson 475. Joyce Anderson led the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Jim Page called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 49. Leaders: Johanna Fabke 114; Janet Fraembs 217; Ted Mercer 145t; Peggy Brayfield 455; Ted Johnson 383; Eleanor Haase 99; Carol Crawford 117.

The memorial lesson was held with Dick Dunagan leading song on page 448 for the sick and shut-ins: Virginia Evans, Don Baker, and Stephanie Rubin - Illinois; Ev Yoder - New Mexico; Regina Weber and Orrin Lueck - Arizona; Anita Stephens - Iowa; Jason Brittain and Charlie Derleth - Missouri; Marian Fuller Archer and Bob Scorgie - Wisconsin; Philip Page, Jr. - New Jersey.

Janet Fraembs talked about death, saying in part, “For me, Sacred Harp songs help me to accept the fact that we are all mortal and will all die—to look it full in the face and accept it as a part of the cycle of life. But God’s love and care for us will not die, and our love within the community of singers will live on.” Francis Gurtz led song on page 178 for the deceased which included: Matthew Ettinger and Stan Ellis - Florida; Freeman Wootten - Alabama; John Storms - Minnesota; baby Summer, Buddy Nelson (Jeanette Nelson’s dad), Morris Phillips, Jule Renard, and Elise - Wisconsin; Tera Alston and Sally Murphy - Californai; Jerilyn Schumacher, Susan Kimmelman, Paul Samuelson, and Hollis Sigler - Illinois; Gene Munce (Jenny Willard’s father) - Idaho.

Leaders: Connie Karduck 498; Judy Hauff 426 (in memory of Freeman Wootten); Julie Vea 26; Jim Helke 170; Bettina Pietri 47t, Hans Guttman 480.

RECESS

Leaders: Carol Enseki 66; Becky Browne 276 (in response to September 11); Jan Ketelle 306; Gary Gronau 181; Lisa Grayson 448t; Michael Moore “David”; Marjorie Benwitz 273; Kathy Kaiser 29t; Doug Stapleton 107; Camilla Hansen, Jim Page, and Colette Miller 162; Paul Wyatt 569; Melanie Hauff 216; Scott Schroeder 299; Lora Bloom and Martha Henderson 282; Jenny Willard 564.

RECESS

Dick Dunagan brought the final session to order leading song on page 378b.

Leaders: Mike Veech 271t; Christine Stevens 454; John Bailey 192; Jim Crawford 522; Judy Hauff 373; Marcia Johnson 504; Joan Yeatman 34b; Steve Parker 82t; Peggy Brayfield 48b; Terry Hogg 457.

Announcements were made, and thanks were expressed to the food coordinators, Julie Vea and Carol Enseki; and the Arranging Committee, Paula Goode, Jim Page and Joyce Anderson.

Johanna Fabke led song on page 62 as the closing song. Joyce Anderson dismissed the class with a prayer.

Chairman - Johanna Fabke; Secretary - Val Dunagan.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Nashville, Tennessee

Saturday, November 10, 2001

The seventeenth annual Sacred Harp singing at Immanuel Baptist Church was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Tim Reynolds leading song on page 34b. Darrell Holley offered the morning prayer.

The following committees were appointed: Arranging Committee - Clayton Ezell and David Carlton; Finance Committee - Darrell Holley; Memorial Committee - Claire Outten and Gary Smith.

Tim Reynolds led song on page 58. Leaders: Clayton Ezell 390, 300; Claire Outten 112, 48b; Laurens Blankers 40, 63; Darrell Holley 59, 68b; Sarah Smith 290, 129.

RECESS

David Carlton brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 171 and 142. Leaders: Debbie Sides 84, 73b; Wilton Donaldson 225t, 565; Ivalene Donaldson 335, 270; Henry Cobb 72b, 551; Drew Foster 107, 159.

RECESS

Gordon Wilkinson brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 217 and 460.

A memorial lesson was held. Gary Smith led song on page 163b for the following deceased: Freeman Wootten, A.C. McGough, Harold Gant, Neil Worley, Barbara Reid MacKay, Mrs. Eric Bean, and Thornton Ryan.

Claire Outten led song on page 31t for the following sick and shut-ins: Elsie Beasley, Bonnie Favrot, Ruby Thatcher, Billie Blake Foster, David Lindstrom, Betty Blankers, and Kim Watkins. Darrell Holley closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds called the class back to order leading song on page 312b. Leaders: Lewis Frost 178, 515b; Hibbard Thatcher 49b, 479; Sandie Scott 29t, 30t; Gary Smith 46, 569b; Trudy Mayo and David Carlton 47t, 45t; Bill Anderson 457; Marsha Williams and Tim Reynolds 128, 39t; Michael Stalcup and Henry Cobb 81t; Claire Outten 334; Lewis Frost 452; Tim Reynolds 455 (by request).

Following announcements, Tim Reynolds led song on page 209 as the closing song. Gary Smith offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman - Timothy J. Reynolds; Secretary - Sandie Scott.

DALLAS COUNTY ANNUAL SINGING **First Primitive Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas** **Saturday, November 10, 2001**

The Dallas County Annual Sacred Harp Singing was held at the First Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Gary Rogan leading song on page 49t. Elder Clifford Gowens offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Bruce Coates 34b; Cheryl Foreman 48t; Mike Moseley 454; Liz Owen 440; Donald Ross 183; Doris Hanks 384; Billy Huckaby 406; Michelle Rogan 178; H.P. O'Mary 67; Amanda Owen 318; Leon Ballinger 490; Diane Ross 543; Scott Curran 455; Sarah Coates 473; Charles Richards 171; Zach Rogan 137; Edith Owen 469b; Reed Coates 112; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Tina Bryant 275.

RECESS

Bruce Coates called the class back by leading song on page 39b. Leaders: Tom Owen 512; Clifford Gowens 35; Beverly Coates 66; Josh Rogan 110; Kelly Beard 499; Vivian Rogan 282; Jeb Owen 208; Avon Miller 500; Nathan Sarvis 388; Ann Milner 300; Ryan Ross 186; Curtis Owen 328; Terre Schill 546; Mike Moseley 532; Liz Owen 212; Donald Ross 547; Doris Hanks 448b; Billy Huckaby 189; Michelle Rogan 196; H.P. O'Mary 235; Amanda Owen 503; Leon Ballinger 299; Diane Ross 497; Scott Curran 203; Sarah Coates 421; Charles Richards 274; Zach Rogan 442. Curtis Owen offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Bruce Coates called the class to order by leading song on page 31b. Leaders: Reed Coates 222; Ernestine Pipkin 85; Tina Bryant 192; Tom Owen 549; Owen Ross 327; Clifford Gowens 400; Beverly Coates 542; Josh Rogan 475; Kelly Beard 548; Vivian Rogan 163b; Jeb Owen 277; Avon Miller 558; Ann Milner 148; Ryan Ross 209; Curtis Owen 441; Mike Moseley 472; Terre Schill 225b; Liz Owen 273; Donald Ross 399; Doris Hanks 36b; Billy Huckaby 47b; Michelle Rogan 344.

RECESS

Bruce Coates called the class to order by leading song on page 40. Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 430; Amanda Owen 535; Leon Ballinger 460; Diane Ross 515; Scott Curran 434; Sarah Coates 176b; Charles Richards 282; Zach Rogan 142; Edith Owen 150; Reed Coates 182; Tina Bryant 168; Tom Owen 528; Owen Ross 99; Nicky Crocker 146; Beverly Coates 285; Josh Rogan 200; Kelly Beard 301. Bruce Coates led song on page 62 as the closing song. Elder Clifford Gowens dismissed the class with prayer.
Secretary - Cheryl Foreman.

JAMES RIVER CONVENTION **Richmond, Virginia** **November 10-11, 2001** **Saturday, November 10**

The tenth annual James River Convention was held on the second Sunday and Saturday before in November. The Saturday session was held in Spence Hall, Second Baptist Church. The Sunday session was held at the Varina Masonic Lodge.

The class was called to order by outgoing Chairman Pat Temple leading song on page 48t. Craig Baughan offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jim North 147t; Mary Wright 65; Paula McGray 37b; Guy Banks 77b; Sandra Hack Polaski 146; Stephen McMaster 203; Karen Stingle 106; D.J. Hatfield 212.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Jim North; Vice Chairman - Sandra Hack Polaski; Secretary - Mary Wright; Treasurer - Stephen McMaster.

Leaders: Chris Sepic 107; Kelly Macklin 485; Jim Strube 481; Mary Wright 480; Craig Baughan 66; Leyland delRe 433; Tom Ivey 86; Blake Morris 179; John delRe 370; Don Polaski 352; Laura Densmore 542; Gail Doss 99; Hal Kunkel 392; Mary Ann Daly 479; Doron Henkin 42.

RECESS

The class was called together by Chris Sepic leading song on page 73b. Leaders: Pat Temple 344; Paula McGray 291; Guy Banks 532; Sandra Hack Polaski 504; Stephen McMaster 74; Karen Stingle 455; Fred Beardsley 475; D.J. Hatfield 175; Chris Sepic 569t; Kelly Macklin 540; Mary Wright 290; Craig Baughan 229; Leyland delRe 157; Tom Ivey 335; Blake Morris 505; John delRe 326; Don Polaski 112; Frank Evans 117; Laura Densmore 201; Gail Doss 277; Hal Kunkel 187; Mary Ann Daly 337; Doron Henkin 275b; Pat Temple 168; Jim North 49t. Craig Baughan offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Chris Sepic leading song on page 38t. Leaders: Paula McGray 185; Guy Banks 189; Sandra Hack Polaski 142; Karen Stingle 569b; Fred Beardsley 299; Sarah Davie 327; Stephen McMaster 441; D.J. Hatfield 536; Chris Sepic 228; Kelly Macklin 218; Mary Wright 121;

Craig Baughan 566; Leyland delRe 528; Tom Ivey 195; Blake Morris 297; John delRe 32.

Stephen McMaster gave the Treasurer's Report and led song on page 282.

Leaders: Don Polaski 454; Frank Evans 300; Laura Densmore 270; Gail Doss 222.

RECESS

Stephen McMaster brought the class to order leading song on page 40. Leaders: Hal Kunkel 430; Mary Ann Daly 298; Doron Henkin 302; Pat Temple 27; Paula McGray 110; Guy Bankes 351; Karen Stingle 551; Fred Beardsley 474; Sarah Davie 384; Stephen McMaster 446; D.J. Hatfield 267; Chris Sepic 350; Sandra Hack Polaski 163; Kelly Macklin 368; Craig Baughan 347; Leyland delRe 129; Tom Ivey 49.

Announcements were made. Craig Baughan dismissed the class with prayer. A late afternoon session, organized by Blake Morris, featured new music and music from sources other than "The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition."

Sunday, November 11

The Sunday session was called to order by Jim North who greeted the convention and led song on page 117. Leaders: Sandra Hack Polaski 142; Mary Wright 421; Pat Temple 481; Gail Doss 480; Don Polaski 276; Sarah Davie 171; Guy Bankes 556; Blake Morris 73b; Stephen McMaster 217; John Fedderson 513; Joni Seidenstein 278; Lynda Hambourger 352; Adrian Mariano 183; D.J. Hatfield 296; Doron Henkin 77t; Laura Densmore 475; Tom Ivey 497; Paula McGray 131; John delRe 125; Kelly Macklin 157; Karen Stingle 85; Frank Evans 86.

RECESS

Blake Morris brought the class to order leading song on page 141. Leaders: Art Broadus 515; Jim North 34b; Sandra Hack Polaski 84; Mary Wright 270; Pat Temple 472; Mirian Kilmer and Tim Slattery 344; Gail Doss 543; Don Polaski 436; Sarah Davie 269; Guy Bankes 441; Blake Morris 442; Stephen McMaster 373; John Fedderson 370; Peter Pate 348.

Hal Kunkel presented the memorial lesson. He likened the sacred square as a source of musical and spiritual food to prevent feelings of separation and isolation that may be felt by the sick and shut-ins, and led song on page 330b.

The sick and shut-ins remembered were: Kyra Bean - New York; Cora Cooper - Maryland; Judith Jauch - Minnesota; Peggy Scruton - Ontario; Donna Lou Tunison - Oregon.

Those who have died should be remembered with kindness and love and in a spirit of honor, learning, healing, and gratitude for their life. The deceased remembered were: Rita Coole and Dorothy Williard - Maryland; Dollie Hudgins and Jack Corley - Georgia; James W. Turner, Lillian Walker, Howard Stingle, Brady Fearnow, and Joe Norton - Virginia; Mary K. Friday - D.C.; Alice Gauthier - Rhode Island; Nancy Metz and Lloyd Neil - North Carolina; Anastasia Rokusek and Jerilyn Schumacher - Illinois; Linda Smart - New York; Joanna Sorlien and Bob Todd - Pennsylvania; Freeman Wootten - Alabama.

The memorial lesson was closed with the singing of song on page 457.

Leaders: John Seidenstein 504; Lynda Hambourger 300; Adrian Mariano 430; D.J. Hatfield 398. Don Polaski offered the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by John Fedderson leading song on page 145b. Leaders: Doron Henkin 192; Laura Densmore 29t; Hal Kunkel 546; Lois Todd 148; Peter Pate 331; Tom Ivey 510; Paula McGray 101t; John delRe 369; Frank Evans 47; Karen Stingle 76; Kelly Macklin 260; Guy Bankes 444;

John Fedderson 318; Leyland delRe 332; D.J. Hatfield 126; Adrian Mariano 203; Lynda Hambourger 368; Joni Seidenstein 350; Fred Beardsley 474; Stephen McMaster 503; Tim Slattery 228; Art Broadus 523; Sarah Davie 299; Blake Morris 71; Don Polaski 362; Gail Doss 35; Pat Temple 209; Mary Wright 180.
RECESS

Leyland delRe brought the class together leading song on page 102. Leaders: Blake Morris 45 (for Norma Morris); Sandra Hack Polaski 198; Hal Kunkel 550; Peter Pate 222; Tom Ivey 501; John delRe 30b; Frank Evans and Karen Stingle 254; Kelly Macklin 376.

Guy Bankes presented the Resolutions Report thanking all of those without whom the convention would not have been a success:
pitching - Blake Morris, Paula McGray, Doron Henkin, and John Fedderson; kitchen committee; arrangement - Pat Temple, Gail Doss, and Kelly Macklin; Chaplains - Don Polaski, Chris Sepic, and Craig Baughan; facilities arrangements - Mary Wright on Saturday, and Gail Doss on Sunday; fliers, bookmarks, and forms - Judy North; publicity - Stephen McMaster and Blake Morris; registration - Norma Morris; and all the singers!

Leaders: Guy Bankes 120; John Fedderson 347; Leyland delRe 28b; D.J. Hatfield 345b; Adrian Mariano 542; Lynda Hambourger.

Announcements were made. Jim North led song on page 159, and song on page 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed.

The James River Convention will meet next year on the second Sunday and Saturday before in November, November 9-10, 2002.

Chairman - Jim North; Vice Chairman - Sandra Hack Polaski; Secretary - Mary Wright.

OAK HILL BAPTIST CHURCH **Oxford, Alabama** **November 11, 2001**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Hill Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by B.J. Harris leading song 37b. Louis Hughes offered the morning prayer. B.J. Harris led song on page 32t; Pearl Guier 59, 127; B.J. Harris 73b.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - B.J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Max Berueffy; Secretary - Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee - Pearl Guier.

Leaders: B.J. Harris 312b; Max Berueffy 501, 438; B.M. Smith 475, 318 (in memory of Eula Johnson); Teenie Moody 384, 430; Milton Oliver 314; Floy Wilder 187, 402; Allison Dodson 89, 378t; Eugene Forbes 340, 212; LaRue Allen 182, 396; Hugh McGraw 397; Mary Florence Smith 392, 328 (in memory of all veterans); Betty Wright 549, 515.

RECESS

Max Berueffy brought the class back to order leading song on page 337. Leaders: Bud Oliver 145b, 170; Daphene Causey 229 (CB), 291; Earlis McGraw 329, 389; Nancy Allen 45t; Louis Hughes 274t, 540; Ivalene Donaldson 343; Charlene Wallace 217, 299; S.T. Reed 312b, 313t.

A special memorial was given by Shelbie Sheppard for Freeman Wootten and Canola (Oakie) Austin, both of whom had passed away this past week, and led songs on pages 48t and 278t in their memory.

LUNCH

Max Berueffy brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 48b (in memory of Freeman Wootten) and 186. Leaders: Henry Johnson 535, 435;

Glenda Collins 100, 375; Elene Stovall 406; Wilton Donaldson 348b, 285t; Lou Cotney 172, 222; Bobby Jackson 112, 568; Reba Norton 177, 208; Evelyn Harris 358, 146; Everette Denney 61, 335; Margie Smith 317, 499; Jeff Sheppard 308, 492; Eunice Webb 196, 303; B.M. Smith 28b (for his mother, Myrtle Smith); Allison Dodson 138b; Lou Cotney and Carolyn McCareeth 294; the class sang "Happy Birthday" to Ann Lybrand, who was 92, and recognized Mrs. Lula Hanson who is 99 years of age.

After announcements were made, B.J. Harris and Max Berueffy led song on page 457 (by request) as the closing song. Louis Hughes dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - B.J. Harris; Vice Chairman - Max Berueffy; Secretary - Hester Edwards.

CROSS ROADS MEMORIAL North of Tallapoosa, Georgia Saturday Night, November 17, 2001

The annual Cross Roads Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in November. The class was called to order by George Garner leading song on page 59. Lonnie Rogers offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman - George Garner; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Miranel Swafford; Arranging Committee - Mary Florence Smith.

Miranel Swafford led song on page 348b in memory of her father, Gilbert Pope. Leaders: Mary Florence Smith 37, 448b; Glenda Collins 290, 124; C.W. Garner 285t, 45t; Cynthia Fielder 490, 340; Kenneth DeLong 560, 548; Judy Mincey 475, 50; Bernard Collard 49b, 300; Karleen Williams 63, 146; Evelyn Harris 155, 39b; Hugh McGraw 38t; Eunice Webb 569, 284; Lonnie Rogers 225t, 318 (for Vivian Rogers).

RECESS

Miranel Swafford called the class together leading song on page 137. Leaders: B.J. Harris 503, 303; Teenie Moody 275b, 317; Lee Rogers 425, 546; Laura Akerman 499b, 498; Charlene Wallace and Lenna Davidson 37t, 164; Mildred Patterson 108, 100; Bernard Collard 501, 457 (for A.M. Wood).

Announcements were made. Mary Florence Smith led song on page 46 as the closing song. Billy Joe Harris dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - George Garner; Vice Chairman - B.M. Smith; Secretary - Miranel Swafford.

HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Calhoun, Georgia November 18, 2001

The annual singing held at Harmony Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in November was called to order by Chairman Judy Mincey leading song on page 59. Ed Smith offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 99; Ed Smith 100, 101t; Lee Rogers 467, 540; Don Bowen and Barry Sisk 157, 347; Jeannette DePoy 410t (for Scott DePoy), 61 (in memory of Dollie Hudgins); David Yeager 47b, 47t; Lela Crowder 385b, 273; Bob Goodman 66, 40; Laura Akerman 70b, 240; John Hollingsworth 138t, 176t; Nancy Yeager and Michael Yeager 178, 448b.

A business session was held. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman - Ed Smith; Secretary - Lee Rogers; Arranging Committee - Jeannette DePoy and John Plunkett; Finance - Don Bowen; Memorial - Teenie Moody.

RECESS

Chairman Judy Mincey brought the class to order leading song on page 70t. Leaders: Mary Florence Smith 275b, 284; John Plunkett 414, 90; Jennifer Keans 63, 107; Hugh McGraw 94; Charlene Wallace 85, 203; Loy Garrison 498, 512; Floyd Peters 68b, 285t; Henry Johnson 135, 138b; Elene Stovall and Max Berueffy 196, 300, 500; Bernard Collard 36t, 474.

LUNCH

Judy Mincey opened the afternoon session leading song on page 32t. Leaders: B.M. Smith 475, 222 (for Coy Ivey); Susan Smith 128, 361; Bud Oliver 332, 39t; Richard DeLong 374, 123b (in memory of Uncle Jack Corley); Liz Bryant 542, 276; Kelly Smith 39b, 38b; Michael Yeager and David Yeager 142; Teenie Moody 37b.

Teenie Moody gave the memorial lesson, and led song on page 171 for the sick and shut-ins: Coy Ivey, Kathy White, Mozelle Sheppard, Vivian Rogers, Katherine Benefield. Bernard Collard led song on page 122 for the deceased: Jerilyn Schumacher - Illinois; J.D. Parker, Jack Corley, Vedic Edge Touchstone, Elder Roy Davis, and Elder Emmanuel Yates - Georgia; Freeman Wootten and Roy Beaird - Alabama; Annie Mae Smith - Texas. Teenie Moody closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Elene Stovall 430; Max Berueffy 384 (for Coy Ivey); Loy Garrison 50b; Henry Johnson 539; B.M. Smith 503; Bud Oliver 225t (for Lonnie Rogers); Ed Smith and Samson Smith 45t; Lela Crowder 224; Floyd Peters 82t; Rich Raburn 319, 159; Jennifer Keans 236; Don Bowen 270 (for Rodney Ivey).

Judy Mincey and Ed Smith led the closing song on page 46, and Bernard Collard dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman - Ed Smith; Secretary - Lee Rogers.

ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION **Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church,** **Birmingham, Alabama** **November 24-25, 2001**

Saturday, November 24

The one hundred-second session of the Alabama State Sacred Harp Convention met at Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in November. Glenn Keeton called the class to order at 9:00 a.m. leading song on page 59. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 497; Jeff Sheppard 460; Elene Stovall 137; Cassie Franklin, Bud Oliver, and Max Berueffy 73t; Linton Ballinger 299; Rodney Ivey 144; Jewel Wootten and Terry Hullett 441, 145t; Jerry Enright 411; Don Bowen 39b; Richard Ivey 171; Amber Springfield and Kirstin Anderson 142; Harrison Creel 498; Tim Cook 370; John Plunkett 449; Bob Meek and Mike Morris 384; Ashley Keeton 203; Gary Smith 569b; Allison Dodson 335; Julianna Jett 87; Loraine Bayer, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 278b; Felicia Stevens 454; Alex Makris 303.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton called the class to order leading song on page 146. Leaders: Mary Florence Smith 284; Neila Nicholson 77b; Wilton Donaldson and Ivalene

Donaldson 56t; Henry Johnson 539; Cheryl Foreman 107; Richard Mauldin 36b; Nate Green and Norma Green 373; Terre Schill 329; Nancy Yeager 178; John Brode 375; Louis Hughes 492; Regina Bayer 475; S.T. Reed 545; John Redman 143; Edith Tate 37b.

RECESS

Larry Ballinger called the class to order leading song on page 300. Leaders: Daphene Causey 269; John Daniel delRe 274t; Willie Mae Moon 353; Eugene Forbes 340; Aubrey Barfield 551; Lee Rogers 556; Velton Chafin 494; Stephen McMaster 446; Ottis Sides 530; Cathy White 268; Travis Keeton 496; Hubert Nall 49b; Christine Stevens 542; J.C. Rutledge 294; Leyland delRe 504; Tommie Spurlock 430; Bernard Collard 63; Linda Sides 186; Jeanette Nelson 270.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading song on 163b. Leaders: Teenie Moody 277; Jim Helke 170; John Bayer 354t; Bill Stewart 480. A business session was held for the purpose of electing officers with the following elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - David Ivey; Secretaries - Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall; Arranging Committee - Bud Oliver, Max Berueffy, and Cassie Franklin; Memorial Committee - Ruth Brown and Henry Johnson; Finance Committee - Rodney Ivey and Don Bowen; Resolutions Committee - Buell Cobb, Dennis George, and Judy Hauff; Chaplain - Harrison Creel. End of business session.

Leaders: Dennis George 455; Stuart Ivey 192; Tommy George 335; Melaine Hauff 566; John delRe 369; Richard DeLong 336; Lisa Geist 273; Lomax Ballinger 168; Cindy Tanner 198; Reba Windom 224; Charlene Wallace 481; Ted Mercer 352; Jeannette DePoy 328; Danny Creel 383; Samuel Sommers 112; Lynne deBenedette 182.

RECESS

David Ivey brought the class back to order leading song on page 462. Leaders: Laura Clawson 362; Hershell King 97; Tim Reynolds 468; Tish Crocker 490; Judy Hauff 522; Dave Ressler 216; Sandie Scott 408; Kelly Macklin 157; Gary Gronau 550; Lela Crowder 374; Karen Isbell 348b; Judy Mincey 474; Rebecca Browne 304; Hans Guttman 76b; Karen Freund 30b; Ted Johnson 48b (in memory of Freeman Wootten); Genny Whitworth 212; David Yeager 225t (for Lonnie Rogers).

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and David Ivey led song on page 46 as the closing song. Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, November 25

The Sunday morning session began with Chairman Jeff Sheppard leading song on page 61. Chaplain Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: David Ivey 121; Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall 270; Bud Oliver, Max Berueffy, and Cassie Franklin 145t; Henry Johnson 425; Don Bowen 82t; Judy Hauff and Dennis George 300; Harrison Creel 111b; Lena Keeton 546; Floy Wilder 350; B.J. Harris 503; Mattie Townsel 68b; Richard Mauldin 72b; Evelyn Harris 89; Coy Ivey and Elene Stovall 384; Christine Stevens 318; B.M. Smith 475; Willie Mae Moon 498; Karen Ivey 208; Karen Buche Clark 474; Bernard Collard 217; LaRue Allen 316.

RECESS

Sarah Harcrow and Rodney Ivey brought the class back to order leading song on page 186. Leaders: Chris Green 196; Gib Amason and Vernelle Amason 143; John Bealle 240; Allison Dodson 145b; Jackson Harcrow 48t; Felicia Stevens 155; Loraine Bayer, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 133; Neila Nicholson and Alexandra Makris 40; Adrian Nall 288; Charles Franklin 74b; Wanda Capps

171; David Light 192; Eloise Clark 179; Shelbie Sheppard 183; Charles Woods 39t; Cheryl Foreman 32b; Jim Carnes 209; Samuel Sommers 426b; Toney Smith 499; Charlene Wallace 267.

RECESS

Dennis George brought the class back to order leading song on page 101t.

Leaders: Allison Davis 436; Buell Cobb 26; Judy Mincey 571; Stephen McMaster 282; Chita Blakeley 283; Leyland delRe and Regina Bayer 528; Jeanette Nelson 547; John Brode 57; Karen Freund 172; Kelly Macklin 377; Karen Isbell 372; Hans Guttman 99; Ted Johnson 419.

Ruth Brown and Henry Johnson presented the memorial lesson. Ruth Brown talked about the recent national tragedy of September 11th and counting our blessings of being able to join together and fellowship as Sacred Harp singers. While using verses from different songs, she expressed that we get hope and love from the fellowship of singing together.

Henry Johnson read the list of the remembered deceased: Freeman Wootten, Roie Alexander, I.V. Cockrell, Shelia Moon, Ruby Creel, A.C. McGough, Eloise Watkins, Eula Johnson, Cecil Edwards, Woodie Walker, Nelda Tolbert, Grady Price, Eron White, Ted White, and Tommye Denson Mauldin - Alabama; Susan Garber - Connecticut; Jack Corley, Clyde Windom, and J.J. Aderhold - Georgia; Marilyn Hood - Florida; Jerilyn Schumacher - Illinois; Roger Brooks - Kentucky; Bob Todd - Pennsylvania; Bruce Helton - Tennessee; Nobie Smith and Mildred Edmonds - Texas; Buddy Nelson - Wisconsin; Mary Kay Friday - Washington, D.C. Henry Johnson led song on page 341.

Ruth Brown read a verse of scripture and then read the names of the sick and shut-ins while the class hummed song on page 285t: Mozelle Sheppard, Vivian Rogers, Elsie Beasley, Kelly Beard, Katherine Benefield, Stephanie Rubin, Everett Yoder, Regina Weber, Charles R. Farris, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Lawrence Underwood, Lula Underwood, Jean Barton, Polly Moore, Betty Wright, Roy Nelson, Louise Nelson, Marie Ivey, Charlie Derleth, Gladys McGraw, Revy Williamson, Reby Stanford, Dot Garber, Amacie Smith, Bill Green, E.M.

Robbins, Kathleen Robbins, and Helen Stevens. Ruth Brown led song on page 340 for the sick and shut-ins. Mary Florence Smith closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Amber Springfield brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 276. Leaders: Dave Ressler 298; Jackie Tanner 222; Jerry Enright 77t; Susan Harcrow 430; Betty Shepherd 216; Tommy George 87; Laura Clawson and Lela Crowder 379; Lynne deBenedette 442; Rebecca Browne 218; Richard DeLong 411; Judy Hauff 456; Reba Windom and Sharon DuPriest 542; Ted Mercer 182; Terre Schill 301; Stuart Ivey 189; Melanie Hauff 564; Mary Florence Smith and Teenie Moody 383; Ricky Harcrow 299; Lee Rogers 464; John Bayer 496; Billy Williams 96; David Yeager 229.

RECESS

Richard Ivey brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 567.

Leaders: Gary Gronau 448t; Louis Hughes 344; John Daniel delRe 332; Jim Helke 33b; Rodger Morrison, Jr. 358; John delRe 326; Ila Ingle 434; Cassie Franklin 440; Nancy Yeager 479; Edith Tate and Max Berueffy 532; Daphene Causey 391; John Redman 105.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports.

The Finance Committee report was given by Linda Thomas. Balance brought forward \$2,609.84; collection \$1,158.00; total forward \$3,767.84. Expenditures: supplies and food \$435.00; gift to the church \$250.00; cleaning of church \$75.00;

minutes \$60.00. Total expenses \$820.00. Balance after expenses \$2,947.84. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the report as given. Max Berueffy of the Arranging Committee reported that there were 221 leaders from 17 states and the United Kingdom that led during the two-day convention. The Resolutions Committee report was given by Dennis George. Whereas in this 102nd annual session of the Alabama State Sacred Harp Singing Convention, we have been privileged to enjoy another wonderful session of singing and fellowship. Therefore let it be resolved that we give thanks to:

- 1) God;
- 2) The members of Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church;
- 3) All who participated in preparing or providing the wonderful meals and refreshments both days of the convention;
- 4) The officers and committees;
- 5) All who came from near and far.

The business session was closed. Announcements were made.

Jeff Sheppard and David Ivey led song on page 62 as the closing song while those who wished took the parting hand. Chris Green closed the convention with prayer.

Chairman - Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman - David Ivey; Secretaries - Linda Thomas and Elene Stovall.

**WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL
(GANUS, WILFORD, CLIFFORD, AND GENE)
Mt. Vernon (King School House), Natural Bridge, Alabama
November 25, 2001**

The thirty-first session of the Wakefield Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Travis Keeton leading song on page 48t. Henry Guthery offered the morning prayer.

The class organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Henry Guthery; Secretary - Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee - Roma Rice.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 129; Wilton Donaldson 225t, 503, 566; Willodean Barton 63, 87, 101t; Beatrice Phillips 143, 112; Kermit Adams 85, 99; Joyce Hubbitt 212; Ivalene Donaldson 81t; Earl Ballinger 82, 217; Margaret Keeton 441, 527, 517; Larry Ballinger 119, 109.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading song on page 73t. Leaders: Anne Steel 171, 31t, 29t; Henry Guthery 205, 140, 151; Warren Steel 150, 148, 142; Gravis Ballinger 144, 120, 34b; Ken Tate 35, 343; Debbie Wakefield 426b, 365, 183.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 410t. Leaders: Larry Wakefield 569b, 37b, 339; Nadine Willis, Clara Stults, Faye Donaldson, Julie Poston, Helen Langston, Betty Baccus, Wayne Wakefield, Wendel Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, and Debra Wakefield (family of the late S.L. and Catherine Wakefield) 333, 168, 480, 546; L.E. Hannah 182, 349; John Hyde 275b, 75, 297; Helen Langston 490, 391; Sharon Spangler 282, 134; Clara Stults 290, 100; Betty Baccus 373, 392, 396; Josie Hyde 298, 361, 507; Wendel Wakefield 145, 108t, 108b; Roma Rice 104, 338 (for Mr. and Mrs. Milford Watts, Rose Altha Taylor, and Gladys Bonds), 482; Warren Steel 284, 178; Henry Guthery 420 (in memory of his parents).

Travis Keeton led song on page 426t for Hazel Wakefield and as the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Carl Tomes, and the class was dismissed. Chairman - Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman - Henry Guthery; Secretary - Josie Hyde.

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Holiday Inn, Panama City, Florida

December 1-2, 2001

Saturday, December 1

The thirty-fourth session of the Florida State Convention was called to order by Chairman Bud Oliver leading song on page 32t. Verlon Stiefel offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Chairman Bud Oliver 82; Vice Chairperson Reba Windom 59; Victoria Aplin 421; Aubrey Barfield 306; Earl Ballinger 101t; Danny Creel 182; Frank Hataway 395b; Louise Holland 137; Russ Schultz 64; Elene Stovall 559; John Redman 508; Max Berueffy 156; Liz Bryant 98; Bob Bonnell 511b; Hershell King 398b.

RECESS

The singing continued with Chairman Bud Oliver leading song on page 440t. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 384; Wanda Capps 505; Richard DeLong 524; Alice Bejnar 145b; Ernest Cockcroft 553b; Nancy Van Den Akker 41; Hans Guttman 416t; Amber Springfield 501; Bob Goodman 572; Lavaughn Ballinger 393t; Daphene Causey 434; Milton Oliver 54.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class to order leading songs on pages 278b and 63. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 300; Sara Pietrantonio 119; Harrison Creel 355; Nate Green and Norma Green 45b, 381t; Tor Bejnar 361; Lela Crowder 507; Bill Aplin 94; Linda Thomas 515; Jeanette Nelson 217; John Plunkett 536; Eva Padgett 77t; Hobert Ivey 335t; Lee Rogers 121; Kennon Smith 189; Judy Mincey 411. The class was dismissed for lunch with the singing of song on page 369.

LUNCH

Chairman Bud Oliver brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 145t. Leaders: Bill Farris 401; Ann Jett 503; John Etheridge 552; Genny Whitworth 324; Joe Nall 428; Tommie Spurlock 433; Tim Jones 38t; Billy Kelley 558; Mary Ruth Stiefel 112; Stanley Smith 288; Edith Tate 404; Verlon Stiefel 45t; Agnes Farris 101b; Juanita Hill 81; Carolyn Webb 391 (for her mother, Mammie Riley); Margaret Spurlock 212; Stanley Smith 235b (for the Barfield family).

RECESS

Aubrey Barfield brought the class to order leading song on page 522. Leaders: Elsie Moon 497; Eloise Wootten 541; Danny Creel 76b; Lois Bonnell 82; David Lee 282; Tim Jones 489; Tommie Spurlock 264b; Ernest Cockcroft 49b; Wilton Donaldson 285t; John Etheridge 358 (for Pauline Pruitt); David Lee 488t (by special request and walked time).

Announcements were made. Bud Oliver led song on page 461 as the closing song, and David Lee dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, December 2

The Sunday morning session of the Florida State Convention was brought to order by Chairman Bud Oliver leading song on page 36b. Harrison Creel offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Vice Chairperson Reba Windom 144; Victoria Aplin 270; Aubrey Barfield 220; Earl Ballinger 176; Frank Hataway 138; Louise Holland 64; David

Yeager 494; Elene Stovall 183; John Redman 283b; Liz Bryant 392; Bob Bonnell 75; Hershell King 572; Leon Ballinger 239; Wanda Capps 142; Richard DeLong 98, 61 (in memory of his grandmother, Dollie Hudgins).

RECESS

Bud Oliver called the class to order leading song on page 42. Leaders: Hans Guttman 511t; Lela Crowder 106; J.A. Mosley 542; Amber Springfield 192; Bob Goodman 500; Nancy Van Den Akker 422t; Lavaughn Ballinger 358. Tommie Spurlock and Judy Mincey presented the memorial lesson. Tommie Spurlock spoke about the beauty that the Lord has given us, a beautiful day with bright sunshine and birds singing. But with all this beauty, it cannot compare with what our loved ones who have passed away are now experiencing, joys and beauty that cannot be described by those of us who remain. Tommie Spurlock read Psalm 100, and Judy Mincey read the list of names of the deceased. Tommie Spurlock led song on page 574, "Sweet Peace" in memory of the deceased.

Judy Mincey read the list of the sick and shut-ins, and Tommie Spurlock led song on page 225t in their honor. Harrison Creel closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Daphene Causey 222; Max Berueffy 344; Karen Clark 516; Larry Ballinger 559; Sara Pietrantonio 405; Harrison Creel 54t; Ann Jett 229; Gravis Ballinger 120.

LUNCH

Chairman Bud Oliver brought the afternoon session to order leading song on page 332. Leaders: Jeanette Nelson 171; John Plunkett 244; Norma Green 449; Bill Aplin 163t; Lee Rogers 575; Don Clark 186; Eva Padgett 215; John Etheridge 110; Judy Mincey 336t; Joe Nall 216; Agnes Farris 108b; Tommie Spurlock 203; Eloise Wooten 99; Bill Farris 111b; Dewayne Hawthorne 47b; Ernest Cockcroft 159; Aubrey Barfield 288 (for Irma Shari).

RECESS

Chairman Bud Oliver brought the class to order leading song on page 73. Leaders: Jeanette Nelson and Hans Guttman 478; Leon Ballinger 507b; Eva Padgett 198 (for the Riley family); Nancy Van Den Akker 77; David Yeager 38t; Reba Windom 573, 540; Frank Hataway 444t; John Plunkett 477.

A business session was held. The officers for next year (2002) were presented: Chairperson - Reba Windom; First Vice Chairman - Max Berueffy; Second Vice Chairman - Larry Ballinger.

Announcements were made. The class sang 146 as the closing song, and Bill Aplin dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman - Bud Oliver; Secretary - Victoria Aplin.

JOE BEASLEY MEMORIAL SINGING

**Concord Primitive Baptist Meeting House, Winfield, Alabama
December 8-9, 2001**

Saturday, December 8

The seventh Joe Beasley Memorial Singing was called to order by Chairman John Beasley leading song on page 31b. Chaplain George Seiler offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Beasley 32t; Vice Chairman Richard Schmeidler 34b, 66; John Redman 186, 362; Jayne Fulmer 99, 101; Marlin Beasley 480, 111b; Ivalene Donaldson 108t; Julietta Haynes 222, 298; George Seiler 68b; Sandie Scott 72b, 40; Charlie Ballard 30t, 512.

RECESS

Richard Schmeidler called the class to order leading song on page 49b. Leaders: Eugene Forbes 155, 380; Marilyn Burchett 551, 29t; Wilton Donaldson 348, 225t; Gary Smith 523, 565; Jimmie Gilmore 43, 343; Elsie Beasley 460, 192. Chaplain George Seiler offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Chairman John Beasley brought the afternoon session to order leading songs on pages 317 and 318. Leaders: Buell Cobb 75, 33b; Virginia Douglas 178, 56b; Travis Keeton 56t, 499; Jean Seiler 106, 217; Sarah Beasley Smith 384, 335; Arthur Gilmore 408; Brenda Pena 490, 77b; Charlotte Ehrmann 147t, 163b; Becky Beasley Briggs 482, 234; Charles Kitchens 326, 179; Cora Beasley Sweatt 406, 312b; Amber Springfield 76b, 276; Ann Beasley Ballard 426b, 284; Amanda Denson 146 (with words to "Amazing Grace" for Tommye Denson Mauldin), 164; Freddie Briggs 141, 338; Lena Keeton and Amber Springfield 137, 475. John Beasley and Richard Schmeidler led song on page 474 as the closing song. Chaplain George Seiler dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, December 9

Richard Schmeidler brought the Sunday session to order leading song on page 34b. Chaplain George Seiler offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Chairman John Beasley 59; Guy Banks 556, 77b; Vernice Phillips 168; Estelle Gilmore and L.S. Gilmore 379, 77t; Charlotte Ehrmann 73b, 504; Tim Reynolds 192, 566; Clarence McCool 318, 349; Frances Beasley Lee 30, 159; Clarissa Springfield 343, 445; John Hyde and Josie Hyde 73t, 297; Josie Hyde 298, 66; David Beasley 72b, 68; Elsie Beasley 460, 336.

RECESS

Lena Keeton brought the class back to order leading songs on pages 269 and 546. Leaders: Ken Tate and daughter, Hannah Tate 426, 37b; Eugene Forbes 438, 405; Flarce Creel 204; Marilyn Burchett 145, 42; John Redman 38t, 38b; Becky Beasley Briggs 335, 334; Cecil Whitefield 79; Virginia Douglas 455, 503; Cora Beasley Sweatt 81t, 111.

The memorial lesson was presented by Dan McCurry and Marilyn Burchett. Dan McCurry spoke movingly of the continuance of family and spirit in the Sacred Harp community and the Beasley family and led songs on pages 66 and 384 for the following deceased: Elmer Conwill, A.C. McGough, Freeman Wootten, Mike Spann (killed in Afghanistan), Roie Alexander, Mamie Jenkins, and Tommye Denson Mauldin - Alabama; Mary Kay Friday - Washington, D.C.; Linda Smart and John Flandreau - New York; Susan Garber - Connecticut; Robert Todd - Pennsylvania; and Deloris Kanerday.

Dan McCurry and Marilyn Burchett led song on page 335 for the sick and shut-ins: Elsie Sweatt, Elder Garnsey McGough, Ethel McGough, Jeff Sheppard, and Coy Ivey - Alabama; Kyra Bean - New York. Dan McCurry closed the memorial lesson with prayer, and offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Chairman John Beasley called the afternoon session to order leading song on page 67. Leaders: Kermit Adams 78, 99; Gary Smith, Sarah Beasley Smith, and Seth Holloway 31t, 354; Jean Seiler 299, 200; Flarce Creel 475; Harrison Creel 512; Larry Ballinger 50; Elene Stovall and Max Berueffy 306 (for Mike Spann and the troops away from home this Christmas), 461; Julietta Haynes 216, 430; Wilton Donaldson 285t; Edith Tate 389, 89; Travis Keeton 321b; Warren Steel 131t, 183; John Merritt 499, 124; Brenda Pena 143, 81b.

RECESS

George Seiler brought the class to order leading song on page 186. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 441, 154; Amber Springfield 142; Sandie Scott 288; Jayne Fulmer

300; Ann Beasley Ballard 277; Ricky Beasley 30b, 106; Chris Bell 358, 85; Chug Beasley 61; Claire Outten 112, 86; Freddie Briggs and Bunk Beasley 141, 145; Seth Holloway 388; the Beasley family 146.

After announcements, John Beasley and Richard Schmeidler led song on page 46 as the closing song, and Chaplain George Seiler dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman - John Beasley; Vice Chairman - Richard Schmeidler; Secretary - Sandie Scott.

ZION HILL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Douglas, Alabama
Sunday, December 17, 2000

The annual singing at Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Douglas, Alabama was held on December 17, 2000, the third Sunday, on a very cold, snowy, and icy Sunday. The class was called to order by Elder Philip Gilmore leading songs on pages 30t and 31t. Douglas Conn led the class in morning prayer. Philip Gilmore welcomed everyone, thanked those who braved the weather to be here, and led song on page 32t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman - Susan Harcrow; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Sarah Harcrow.

Leaders: Susan Harcrow 37, 59, 128; Rodney Ivey 378t, 208, 225; Sarah Harcrow 347, 186; Jackson Harcrow 63, 145b; Douglas Conn 67, 74b, 460; Jarrod George 358, 300, 137; Paula Gilmore and Philip Gilmore 75, 47t.

RECESS

Susan Harcrow brought the class back together leading song on page 87. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 143, 45, 285t; Betty Wright 89, 235; Max Berueffy 201, 182, 415; Elene Stovall 503, 217, 436; Henry Johnson 385t, 278b, 47b.

LUNCH

Rodney Ivey called the class back together leading song on page 144. Leaders: Ashley Keeton 209, 78, 68b; Dennis George 306, 223, 348; Amber Springfield 34b, 389, 391, 192; Nate Green and Norma Green 97, 425, 354, 317; Jarrod George and Jackson Harcrow 36b, 155; Larry Lambert 332, 410t; Susan Harcrow, Sarah Harcrow, and Jackson Harcrow 81b, 410b, 461; Henry Johnson and Susan Harcrow 462.

Announcements were made. Jackson Harcrow led song on page 46. The singing was closed with the class singing one verse of "Silent Night" and with prayer by Elder Philip Gilmore.

Chairman - Susan Harcrow; Vice Chairman - Rodney Ivey; Secretary - Sarah Harcrow.

2000 AND 2001 DEATHS

This list is compiled from the names submitted for the Memorial Lessons in the 2000 and 2001 minutes. We have listed the date of death when known. It is not our intention to omit any name or date. If you can supply these dates, we would appreciate it if you would share them with us. We realize that some names may be spelled wrong or listed in the wrong state, but this was not intentional.

DEATHS 2000

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 2000 minutes.

Listed by Date

01-11-00	Betty Creel Rutledge	Alabama
01-12-00	Barb Mowbray	Unknown
01-18-00	Susan Fishburn	Iowa
01-25-00	Lillie Belle Ayers	Georgia
01-30-00	David Terry Davis	Maryland
01-00-00	Ethyl Andrews	Washington
01-00-00	Dodge Wiggins	New Mexico
01-00-00	Dario Landazuri	California
02-08-00	Ruby Cole Webb	Alabama
02-16-00	Ester Wall Brown	Alabama
02-24-00	Verla (Mrs. T.H.)	Florida
02-24-00	Earl Adams	Washington
02-00-00	Kenneth Kirkland	Washington
02-00-00	Maxine Harmon	Oregon
03-11-00	Myrline Faircloth	Georgia
03-12-00	Lawson Burgess	Alabama
03-13-00	Alice Williams	Alabama
03-18-00	Mary Oden	Alabama
03-29-00	Virgil Phillips	Alabama
03-31-00	Fayrene Wakefield	Mississippi
04-01-00	Reese Bailey	Georgia
04-11-00	Eloise Tolleson Edwards	Alabama
04-21-00	Theo Grayson	Alabama
04-27-00	Elder James D. Embry	Georgia
04-30-00	J.D. Muse	Georgia
05-15-00	Allene Lambert Stanford	Georgia
05-18-00	Lucille Forman	Alabama
05-19-00	Willard Hopper	Alabama
05-20-00	Carlos White	Alabama
06-12-00	Karen House	New York
06-13-00	Shelton Williamson	Alabama
06-17-00	Horace Batchelor	Alabama
06-19-00	Rosa Hughes	Alabama
06-28-00	Don Wilkerson	Oklahoma
07-20-00	Hershel Wooten	Georgia
07-31-00	Willie Mosley	Alabama
08-06-00	Marie Creel Aldridge	Alabama
08-16-00	Ruby Phillips	Alabama
08-16-00	Herbert Phillips	Alabama

09-12-00 Eugene Wakefield
 09-20-00 Betty Forbes
 09-21-00 Susan Garber
 09-28-00 Jack Smith
 09-29-00 Lee Schaffer
 09-00-00 Nathaniel Kaiser
 10-07-00 Susan McKenzie Fitch
 10-19-00 Vedic Edge Touchstone
 10-20-00 Roy Baird
 12-05-00 Annie Mae Smith
 12-16-00 Mary Lou Cagle
 12-17-00 Woodie Walker

Alabama
 Alabama
 Connecticut
 Georgia
 Colorado
 Tennessee
 Louisiana
 Georgia
 Alabama
 Texas
 Georgia
 Alabama

Listed by State (* — see above list for date)

Alabama

*Marie Creel Aldridge
 Ileeta Aplin
 Isabel Arnold
 Sybil Baird
 Marjorie Barker
 *Horace Batchelor
 *Roy Baird (92 years old)
 Robert Berueffy
 Lamana Bige
 Audie Black
 Bera Bradford
 *Ester Wall Brown
 Shirley Lowe Brown
 *Lawson Burgess
 Rev. Hubert Calvert
 John Cawley
 Pauline Cobbs
 Talmadge Cobbs
 Opal Deese
 *Eloise Tolleson
 Edwards
 Ted Edwards
 Charlie Elmore
 Ward Elmore
 Raymond Fannin
 *Betty Forbes
 Byron Forbes
 *Lucille Forman
 Elbert Freeman
 Jimmy Godsey
 Michael Godsey
 Mertice Hood Graham
 Charles Grant
 Vada Grant
 *Theo Grayson
 Hattie Harmon

Arthur Heard
 Arnell Henry
 Aubrey Holmes
 *Willard Hopper
 *Rosa Hughes
 Pauline Humphrey
 Carroll Ivey
 Geneva Jones
 Everett Kilgoe
 Gertie Knight
 Lester Light
 Alice Meadows
 Patsy Merritt
 Alice Mitchell
 Bobby Jean Morrow
 Kevin Morrow
 *Willie Mosley
 Dorothy Murphy
 Helfin Murphy
 Nadine Murphy
 Robert Melton
 Murphy
 Hazel O'Dell
 *Mary Oden
 Fratus Owen
 Jimmy Joe Parker
 W.C. Pelham
 Arthur Phillips
 *Herbert Phillips
 *Ruby Phillips
 *Virgil Phillips
 Faye Nell Pollard
 Kathleen Austin
 Purdue
 Rev. James Putman
 Waylon Roach
 Inez Robertson
 Terry Robinson

*Betty Creel Rutledge
 Alta Self
 Lois Sheldon
 Elizabeth Singleton
 Gertie Harbison Smith
 Ruby Edwards Smith
 Franklin Snider
 Thelma Speigle
 Peggy Ann Stamps
 Stella Stricklin
 Edna Thomas
 Polly Thomas
 Bercha Thompson
 Horace Upton
 Arlen Vaughn
 Patrick Waddell
 *Woodie Walker
 *Eugene Wakefield
 *Ruby Cole Webb
 Margaret Whitaker
 *Carlos White
 Julia White
 *Alice Williams
 Evelyn Williams
 *Shelton Williamson
 Eugene Wright
 Walter Wyers

Arkansas

Irma Giffels
 Ruth Wright

California

Arthur Allen
 Elsie Allen
 Alethea Campbell
 Marie Chansler
 Marion Dunn

Eva Lampman
*Dario Landazuri
Erol Leek
Bill Muth
Alex Neidorf
Ann Payne
Ursula Rauskolb
Martin Reimer
Michael Rimmy
George A. Seiler
Merion Stevens
Ken Sugimoto
Mrs. Roy Wells
Sam Zukerman

Colorado

Marvin Meyere
*Lee Schaffer

Connecticut

Helen Desmond
*Susan Garber
Dorina Holt
Greg Johnson
Barbara Keany

D.C.

Jim O'Connor

Florida

Charles Cofone
Matthew Ettinger
Stanley Ellis
David Ferrall
Larry Napier
Lonny Napier
*Verla (Mrs. T.H.)
Ross
Ivey Stickland

Georgia

*Lillie Belle Ayers
*Reese Bailey
Flora Bells
D.A. Brock
Ronald Brooks
*Mary Lou Cagle
Ed Caldwell
Erma Caldwell
Kermon Denney
Mildred Dumas
*Elder James D.
Embry

*Myrline Faircloth
Lamar Harrison
Mercedes Cagle
Lambert
Letha Laney
Wheeler Laney
Lindsey May
Ira Mae McCormack
Cortez McGraw
Ellie McGraw
*J.D. Muse
Walter Nystrom
Bobby Purgason
Capitola Rollins
Joan Sahler
Gene Shelly
Doris Sills
*Jack Smith
Velma Smith
*Allene Lambert
Stanford
Herman Thomason
*Vedie Touchstone
Sadie Wilkerson
*Hershel Wooten
Susie Wright

Illinois

Lois Blish
Erville Currens
Bill Diaz
Jeff Hamon
Stella Heines
Kevin Thomas Hill
Eileen Holmes
Alice Kuiper
Pat Kuchinski
Fred Potrue
Hollis Sigler
Dora Stewart
Al Teoli
Ario Teoli
Aris Terli
Karl Younger

Indiana

George Canright
John Cawley
Gertrude Kirkwood

Iowa

*Susan Fishburn

Kansas

Freeman Davidson
Cindy Shely

Kentucky

Paul Kermiet
Nelly Martin

Louisiana

*Susan McKenzie Fitch
Dr. Genter Stephens

Maryland

*David Terry Davis
Marsha Foster
Dick Hedges
Frances Hoffman
Fred Knavert

Massachusetts

Katharine Brooks
Peg Brown
Priscilla Hertzler
Jean Hosmer
Jerry Kelly
Tom Lapan
Paul Leblance
Joan Manley
Barbara Lisa Mears
Louise Paquette
Jerry Poinier
Irene Rybicki
Judy Scanlan
Peggy Sibley

Michigan

Douglas Campbell
Ruby Easley

Minnesota

Stefan Brown
Marie Davie
Gordon Dickson
Calvin Fischer
Lucille Lembke
Marion Matters
Donald Nothwehr
John Storms
James Young

Mississippi

Walter Dansby
Ruby Easley
Neva Dee Mayes

Agnes Hollingsworth
*Fayrene Wakefield

Missouri

Joanna Collins
Larry Davis
Margaret Hensley
Harold Johnston
Helen Kelly
Charlotte Munch
Miller Nichols
Barbara Scudder
Esther Rottmann
Marie Stone
Patricia Woodbury

Nebraska

Ward Carhart
Lannis Groft
Deanna Isaacson

New Jersey

Cynthia Atkinson
Carolyn D. Avins
Agnes Judge
William Medford
Nicole Shnarf

New Mexico

Tina Hand
Ben Hertzler
Fran Johnson
H.B. Johnson
*Dodge Wiggins

New York

Steve Adams
George Berger
Karen Hamilton
*Karen House
Ina Markulova
Maney Mattson
Ellen Moore
Moses Pfefferman
Don Stavely
Harriet Thompson

North Carolina

Elizabeth Place Berry
Edward Lowe
Nancy Carol Metz
Richard G. Partin
Dick Tarrier
Fred Wardlow

Ohio

Ray Schlabach

Oklahoma

*Don Wilkerson
Medy Wantland

Oregon

Stella Bunyard
Marge Butler
Janet Campbell
Al Clementson
Richard Cooney
Harriet Dibble
*Maxine Harmon
Jake Harris
Bernadine Kittelson
Bob Larkin
James Luoto
Roger McGowne
Barbara McReeny
Pat Wells

Pennsylvania

K. Danner Clouser
William Demorest
John Glover, Jr.
Carl Hoffman
Laura Sherman
Joanna Sorlien
Doris Swanson
Molly Trieb
Grant Wesner
Heywood Williams

Rhode Island

Estes Benson

Tennessee

*Nathaniel Kaiser (age
10)

Texas

Jack Benoit
Don Denton
Vesta Ellis
Joyce Forbes
Lorene Hutchinson
David Johnston
Norma Lee
Mark Maines
Emory Matthews
Judith Miller

Judy Nieth
Era Porta
Geneva Reed
*Annie Mae Smith
Christine Wilson Stolz
Lacy Leopard Taylor
Haven Willis
John Willis

Vermont

Bill Akaman

Virginia

David Anthony
Tommie Lee Fredrick
Terry Offield
Rev. W. Graham
Smith
Tommie Wigington

Washington

*Earl Adams
*Ethyl Andrews
Dorothie Dick
Kenneth Kirkland
Imants Reba
Darryl Sanders
Karen Werner

Wisconsin

Jim Janse
George Lippi
Pat Lippi
Buddy Nelson

State Unknown

Tommie Frederick
*Barb Mowbray
Louisa Raoul
Adele Weichmann

Argentina

Lucrecia Marchese

England

Ben Bailey
Mike Briggs
Mary Brown
Frances Butcher
John Craythorne
Mary Dalton
Joan Izzard
Tony Mitchell
Ronald Nathan

Betty Potter	Stella Tredwell	Roland Venier
George Riddell	Peggy Woodley	<i>Netherlands</i>
Bernard Stevenson	Lesley Wragg	Anton Jokobs
John Theobald	<i>France</i>	Peter Renes
Ron Thomas	Gina Diguisto	
Michael Thompson	Emma Venier	
Vera of Totnes		

DEATHS 2001

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 2001 minutes.

Listed by Date

01-02-01	Judson "Judy" Aderhold	Georgia
01-03-01	Eloise Watkins	Alabama
01-08-01	A.C. McGough	Alabama
02-03-01	Eron White	Alabama
02-03-01	Ted White	Alabama
02-04-01	Alcie Craig	Texas
02-08-01	Mildred Edmonds	Texas
02-21-01	Cecil Edwards	Alabama
02-21-01	Dorothy Horn	Tennessee
03-01-01	Jack Corley	Georgia
03-02-01	Robert H. Todd	Pennsylvania
03-15-01	Winston Jones	Alabama
03-14-01	Bertie Jay Phillips	Alabama
03-17-01	Austin Phillips	Alabama
03-17-01	Mary K. Friday	Washington, D.C.
04-01-01	Mary Oliver	Alabama
04-12-01	Avie Blackwood	Alabama
04-24-01	Sheila Moon	Alabama
05-04-01	Ethel Mae Enterkin	Georgia
05-18-01	Pauline Cathy	Texas
06-02-01	Walter Hamrick	Alabama
06-05-01	Nobie Smith	Texas
07-15-01	C. Gene Munce	Idaho
07-22-01	Elmer Conwill	Alabama
07-25-01	Nelda Tolbert	Alabama
07-28-01	Lisa Nelson Bobo	Alabama
08-17-01	Jerilyn Schumacher	Illinois
08-17-01	J.B. Parker	Georgia
08-20-01	Peter Henkel	Michigan
09-00-01	J.B. Blackmon	Alabama
09-02-01	Emma Jackson McKinsey (95)	Alabama
09-06-01	Tommye Denson Mauldin	Alabama
09-11-01	World Trade Center/Pentagon/Pennsylvania Bombing Victims	
09-11-01	Falkenberg family (son, daughter-in-law, (2) Grandchildren of Bill and Janis Falkenberg/ Pentagon Plane Crash/Pentagon	Colorado
09-18-01	Arnold Moore	Alabama
09-19-01	Roie Alexander	Alabama

09-20-01 Eula Johnson
 09-30-01 Gladys Harden
 10-09-01 June Smith
 10-11-01 Linda Smart
 11-07-01 Freeman Wootten
 11-08-01 Conola "Oakie" Austin
 11-16-01 Bruce Helton

Alabama
 Alabama
 Georgia
 New York
 Alabama
 Alabama
 Tennessee

Listed by State (* — see above list for date)

Alabama

*Roie Alexander
 Jane Ardle
 Charles Ashley
 *Conola "Oakie"
 Austin
 *J.B. Blackmon
 *Avie Blackwood
 J.T. Blalock
 *Lisa Nelson Bobo
 Bera Bradford
 Ula Brady
 Mamie Buckelew
 Ann Buckner
 Delores Canady
 I.V. Cockrell
 *Elmer Conwill
 Rozelle Cowan
 Loraine Cox
 Tim Craven
 Ruby Creel
 Jan Cupps
 Chloe Dailey
 Obie Doss
 Erah Doss
 Willie Dunn
 *Cecil Edwards
 McLain Finley
 Ida Gargus
 Lee Green
 Nannie Sue Green
 Bill Guthrey
 Silas Hamrick
 *Walter Hamrick
 *Gladys Harden
 Arnold Hardy
 Volly Hardy
 Leon Holmes
 Hubert Hood
 Marilyn Hood
 Bobby Wayne Hyatt
 Icie Isbell
 Atha James

*Eula Johnson
 Tom Jones
 *Winston Jones
 Bill Kennemer
 Joe B. King
 Barney Lee
 Rufus Mann
 Bea Marlowe
 Katherine Marsh
 *Tommye Denson
 Mauldin
 Annie McCool
 Thomas McCool
 Ralph McGee
 *A.C. McGough
 *Emma Jackson
 McKinsey
 Eula Moon
 *Sheila Moon
 *Arnold Moore
 Juanita Moore
 Dura Mitchell
 Bessie Mitchum
 Howard Murray
 John Murphy
 Leamon Norton
 *Mary Oliver
 Ercell Ott
 Tommie Owen
 Allen Phillips
 *Austin Phillips
 *Bertie Jay Phillips
 Grady Price
 Camille Randle
 Elsie Ray
 Willie Floyd Ray
 Sara Redding
 Daisy Roberts
 Dianna Scarfe
 E.V. Sharit
 Anna Smith
 Marie Smith
 Flora Mae Suddath

Madison Rose
 Tidmore
 *Nelda Tolbert
 Gladys Vickery
 Robert Vickery
 Mary Wain
 Wayne Wakefield
 *Eloise Watkins
 *Eron White
 *Ted White
 Juanita Whitman
 Nell Williams
 Edith Willis
 Clyde Windom
 Royce Wood
 *Freeman Wootten
 Vernell Yarbrough
 Essie Yates
 David Young

California

Tera Alston
 Armin Bauer
 Richard Coultas
 Kent Malone
 Ed Jerasik
 Sally Owen Murphy
 Harriett Reimer

Colorado

Kevin Carter
 Hildegard Dreisbach
 *Falkenberg family
 (killed in plane crash at
 Pentagon 9-11-01)
 Marjorie Higgins
 Samuel Higgins
 Carl Mantle
 Rosemary Rasmussen

Connecticut

George Nichols

D.C.

Cecelia Durkin
 *Mary K. Friday

Florida

Hans Reif

Georgia

*Judson "Judy"
 Aderhold
 Sara Akin
 Rick Boardman
 Faye Brewster
 Johnny Cagle
 Mrs. Champkin
 Oren Childres
 Lucy Collings
 *Jack Corley
 Elder Roy Davis
 Carrie D'Andrea
 Pat D'Andrea
 "Bud" Dingle
 Billy Ross Edwards
 Val Elliott
 *Ethel Mae Entrekin
 Melvin Hickox
 Opal Huddleston
 Yvonne Scott Johnson
 Earnestine Kendrix
 Jacob Lloyd
 Zenia Lykkegaard
 Aleen Minton
 Margaret Morgan
 Stephen Paddock
 *J.B. Parker
 Albert Pope
 Bertha Pope
 Barney Scott
 *June Smith
 Lynn Smith
 Sara Street
 Elizabeth Taylor
 Herman Thomason
 Faye Warren
 Harold White
 Marguerite White
 Brenda Yates
 Elder Emmanuel Yates

Idaho

*C.Gene Munce

Illinois

Charlie Dye
 Noreen Friar
 John Hayden
 Larry Horberg
 Susan Kimmelman
 Vera Leigh
 Brandy Nino
 Miriam Pasqual
 Anastasia Rokusek
 Paul Samuelson
 *Jerilyn Schumacher
 Mary Stander-Quinfez

Indiana

Peter Forsberg
 Charlene Martin

Iowa

George Stevens

Kansas

Marjorie Crane
 Olive Laing
 Dee Ross

Kentucky

Roger Brooks

Louisiana

Jim Brock
 Judith Ann Caruthers
 Carrie Mims
 Azile Penny
 Jerry Slattery

Maine

Mabel Dennison

Maryland

Rita Cook
 Nora Fizdale
 Dorothy Williard
 Diane Woodward

Massachusetts

Bunny Bean

Dick Golden

Wendy Hahn
 Richard Hooke
 Susan Motherway
 Bobbi Openheim
 Sally Snyder

Michigan

*Peter Henkel
 Barbara Weigold

Minnesota

Brad Johnson
 Tom Meyers
 Eleanor Strait

Mississippi

Mae Ola Nelson

New Jersey

John Hartz
 Gabriel Spector

New York

Edna Antillo
 Richard Antillo
 Jean Connolly
 Mary Ellen Critchlow
 Don DeFranco
 (WTC)
 Viola DeVito
 Gene Fairly
 John Flandreau
 Ruth Gottdiener
 Michael Iken (WTC)
 David Kalled
 Janice Lee
 Bob McGowen
 Alok Melta
 Vinnie Mendito
 Stephen Mulderry
 Esther Rosenberg
 Joshua Rychick
 *Linda Smart
 John Thompson

North Carolina

Jane Bingham
 Robert Duncan
 Lloyd Neil
 Jean Speck
 Quay Smathers

Oregon

Luch Cooney
 Nick Cooney
 Bob Graves
 Art Skipper, Jr.
 Sue Turchan

Pennsylvania

Franz Atherton
John J. Hendershot, Sr.
David Lapin
William Lawn
Byron McCulloh
Karen Rumsey
*Robert H. Todd

Rhode Island

Alice Gauthier

Tennessee

Harold Gant
Dr. Ken Hartley
*Bruce Helton
*Dorothy Horn
Paul Larsen
Barbara MacKay
Thornton Ryan
Neil Worley

Texas

*Pauline Cathy
*Alcie Craig
Marie Dixon
*Mildred Edmonds
B.H. Handley
Lanelle Handley
Erma Holmes
Lucille McMillian
Ruby Meek

Melissa Rickerman
Lee Schaffer
*Nobie Smith

Utah

Byron Hunter

Vermont

Ben Crittenden
Pinky Crittenden
Katie Clark
George Kanoff
Don Sunsen
Thomas Sustic
Lee Viets

Virginia

Brady Fearnow
June Hall
James Jordan
Joe Norton
Howard Stingle
James W. Turner
Lillian Walker

Washington

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Wanda Fross
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