

Sacred Harp Singsings

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

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HOW TO SUBMIT MINUTES

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.

- **Name/Location/Date/Time** Please start the minutes with exactly three lines showing: 1) the name of the singing, 2) the location, and 3) the calendar date(s) on which it was held. Do *not* use all-caps.
- **Breaks** Please indicate breaks using RECESS or LUNCH, capitalized as shown, and on a line by themselves.
- **Multi-Day Singings** Indicate the start of a second or third day of singing with the day and date spelled out on a line by itself.
- **Names** 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 lowercase "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.
- **Officers** Please list officers at the end of the minutes, ending with the name of the secretary.
- **Brevity** Please be brief with any descriptions of business sessions, resolutions reports, memorial lessons, and expressions of thanks. Submitted minutes will be edited as needed for space reasons.
- **Computer / E-Mail Instructions** Please see page 4.
- **Payment** Each singing must pay a fee to appear in the minutes and receive 10 copies of the minutes book per singing day. Minutes sent without payment will not appear in the book.
- **Fees** \$40 per singing day if you want the books mailed to you
-or- \$30 per singing day if you will pick up the books in person.
- **Check Payable To** Sacred Harp Minutes
- **Submit To** Shelbie Sheppard
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COMPUTER / E-MAIL INSTRUCTIONS

New! Easier Instructions The e-mail format has been simplified. Please read and follow these instructions carefully:

- **E-mail format**
 - Type or paste directly into the e-mail. *Do not send attachments.*
 - The first 3 lines should contain: Singing Name, Location, Date.
 - Use 2 returns to make a blank line between all other paragraphs.
 - Use 2 spaces between sentences.
- **Style** All styles will be applied during book production. Use *plain text only* in the minutes that you send us:
 - Do not use bold, italics, underline, or other special formatting.
 - Do not center the title.
 - Do not type the title in upper case.
 - Do not use “smart quotes”.
 - Show long dashes (—) as two hyphens (--).
 - Show bulleted items with a * at the start of the paragraph.
- **Need Help?** A web page with examples of well-formatted minutes can be found at: <http://fasola.org/minutes/>
- **Editor’s E-Mail Address** Along with the minutes, or any time during the year, please e-mail directory updates, local singing information, names & addresses, birthdays, questions, or any other minutes-related correspondence to: minutes@fasola.org
- **Always Send a Printout** Even when you e-mail your minutes, please also mail a printout along with your payment. This allows us to re-type the minutes in the event the e-mail is lost or unreadable.

SACRED HARP SINGINGS

2006 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 28, with explanations of the formulas for determining their dates.

January

First Sunday and Saturday before

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

Info: John Bealle 513.861.1137 jbealle@spsps.net

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

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

Info: Mary Ann Daly 301.229.8534 daly@rff.org or <http://www.fsgw.org>

Sun., 1st—Shady Grove Annual Singing—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles north of Double Springs—Hwy. 195.

Sun., 1st—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., 7th—Covington County New Year's Singing—First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall—Dogwood Street—Collins, Mississippi—*Cooper Book*—From Hwy. 49 which runs between Jackson and Harrisburg—Take 84 east into Collins—Watch for Dogwood Street and signs to direct you to the church—First Saturday.

Sat., 7th—Singing School—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen, Carroll County, Georgia, 9:30 a.m.—2:30 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 BP service station—Turn left—Go to dead end, turn left.

Sat., 7th, p.m.—Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley Memorial Singing—Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church—Boldo (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. Saturday night before the second Sunday in January.

Sun., 8th—Uncle Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr Memorial—Camp Ground Methodist Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m. CT—Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to Fruithurst—Turn north onto County Road 49—Dutch Treat Singing—Meals are served at the church for a very reasonable price.

Sun., 8th—Anniversary Singing—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., 14th—Auburn Sacred Harp Singing—St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church—136 E. Magnolia Ave. (just north of College St.)—Auburn, Ala.—9:30 a.m.—Info: Allison Ivey ivelyall@auburn.edu or Richard Ivey iveyria@auburn.edu 334.826.0741.

Sat., 14th & Sun., 15th—All-California Sacred Harp Convention—San Francisco Bay Area—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., both days—Info: <http://fasola.org/sf/convention/>

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—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 251.665.2433

Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd—Keystone Singing Convention—Chad's Ford Historical Society—Chad's Ford, Pennsylvania—9:30-3:30 p.m.—Creek Road (Old Route 100) across from historic John Chad's House—One quarter mile north of the intersection of Creek Road and U.S. Route 1—New dates of third Sun. and Sat. before in January, starting in 2007 as a permanent change—Info: Doron Henkin 215.656.4206 DAHenkin@aol.com or Laura Densmore LDensmo1@swarthmore.edu

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 28th—Singing School—Liberty Church—Henagar, Alabama—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—2 miles north of Henagar on Liberty Road—Info: David Ivey 256.881.5291 david@davidivey.com

Sat., Jan. 28th—William J. Reynolds Sacred Harp Sing—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—Cowden Hall—Fort Worth (Tarrant County), Texas—Dutch Treat—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: 817.923.1921, ext. 3110—Last Saturday in January.

Sun., 29th—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 david@davidivey.com or Rodney Ivey 256.657.4686

Sun., 29th—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

February

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 4th—Singing School—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen, Carroll County, Georgia, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.—Teacher: Hugh McGraw—2 mi. south of Bremen off Hwy. 27—Exit #11 off I-20 and turn south on Hwy. 27—Go to top of hill at BP service station, turn left. Go to dead end, turn left.

Sat., 4th—Rotunda Singing—Alabama State Capitol—Bainbridge Street at Dexter Avenue—Montgomery, Alabama—Lunch provided with \$5.00 donation—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Four books used: *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book/Christian Harmony/Colored Sacred Harp*—Info: Jim Carnes 334.281.2010/271.1081 (days)

Sun., 5th—Burnham and Brown 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 Ave.—Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to help with lunch—Info: Pearl Guier 334.272.4696.

Sun., 5th—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., 5th—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: Cathryn Baker bcathryn@netscape.net or bakerfasola@aol.com 773.752.5419-cell# 773.398.5398

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 11th—Decatur, Georgia—Emory University, Cannon Chapel—10:00 a.m.—Info: John Plunkett 770.939.3464 bildad12@hotmail.com or Elise Eskew eeskew@emory.edu or www.atlantasacredharp.org

Sat., 11th—Minnesota State Midwinter Singing (*Cooper Book*)—St. Shag's Armenian Church—St. Paul, Minnesota—9:30 a.m.—

Info: <http://freude.com/mnfasola/> or 651.695.0086

Sat., 11th—Baylor University Singing—Truett Seminary Great Hall, Baylor U, Waco, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Don Ross 903.831.7083

Sun., 12th—Roy Avery's Memorial/Birthday Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Tallapoosa County, Ala.—3 miles southwest of Daviston—Hwy. 22 to Daviston—Take County Rd. 79 south to crossroads—Church on right—From Alexander City—Hwy. 22 east to Germany Ferrys Rd.—Take right—Church on left.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 18th—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., 18th & Sun., 19th—Ohio State Convention—Golden Gate Park—Dayton, Ohio—9:00 a.m.—Third Sunday and Saturday before in February—

Info: Regina Bayer 937.835.3323

Sat., 18th & Sun., 19th—Pacific Northwest Convention—Washington—Sunset Hill Community Center—Ballard (neighborhood of Seattle), Wash.—Singing school and singing on Sat., and all day singing on Sun.—9:30 a.m.—Info: Karen Willard 360.897.9545 hallock@mindspring.com or David Wright 206.861.1189

Sun., 19th—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., 25th—San Juan Islands All-Day Singing—Lopez Island, Washington—9:30 a.m.—Dinner on the grounds—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*

Info: Leta Marshall marshall@rockisland.com 360.468.3478

Sat., 25th—South Yorkshire Sacred Harp Singing Day—Memorial Hall, Top Lane, Worrall, near Sheffield, South Yorkshire, United Kingdom—

Info: Ian West +44 116 2709702 singing@ianwest.co.uk

Sat., 25th—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—*J.L. White Sacred Harp/Eclectic Harmony I and II*/New music—From I-285, Exit 44, west (toward Atlanta) on Glenwood Rd. 1.4 miles—Church is on left—From I-20, Exit 61, east on Glenwood Rd. 4.2 miles—church is on right—Church is between Columbia Dr. and Candler Rd.—

Info: John Plunkett 770.939.3464 or Laura Akerman 404.373.8241

Sat., 25th—New York Regional Singing—Clinton, New York—St. James Episcopal Church—9 Williams—Info: Barbara Swetman 315.735.9933 bswetman@hamilton.edu or Ron/Margaret Bornick 315.853.6282 MMBornick@cs.com

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Texas State Convention—South Knoll Elementary School—College Station (Brazos County), Texas—Saturday—10:00 a.m.—Sunday—9:30 a.m.—Dutch Treat—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Kevin Powell 979.690.2402

Sun., 26th—University of Georgia—Visitor Center, Botanical Gardens—Athens, Clarke County, Ga.—Turn right at intersection of Highway 129 and 441 (Milledge Avenue Extension)—Go 1 mile to Botanical Garden sign—Turn right—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Social Harp* books used—Info: John Garst 706.548.3910

March

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 4th—Pauline Creel Childers Birthday Singing—First Methodist Church—3 Town Square—Wayne, Michigan—9:30 a.m. EST—Turn east off I-275 at Exit 22 onto Michigan Ave. (U.S. 12)—Go 2.7 miles on Michigan Ave. to Newberry—Turn left onto Newberry—Church is one block on the right—Info: Henry Schuman 734.434.2030 hcschuman@att.net

Sat., 4th & Sun., 5th—North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention—<http://ncshapenote.org>—Page Walker Art and History Center, Cary, North Carolina—Info: Lynda Hambourger lynda@ncshapenote.org

Sun., 5th—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers Memorial—Ephesus School Auditorium—Ephesus (Heard County), Georgia—On Georgia Hwy. 100—9:30 a.m.

Sun., 5th—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., 11th—Singing School—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen, Carroll County, Georgia, 9:30 a.m.-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 BP service station—Turn left—Go to dead end, turn left.

Sat., 11th—Smith Memorial Singing—New Harmony Community Center—Smith County, Texas—Northwest of Tyler on Farmers Market Rd. 724 in the New Harmony community—Between State Hwy. 64 and 110—*Sat. Only*—10:00 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Changed from a two day convention. Info: Myrl Jones 903.593.0955

Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th—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., 11th & Sun., 12th—Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention—Place to be announced—Northampton, Massachusetts—

Info: website: www.wmsmc.org e-mail: chair@wmsmc.org telephone: 413.773.8208

Sun., 12th—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., 18th—Hoboken Annual Singing—Hoboken Elementary School Auditorium—Church Street—Hoboken (Brantley County), Georgia—9:00 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—From U.S. 82 eastbound, turn north on Kelly (at the flashing caution light)—Cross

railroad tracks—Turn left on Chicago and enter the parking lot of the school on the right—Info: David Lee 912.458.2493

Sat., 18th—South Carolina State Singing in Memory of William Walker—Singing school lesson by Hugh McGraw, 9:00 a.m.—Singing begins at 10:00 a.m.—Burwell Building—Wofford College—North Church Street—Spartanburg, South Carolina—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony*—

Info: Gerald Thurmond 864.597.4182 thurmondgt@wofford.edu

Sat., 18th—Southeast Texas Sacred Harp Singing—Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church—Madisonville, Texas—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Located approximately 2 miles from 21 on FM 1452, west of Madisonville.—

Info: Kevin Powell klp1974@yahoo.com

Sat., 18th, 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., 19th—Garrison Memorial—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham/Hopewell Road—Alpharetta (Fulton County), Georgia—*Cooper Book*—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., 19th—Lookout Mountain Memorial Singing—Pine Grove Church, Lookout Mountain, near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Take I-59 and turn east on Hwy. 68 (exit 205)—Follow signs to U.S. 11—Go south on U.S. 11—Look for sign to church between mile markers 210 and 211 (turn is almost directly in line with mile marker 211, Hwy. 469)—Go 2.6 miles, follow signs. Info: Bud Oliver 256.523.3303

Sun., 19th—The Godsey Sisters Memorial (Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams)—Shady Grove Church—Double Springs (Winston County), Alabama—10:00 a.m.—3 miles north of Double Springs—On Hwy. 195.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 25th—Vermont State Singing—Location—TBA—southern Vermont—Note: Singing is on Saturday before the last Sunday in March, unless it's Easter, then it's a week earlier—Info: Dan Hertzler 802.674.6963 danhertzler@valley.net

Sat., 25th—Higher Ground Singing—United Ministry Center—321 N. 7th St.—Terre Haute, Indiana—10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—

Info: Janet Fraembs 217.345.6873—Marlen Rust 812.336.2792 www.jarai.org/bisn

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Georgia State Convention—Sweet Water Chapel—1000 Pleasant Hill Road—Lawrenceville, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—From the Atlanta Perimeter Highway, I-285. Take I-85 North to Exit 104 (Pleasant Hill Road)—Turn right, go about 2 miles, chapel will be on the left. You will need to go to the end of the concrete divider and make a U-turn at the next light to get back to the church.

Sun., 26th—Sardis On The River—Sardis Church—Lynn's Park (Walker Co.), 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.

April

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 1st—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 BP service station—Turn left—Go to dead end and turn left.

Sat., 1st—FaSoLa All Day Singing—St. Vincent Antiochian Orthodox Church—2502 North 51st Street—Omaha, Nebraska—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Info: Kathy Wood 402.397.4673 khwood@cox.net or Jim Solheim jimsolheim@yahoo.com

Sat., 1st—Harry S. Eskew Sing—New Orleans Baptist Seminary (NOBTS)—3939 Gentilly Boulevard—New Orleans, Louisiana—10:00 a.m.

Info: NOBTS 504.282.4455 ext. 3226 Ed Steel—ekstele@home.com

Sat., 1st—Jones Memorial Singing—Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Opp (Covington County), Alabama—0.5 miles from Opp on Hwy. 84 east.—

Info: Mike/Faye Jones 334.493.9363. jonesfm@alaweb.com or Wayne Jones 334.493.6200 wbfarm@alaweb.com

Sat., 1st—Brazos River Singing—Community Hall—101 N. Chappell Hill—Brenham, Texas—*Cooper Book*—Info: Gaylon Powell 512.249.8931

Sat., 1st & Sun., 2nd—Potomac River Convention—Pohick Church, Lorton, Virginia and The Grange, Great Falls, Virginia (D.C. area)—

Info: Steve Sabol 301.897.5274 sabol@his.com

Sun., 2nd—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—Hwy. 9—one mile north of Bruce—Church is on the right.

Sun., 2nd—Edwardsville Baptist Church—Edwardsville (Clebune County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Six miles east of Heflin—Just off U.S. Hwy. 78

Sun., 2nd—Old Enon Church—Winston County, Alabama—North of Lynn—10:00 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., 7th 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 Shopette) to Old Hwy. 100—Turn left—The church is on the left—Friday night before the second Sunday in April.

Sat., 8th—State Line Church—Clebune 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 (Co. Rd. 69)—Go to the next road which will be dirt (NOT paved) (County Road 207) and turn right—Go approximately 500 yards and church will be on left—If you are coming from the east—Go to Georgia State Line and follow the same directions.

Sat., 8th—Southeast Texas Sacred Harp Singing—Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church—Madisonville, Texas—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Located approximately 2 miles from 21 on FM 1452, west of Madisonville.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: 979.690.2402 klp1974@yahoo.com

Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th—Re-enactment Singing—Blountsville Historical Park—North of Blountsville, Alabama—On Highway 231—Info: Marlin Beasley 205.429.3996

Sun., 9th—Palm Sunday

Sun., 9th—Palm Sunday Singing—Finstock Village Hall—United Kingdom—Info: Bernard Collard-BernardCollard@lineone.net

Sun., 9th—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., 9th—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 (Easter Weekend)

Sat., 15th—Middle Georgia Sacred Harp Singing—Macon, Georgia—Vineville United Methodist Church, 2045 Vineville Avenue—8:30 a.m., Introductory singing school class, taught by Hugh McGraw—Singing begins at 10:00 a.m.—I-75, exit 164 (Forsyth/Hardeman), turn west on Vineville Ave., go about 0.5 miles to church on the right.—Info: Harry Eskew 478.750.9968 harryeskew@cox.net or Loyd Landrum 478.477.3413 land3295@bellsouth.net

Sat., 15th—Rhode Island All Day Sacred Harp Singing—Beneficent Congregational Church—300 Weybosset St. (corner of Weybosset and Chestnut Streets)—Info: <http://ri-sacredharp.net/> or Kelly House 401.467.4799

Sat., 15th—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., 15th—Thomas Futral Memorial Singing—Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church—Goodwater, Alabama—From Hwy. 9, turn east in Goodwater on Goodwater Road—Go approximately 5 miles to County Road 83, turn right (church sign there), go approximately 0.25 miles, church is on left. The singing was changed from Sunday to Saturday.

Sat., 15th—New York Regional—Rochester Area—St. Luke's Episcopal Church—77 Country Corner Lane, Fairport, New York—Info: Chris Haller 585.387.9570, ringer@rochester.rr.com or Thom Metzger 585.467.5192

Sun., 16th—Easter Sunday

Sun., 16th—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., 16th—Old Harmony—Abernathy, Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Approximately 10 miles east of Heflin—Take Exit 210 (Ranburne/Muscadine, exit off I-20)—Take first road on right (County Road 60)—Go 1 mile—Church on right.

Sun., 16th—Pine Grove Church—Lookout Mountain—Near Collinsville—DeKalb County, Alabama—Take I-59 and turn east on Hwy. 68 (exit 205)—Follow signs to U.S. 11—Go south on U.S. 11—Look for sign to church between mile markers 210 and 211 (turn is almost directly in line with mile marker 211, Hwy. 469)—Go 2.6 miles, follow signs. Info: Bud Oliver 256.523.3303

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd—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., 22nd—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., 22nd—Golden Gate All Day Singing—Location TBA—San Francisco, California—Info: <http://fasola.org/sf/goldengate/>

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—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 Ian West +44 116 2709702 singing@ianewest.co.uk

Sun., 23rd—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., 23rd—Alewine Memorial—St. Michael Church, near Fruithurst—Cleburne 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., 23rd—Pine Grove Church Singing—Henderson, Texas—Off Farm to Market Road 2867 on County Road 364, southeast of Henderson—(*Cooper Book*)—Info: John or Emmie Morris 903.898.2510

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—Ohio Valley Shape Note Singing—Harrods 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 Edition, Southern Harmony.*

Sunday: *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, 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., 29th & Sun., 30th—Midwest Convention—Location TBA—Chicago, IL—9:15 a.m.—Info: Ted Mercer 773.862.6477 or 773.486.7400 or 773.276.HARP

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

Info: Tom Owen 512.398.6075 or Curtis Owen 512.398.2017

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.

May

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 6th—Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing—Burritt Museum—3101 Burritt 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 Burritt Drive—Singing held on Saturday before the first Sunday in May—

Info: David Ivey 256.881.5291 david@davidivey.com

Sat., 6th—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 BP service station—Turn left—Go to dead end and turn left.

Sun., 7th—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 (1st street) and turn left.

Sun., 7th—Poplar Springs Baptist Church—Reid (Calhoun County), Mississippi—Hwy. 341—South of Reid

Sun., 7th—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., 7th—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—Walker County, Alabama—1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy. 11—Nauvoo to Carbon Hill.

Sun., 7th—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., 13th—Northwest Arkansas Convention—St. Johns Episcopal Church—704 West Stephenson—Harrison, Arkansas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—From West, approach Harrison on US 412, turn south on US 65—From North, approach on US 65. Stay on US 65 Business (Main Street when 65 business splits from US 65/62/412), go one block past the town square, turn right (west) on Central. The church is about 6 blocks.—From the South, approach on US 65, turn left on Arkansas 7 (just past Edwards Grocery). The road turns into Central—don't turn left when ARK 7 turns left, keep going straight about 6 blocks past Main Street or 3 blocks past the turn for ARK 7.—From East, approach on US 412/62, turn right on US 65, follow above direction for approaching from the south.

Info: Syd Caldwell SydneyC@cox-internet.com

Sat., 13th—Furman University Sacred Harp/Christian Harmony Singing—Herring Pavilion, Furman Campus—Greenville, South Carolina

Sat., 13th—Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Oak Grove Community—North of Sylacauga—Talladega County, Alabama—Off Hwy. 280 to Oak Grove Community Fire Station—Turn right at Fire Station—Go to dead end—9:30 a.m.

Sun., 14th—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—3 miles south of Nauvoo, Alabama—10:00 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., 19th p.m., Sat., 20th, & Sun. 21st—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/day 973.509.2165/pm or <http://mysite.verizon.net/gssh/current.html>

Sat., 20th—Los Angeles Regional Singing—San Pedro, California—Info: Carla Smith 619.533.3181 (days) or 619.544.0432 (night)

Sat., 20th—Mattox Memorial—Harmony Baptist Church—Lawrenceburg, Tennessee—10:00 a.m.—5 miles north on state highway 43—Turn left onto Flatwoods Rd. (by a big cemetery, Memorial Gardens), go across railroad tracks, then across a creek. Church will be on right—Info: Clayton Ezell 931.762.8267

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

Sat., 20th—Providence Primitive Baptist Church—Vinemont, Alabama—Located on the eastern side of County Road 1435 in Cullman County—From Alabama Hwy. 157, near Cullman, turn north on County Road 1435 and go about 5 miles to the church—From Eva, go south on the Eva-Cullman Road about 5 miles to the church.

Sat., 20th—Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention—Pisgah Presbyterian Church—Versailles, Kentucky—Near Lexington

Sun., 21st—Cane Creek Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—3.5 miles east of Heflin on U.S. Hwy. 78—From west to east, turn left just beyond mile marker 180. Church is located between mile marker 180 and 181.

Sun., 21st—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 dish to share.

Sun., 21st—Concord Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—12:00 Noon—Dinner, singing at 1:00 p.m.—West of Hwy. 32 at Ellard—In Ellard—Take County Road 23 west to church.

Sun. 21st—Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church—Near Snead Cross Roads, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Off Hwy. 75—Turn west at Blount County line. Follow signs.

Sun., 21st—Rocky Mount Homecoming—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., 27th—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., 28th—Gum Pond Decoration Day Singing—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church (Morgan County), Alabama—Located on the eastern side of Gum Pond Road in Morgan County, Alabama—From Alabama Hwy. 67, turn on Gum Pond Road at mile marker 16 between Ryan and Florette—Go about 4 miles to the church—From Alabama Hwy. 69 at Fairview, turn north on County Road 1527 (Wesley Ave., north)—Go about 3.5 miles, turn right on County Road 1544 (cross into Morgan County, Gum Pond Road)—About 3.5 miles to the church.

Sun., 28th—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., 28th—Doss Memorial—Sardis Baptist Church—Morris (Jefferson County), Alabama—3 miles west of Hwy. 31 at Morris on Old Sardis Road

Sun., 28th—The Big Singing—Benton, Kentucky—William Walker's *Southern Harmony*

Mon., 29th—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 arrange to have enough books)—Info: John Plunkett 770.939.3464

June

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 3rd—Northern Shenandoah Valley—Berryville, Virginia—A set date of Saturday before the first Sunday in June—

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

Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th—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 BP service station—Turn left—Go to dead end and turn left.

Sun., 4th—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 david@davidivey.com

Sun., 4th—Hill Roane Memorial—Sherman Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—Hwy. 32—10 miles west of Bruce—Dutch treat: singers bring lunch.

Sun., 4th—Fellowship Church Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—Cullman County, Alabama—8 to 10 miles west of Cullman just off Hwy. 278

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 10th—New York State Regional, Albany area-Voorheesville, New York—Old Songs Community Arts Center—37 South Main Street—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—

Info: George/Jean Seiler 518.583.7813 jean@profitpin.com or Michael Ryan 518.399.6046

Sat., 10th—Maquoketa River All-Day Singing—Emeline Schoolhouse—just north of Baldwin, Iowa-10:00 a.m.—

Info: Annie Grieshop 563.926.2353 annie@allthingspiano.com

Sat., 10th—Shapers Sacred Harp Singing Day—Hitchin Friends Meeting House—1 Paynes Park—Hitchin, Herts, United Kingdom—11:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.—Bring covered dish—Info: Steve Fletcher 01462 641787 stevie.fletcher@ntlworld.com

Sat., 10th & Sun., 11th—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., 11th—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., 11th—Oak Springs Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—3 miles north of Derma

Sun., 11th—Aldridge Memorial—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—Fayette County, Alabama—On Hwy. 44—Old Fayette Road.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thurs., 15th, Fri., 16th & Sat., 17th—National Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Location TBA—Info: Buell Cobb cobb1@bellsouth.net

Sat., 17th—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.

Sat., 17th—Exeter All Day Singing—Exeter Friends Meetinghouse—Exeter Township—Berks County, Pennsylvania—U.S. 422 to Baumstown—Follow signs to

Daniel Boone Homestead—Continue past homestead 1 mile to Meetinghouse Road—Left on Meetinghouse Road 0.2 miles to Meetinghouse on right—Set date of Saturday before the third Sunday in June—Info: Ted Stokes 610.689.4083

Sun., 18th—Zion Hill Homecoming Singing—Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church—Brachfield (Rusk County), Texas—10:00 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—About 12 miles southeast of Henderson—Take Farm to Market Road 840 to Brachfield from Henderson—Turn right at the Welch Cemetery on Farm to Market Road 1798 (aka County Road 368—Church is on the left—

Info: John or Emmie Morris 903.898.2510

Sun., 18th—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., 18th—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., 18th—Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church—Oak Hollow Road—Near Empire—Walker County, Alabama—From Sumiton—Take Empire Road north. The road becomes Oak Hollow Road at the turn to Empire—Continue straight for 2 more miles—Church is on right.

Sun., 18th—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., 24th—Salem United Methodist Church Singing—Near Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama—On Alabama Highway 9 between Cedar Bluff, Alabama and the Georgia state line—7 miles from Cedar Bluff and 1 mile from the Georgia line—9:30 a.m.

Sat., 24th—Oxford Sacred Harp Singing—Seacourt Hall—Botley, Oxford, England—Info: Edwin/Sheila shelwin@tiscali.co.uk

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles north of Double Springs on Hwy. 195.

Sun., 25th—DeLong-Roberts Memorial Singing—Antioch Primitive Baptist Church—Banning/Whitesburg, Georgia—From Carrollton, Georgia: Go South on Ga. Hwy. 16, also known as U.S. 27A—go 8 miles, turn left on Antioch Rd.—church is about 200 feet on left (sits off road). From Atlanta: Exit I-20 at Douglasville Hwy. 5 (Exit 34), go left approx. 20 miles to Whitesburg—Turn right onto U.S. 27A/16 go 2 miles, turn right on Antioch Road. Church is on left.

Sun., 25th—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., 25th—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—Fayette County, Alabama—8 miles northwest of Fayette—Take State Highway 18 west from Fayette—Turn right, north, on State Highway 107—Go approximately 4 miles—Turn right on Mt. Lebanon Road (you will have passed Ballinger Road about midway)—There should be a sign—Church is on the left.

July

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 1st—Pioneer Valley Singing—Chapel of the First Congregational Church—Sunderland, Massachusetts—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Corner of routes 47 and 116—

Always held on Saturday before the first Sunday in July—

Info: Linda Shea 413.733.8208 lshea@marketstreetresearch.com

Sat., 1st & Sun., 2nd—Henagar-Union Convention—Liberty Church—Two miles north of Henagar—DeKalb County, Alabama—Saturday and Sunday 9:30 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 david@davidivey.com

Sun., 2nd—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., 2nd—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

Mon., 3rd—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.

Mon., 3rd (4:00 p.m.) – Fri., 7th—Camp Fasola—Camp Lee—Anniston, Alabama—Community Singing (all are invited) on Thurs., July 6th—7:00 p.m.—fasola.org/camp—Info: David Ivey 256.881.5291

Tues, July 4th—Independence Day

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

Wed., 5th—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

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 8th—Central Ontario All-Day Singing—Christ Church Anglican Hall—138 Wellington St., corner of Hill Street—London, Ontario, Canada—*Note change from Saturday before third Sunday in August.* Info: Gloria Thompson
Gloria_thompson@hotmail.com 519.686.0813

Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th—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., 9th—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur (DeKalb County), Georgia—Preaching at 10:30 a.m.—Lunch at 12:00 Noon—Singing 1:00 p.m.—J.L. White Book

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Fri. p.m., 14th & Sat., 15th—Quebec Convention—TBA—Quebec, Canada—Info: Victor Maltby, Chuck Neville, or Phil Dutton pdutton@gmail.com

Sat., 15th—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., 15th—Walker County Convention—New Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Walker County, Alabama—Off Hwy. 69 (Cullman to Jasper)—On the Sipsey cut-off Road—Info: Velton Chafin 205.387.7380

Sat., 15th p.m.—Elder Bernard Moon Memorial—Dorsey Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Bremen, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Hwy. 69

Sat., 15th—Michiana Singing—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 574.294.6180 scmws@yahoo.com

Sat., 15th—Spivey Hall Singing—Spivey Hall—Clayton College and State University—Morrow, Georgia—Info: Hugh McGraw 770.537.2283

Sat., 15th—Gwehelog, Nr Usk, Monmouthshire, Wales—
Info: Ken Baddley ken.baddley@ntlworld.com

Sun., 16th—Kalamazoo Singing—Western Michigan University—Wesley Foundation (on campus)—Kalamazoo, Michigan—9:30 a.m. EDT—Follow campus directions towards the Fetzer Center—Wesley Foundation is nearby—
Info: Bill/Martha Beverly 269.382.4288 mbeverly@chartermi.net

Sun., 16th—Chafin, Harbinson, Hollis Memorial Singing—New Prospect Church—Near Bremen—Cullman County, Alabama—From Cullman—Take Hwy. 69 south—Go past landfill—Take County Road 8 south—Go 1 mile (First paved road)—Take left and go 0.6 miles.

Sun., 16th—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.

Third Thursday

Thurs., 20th—Capitol City Shape Note Singing—Loeb Reception Center (near Kiwanis Park)—310 Columbus Ave.—Montgomery, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—Bring a sack lunch for the noon lunch break—Sponsored by the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture—

Info: Joe Brackner 334.242.3601. Always held on the third Thursday in July

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd—Cotaco Convention—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—Gum Pond (Morgan County), Alabama—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church is located on the eastern side of Gum Pond Road in Morgan County, Alabama—From Alabama Hwy. 67, turn on Gum Pond Road at mile marker 16 between Ryan and Florette—Go about 4 miles to the church—From Alabama Hwy. 69 at Fairview, turn north on County Road 1527 (Wesley Ave., north)—Go about 3.5 miles, turn right on County Road 1544 (cross into Morgan County, Gum Pond Road)—About 3.5 miles to the church.

Sat., 22nd—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., 22nd—Chickasaw County Convention—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—Chickasaw County, Mississippi—South of Hwy. 8—8 miles east of Houston—From Hwy. 8 turn south on County Road 190—Church is on the left.

Sat., 22nd—“Connexion” All Day Singing—Boston University College of Fine Arts, Concert Hall—Boston, Massachusetts—855 Commonwealth Avenue—I-90 to Allston/Cambridge Exit, follow sign for Cambridge. Take a right on Storrow Drive before crossing the river and take the next right to get off of Storrow, take the next right onto Commonwealth. The College of Fine Arts is ahead one block on the right.—Info: Thomas Malone malonet@mac.com

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—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., 23rd—Cherry Tree Singing—James Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Iatawamba County, Miss.—4 mi. south of Hwy. 78 on State Line Rd., east of Tremont.

Sun., 23rd—John Etheridge Singing in Memory of Winston Jones and Doss Bryan (*Cooper Book*)—Valley Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Opp (Covington County), Alabama—10 miles north of Opp on Hwy. 331—Info: John Etheridge 850.537.4613 or Wayne Jones 334.493.6200 wbfarm@alaweb.com

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 29th—Young People's Singing Convention—Providence Primitive Baptist Church—Vinemont, Alabama—Located on the eastern side of County Road 1435 in Cullman County—From Alabama Hwy. 157, near Cullman, turn north on County Road 1435 and go about 5 miles to the church—From Eva, Alabama, go south on the Eva-Cullman Road about 5 miles to the church.—This singing is held on Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4th.—Info: Jennifer Allred 256.352.2935

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

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.

August

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 5th—Eugene Singing—Eugene, Oregon area—9:30 a.m.—Held on Saturday after the last Sunday in July—Info: Jim Brock 511.345.9652 jbrock@pacinfo.com

Sat., 5th—Coastal Maine All-Day Singing—Great Salt Bay School—Damariscotta, Maine—Business Route One—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Info: Edith Berger 207.832.6561 berger@zwi.net Set date of Saturday before the first Sunday in August.

Sat., 5th & Sun., 6th—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., 6th—Fayette County Convention—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—Fayette County, Alabama—8 miles northwest of Fayette—Take State Highway 18 west from Fayette—Turn right, north, on State Highway 107—Go approximately 4 miles—Turn right on Mt. Lebanon Road (you will have passed Ballinger Road about midway)—There should be a sign—Church is on the left.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 12th—Boiling Springs Convention—Mount Zion Primitive Baptist Church—Near Ashland, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—The church is 6 miles southwest of Ashland—From Interstate 20 at Oxford, exit 185, drive south on AL Hwy. 21 to Talladega. Turn east on AL Hwy. 77 to Ashland. In Ashland, turn south on AL Hwy. 9, turn right, west, on County Road 5. The church is a little over a mile on the left.—Info: Floy Wilder 334.642.2934 or Eugene Forbes 205.631.4653

Sat., 12th—Calhoun County Convention—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Highway 9, one mile north of Bruce, Mississippi—church is on the right.

Sat., 12th—Manhattan All Day Singing—Place to be announced—New York, New York—Info: Bradford West nyc_sing@juno.com

Sat., 12th & Sun., 13th—East Texas Sacred Harp Convention—Henderson Community Center—South High Street—Henderson (Rusk County), Texas—*Cooper Book*—Info: John/Emmie Morris 903.898.2510

Sun., 13th—Lamar and Pickens County Convention—Zion Church—Pickens County, Alabama—8 miles north of Gordo—0.25 mile west of Hwy. 159

Wednesday after second Sunday

Wed., 16th—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., 19th—Chattanooga Sacred Harp Singing—Place to be announced—Soddy Daisy, near Chattanooga, Tennessee—9:30 a.m.—

Info: Linda Sides 423.842.7265 linjanes@bellsouth.net

Sat., 19th—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

Sun., 20th—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., 20th—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., 20th—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. From west to east, turn left just beyond mile marker 180. Church is located between mile marker 180 and 181.

Sun., 20th—*Cooper Book* Singing—Ramah Primitive Baptist Church—Lenox (Conecuh County), Ala.—On County Hwy. 6, about 4 miles west of I-65 near Lenox.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 26th—Bear Creek Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Winston County, Alabama—3 miles north of Double Springs on Hwy. 195.

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—Mississippi State Convention—Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Near Forest (Scott County) Mississippi—Info: Mark Davis 601.919.0209

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—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, Hwy. 469)—Go 2.6 miles, follow signs. Info: Bud Oliver 256.523.3303

September

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 2nd—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

Sat., 2nd—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

Sun., 3rd—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., 3rd—Clear Creek Convention West—Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)—Fayette County, Alabama—On Hwy. 44, Old Fayette Road.

Sun., 3rd—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., 3rd—Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing—Island Park—Geneva, Illinois—11:30 a.m.—Always the Sunday before Labor Day.

Labor Day, Monday, September 4

Mon., 4th (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., 9th—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@abstractmath.org—

Web: <http://www.abstractmath.org-state.edu/~econrad/fasola.html>

Sat., 9th—Rivanna River All Day Singing—TBA—Charlottesville, Virginia—10:00 a.m.—held on Second Saturday in September—

Info: Bev Oneida 434.974.6534 boneida@ntelos.net

Sat., 9th & Sun., 10th—United Sacred Harp Musical Association (United Sacred Harp Singing Convention)—Birmingham, Alabama—Location TBA—9:00 a.m.

Sat., 9th & Sun., 10th—UK Sacred Harp Convention—Location TBA—Oxford, United Kingdom

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 16th—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. Saturday Only—Saturday before third Sunday in September.

Sat., 16th & Sun., 17th—Illinois State Convention—Charleston, Illinois—Location TBA—Third Sunday and Saturday before.—Info: Berkley Moore

217.793.0024 berkmoore@aol.com or Janet Fraembs 217.345.6873

jfraembs@1staccess.net

Sun., 17th—B.F. White Sacred Harp Singing—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—3965 Glenwood Road—Decatur (DeKalb County), Georgia—10:00 a.m.—J.L. White Book

Sun., 17th—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.

Sun., 17th—Smyrna Annual Sacred Harp Singing—Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church—Goodwater, Alabama—From Hwy. 9, turn east in Goodwater on Goodwater Road—Go approximately 5 miles to County Road 83, turn right (church sign there)—Go approximately 0.25 miles, church is on left.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 23rd—Mountain Heritage Day Singing—Administration Building—Western Carolina University—Cullowhee (Jackson County), North Carolina—10:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*/Christian Harmony—

Info: Ed Smith 706.695.0843 for free parking passes.

Sat., 23rd—Mule Day Singing—Pastime Theatre—Winfield, Alabama—

Info: Marlin Beasley 256.429.3996

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Minnesota State Convention—Saturday—Location TBA—Sunday—Murphy's Landing, Shakopee, Minnesota—9:30 a.m.—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.

Info: Steven Schmidgall 763.593.1965—Keith/Jenny Willard 651.699.2040

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Rocky Mountain Convention—Location TBA—New Mexico—Convention alternates between Colorado and New Mexico—

Info: McPherson@sulphurcanyon.com

Sun., 24th—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church—Morgan County, Alabama—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church is located on the eastern side of Gum Pond Road in Morgan County, Alabama—From Alabama Hwy. 67, turn on Gum Pond Road at mile marker 16 between Ryan and Florette—Go about 4 miles to the church—From Alabama Hwy. 69 at Fairview, turn north on County Road 1527 (Wesley Ave., north)—Go about 3.5 miles, turn right on County Road 1544 (cross into Morgan County, Gum Pond Road)—About 3.5 miles to the church.

Sun., 24th—Winston County Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—3 miles north of Double Springs, Alabama—On Hwy. 195

Sun., 24th—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.

October

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., Sept. 30th & Sun., 1st—New England Convention—Rhode Island—Location TBA—Date for this singing is selected by the host singers.

Info: <http://www.neconvention.net>

Sat., Sept. 30th—*Cooper Book* Singing—Shady Grove Baptist Church—Between Dutton and Section—Jackson County, Alabama—Just off the west side of Hwy. 71—Turn at church sign.

Sat., Sept. 30th—Smyrna Baptist Church Sacred Harp Singing—Rusk County, Texas—*Cooper Book*—Church is on Farm to Market Road 2496—5 miles west of Mount Enterprise—Info: Robert Vaughn 903.863.5379

Sat., Sept. 30th (Date TBA)—Louisiana State—Sellers Music Building—New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (NOBTS)—9:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Please note: This singing date is set according to NOBTS, and this may or may not be the correct date for singing. We're told that the singing will be held in

October. Check with Nancy Van Den Akker 504.286.3845 nvandena@bellsouth.net or Wanda Gregg 504.816.8424 WGregg@nobts.edu

Sat., Sept. 30th—Santa Barbara Regional Singing—Santa Barbara, California—
Info: Tom/Victoria Ostwald 805.965.4707

Sat., Sept. 30th—Church Music Heritage and Fall Festival-1859 USA Presbyterian Church-107 Church Street-Petersburg, Tennessee-10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.-Petersburg is located east of US 431 between Lewisburg and Fayetteville-Saturday before the first Sunday in October—

Info: John Edmondson 931.659.9418 or Tim Reynolds 615.646.6485

Sun., Oct., 1st—South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention-Sandy Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Near Flovilla—Butts County, Georgia—1 mile south of Flovilla—From intersection of Georgia Hwy. 42 and 87—Follow Hwy. 87 south approximately 2.7 miles to Darnell Road—Turn left—Church is on right.

Sun., Oct. 1st—Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers, Wootten 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., Oct. 1st—Tom Harper and Ganus Wakefield 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 church sign.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 7th—B.F. White Memorial Singing-Harris County Courthouse-Hamilton, Georgia—First Saturday in October—

Info: Harry Eskew 478.750.9968 harryeskew@cox.net or Kathy Morris.

Sat., 7th—Savannah All Day Singing—First Christian Church—711 East Victory Dr.—Savannah, Georgia—Take I-95 to I-16 East. Follow I-16 to its end. Turn right onto Liberty St. Follow Liberty to Abercorn and turn right. Take Abercorn South to Victory Dr. Turn left onto Victory Dr.—Follow Victory Dr., just past the church to Paulsen and Victory and turn right onto Paulsen. Go about a half block to an alley and turn right into parking lot.—Info: Gene Pinion 605.655.0994 gene@savannahmusicfestival.org Saturday before the second Sunday.

Sat., 7th, p.m. & Sun., 8th—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., 8th—Walker Cates and H.H. Brown Memorial—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., 8th—Chestnut Grove Church—Near Ider—DeKalb County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—3 miles south of Ider—Off Hwy. 117

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

Sun., 8th—Harper Memorial Singing—Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church—Nauvoo (Walker County), Alabama—10:00 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., 13th & Sat. 14th—New York State Convention—Ithaca, New York—
Info: Jennifer Cook 607.273.7076 jc27@cornell.edu— Eric Bean—gebean@aol.com

Sat., 14th—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. Saturday only

Sat., 14th—Tri-State Convention—Traveler's Rest Church—Samson, Alabama—9:00 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Info: Bill Aplin 334.898.7253

Sat., 14th—Columbia Singing—Trinity Presbyterian Church—1600 W. Rollins—Columbia, Missouri—Info: Wendy Hofmann 573.446.1075 whofmann@coin.org—Lou/Penny Kujawinski 573.874.1096

Sat., 14th & Sun., 15th—Pacific Northwest Convention, Oregon—Mississippi Rising Ballroom—833 North Shaver—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—Info: Jessica Beer 503.504.7359 tunefulpower@gmail.com or Dan Thoma 503.288.9549

Sun., 15th—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., 15th—Reid Memorial Singing—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., 21st—Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing—Emory Presbyterian Church—1886 North Decatur Road—Atlanta, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—From I-85—Take the Clairmont Rd. exit and go south (passing the VA Hospital on the right) to the intersection of Clairmont and North Decatur Road. Turn right on North Decatur. Church is 0.5 miles west of the Clairmont/North Decatur intersection, at the corner of North Decatur and Westminster Way.—Info: Kelly Morris 404.378.0595 or Laura Akerman 404.373.8241 lib1na@emory.edu

Sat., 21st—Coy Putnam Memorial—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church—Near Arab—Marshall County, Alabama—3 miles east of Arab—on Hwy. 69—Arab to Guntersville.

Sun., 22nd—Mississippi State Cooper Book Convention—Sherwood Forest Primitive Baptist Church—3 miles south of Brandon, Mississippi—Church is on Old Lake Road, 1.5 miles east of Star Road.—Info: Mark Davis horn3@bellsouth.net

Sun., 22nd—Jordan's Chapel—Newell (Randolph County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—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., 22nd—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.

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—Southwest Texas Convention—Place to be announced—Austin, Texas—Fall Session—*Cooper Book*—First fifth Sunday and Saturday of the fall (August, September, or October)—Last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving—Info: Gaylon Powell 512.249.8931

Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Camp Creek Primitive Baptist Church—Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Georgia—I-85 North to Exit #104 (Pleasant Hill Road)—Turn right and go 2 miles—Chapel is on the left—You will have to make a U turn at the next traffic light and backtrack if coming from the interstate due to the concrete median—First fifth Sunday and Saturday before, after Labor Day.

November

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 4th—Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church—Near Huntington—Angelina County, Texas—*Cooper Book*—4 miles on Farm to Market Road 1669 out of Huntington—Info: Burl Russell 409.624.2173

Sat., 4th—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., 4th—Velton Chafin Birthday Singing—Old Sardis Church—Lynn's Park (Walker Co.), Alabama—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* used in the morning, and the *Cooper Book* used in the afternoon.

Sat., 4th—Denney Memorial—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church—Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—Take U.S. 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—Info: Felton Denney 770.832.8198 (This singing was formerly held in Heard County)

Sat., 4th—University of Chicago/Hyde Park Sacred Harp Anniversary Singing—Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago—1212 East 59th Street, Chicago, Illinois—10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Always 1st Saturday in November—Info: Cathryn Baker 773.752.5419 or 773.398.5398 cell, bcathryn@netscape.net or bakerfasola@aol.com

Sun., 5th—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 BP service station—Turn left—Go to dead end—Turn left—Go to dead end, church on left.

Sun., 5th—Mt. Ebron Church Memorial Singing—10:00 a.m.—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., 5th—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., 11th—Immanuel Baptist Church—222 Belle Meade Boulevard—Nashville, Tennessee—Between Harding Road, U.S. 70, and Harding Place

Sat., 11th—Southern Wisconsin Singing—Plum Grove Church, Folklore Village Farm—3210 County Highway BB—Dodgeville, Wisconsin—County Highway BB, south of US Highway 18/151, between Ridgeway and Dodgeville.—
Info: Jim Page 608.255.6861

Sat., 11th—Dallas County Singing—First Primitive Baptist Church—1920 Gross Road—Dallas, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—

Info: Bruce/Beverly Coates 972.227.7976 or Gary/Vivian Rogan 817.220.5147

Sat., 11th—Stapleford Sacred Harp Singing—St. Luke's Church—Stapleford, Nottingham—United Kingdom—Contact Helen Brown 44 1332 768274
helenbrown@poohvalley.freemove.co.uk

Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th—James River Convention—Richmond, Virginia—Second Sunday and Saturday before in November—Info: Stephen McMaster 804.288.1503 Simdar19@idt.net Blake Morris 804.266.1102 blake.morris22@verizon.net

Sun., 12th—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.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 18th—West Yorkshire Sacred Harp Day—West Lane Methodist Church—Haworth, United Kingdom—

Info: Helen Brown 44 1332 768274 helenbrown@poohvalley.freemove.co.uk

Sat., 18th—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., 19th—Elder and Mrs. Jason Davis Memorial—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.

Sun., 19th—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

Thurs., 23rd—Thanksgiving Day

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—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.

Sat., 25th—Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA)—Annual Meeting—Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church—Birmingham, Alabama—3:00 p.m.

December

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 2nd—Sacred Harp Singing—Heights Church of Christ—1548 Heights Blvd.—Houston, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book*—
Info: Crystal Meadows 832.922.5858

Sat., 2nd & Sun., 3rd—Florida State Sacred Harp Convention—Holiday Inn—2001 Cove Boulevard—Panama City, Florida—*Cooper Book*—For reservations call 850.769.0000

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 9th & Sun., 10th—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

Sat., 16th & Sun., 17th—No listings

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

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

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sun., 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, January 28 Sunday, January 29
Second Fifth Weekend	Saturday, April 29 Sunday, April 30
Third Fifth Weekend	Saturday, July 29 Sunday, July 30
Fourth Fifth Weekend	Saturday, October 28 Sunday, October 29
Fifth Fifth Weekend	Saturday, December 30 Sunday, December 31

First Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

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

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

Second Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

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

Midwest Convention—Chicago, Illinois—Locations announced—First fifth
Sunday and Saturday before, preceding July 4, except when the 5th Sunday falls in
June, then it will be on the week-end before Memorial Day

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

Third Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Young People's Singing—Providence Primitive Baptist Church—Cullman,
Alabama—Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4th

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

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

Fourth Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

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

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

Fifth Fifth Weekend

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 Rd. 783 and immediately back left onto County Rd. 782—Church is on left.

LOCAL SINGINGS

Alabama

Anniston: Second Tuesday of each month—6:30-8:00 p.m.—Norwood Hodges (Golden Springs) Community Center—Spring Valley Road—Get on Golden Springs Road—Turn at tennis courts—Info: Jeff Sheppard 256.237.1240

Auburn: Friday, March 3rd and Friday, September 16th—St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church—136 E. Magnolia Avenue (just north of College Street—7:00 p.m.—Info: Allison Ivey or Richard Ivey 334.826.0741 ivelyria@auburn.edu

Birmingham: First Tuesday in month—Southside Baptist Church, Heritage Room—19th Street and 11th Avenue South, near Five Points—6:30 p.m.—Info: Elene Stovall 205.854.8741 stovalle@bellsouth.net or Max Berueffy 205.968.0205 mberueffy@harbert.com

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

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.—Senior Center (Council on Aging building)—600 Tyler Avenue, South—From I-59, take exit #218 (Hwy. 35)—Take Hwy. 35 to U.S. Hwy. 11 (Gault Avenue)—Turn east on 8th Street, South (at O'Reilly's Auto Parts). Proceed to Tyler Avenue and turn left. The building is 2 blocks on the left.

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: Rodney Ivey 256.657.4686 david@davidivey.com

Huntsville: First Friday Night—February 3, April 7, August 4, November 3—7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—Burritt Museum—3101 Burritt Drive, on Monte Sano Mountain—Take U.S. 431 south (Governors Drive) to top of Monte Sano Mountain—Turn north onto Monte Sano Boulevard—Turn onto Burritt Drive—Info: David Ivey 256.881.5291 david@davidivey.com

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 or Robert Sullivan rsrbs@aurora.alaska.edu

Arizona

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

Tucson: First and Third Saturday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Sonora Cohousing—501 E. Roger Rd.—Info: J.P. 520.682.6201 at jpintozyd@mybluelight.com or Becky Nankiveil 520.293.3783 bnankivellk@igc.org

Arkansas

Big Fork: First Sunday—2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Info: Verla Huckaby 501.394.6135 EddieVerla@aol.com or 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—1:30-4:30 p.m.—Shiloh Museum, General Store on grounds of Museum—118 West Johnson Avenue—Springdale, Arkansas—Info: Syd Caldwell SydneyC@cox-internet.com

California

Loma Linda: Inland Empire Sacred Harp Singing—Second Sunday of the month—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Call for location each month—Charles/Kathryn Knecht 909.478.5986 cknecht@dslextreme.com or Rodney Willard 909.798.2586 rwillardla@earthlink.net

Los Angeles (East side): First Sunday—3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—
Info: Laura Boyd Russell 310.450.3516 Laura4belltower@verizon.net

Los Angeles (West side):—Third Sunday—3:00-5:50 p.m.—
Info: Laura Boyd Russell 310.450.3516 Laura4belltower@verizon.net—Link to “Singing in Los Angeles” from <http://fasola.org>

Monterey: Third Sundays—3:00-6:00 p.m. Info: Michael Armstrong 831.373.3465; Jack and Kathy Herbig 831.649.3087 jack@herbigassociates.com

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

Sacramento/Davis: Second Sundays—1:00 p.m. potluck—Singing, 2:00-4:30 p.m.—Held at home of Susan Jones and David Wright 916.739.8906 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 (except August and January)—4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Carolyn Deacy 415.585.4773 sf@fasola.org or Chris Thorman—chris@thorman.com <http://fasola.org/bayarea>

San Francisco Bay Area-Oakland/East Bay: First Sundays-4:30-6:30 p.m.-followed by a potluck—

Info: Alice Sharp 510.843.8259 avsharp@earthlink or Vicki Solomon 510.601.8576

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

Info: Terry Moore 650.736.4089 tmoore@stanfordmed.org

San Francisco Bay Area-University of California/Berkeley: Every Monday of every month (except for major Monday holidays—7:30-9:30 p.m.—location near UC Berkeley Campus—Info: Jill Accetta 415.200.6099 refulgentorb@yahoo.com

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

Colorado Springs: Second Sunday-1:00-3:00 p.m.-Saint Aidan's Anglican Church-4
Elm Ave-Call first to confirm date, time, and location—

Info: Peter Mathewson 719.648.2274 opengate@pcisys.net

Denver: Sunday after the fourth Friday—

Info: Elaine Cullor 303.860.0662 or John Schaffer 303.234.1729

Fort Collins: First Monday—7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—St Luke's Episcopal Church—
2000 Stover—Info: Hill Grimmert 970.493.8325 or 231.1197 (cell)

hill.grimmert@comcast.net

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: Second Sunday—2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Memorial Chapel, Wesleyan
University—Info: Phyllis/Neely Bruce 860.347.3003 nbruce@wesleyan.edu

New Haven: Singing school and singing-Third Thursday of February, May, August,
and November-Church of St. Paul and St. James-*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—

Info: Wilma Whitley 203.562.2143 whitley.javanet@rcn.com

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

District of Columbia

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

Info: Mary Ann Daly 301.229.8534 daly@rff.org or <http://www.fsgw.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: Saturday evening each month—7:00 p.m.—Pavilion of the Baptist—
County Road 121, A paved road that connects to US Hwy. 1 at Bolougne, Florida,
just inside the Florida state line, south of Folkston, Georgia—Go west on C.R. 121
about 6 or 7 miles—When you pass C.R. 115/Bay Road on your left, go 0.6 miles,
the driveway to the pavilion will be on your right—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—S.O.F.A. Singing—September,
October, February, and April—7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.—Big Creek Primitive Baptist
Church—Take Georgia Hwy. 400—Exit 10—Old Milton Parkway—Alpharetta—

Go east on Old Milton for 2.6 miles—Turn left at light onto Kimball Bridge Road—Go 0.2 miles—Church on left—Info: Faye Holbrook 706.636.1707

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

Info: Lee Rogers 706.795.5472 jleerogers@peoplepc.org

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

Decatur: First Thursday in each month—Except January and possibly December—7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.—Emory Presbyterian Church Baptist Church—N. Decatur Road, between Clifton and Clairmont—Info: Liz Bryant 404.378.5424 or John Plunkett 770.939.3464 mail@atlantashapenote.org

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

Savannah: Second Saturday each month-2:00-4:00 p.m.-Fellowship Hall, First Christian Church-711 East Victory Dr.—

Info: Gene Pinion 912.655.0994 ljb2012@att.net

Illinois

Chicago: Third Sunday—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Various locations—

Info: Cathryn Baker 773.752.5419—cell# 773.398.5398—bcathryn@netscape.net or bakerfasola@aol.com

Charleston/Mattoon: First and third Thursday evenings and occasional Sundays—Various sites—Info: Janet Fraembs 217.345.6873 jfraembs@Istaccess.net

Hyde Park/Chicago: Weekly—Thursday—7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Cathryn Baker 773.752.5419—cell# 773.398.5398—bcathryn@netscape.net or bakerfasola@aol.com

Springfield Area: Year round irregular singings at various sites—Monthly singings at Lincoln's New Salem Historical Site.

Info: Becky Schildman 217.476.3572 or Pete Ellertsen 217.793.2587

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

Fisher (Indianapolis area): Every Tuesday-5:30-7:00 p.m.-at Conner Prairie-13400 Allisonville Road-Missouri Harmony, 1994 reprint of 1846 edition-Contact Sarah Morin 1.800.966.1836 Morin@connerprairie.org for directions about how to enter the building.

Goshen: First Sunday in each month—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—At the home of Matthew Lind, 407 1st St., Goshen—

Info: Samuel Sommers 574.294.6180 scmws@yahoo.com

Lafayette/Kokomo: Lafayette/Kokomo Indiana Area Sacred Harp Singers-Second Sunday afternoon of each month-location varies-contact: Brad Bahler 765.457.9159 bahlerl@netzero.net or Janet Glossic 765.743.1736 glossic@aol.com

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

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

Info: Kristin Bruchmann 563.323.2140 lambsong@aol.com or Annie Grieshop 563.926.2353 annie@allthingspiano.com

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—Court and Spring Streets—Info: Bobbie Goodell 207.342.2324 rgoodell@gwi.net

Damariscotta: Fourth Sunday—1:00-4:00 p.m.—Great Salt Bay Elementary School—552 Main Street (Business Route One)—

Info: Edith Berger 207.832.6561 berger@gwi.net

Maryland

Baltimore: Second Sunday—4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.—4:00-8:00 p.m.—Stony Run Friends Meeting House—5116 N. Charles St.—

Info: Elizabeth Cusick 410.235.6627 elizabeth@cusick.name

Massachusetts

Amherst: First Sunday—1:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.—First Congregational Church—165 Main Street—Info: Eliza Cavanaugh 413.772.0287 liza-cavanaugh@direcway.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 or Ginnie Ely 978.664.1344 Ginnie.Ely@compaq.com

Boston: Weekly-1st, 2nd, and 4th Sunday nights—6:00-9:00 p.m.—Concert Hall, College of Fine Arts at Boston University—855 Commonwealth Avenue.

Info: Thomas Malone malonet@mac.com

Charlestown (Boston): Third Sunday-3:00-6:00 p.m.—St. John's Episcopal Church-27 Devens St.—Info: Robert Stoddard 617.852.3224 StoddardFamily@comcast.net

Greenfield: Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—1:30-4:30 p.m.—Historical Society of Greenfield—Church 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: Kelsey Wessels 413.773.8208 kwessels@sover.net

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 269.382.4288 mbeverly@chartermi.net

Minnesota

Information for all singings in the Twin Cities: <http://www.freude.com/mnfasola>

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

Lansing: Fourth Sundays-3:00-5:30 p.m.—potluck following—

Info: Bob Borcherding 517.381.1321 gapbob@yahoo.com

Minneapolis: Second and fourth Sundays—5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Keith/Jenny Willard 651.699.2040

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

Mississippi

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

Oxford: Second Tuesdays—November to February—7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—Info: Warren Steel 662.236.5356

Missouri

Columbia: Second and Fourth Tuesdays—7:30 p.m.—Trinity Presbyterian Church—Rollins Rd.—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.—Northeast Resource Center—5903 Walker Avenue, 3rd floor

Omaha: Second Sunday of the month—2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—Fourth Saturday night—7:30 p.m.—10:30 p.m.—St. Vincent's Orthodox Church—2502 North 51st Street—Info: Jim Solheim 402.393.6108 jim@jamesolheim.com or Kathy Wood 402.397.4673 khwood@cox.net

New Hampshire

Warner: Second Sunday of each month—Main Street Book Ends Gallery—Main Street, Warner, New Hampshire—1:30-4:30 p.m.—

Info: Maeann Stevens 603.456.6026 geomaes@conknet.com

New Jersey

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.—Harwood Art Center—1114 7th St. NW—

Info: Nancy Nortz 505.281.0267 or Ed Stevens 505.281.7615

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

New York

Albany: First Saturday evenings—September through June, except when that coincides with a long weekend—7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.—Calvary United Methodist Church—Corner of Belle and Ridge, Latham, New York—Info: George/Jean Seiler 518.583.7813 jean@profitpln.com or Michael Ryan 518.399.6046

Altamont: June: Friday, 23rd—Saturday, 24th—Sunday, 25th—Old Songs Festival—Altamont Fairgrounds—Altamont, New York—Morning singing, workshops—Info: 518.765.2815—Always held the last full weekend in June, the last Sunday and the Friday and Saturday before.

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

Info: Barbara Swetman 315.735.9933 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

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

Info: Brenda Peña 718.793.2848 BJPUB@Prodigy.net

New York City (Lower East Side): First Saturdays—3:00-6:00 p.m.—The Living Room, 154 Ludlow St.—

Info: www.livingroom.com contact: Linda Griggs 212.777.9837

New York City (Manhattan): Third Sunday-2:30-5:00 p.m.—St. Bart's Church, 109 East 50th Street—Info: www.manhattansing.org

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

Info: Gina Balestracci balestracci@mail.montclair.edu

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

Info: Bruce Kokernot 518.563.1834 bkokernot@bhsn.org

Rochester: Second Sunday—2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.—Rochester Presbyterian Home—256 Thurston Rd.—Rochester, New York (between Brooks Ave. and Chili Ave.)—Info: Chris Haller 585.387.9570 <mailto:ringer@rochester.rr.com> or Thom Metzger 585.467.5192 or Sue Hengelsberg sueheng@cnyti.com

North Carolina

Cary: Fourth Sunday—2:00–4:00 p.m.—Page-Walker Arts and History Center on the Town Hall Campus—119 Ambassador Loop—Info: Linda Hambourger 919.781.3596 or Pat Ward 919.854.1925 <http://www.ncshapenote.org>

Chapel Hill: Second Sunday—2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.—Person Hall on Univ. of North Carolina campus—Info: Matt Cartmill 919.493.8519—<http://www.ncshapenote.org>

Fletcher: First Tuesdays—7:00–9:00 p.m.—Calvary Episcopal—Christian Harmony Book used—Dan Huger 828.274.8899 dehuger@mindspring.com

Ohio

Bowling Green: Second Sundays—2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.—

Info: Steve Kasperik-Postellon spostel@bgnet.bgsu.edu

Cincinnati: Second Sundays—4:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.—potluck at 6:00—

Info: John Bealle 513.861.1137 jbealle@spsp.net

Columbus: First, Third, and Fifth Sundays—4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.—Dutch treat dinner afterwards.—Info: Eric Conrad 614.481.7637 econrad@math.ohio-state.edu

Daton: Fourth Sundays—3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.—

Info: Jeffrey Fyffe 937.320.1339 fyffe@donet.com

Northeast, Ohio (Lakewood): First Sundays (February, March, April, and May)—3:00–5:00 p.m.—Lakewood Baptist Church—14321 Detroit Avenue (between Warren and Bunts Roads)—<http://www.oberlin.net/~cwell/LakewoodBaptistChurch.htm>

Oberlin: Wednesday (One evening a week when Oberlin College is in session)—8:00–10:00 p.m.—31 North Prospect St.

Info: Charles Wells 440.774.1926 charles@abstractmath.org

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City: Info: Nancy Powell/Claire Powell 405.737.1186

Oregon

Information for all Portland, Oregon singings is available by contacting Jessica Beer 503.504.0759 tunefulpower@gmail.com or Dan Thoma 503.288.9549 Website, <http://www.portlandsacredharp.org>

Website for the Pacific NW Sacred Harp is <http://pnwshs.org>

Bend: Second Sunday—5:00–7:00 p.m.—Trinity Episcopal Church—469 NW Wall St, in the choir room—Info: David Reich 541.388.5434

Eugene: Second and fourth Thursdays—7:30–9:00 p.m.—East Blair Housing Cooperative in the Community Space. Walk west in the alley to the first building on the right.—Info: Jean Murphy 541.342.4131

La Grande: Second Sundays—6:00 p.m.—The Olde Meeting House (Quakers/Friends)—Info: Carla Arnold 541.663.0776

La Grande: Every other Tuesday—4:30–6:30 p.m.—In a private home, location changes—Info: Carla Arnold 541.663.0776

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

Portland: Every Second Sunday—2:00–4:00 p.m.—Waverly Heights UCC, Fellowship Hall—3300 SE Woodward—Call for details—Info: Jessica Beer 503.504.0759 tunefulpower@gmail.com

Portland: Every Fourth Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Liberty Hall-311 North Ivy-
<http://www.liberty-hall.org/location.html> for map and directions.

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

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

Info: Jessica Beer 503.504.0759 tunefulpower@qwest.net

Pennsylvania

Edinboro: Fourth Sunday of each month-2:00-5:00 p.m.-Home of Gerry Hoffman-
101 Nordmere Dr., Apt.12, Edinboro-Gerry Hoffman 814.734.5950
gizmo59@vei.net

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

West Chester: First and Third Mondays (usually)—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Birmingham
Friends Meetinghouse, a few minutes south of West Chester—The singings are held
twice a month, but call ahead for we shift the dates because of Monday holidays.—
Info: Laura Densmore 610.793.5102 LDensmo1@swarthmore.edu

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 423.842.7265 linjanes@bellsouth.net

Knoxville: (New Harp of Columbia) Info: Sara Baskin 865.588.8728
mamabgrass@bellsouth.net or oldharp@oldharp.org

Nashville: First Sundays—3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.—Trinity Presbyterian Church—
3201 Hillsboro Road—Info: Timothy Reynolds 615.646.6485 trcopes@bellsouth.net
or David Carlton 615.322.3326 david.carlton@vanderbilt.edu

Texas

Austin (Travis Co.): First, Third, and Fifth Tuesdays—6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.—
Info: Alexa Gilmore and Elric Elias 512.374.9391 alexandraallison@yahoo.com or eme00@hampshire.edu

Austin (Travis Co.): Every fourth Saturday-10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.-Trinity United Methodist Church-600 East 50th Street, Austin, Texas-Hosted by Morris Nelms 512.395.8397 ninelives@grandecom.net

Dallas/Ft. Worth: Third Saturdays—1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.—Practice singing—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—First Primitive Baptist Church—1920 Gross Road—Dallas, Texas—Info: Bruce or Beverly Coates 972.476.9937 or Cheryl Foreman 214.922.5905 cf91@yahoo.com

Houston: Third Sunday—3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—University of Houston, mall Chapel (room 201)A.D. Bruce Religion Center—Practice singing—*Cooper Book/The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—From I-45, take the Cullen Blvd. exit and turn towards the University, go cross Elgin, pass the stadium, cross Holman, turn left into entrance #13—Info: Crystal Visco 532.922.5858 crystalmeadows@yahoo.com

Utah

Provo: Second Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—St. Mary's Episcopal Church—50 West 200 North—Info: Stan/Jenny Sterne Jensen 801.229.2274 jenny@utahsacredharp.org or www.utahsacredharp.org

Salt Lake City: First Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—call for location. Info: Stan/Jenny Sterne Jensen 801.229.2274 jenny@utahsacredharp.org or www.utahsacredharp.org

Salt Lake City: (*Cooper Book*)—Fourth Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—1480 Edison (1480 South 145 East)—Info: Stan/Jenny Sterne Jensen 801.229.2274 jenny@utahsacredharp.org or www.utahsacredharp.org

Vermont

Brattleboro: Monthly—Third Sunday—1:30-4:30 p.m.—St. Michael's Episcopal Church—16 Bradley Avenue—Brattleboro-Corner of Putney Road and Bradley Avenue—Info: Peter Amidon 802.257.1006 peter@amidonmusic.com

Burlington Area: Monthly—Third Sunday—(summer is ad hoc)—5:00 p.m.—some fifth Sundays—Info: Susan Miller-Coulter 802.658.5713 smilcoulter335@cs.com or Bill Fellinger wfellin@together.net

Derby Line: Fourth Sunday of every month-Universalist Unitarian Church Hall-3:30 p.m. with a pot-luck, the church is about 500 feet from the International Border Line between Canada and the US—Info: Julia Richmond 819.657.4703 doerfle@netrevolution.com

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

Info: Linda Wells 802.586.9698 craftsbury@hotmail.com

Middlebury area: First Sundays—3:30-5:00 p.m.

Info: Deb Moody 802.545.7777 deestmo@hotmail.com

Norwich: Second Thursday—Potluck 6:00-7:00—Sing from 7:00-9:30 p.m.—

Info: Mary Huessy 802.649.8977 ray.huessy@valley.net

Springfield: First and third Fridays—7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.—

Fifth Fridays—Potluck—Info: Pat Colteryahn 802.885.9521

Virginia

Arlington: See District of Columbia

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 Sacred Harp Singers/Ashland: Third Saturday of every month, except
November—2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—Occasional potluck snack or supper—St. James
the Less Episcopal Church.—Info: Blake Morris 804.288.8206—Stephen McMaster
804.288.1503 or Gail Doss 804.273.9585

Washington

Information for all Washington singings is available by contacting Karen Willard
360.897.9545 Karen@Weelyrd.net

Lopez Island: Third Sunday-1:15-3:15 p.m.—Grace Episcopal Church Fellowship
Hall-70 Sunset Lane-As you leave the ferry, follow Ferry Road/Fisherman Bay Road
to the village. Just before you reach the village, you will see Grace Church on the hill
on your left. Info: Leta Marshall marshall@rockisland.com 360.468.3478

Mercer Island: Fourth Sunday—3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—

Info: Kathy Vlach 206.762.5021

Okanogon Valley: Meet irregularly—

Info: Karen Stingle kstingle@efn.org or Stephanie Clark 509.826.1259

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 Karen@Weelyrd.net

Seattle: Second Sundays—6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—

Info: Jack Lofton 206.783.4508 or Kathy Vlach 206.762.5021

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

Info: Greg Saue 509.299.7771

Wisconsin

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

Info: Jim Page 608.255.6861 or Julie Vea 608.255.8001

Canada

Toronto, Ontario: Third Wednesdays—7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.—Downtown location
to be announced.

Info: Pleasance Crawford 416.922.7997 pleasancecrawford@rogers.com

United Kingdom

Newcastle upon Tyne: Last Tuesday each month—7:30 p.m.—

Info: Chris and Alice Metherell Tel: 0191 284 2438 alice@metherell.org.uk

Oxford: 'Teenth' Thursday each month-7:45 p.m.—

Info: Sheila/Edwin Macadam Tel: +44 (0) 1865 865773 shelwin8@tiscali.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 1	Eclectic Harmony
EH 2	Eclectic Harmony II
HS	Harmonia Sacra
JB	James Edition Book (#25 — Great Roll Call)
KsH	Keystone Harmony
KH	Kentucky Harmony
LD	Lloyd's Hymnal
MH	Missouri Harmony
NH	Northern Harmony
NHC	New Harp of Columbia
OSH	Old School Hymnal
ScH	Social Harp
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
511	Willie
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

2005 MINUTES

WOOTTEN FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama

Friday, December 31, 2004 - Saturday, January 1, 2005

The annual New Year's Eve Singing at Antioch Baptist Church was called to order by Co-Chairmen Jeffrey Wootten and Marty Wootten leading 48t and 74b. Brother Ronald Patterson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Marty Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten 85, 101t; Heath Townson 162; Phillip Wootten 45t; Loyd Ivey 204; Ed Thacker 538; Phil Townson 312b; Levon Wootten 108t; Tony Ivey 484; Aaron Wootten 282; Raven Townson, Dani Townson, and Kennedy Wootten 345t, 345b; Scott Ivey 528; Rachel Wagner, James M. Wagner, and James S. Wagner 480; Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 171.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Marty Wootten and Jeffrey Wootten leading 76b. Leaders: Robert Walker 477; Boyd Scott 358; Drew Smith 146; Allison Dodson 145b; Lauren Hall and Daniel Sears 59, 455; Donna Wootten 56t; Terry Wootten 441; Don Bowen 511t (CB); John Plunkett 411 (CB); J.C. Rutledge 501 (CB); Eloise Wootten and Cheryl White 159; David Carlton 377; Ronald Patterson and Dewayne Wootten 277; Gene Wootten and Linda Thomas 486t (WB); Shane Wootten and Linda Thomas 39t; Margaret Thacker 34b; Aaron Little 373.

REFRESHMENTS

The class resumed singing with Jeffrey Wootten and Marty Wootten leading 201, 273. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 217; Myra Dalton 133 (CB); Kathy James 542; Louis Hughes 546; Laura Clausen 362; Donna Bell 203; Daphene Causey and Reba Windom 196; Mike Thompson 112; LaRue Allen 192; Judy Mincey 475; Claudine Townson and Olivia Allen 572 (CB), 573 (CB); Cassie Franklin and Coy Ivey 559 (CB) (in memory of Otis Hester); Sandie Scott 472; Sharon DuPriest and Cassie Franklin 454 (in memory of Ronnie Meadows); Betty Wright 511 (CB); Hobert Ivey 47t; Jenny Mann 59; Darlene Dalton 340; Darlene Dalton, Myra Dalton, and Charlotte Heard 312t; Bill McGee 571 (CB); Danette Townson and Lorrie Wootten 2 (LD).

RECESS

Terry Wootten brought the class back to order leading 176t. Leaders: Terry Wootten and Louis Hughes 333 (LD); Drew Smith and Aaron Wootten 393t (CB); Rheta Patterson and Marty Wootten 68b, 99; Rodney Ivey and Marty Wootten 225t, 492 (CB); Darlene Dalton and Don Bowen 336t (CB); Darlene Dalton 488b (CB); Terry Wootten 506 (CB).

After announcements were made, Marty Wootten led 484b (CB) as the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Louis Hughes, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Jeffrey Wootten and Marty Wootten; Secretary—Lorrie Wootten.

CINCINNATI NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING
Walnut Hills Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio
Saturday, January 1, 2005

The fourteenth annual Cincinnati New Year's Day Singing was held at Walnut Hills Christian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. The class was called to order by Sheryl Pockrose leading 30t. Eloise Clark led 84. Greg Creech offered the morning prayer. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chair/Treasurer—Sheryl Pockrose; Secretary—Rich Overturf.

Leaders: Rich Overturf 133, 100; Richard Palmer 236, 159; Regina Bayer 47b, 106; Greg Creech 209, 127; David Rust 145b, 532; John Bayer 354t, 300; Michael Hieber 535, 36b; Jubal Bayer 117, 388.

RECESS

Sheryl Pockrose led 143 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: John Bealle 312t, 110; Clara Herr 515, 479; Hans Bayer 87, 496; Bill Shetter 336t (CB), 575 (CB); Bob French 38b, 180; Debbie Hall 497, 299; Jim Herr 163b, 475; Bob Meek 511t (CB), 574 (CB); Marlen Rust 276, 29t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Karen Arnett leading 34b and 66. Leaders: Jim Coppock 474, 344; Steve Angel 112 (CB), 140 (CB); Christine Cox 147t, 45t. Jim Herr offered a blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Sheryl Pockrose led 37b to bring the class to order for the afternoon session. Leaders: Eloise Clark 222; Paul Sorenson 48b; Joan Redd 146, 455; William Dubose 268, 488b (CB); Loraine Bayer 61, 225t; Sheryl Pockrose "Mansfield", "Armsley" (*1820 Kentucky Harmonist*); Michelle Cull 393t (CB), 384; Judy Schultzt 273, 282; Linda Coppock 163t; Patricia Miller 313b.

RECESS

Sheryl Pockrose reconvened the class leading 48t. Leaders: Sharon Hill 361; Katsura Kuwahara and Haruna Tanaka 385b, 385t; John Bayer and Annaliza Cull 392 (CB); Greg Creech 38t (CB); Jim Herr 107; Bill Shetter 559 (CB); Bob French 245; Bob Meek 571 (CB); William Dubose 505 (CB); John Bayer 71; Clara Herr 547; Michelle Cull 168; Debbie Hall 178.

Announcements were made. The traditional closing song on page 347 was led with the parting hand exchanged by those who wished to do so. Bob Meek offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Sheryl Pockrose; Secretary—Rich Overturf.

COVINGTON COUNTY NEW YEAR'S SINGING
(COOPER BOOK)
Collins First Baptist Church, Collins, Mississippi
Saturday, January 1, 2005

The eighth annual Covington County New Year's Singing was held at the Collins First Baptist Church in Collins, Mississippi on Saturday, January 1, 2005. Chairman Andrew Albers opened the singing with 500 and 58. Prayer was offered by Arlon Gardner.

The class was organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Andrew Albers; Vice Chairman—John Lee Van Horn; Secretary—Etna Jean Gray; Chaplains—Emmett Harvey and Arlon Gardner.

Leaders: Andrew Albers 49t; John Lee Van Horn 39, 507b; Jean Gray 563, 344; J.A. Mosley 572, 542; Uel Freeman 571, 127; Nancy Van Den Akker 184b, 483; Morgan Bunch 171, 106.

RECESS

Andrew Albers brought the class back to order leading 107 and 75. Leaders: Bill Hogan 497, 567; Dana Merritt 392, 486; Wanda Gregg 559, 573; Sue Bunch 63, 72; Brenda Merritt 522; John Merritt, Dana Merritt, and Mike Campbell 564, 45t. Andrew Albers led 369 as the traditional song before lunch. Arlon Gardner offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was brought back to order by Andrew Albers leading 70t and 227. Leaders: Junie McNeil 503, 159; Bobby Caldwell 82, 54t; Arlon Gardner 68t, 168; Regina Marshall 203, 98; Ester Mann 38t, 484; Dana Merritt 358, 410; Mark Davis 411, 140; Andrew Albers 57 (for Emmett Harvey).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with John Van Horn leading 225t. Leaders: John Merritt 268t (by request); Uel Freeman 388; Morgan Bunch 308; Nancy Van Den Akker 515; Sue Bunch 229; Wanda Gregg 384; Bill Hogan and Nancy Hogan 143; Andrew Albers 501 (for Nelda Mitchell), 128 (for Jean Rogers); Arlon Gardner 83t; Andrew Albers 492 (for Linda Sanford); Bill Hogan 408 (for Etna Jean Gray); John Van Horn 263.

Following announcements, Chairman Andrew Albers led 496t for the closing song. Mark Davis offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Andrew Albers; Vice Chairman—John Lee Van Horn; Secretary—Etna Jean Gray.

SHADY GROVE ANNUAL SINGING

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama Sunday, January 2, 2005

The Shady Grove Annual Singing was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Winston County, Alabama on the first Sunday in January. Travis Keeton called the class to order leading 48t. Earl Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

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

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Kermit Adams; Arranging Committee—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 89; Kermit Adams 39b; Margaret Keeton 129, 187 (for L.E. Hannah, who is in the hospital); Wilton Donaldson 34b, 35; Corene White 37b, 146; Gravis Ballinger 36b, 120; Debbie Wakefield 394, 123t; Richard Mauldin 378t, 68b (for Amanda Denson and Clarence McCool, who are ill); Emily Jones 179, 74t; Stella Pratt 87, 155; Willodean Barton 270, 63.

RECESS

Kermit Adams led 78 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Ashley Keeton 212, 276; Carla Morris 183, 335; Dawson Adams 328, 147t; Elizabeth Keeton 30t, 235; Lisa Geist 182, 186; Ken Tate and Hannah Tate 442, 73t (for his grandmother, Edith Tate, who is ill); Larry Ballinger 73b, 27; Amber Davis and Hannah Tate 402, 436; Glenn Keeton “Ashley” (composed by Glenn Keeton, Lisa Geist, and Chris Ballinger).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Travis Keeton leading 343. Leaders: Steve Adams and Richard Mauldin 401, 101t; Earl Ballinger 389, 176b; Julia Poston 274t; Nellie Alexander 81t, 176b; Cecil Wakefield 168, 203; Loretta Whitman 108b, 145b; Ken Tate 512, 111b; Ozella Blackmon 72b; Glenn Keeton 74b (for Pernie Pelfrey), 564 (for John Hocutt, who is ill).

Travis Keeton led 277 as the closing song, and Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Kermit Adams; Secretary—Margaret Keeton.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA
Food Service Building, Carrollton, Georgia
Sunday, January 2, 2005

The annual all day Sacred Harp singing at the State University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia was held on the first Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Myron House who welcomed everyone and then led 59. Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Myron House 61; Philip Denney 84, 120; Charlene Wallace 135, 139; Mary L. Smith 318, 213t.

The class was organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—Myron House; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee—Mary L. Smith; Memorial Committee—Jan House and Karen Rollins.

Leaders: Myron House 102; Josephine Denney and Felton Denney 48t, 47t; Stanley Edwards 340, 37b; Phillip Langley 100, 480; Bobby Jackson 34t, 47b; Karen Rollins 49b, 34b; Raymond Hamrick 87, 56t; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 225t.

RECESS

The class was called together by Philip Denney leading 384. Leaders: Jimmie Denney 101t, 313t; Jo Schultz 361; Jo Schultz and Tom Schultz 347; Eric Tweedy 479, 200; Robert Chambless 143, 569b; Jan House 142, 126; Tony Hammock 201, 148; Judy Chambless 82t, 72b; Hugh McGraw 484 (for Amanda Denson Brady).

LUNCH

The class was called together by Myron House leading 337. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 312b, 435; John Plunkett 45t (for Preston McClendon, who was present but unable to lead); Oscar McGuire 171, 276.

The memorial lesson was held with John Plunkett leading 542 and 52t in memory of the following: Otis Hester, Mozelle Sheppard, Harry Fox, and the tsunami victims and their families.

Lonnie Rogers led 348b and 389 for the following sick and shut-ins: Amanda Denson Brady, Katherine Benefield, I.V. McWhorter, Mary Hackney, Naomi Sailors, Reby Stanford, Bernice Jackson, Nick Griffin, John Hocutt, Jimmie Redding, Violet Thomason, Shelbie Sheppard, and Diane Smith. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer by B.J. Harris.

Leaders: Evelyn Harris 47t, 155; Sharon Hamrick 460; Judy Mincey 497, 475; Jeff Sheppard 439, 472; Lisa Webb 222, 159; B.J. Harris 303, 503; Sheri Taylor 146 (for Diane Smith), 299; Karleen Williams 63, 40; Donna Bell 283, 440; Hugh McGraw 369 (by request); Raymond Hamrick 81b; Jo Schultz 198; Bobby Jackson 112; Oscar McGuire 573.

After announcements were made, Myron House and Philip Denney led 323t as the closing song. Moena Denney dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Myron House; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

LILLIAN CALVERT AND IRENE WOODLEY MEMORIAL
Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church
Boldo Community, near Jasper, Alabama
Saturday, January 8, 2005

The fifty-first session of the Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley Memorial was held at Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo Community, near Jasper, Alabama on Saturday night before the second Sunday in January. Chairman Harrison Creel brought the class to order leading 335. Ronald Gilmore offered the evening prayer. The officers elected or appointed to serve were: Chairman—Harrison Creel; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner; Secretary—Wanda Capps.

Leaders: Wanda Capps 146; Larry Ballinger 215; Brenda Merritt 336; Willodean Barton 454; Charles Kitchens 205; Gary Smith 31t; Beth O'Dell 477; Steve Adams 401; David Roberson 340; Amber Davis 142; Wilton Donaldson 145b; Earl Ballinger 56t; Teddy Creel 124; Ronald Gilmore 393; Marie Guthrie 179; Bridgett Hill 276; Richard Mauldin 475; Margaret Gowen 141; Gravis Ballinger 300; Betty Kitchens 64; Travis Keeton 104 (for John Hyde); Ann Jett 327; Latrive Bailey 318; Elsie Moon 177; Doris Talley 108t; Velton Chafin 232; Sarah Smith 89.

REFRESHMENTS

The class resumed singing with Harrison Creel leading 498. Leaders: John Merritt 499; Charlotte McCarn 76b; Kermit Adams 280; Elene Stovall 395; Shelley Calvert 100; Kenneth Tate 532 (for his grandmother, Edith Tate); Rachel Speer 328; Tim Gilmore 306; Jetty Lawson 358; Max Berueffy 193; Emily Creel 224; Dorothy Evans 348b; Jackie Tanner 73t; Flarce Creel 84; Danny Creel 383; Faye Naramore 75; Cassie Franklin 220; Nellie Alexander 81t; Cindy Tanner 187, 198.

After announcements were made, Harrison Creel led 512 as the closing song. Teddy Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Wanda Capps.

JACK KERR AND HENRY KERR MEMORIAL
Camp Ground Methodist Church, north of Fruithurst
Cleburne County, Alabama
Sunday, January 9, 2005

The annual memorial singing for Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr was held on the second Sunday in January at Camp Ground Methodist Church. Chairman Henry Johnson brought the class to order, welcomed everyone, and then led 61. Ed Thacker offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Henry Johnson 123t; Evelyn Harris 47t, 59; Mary L. Smith 227, 99; Stanley Edwards 410t (in memory of Henry Kerr, Jack Kerr, and for his grandfather, Arnold Edwards); Donna Bell 283, 475; Eugene Forbes 78 (for his brother, M.B. Forbes, who is in a rest home), 328; Reba Norton 373, 282; Robert Chambless 154, 452; Charlene Wallace 327, 168; Floy Wilder 350, 187; Rodney Ivey 383, 564; Billy Joe Harris 348b, 503.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Mary L. Smith; Arranging Committee—Hester Edwards and Donna Bell.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Stanley Edwards leading 76b. Leaders: Cecil Roberts 124, 457; Rachel Spears 89, 142; Myrline Redman 147t, 569b.

Members of the Kerr family were asked to come forward, give comments about the Kerr's, and then lead a song. Lois Bowman, daughter of Jack Kerr, welcomed everyone, gave a brief report with expressions of gratitude to those who came to

make this such a special day, and extended a welcome to come again next year. The group then led 45t in memory of all the deceased Kerr family members.

Leaders: LaRue Allen 396, 446; Tom Schultz 34b, 148; Audress Gurley 32t, 108t; Bud Oliver 42, 39t; Jo Schultz 472, 532.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Henry Johnson leading 375. Leaders: Judy Chambless 60, 213b; Jeff Sheppard 263, 212; Eunice Webb 436, 229; John Plunkett 470, 467; Carlene Griffin 70t, 448b; Lonnie Rogers 97, 318; Susan Rice 345t, 343; Ed Thacker 354t, 298; Teenie Moody 274t (in memory of Mozelle Sheppard), 275b; Mark Fuller 72b, 63; Virginia Dyer 340, 200; Tony Hammock 201, 312b; Bridgett Hill 440, 384; Earlis McGraw 225t, 284; Fallon Dyer 146, 380; Oscar McGuire 155, 276; Phillip Langley 215, 442; Andy Anderson 535, 510; Corene Laminack 186, 143.

After announcements were made, Henry Johnson led 45b as the closing song. Billy Joe Harris offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Mary L. Smith.

CHICAGO ANNIVERSARY SINGING **Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, Illinois** **Sunday, January 9, 2005**

The twentieth Anniversary Singing of the Chicago Sacred Harp Singers was called to order by Chair Cathryn Baker leading 114. Jim Swanson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Megan Jennings 71; Jim Swanson 40; Randy Neufeld 32t; Clare Cardy 142; Nick Pasqual 38t; Peter Bradley 178; Jo Dell Albi 131t; Wally Bloch 146; Johanna Fabke 122; Anne Heider 362; Steve Levine 496; John Greven 217; Carol Crawford 61; Doug Stapleton 299.

A business meeting was held, and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chair—Megan Jennings; Co-Vice Chairs—Anne Heider and Steve Warner; Secretary—Cathryn Baker; Chaplain—Herb Schroeder; Finance Committee—Randy Neufeld; Memorial Committee—Marcia Johnson and Sam Sommers; Arranging Committee—Karen Freund, Ted Mercer, Kiri Miller, and Henry Schuman; Resolutions—Jim Swanson.

Leaders: Bill Beverly 86; Scott Schroeder 479; Patricia Doss 411.

RECESS

Chair Megan Jennings called the class back to order leading 29t. Leaders: Rachel Adelstein 198; Suzanne Flandreau 474; James Page “Maquoketa New”; Kiri Miller 383; Edward Thomas 76b; Steve Warner 566; Lisa Grayson 377; Steve Parker 99; Julie Veal 434; Ted Johnson “Doleful Sound”; Martha Beverly 274; Gary Gronau 430; Lisa Cohen 148; Jerry Enright 176t (for Kelly Beard).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Herb Schroeder leading 128. Leaders: Jim Crawford 107; Ann Miczulski 66.

Sam Sommers and Marcia Johnson conducted a very moving memorial lesson about the heritage of singing in memory of the deceased, and then led 547. Marcia Johnson read the names of the deceased remembered: Jeff Perkins and Betty Dickey—Indiana; Ila Nucio, Ruth Kellam, and Bertha Hoeflin—Illinois; Phyllis Flandreau—New York; Ruty Cole and Mildred Segal—California; Kenneth Russell—Pennsylvania; Arthur Burtis and Robert Martin—New Jersey; David Van Allen Hataling—Washington; Doug Anthony—Montana; Paul Blake—Michigan; Ronnie Meadows—Alabama; Marshall Avery—Georgia; Roberta Seaton—England.

Sam Sommers spoke of the sick and shut-ins and the importance of our remembering those on the list, and others whose names are not listed: Violet Stark, Al Frank, and Bea Bonmon—Illinois; Doris Littrell—Tennessee; Nick Griffin and Violet Thomason—Georgia; Amanda Denson and John Hocutt—Alabama; Marjorie Burke—North Dakota; Mimi Greff—Washington; Nita Stephens—Minnesota; Harry Alred—Michigan; Kit Rich—Florida; Bob Scorgie and Bob Anderson—Wisconsin; Kelly Beard—Texas; Dean Slayton—Indiana. Herb Schroeder offered prayer to close the memorial.

Leaders: Jan Ketelle 372; Terry Hogg and LaMar Schlabach 131. Herb Schroeder offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Cathryn Baker called the class back to order leading 270, followed by Jim Helke leading 145t. Martha Beverly announced she had Pauline Childers on her cell phone. The class called out its greetings to Miss Pauline, and the next seven songs were led for her. Leaders: Melanie Hauff 288; Ginny Landgraf 428; Connie Karduck 498; Richard DeLong 336; Becky Browne 304; Judy Hauff 318; Ted Mercer 216; Paul Figura and his in-laws, Bill Komala and Karen Komala 510; Sam Sommers 112; Berkley Moore 240; Shirley Figura 503; Sam Farwell 191; Nathan Barford 260.

RECESS

Steve Warner called the class back to order leading 84. Leaders: Lisa Eckersberg 48t; Marcia Johnson 163t; David Barford 344; Sue Kessell 455; Debbie Barford 368; Patricia Doss 419; Steve Parker 504.

The “Founders Lesson” followed. Marcia Johnson said that if they had seen 269 in the *White Book*, the original book from which the founders learned to sing, she would have sealed the book closed and never sung Sacred Harp again. In those days, before they all had glasses, since the words were not at all lined up with the notes, they had drawn lines so they would know which words to sing with which notes. It was like hieroglyphics. They sang many slow songs, and “Russia” was a particular favorite because it was easy. All of us have come a long way since that time. Ted Johnson, Marcia Johnson, Ted Mercer, Herb Schroeder, and Judy Hauff led 269 at a brisk pace.

Leaders: Kiri Miller 37b; Karen Freund 567; Jo Dell Albi 267; Steve Levine 164; Gary Gronau 192; Richard DeLong 448t.

RECESS

Chair Megan Jennings brought the class back to order leading 36b. Leaders: Martha Beverly 71; David Stech “Do Not Go Gentle”; Mary Katherine Doyle 159; Becky Browne 201; Paul Figura and Shirley Figura 59; Bill Beverly 297.

A business meeting was held to hear reports from various committees.

The Finance Committee reported that donations had exceeded expenses.

The Secretary reported singers from Georgia, Missouri, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois.

The Resolutions Committee gave their report. Thanks were extended to the officers and all committees, singers, visitors, The Irish American Heritage Center, those who brought food, and anyone who contributed in anyway to make this singing possible, with a resolve to return to this place on the second Sunday in January next year to sing again. The business meeting was closed.

Megan Jennings led 347 as the closing song. Herb Schroeder offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Megan Jennings; Co-Vice Chairs—Anne Heider and Steve Warner; Secretary—Cathryn Baker.

AUBURN SACRED HARP SINGING
St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Auburn, Alabama
Saturday, January 15, 2005

The 2005 Auburn Sacred Harp Singing held at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church was called to order with Chairman Allison Ivey leading 32t. Father Wells Warren offered the morning prayer.

Officers elected or appointed to serve were: Chairman—Allison Ivey; Vice Chairman—Bud Oliver; Secretaries—Sharon DuPriest and Linda Thomas; Arranging Committee—John Plunkett.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 82t; Sharon DuPriest 212; John Plunkett 492; Glenn Keeton, Elizabeth Keeton, and Ashley Keeton 274t; Sarah Jenkins 37b; LaRue Allen 192; Karen Clark 276; Karen Ivey 217; Andy Anderson 47t; Linda Thomas 43; Jo Schultz 84; Amber Davis 211; Ed Thacker 269; Jack Nelson 30b; Russ Hanson 299; Pam Nunn 528; Richard Mauldin and Dick Mauldin 358; Wilton Donaldson 47b; Beth O'Dell 200; Donna Bell 203; Phillip Langley 411; Tim Cook 410t.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey called the class together leading 186. Leaders: Lois Stanson, Jeff Sheppard, and Pam Nunn 434; Max Berueffy 530; Bridgett Hill and Malik Williams 128; Tom Schultz 39t; Bobby Jackson 568; Wayne Morgan and Ashlyn Morgan 445; Sandra Wilkinson 300; Floy Wilder 293; Seth Allred 565; Rebekah Scheiman 107; Adrian Nall 288; Oscar McGuire 344; Nate Green and Norma Green 57; Ann Webb 155; Caleb Allred 335; Lonnie Rogers 348b; Robert Chambless 68b; Bufrey Dean 77t; Earl Ballinger 177; Lela Crowder 272; Judy Chambless 569b; Rachel Allred 318; Frank Strickland 176b; Henry Johnson 312b; Susan Allred 491; Larry Ballinger 215; Coy Ivey and Ethella Bailey 335. The class sang "Happy Birthday" to Coy Ivey. Michael Rich offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with Allison Ivey leading 89. Leaders: Jennifer Allred 214; Don Clark 99; Mary Chris Harrison 160b; Daphene Causey 422; Judy Caudle 97 (for Hershell King, who was sick/shut-in); Shelbie Sheppard 216; Bridgett Hill 440; Samuel Sommers 316; Scott DePoy 347; David Ivey 124 (by request); Lisa Geist 542; Rosemary Scheiman and Rebekah Scheiman 468; Richard Ivey and Brittany Lea 282; Elene Stovall 236; Sherry Lovvorn 143; Rodney Ivey 142; Ashley Keeton and Elizabeth Keeton 196; Mary Chris Harrison 106; Samuel Sommers 112; Don Clark and Karen Clark 31t; Bud Oliver and Richard Ivey 270; Allison Ivey and Eric Mancil 455; Brittany Lea 63; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Coy Ivey 384.

Following announcements, Allison Ivey and Richard Ivey led 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed in prayer by Michael Rich.

The 2006 Auburn Sacred Harp Singing will be held on Saturday, January 14th. Chairman—Allison Ivey; Vice Chairman—Bud Oliver; Secretaries—Sharon DuPriest and Linda Thomas.

ALL-CALIFORNIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Angel's Gate, San Pedro, California
January 15-16, 2005
Saturday, January 15

The seventeenth annual All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Angel's Gate in San Pedro, California on the third Sunday and Saturday before in January. The singing was opened by Beth Webb leading 49. Chaplain Steve Lazicki offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was called and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Beth Webb; Vice Chairman—Carolyn Deacy; Treasurer—Duncan MacLeod; Secretary—Juanita Heyerman.

Leaders: Beth Webb 183; Carolyn Deacy 168; Duncan MacLeod 76b; Juanita Heyerman 287; Larry Arnstein 566; John Marr 319; Bruce Hayes 90; Tom Ostwald 268; Anne Heider 192; Daniel Davis 148; Mike Hinton 373; Michael Heyerman 505; Richard DeLong 419; Steve Warner 475; Stan Jensen 217.

RECESS

Laura Boyd Russell led 52t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Natalia Cecire 171; Carroll Lunsford 204; David Fetcho 206; Jean Olson 421; Janet Herman 446; Jill Accetta 29t; Ted Mercer 216; Carla Smith 153; Shelby Sampson 315; Carolyn Deacy 501; Betty Marvin 473; Darlene Dalton 147t; Susan Fetcho 107; Jerry Schreiber 477; Jessica Beer 383; Karen Stingle 569b; Claire Singleton 33b; Jenn Dolan 442; Mary Mac 454; Beth Webb 59. Steve Lazicki offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Carolyn Deacy called the class back to order with 34b. Leaders: Pat Keating 455; Jon Rand 378t; Jenny Jensen 120; Jon Giles 162; Paul Lindholm 497; Henry Schuman 318; Carter Clary 515; Greg Freemon 542; Betty Herman 500; Chris Thorman 513; Steven O'Leary 70b; Karen Huss 236; Ron Huss 157; Laura Boyd Russell 77t; Marilyn Murata 218; Steve Lazicki 72b; Duncan MacLeod 208; Dan Voznick 34b.

RECESS

The class was reassembled by Natalia Cecire leading 36b. Leaders: Rick Russell 200; Laurie Fox 81t; Kathryn Knecht 35; Wendy Wahn, Vicki Torres, and Laurie Jackson 498; Maria Knecht 64; Alex Knecht 126; Charles Knecht 481; Aaron Kahn 209; Margie Neal 61; Anne Heider 362; Steve Warner 84; Tom Ostwald 504; Richard DeLong 123b (for Kelly Beard); Ted Mercer 353; Jeff Gauthier 384. Chairman Beth Webb closed the Saturday singing with 276.

Sunday, January 16

Beth Webb called the class to order leading 49t. Chaplain Jim Friedrich offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Beth Webb 300; Jon Rand 404; Duncan MacLeod 168; Pat Keating 506; Ron Huss 556; Dan Voznick 146; Ted Mercer 50t; Betty Herman 142; Bruce Hayes 82t; Larry Arnstein 273; Richard DeLong 385b; Jim Friedrich 114; Norman Gholson 28b; Darlene Dalton 309; Juanita Heyerman 82b; Rick Russell 99.

RECESS

Carla Smith led 36b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Marilyn Murata 538; Betty Marvin 154; Midge Harder 401; Margie Neal 354b; Greg Freemon 286; Steven O'Leary 260; Carroll Lunsford 390; Carolyn Deacy 456.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Laura Boyd Russell who spoke about the Sacred Harp tradition, read the list of people who had died in the last year, and then led 122. The deceased remembered were: G.L. Hinton and Ronnie Meadows—Alabama; Anne Friend, Andrea Tilly, Paul Lopez, Johnathin Craig, Jeff Robinson, Max Borisoff, and Jesse Marr—California; Billie Warschauer—Florida; Sheldon M. Kahn—Illinois; Kevin Riedel—New Mexico; Allen Fannin—New York; Ernie Goertzen, Luke Scully, and Mel Thompson—Oregon; Noel Gray—Washington. Henry Schuman spoke about the sick and shut-ins, and led 340 in their honor. Those remembered included Earl Bradshaw, Imogene Bradshaw, Amanda Denson-Brady, and Thomas Denson Hinton—Alabama; Grace Baldridge, Marion Black, Mark Miller, Anitra Kaye, Sophy McIntyre, Lauchlan McIntyre, and Margaret Altamirando—California; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Norma Ruptier—New Mexico; Sharon Nygren—North Carolina; Jack Accetta—Pennsylvania; Ophelia

Matthews and Kelly Beard—Texas. Jim Friedrich closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Carla Smith 70t.

LUNCH

Jessica Beer led 335 to call the class back to order for the afternoon session. Leaders: Chris Thorman 68b; Janet Herman 433; Daniel Davis 333; Dan Jensen 380; Jill Accetta 460; John Giles 172; Mary Mac 155; Marsha Tucker 203; Carter Cleary 313b; Jenny Jensen 532; Claire Singleton 40; Jerry Schreiber 254; Jessica Beer 430; Natalia Cecire 182; Susan Fetcho 547; Paul Lindholm 117; Jen Dolan 290; Shelby Sampson 30b.

RECESS

Jerry Schreiber recalled the class with 30t. Leaders: John Marr 400; Michael Heyerman 245; David Fetcho 163b; Henry Schuman 426b; Mike Hinton 341; Mimi Wright 72b; Karen Stingle 76b; Natalie Hall 383; Susanna Ball 178; Karen Huss 454; Jeff Gauthier 269; Steve Lazicki 277; Jane Campbell 474.

The Treasurer and Secretary made their reports. The Resolutions Committee thanked all who had made the singing possible.

Philip Gerrie and Henry Schuman led 282 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Beth Webb; Vice Chairman—Carolyn Deacy; Secretary—Juanita Heyerman.

KEYSTONE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Chadds Ford Historical Society, Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania** **January 22-23, 2005** **Saturday, January 22**

The seventh annual Keystone Sacred Harp Convention was held at Chadds Ford Historical Society in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January. Chairman Laura Densmore led 28b to bring the class to order. Thom Metzger offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Laura Densmore; Treasurer—Barbara Swetman; Secretary—Carol Myers; Memorial Committee—Guy Banks and Jim Pfau.

Leaders: Carol Myers 282; Doron Henkin 228; Guy Banks 77b; Laura Parrish 178; Sally O'Brien 168; Ted Stokes 417; Chloe Maher 368; Susan Bingham 361; Sue Hanson 299; Gina Balestracci 430; Kim Moreno 284; Paula Picton 522; Margaret Bornick 203; Claire Simon 551; Ginnie Ely 546; Jim Pfau 480; Roland Hutchinson 250; Paul Gauthier 200; George Pomfret 352.

RECESS

Doron Henkin brought the class back to order leading 148. Leaders: Gabriel Kastelle 369; Aldo Ceresa 186; Victoria Bolles 532; George Seiler 347; Cindy Sadler 177; Thom Metzger 101b; Kelly Macklin 485; Nora Dunn 171; Barbara Swetman 35; Eileen Metzger 376; Frank Griggs 142; Jean Seiler 273; John delRe 300; Anne Johnston 111b; Kevin Moreno and Yeger Karatov 220; Erin Kelly 234; Ron Bornick 454; Denise Kania 500; Laura Parrish 146; Laura Densmore 83t; Carly Goss 56b; Ina Henkin 71; Doron Henkin 192; Guy Banks 350; Sally O'Brien 163t. The blessing for the noon meal was offered by George Seiler.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Laura Densmore leading 479. Leaders: Nancy Tkacs 49b; Steve Hoyt and Ted Stokes 122; LeMar Matthew 163t; Chloe Maher 495; Paul Gauthier 162; Jim Picton 328; George Pomfret 66; Paula Picton 269; Denise Kania 217; Ginnie Ely 196; Kevin Moreno 540; Anne Johnston 106; Hal

Kunkel 380; Margaret Bornick 38t; Jean Seiler 87; Thom Metzger 99; Victoria Bolles 474; Eileen Metzger 421; George Seiler 326; Susan Bingham 107; Ted Stokes 125; Gina Balestracci 210; Aldo Ceresa 198; Barbara Swetman 475.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Susan Munch leading 40. Leaders: Claire Simon 497; Ina Henkin and Doron Henkin 160b; Sue Hanson 481; John delRe 326; Nora Dunn 131b; Roland Hutchinson 242; Barbara Swetman 542; Carly Goss 448t; Kelly Macklin 468; Ron Bornick 84; Kim Moreno 179; Erin Kelly 31t; Frank Griggs 344; Steve Hoyt and Kevin Moreno 82b; LeMar Matthew 317; Laura Densmore 528; Jim Pfau and Denise Kania 270.

Laura Densmore led 335 as the closing song, and Barbara Swetman dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, January 23

Laura Densmore led 34b to bring the Sunday morning session to order. Eileen Metzger offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Carol Myers 86; George Seiler 32t; Aldo Ceresa 29t; Ginnie Ely 313t; Margaret Bornick 313b; Paul Gauthier 59; Jim Pfau 39t; Erin Kelly 48t; Eileen Metzger 201; Jean Seiler 209; Thom Metzger and Mairi Quodomine 268; Gina Balestracci 114; Denise Kania 274t; Barbara Swetman 203; Roland Hutchinson 543; Gabriel Kastle 383; Ron Bornick and Sally O'Brien 178.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Paula Picton leading 155. Leaders: Steve Hoyt 82t; Victoria Bolles 503; Frank Griggs 77t.

Guy Bankes conducted the memorial lesson for the deceased and led 549 in their memory. Those remembered were Regina Kania, Cheryl Doehler, Allen Fannin, Elise Balestracci, Katherine Elder, Gerald Bushnell, Elve Halvor, Dawn Culbertson, Roxanna Mennella, Irv Kass, Gene Garvin, Marie Hanss, J.C. Hardin, Margaret Rennie, and Raymond Pfau.

Jim Pfau led 371 for the sick and shut-ins. Those included were Jane Roman, Alexander Antal, Marilyn Darch, Margaret Peckman, Ann Sayvets, Jennifer Schugam, Treva Fitz, and Amanda Denson Brady. George Seiler closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Doron Henkin 157; Sally O'Brien 277; George Pomfret 147; Laura Densmore and Doug Miller 201; Hal Kunkel 546; Kevin Moreno 70t; Susan Bingham 455; Cindy Sadler 378b; Kelly Macklin 216; Joan Trout and Ted Stokes 282; Paula Picton 475; Ina Henkin 29b; Anne Johnston 339. Jean Seiler offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Barbara Swetman leading 497. Leaders: Ted Stokes 72b; Kim Moreno 32t; Guy Bankes 481; Sue Hanson 473; Nora Dunn 131t; John delRe 272; Carly Goss 440; Carol Myers 112; George Seiler 99; Aldo Ceresa 128; Ginnie Ely 454; Jim Pfau 496; Erin Kelly 68b; Paul Gauthier 499; Eileen Metzger 235; John delRe and Kelly Macklin 433; Thom Metzger 319; Margaret Bornick 236; Denise Kania 474; Jean Seiler 442; Gina Balestracci 163b.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Ginnie Ely leading 117. Leaders: Cindy Sadler 569b; Barbara Swetman 312t; Ron Bornick 84; Gabriel Kastle 180; Victoria Bolles 498; Roland Hutchinson 287; Steve Hoyt and Laura Densmore 28b; Frank Griggs 362; Lamar Matthew 373; Ina Henkin 369; Sally O'Brien 95; George Pomfret 535; Laura Densmore 542; Hal Kunkel 333; Kevin Moreno 189; Doron Henkin 260; Ted Stokes 61; Kim Moreno 288; Sue Hanson 452; Nora Dunn 36b; Carly Goss 299; Claire Simon 547; Susan Bingham 340.

Laura Densmore led 62 as the closing song. Lamar Matthew offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Laura Densmore; Secretary—Carol Myers.

BALDWIN COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

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

January 22-23, 2005

Saturday, January 22

Chairman Bill Hogan welcomed the class to the Baldwin County Sacred Harp Singing Convention for 2005, and then led 567. Johnny Lee offered the opening prayer.

The following offices were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—J.A. Mosley; Secretary—Alice Moseley.

Leaders: J.A. Mosley 341; Alice Mosley 484; Nate Green and Norma Green 37; Jewell Rowland 143, 58; Paul King 270; Frank Hataway 81; Mike Jones 76b; Bill Beverly 478; Richard Graham 572; Henry Johnson 336b; Ann Jett and Flarce Creel 39; Harrison Creel 54t; Elsie Moon 68t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Wanda Capps leading 505. Leaders: Wayne Jones 36b; Cassie Franklin 292b; John Merritt “Nettie”(composed by Bill Green in memory of his mother, Nettie Green); Thurman Nall 443; Rodney Ivey and Cassie Franklin 98; Lera Ellison 395b; Martha Beverly 392; Wilburn Ellison 447t; Billy Kelly 491; Johnny Lee and Delorese Lee 515; S.T. Reed 544.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Aubrey Barfield leading 552. Leaders: Robert Walker 229; Bill Green 543; Uel Freeman 571; Loretta Jones 108t; Sandy Nicholson 72; Ed Bass 309; Regina Marshall 393t; John Etheridge 133 (for Jo Schultz); Morgan Bunch 203; Cleo Murphy and friends “No Tears in Heaven”. John Merritt offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Vice Chairman J.A. Mosley called the class back together leading 59. Leaders: J.C. Rutledge 501; Sue Bunch 563; Donald Clark 428; Brenda Merritt 450; Karen Clark 116; Gary Smith 336t; Sarah Smith 519b; Seth Holloway 274; Ernest Cockroft 553b; Velton Chafin 373.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Margaret Spurlock leading 112. Leaders: Christine Gandy 330t; Joe Nall 171; Paulette Chavers 358; Tommie Spurlock 376; Stanley Smith 196; J.W. Oliver 377t; Dana Merritt 486; John Merritt “Mundfordville” (for A.E. Probst); Becky Briggs 384; Brother Willis 497. After announcements were made, Chairman Bill Hogan led 331 as the closing song. Aubrey Barfield offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, January 23

Chairman Bill Hogan led 40 and 179 to bring the Sunday morning session to order. Johnny Lee offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: J.A. Mosley 101t; Alice Mosley 343; Uel Freeman 388; Velton Chaffin 114b; Wayne Jones 435; Martha Beverly 412; Nate Green and Norma Green 436b, 70b; Wanda Capps 222; Robert Walker 572; S.T. Reed 138t; Tommie Spurlock 433; Ann Jett 573t; Johnny Lee 513t; Lera Ellison 225t; Elsie Moon 404; Bill Aplin and Vickie Aplin 444b; Jo Schultz 300.

RECESS

J.A. Mosley led 75 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Henry Johnson 278b; Wilburn Ellison 451; Harrison Creel and Cassie Franklin 355; J.W. Oliver 73t; Stanley Smith 522; Loretta Jones 47b; J.C. Rutledge 490. Bill Hogan conducted the memorial lesson. The list of sick and shut-ins was read, and Tommie Spurlock led 183 in honor of these singers. Bill Hogan read the list of deceased singers who passed away in 2004, and led 74b in their memory. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer led by Bill Hogan. Leaders: John Etheridge 86; Christine Gandy 360; Thurman Nall 38t; Bill Beverly 297; Rodney Ivey 559; Mike Jones 498t; Sue Bunch 63; John Merritt and Bill Beverly "Delusion"; Morgan Bunch 383; Bill Hogan 319. Stanley Smith offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Chairman Bill Hogan led 45t to bring the class to order. Leaders: Sarah Smith 500; Becky Briggs 122; Otis Gullede 30b; Vickie Aplin 417; Tim Jones 47b; Cassie Franklin 416t; Gary Smith 553; Seth Holloway 571; Martha Beverly 419; Bill Beverly 120; Rodney Ivey 506; Genny Whitworth 436t; Bill Hogan 483. Announcements were made. Bill Hogan, J.A. Mosley, and John Etheridge led 488b as the closing song. Bill Hogan offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Vice Chairman—J.A. Mosley; Secretary—Alice Mosley.

WILLIAM J. REYNOLDS SACRED HARP SINGING **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas** **Saturday, January 29, 2005**

The twenty-first annual Sacred Harp Singing was held in Cowden Hall at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas on the last Saturday in January. This is the fourteenth year that *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* has been used, and it was an excellent singing with 120 in attendance. Dr. Tim Studstill called the morning session to order at 9:30 a.m. Dr. William Colson, Acting Dean of the School of Church Music at Southwestern, welcomed the group to the school and recognized Dr. William J. Reynolds. Dr. Colson then offered the morning prayer. Dr. Studstill called on Tim Reynolds, son of Dr. Reynolds, who led 49t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Dr. Timothy Studstill; Secretaries—Kerry Daniel and Jordan DeWald.

Leaders: Beverly Coates 318; Gaylon Powell 542; Cheryl Foreman 229; Reed Coates 391; William J. Reynolds 128; Judge Donald Ross 183; Leon Ballinger 327; John Beard 282; Father Ronald Baker 148; Sarah Huckaby 277; Scott Curran 448t; Catherine Rogan 220; Ryan Ross 300; Ben Brown 178; Jerry Ryan 145t; Bruce Coates 163b; Owen Howard 384; Myra Palmer 198; Gary Rogan 319.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Tim Studstill leading 59. Leaders: Diane Ross 543; Amy Cox 146; Seth Howard 348b; Billy Huckaby 424; Mary Jane Butler 63; Jeb Owen 454; Anita Buswell 421; Vivian Rogan 36b; Bruce Rye 142; Bill Caldwell 353; Alice Moran 480; Owen Ross 280; Robert Vaughn 329; Russell Farnell 27; Mike Moseley 338; Waymon Minor 273; Meira Boggens 268; David Moseley 186; Myrl Jones 189; Reed Coates 350. Judge Donald Ross led 225t, and then asked the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Gaylon Powell leading 47b. Leaders: Father Ron Baker 569b; Cheryl Foreman 475; Esther Huckaby 61; Leon Ballinger 313b; Beverly Coates 133; John Beard 37b; Judge Donald Ross 284; Sarah Huckaby 312b; David Moseley 137; Ryan Ross 306; Jerry Ryan 345t; Mary Ann Ray 143; Jeb Owen 328;

Ben Brown 196; Scott Curran 408; Bruce Coates 347; Tim Reynolds 135; Myra Palmer 208; Reed Coates 65; Gary Rogan 448b; John Morris 491; Diane Ross 497; Amy Cox 270; Catherine Rogan 127; Billy Huckaby 217; Myrl Jones 335; Meira Boggens 215; Vivian Rogan 171; Anita Buswell 323b; Bruce Rye 56b; Bill Caldwell 344; Alice Moran 86; Owen Ross 35; Mary Ann Ray 49b; John Morris 275b; Robert Vaughn 191; Waymon Minor 411; Mike Moseley 532.

Announcements were made. An invitation was extended for all to attend the twenty-second annual session next year on January 28, 2006 at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Esther Huckaby led 358 as a memorial. Tim Reynolds led 56t as the closing song. Judge Donald Ross offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dr. Timothy Studstill; Secretaries—Kerry Daniel and Jordan DeWald.

LIBERTY CHURCH **Henagar, Alabama** **Sunday, January 30, 2005**

The annual fifth Sunday singing at Liberty Church was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with Chairman David Ivey leading 82t. The morning prayer was led by Shane Wootten.

The officers for the singing were the following: Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Norma Latham Green. Joel Jenkins was appointed as the arranging committee.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 32t; Shane Wootten 65; Norma Green 482; Joel Jenkins 101t; Drew Smith 146; Floy Wilder 441; Robert Walker 143; S.T. Reed 134; Jeannette DePoy 89; Nate Green and Norma Green 133; Henry Johnson 166; Jackson Harcrow 47t; Betty Wright 565; Bridgett Hill 209; Ed Thacker 534; Frank Strickland 84; Lauren Hall 312b; Mike Thompson 59; LaRue Allen 362.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with David Ivey leading 283. Leaders: Jo Shultz 361; Stuart Ivey 328; Martha Underwood 424; Daryl Chesney 63; Allison Ivey 472; Jerry Enright 77t; Sandy Ivey 268; Joan Aldridge 269; Judy Chambless 569b; Milton Oliver 176t; Jennifer Allred 208; Richard Ivey 192; Robert Chambless 72b; Dennis George 360; Laura Clawson 95; Scott Ivey and Jared Wootten 99, 171; Brenda Carroll 299; Aaron Little 460.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey brought the class back together leading 88t. Leaders: Aaron Wootten and Jackson Harcrow 480; Ivey Biddle and Loyd Ivey 106, 438; Tony Ivey 139; Lomax Ballinger and Linton Ballinger 144; Daphene Causey 451; Max Berueffy 377; Scott DePoy 410t; Bill McGee 278b; Hobert Ivey and Loyd Ivey 454; Cassie Franklin 411; Levon Wootten 147t; Karen Freund 442; Linda Sides 270. Donald Carroll offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

David Ivey brought the afternoon session together leading 205. Leaders: Linton Ballinger 212; Lynne deBenedette 220; Cheryl White and Rodney Ivey 503; Sarah Jenkins 217; Judy Caudle 140; Bud Oliver 42; Terry Wootten 73t; Eloise Wootten 318; Cindy Tanner 436; Syble Adams 203; Jack Stiefel 348b; Jenny Mann 300; Sharon DuPriest 198; Jackie Tanner 182; Mattie Townsel and Patsy Gentle 49b; Elene Stovall 142; Teresa Bethune, Marian Biddle, Candace Sizemore, Lindsay Bethune, and Jessica Ivey 501 (CB); Marty Wootten 76b; Susan Harcrow 430; Donna Wootten 274t; Lorrie Wootten 448b; Coy Ivey 486t (WB) (for Aunt Bob Greeson, who is 94 years of age and was unable to be at this singing, and for Dana Borrelli); Coy Ivey and Drew Smith 384 (for William Broyles); Karen Ivey 475;

Karen Ivey and David Ivey 385b; Linda Thomas and Shane Wootten 345b, 345t; Sylvia Ivey, Jared Wootten, and Scott Ivey 282; Bobby Watkins, Mercy Watkins, and April Watkins 39t; Gayzelle Parker and Shane Wootten 358; Joel Jenkins and Covenant College students Max Belz, Adam Belz, Charlotte Okie, Mary Catherine Drexler, and Eric Kucks 59, 45t; Shane Wootten 492 (WB) (by request). Following announcements, David Ivey, Rodney Ivey, Shane Wootten, and Tony Ivey led 347, and the class was dismissed in prayer by Pastor Tony Ivey. Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Norma Latham Green.

**PARKER, HOLLIS, AND PUTNAM MEMORIAL
Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama
Sunday, January 30, 2005**

The class was called to order by Velton Chafin leading 34b. Danny Creel offered the morning prayer. Velton Chafin led 47t and 75.

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

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Arranging

Committee—Willodean Barton; Secretary—Ida Lee Parker Starnes.

Leaders: Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 569b, 517 (WB); Sarah Smith 290, 288;

Richard Mauldin 503, 36b; Julianna Jett 59, 88t; John Hyde 73t, 544; Emily Creel

40, 400; Wilton Donaldson 490, 229; Amber Davis 391, 192.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Will Massey and John Merritt leading 358 and 65.

Leaders: Ann Jett 496, 495; Marlin Beasley 448t, 393; Harrison Creel 348b, 512;

Margaret Keeton 349, 297; Earl Ballinger 299, 331; Karen Clark 66, 421; Danny

Creel 182, 222, 498; Brenda Merritt 430, 380; Gary Smith 566, 565; Elsie Moon and

Flarce Creel 77t, 475, 456; Josie Hyde 507, 220; Travis Keeton 235, 129; Velton

Chafin 431.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Velton Chafin leading 494. Leaders:

Gravis Ballinger 120, 203; Edith Tate 532; Don Clark 171, 47b; Karen Clark 367

(CB); Larry Ballinger 133, 50b; Wanda Capps 144; Willodean Barton 68b, 480;

Velton Chafin “Hocutt”, 116, 115, 94.

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

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Ida Lee Parker Starnes.

**ROTUNDA SINGING
Alabama State Capitol, Montgomery, Alabama
Saturday, February 5, 2005**

The eighth session of the Rotunda Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in February at the Alabama State Capitol. Four books were used: *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 Edition, *Christian Harmony*, *Colored Sacred Harp*, and *The B.F. White Sacred Harp*, Revised Cooper Edition. The class was called to order by Chairman Jim Carnes, who welcomed everyone and gave recognition to members of the Alabama Arts Council, Joey Brackner and Steve Grauberger. Prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jim Carnes; Vice Chairman—Joey Brackner; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

The first session was held using *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Jim Carnes 48t; Gary Smith 565; Wilton Donaldson 490; Corene White 403; Robert Walker 145b; Judy Caudle 140; Richard Mauldin and Dick Mauldin 378t; Colin Neel 30t; Sarah Smith 73t; Bufrey Dean 369; Gavin Blakeley 145t; Lara Kelly 166.

The second session was held from the *Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Billy Thompson 179; Retha Deason and Ressie Deason 110, 31t; John Etheridge 149; Tim Cook 206; Mako Cook 82b; Penina Kane 109; Ruth Wyers 264; Don Clark 19; Herby Bailey 253.

RECESS

The third session was held using the *Colored Sacred Harp*. Leaders: Henry Jackson 43; Rodney Ivey 59; Bernice Harvey 9; Joyce Belcher 25; John Plunkett 46; Steve Grauberger 19; Bernice Harvey, Joyce Belcher, John Etheridge, and Rodney Ivey “Lord, Give Me Just A Little More Time”.

The fourth session was held using *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Revised Cooper Edition*. Leaders: Karen Clark 367; Bill Aplin 567; Bobby Jackson 180; Sue Bunch 563; Greg Howard 38t; Bill Hogan 516; Tommy Spurlock 140; Wilburn Ellison 36b.

Joey Brackner expressed his appreciation to the class for their patience and cooperation regarding the security measures in the Capitol Building this year. Prayer was offered by Bill Aplin.

LUNCH

The first afternoon session began with songs led from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Jim Carnes 436; Elene Stovall 182; Linda Thomas 350; Rodney Ivey 203; Bridgett Hill 383; Max Berueffy 155; Allison Ivey 273; Amber Davis 192; Chita Blakeley 430; Jimmie Denney 313t; Becky Briggs 336; Bethanne Hill 159; Marlin Beasley 498; Alfred Jennings and Velma Walker 335.

The Christian Harmony book was used for the second afternoon session. Leaders: Bill Hogan 135; Morgan Bunch 355; John Plunkett 117; Marlin Beasley 178; Stanley Smith 64; Karen Clark 189; Steve Grauberger 184; John Etheridge 204; Dr. Robert Dupree 293; Jonathon Blakeley 85.

The *Colored Sacred Harp* was used for the third afternoon session. Leaders: Henry Jackson 34; John Etheridge 24; Stanley Smith 4; Bernice Harvey 20; Joyce Belcher 87; Kennon Smith 18; a trio: Bernice Harvey, Joyce Belcher, and Henry Jackson “Lord, Give Me Just A Little More Time” (by special request).

The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Revised Cooper Edition was used for the fourth and final afternoon session. Leaders: Frank Hataway 401; Charlotte Bishop 229; Uel Freeman 388; Kennon Smith 239; Ercyl Vidrine 358; Amber Davis and Allison Ivey 559; Bernice Harvey 384; Bridgett Hill 276; Henry Jackson 400.

Following announcements, Chairman Jim Carnes led 146 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jim Carnes; Vice Chairman—Joey Brackner; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

BURNHAM AND BROWN MEMORIAL

Jacksonville, Alabama

Sunday, February 6, 2005

The annual memorial singing for Uncle Bob Burnham and Leman and Ruth Brown was held on the first Sunday in February at the Recreation Center in Jacksonville, Alabama. The class was called to order by Pearl Guier, granddaughter of Bob Burnham, leading 59. Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer. Pearl Guier welcomed everyone, and then led 40.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 61; Charlene Wallace 105 (in honor of Kelly Beard); Willie Mae Moon 138t, 225t; Bobby Watkins, Mercy Watkins, and April Watkins 426b; Bobby Jackson 480; Felton Denney and Josephine Denney 405; Robert Chambless

68b; Robert Walker 477; Lou Cotney 222; S.T. Reed 229; Carlene Griffin 81t; Milton Oliver 314; Bud Oliver 170.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Pearl Guier leading 32t. A business session was held in which the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairlady—Pearl Guier; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee—Pam Nunn and Margie Smith.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 77b; Jewel Wootten 565; Stanley Edwards 141; Karleen Williams 373; Jerry Creason 38b; Judy Chambless 159; Bridgett Hill 37b; Terry Hullett 276; Sharon DuPriest 189; Nate Green and Norma Green 167, 206; Jo Schultz 489; Lonnie Rogers 389, 348b; Jeannette DePoy 542; Ed Thacker 354t.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by B.M. Smith leading 475. Leaders: Daphene Causey 151; Alexandra Makris 282; Scott DePoy 179; Henry Johnson 416; Sandra Wilkinson 186; Louis Hughes 440; Elene Stovall 216; Richard DeLong 396; Karen Ivey 187; Aaron Wootten 176t; Shelbie Sheppard 269; David Ivey 336; Joan Aldridge 142; Max Berueffy 517 (in honor of Amanda Denson); Terry Wootten 71; Evelyn Harris 39b; Donna Bell 87; Buell Cobb 303; Louise Holland 323b; John Plunkett 466.

Buell Cobb presented a plaque to the family of Ruth Brown from The Sacred Harp Publishing Company for her outstanding contributions in the promotion of Sacred Harp. Two members of Ruth's family, daughter-in-law Mary Ann Brown, and niece Pearl Guier, accepted the tribute/honor with grateful appreciation. Henry Johnson asked the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 124. Leaders: B.J. Harris 503; LaRue Allen 546; Margie Smith 317; Ann Simmons 45t; Pam Nunn 220 (for Rene Greene); Alexandra Makris 84; Bobby Jackson 499; Bobby Watkins and Mercy Watkins 49b; Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy 112 (in honor of Violet Thomason); Tom Schultz and Jo Schultz 198; Joan Aldridge and friends 273; Jewel Wootten and Terry Hullett 426t; Elene Stovall and Bridgett Hill 436; Bud Oliver 421; Louis Hughes 512; Carlene Griffin and Charlene Wallace 192; Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest 434; LaRue Allen and Rodney Ivey 328; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 120; Richard DeLong and John Plunkett 458; Ed Thacker and Henry Johnson 479; Nate Green and Norma Green 418; Felton Denney and Josephine Denney 145t; Max Berueffy and Sandra Wilkinson 384; Stanley Edwards and Sherrie Gaither 425; B.M. Smith and Margie Smith 34t; Lonnie Rogers, Karleen Williams, and Rodney Ivey 560 (in memory of Marshall Avery); S.T. Reed and Milton Oliver 76b; Robert Chambless and Judy Chambless 143; Willie Mae Moon, Donna Bell, and Louise Holland 208; Robert Walker and Jerry Creason 146; B.J. Harris and Evelyn Harris 47t; Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, and Pam Nunn 556.

Announcements were made. Pearl Guier and Jeff Sheppard led 46 as the closing song. Louis Hughes offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairlady—Pearl Guier; Vice Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

J.D. STARNES MEMORIAL Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Northeast of Sipsey, Alabama Sunday, February 6, 2005

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 52t. The morning prayer was led by Richard Mauldin.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Ida Lee Parker Starnes; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 108t, 75; John Hyde 63, 297; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 317, 569b; Cecil Sanders 380; Butch White 74b, 77t, 30b; Sarah Smith 406, 274t; Travis Keeton 343, 400; Wilton Donaldson 100, 32t, 566; Wanda Capps 203, 216; Richard Mauldin 168, 144; Gary Smith 31t, 565.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Velton Chafin leading 111b. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 40, 104, 480; Amber Davis 224, 142; John Merritt 300, 358, 45t; Ann Jett and Flare Creel 37b, 29b; Ann Jett 269, 327; Brenda Merritt 544, 129, 163b, 225t; Danny Creel 503, 47b, 76b; Josie Hyde 200, 477, 475. Marlin Beasley offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Travis Keeton brought the afternoon session to order leading 499. Leaders: Harrison Creel 89, 498, 530; Willodean Barton 122, 454, 460; Sarah Smith 30t; John Hyde 482; Ann Jett 496; Richard Mauldin 66; Cecil Sanders 283; Brenda Merritt 192; Billy Williams 294, 28b (in memory of Archie Williams); Travis Keeton 452; Wanda Capps 430; Amber Davis 276; Marlin Beasley 34t; Josie Hyde 222; Gary Smith 73b; John Merritt 90; Danny Creel 112; Harrison Creel 378b; Butch White 123t.

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led 521 as the closing song. Ronnie Stacks dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Ida Lee Parker Starnes.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY SINGING **University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois** **Sunday, February 6, 2005**

The thirteenth annual Lincoln's Birthday Singing took place on Sunday, February 6, 2005 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago, in conjunction with the University of Chicago Folk Festival. Chairman Rochelle Lodder called the class to order leading 34b. Cathryn Baker led a singing school until 2 p.m., followed by announcements.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rochelle Lodder; Arranging Committee—Marcia Johnson; Secretary—Clare Cardy.

RECESS

The class was brought to order. Leaders: Jim Swanson 29t; Nick Pasquale 133; Rochelle Lodder 148; Will Fitzgerald 274b; Jan Weeks and John Seaton 47t; Suzanne Flandreau 276; Randy Neufeld 99; Ginny Warren 146; Jo Dell Albi 546; Clare Cardy 302; Ted Johnson 377; Peter Bradley 365; Ginny Landgraf 372; Megan Jennings 288; Judy Hauff 172; Melanie Hauff 216; Marcia Johnson 434; Jim Helke and John Greven 236.

RECESS

Jo Dell Albi brought the class back with 76b (request) and 419. Leaders: Connie Karduck 299; Cathryn Baker 142; Sue Kessell 362; Sam Farwell 442; Grace Scrimgeour 504; Steve Warner 86; John Boyland, Joyce Boyland, and Peter Boyland 46; Jim Swanson 500; Ted Johnson 485; Peter Bradley 178; Clare Cardy 510; Suzanne Flandreau 472; Judy Huff 179; Ginny Landgraf 480; Jo Dell Albi 74b; John Seaton 47b; Nick Pasquale 63; Jim Helke 196; Rochelle Lodder 31t; Melanie Hauff 368; Megan Jennings 436; Grace Scrimgeour 159; Sue Kessell 198; Sam Farwell 454; Nick Pasquale 569t.

Chair Rochelle Lodder led the traditional closing song on page 347, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rochelle Lodder; Secretary—Clare Cardy.

BAYLOR SACRED HARP SINGING
George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, Texas
Saturday, February 12, 2005

The fourth annual Baylor University Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Great Hall of the George W. Truett Theological Seminary on the Baylor University campus in Waco, Texas, on Saturday before the second Sunday in February. Justice Donald Ross taught a singing school from 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Dr. David Music called the class together leading 59. Charles Rich offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Dr. David Music; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Sarah Huckaby.

Leaders: Sarah Huckaby 171; Al Rogers 198; Zach Rogan 189; Ben Griffin 159; Beverly Coates 229; Jerry Ryan 343; Gaylon Powell 81b; Doris Hanks 63; Gary Rogan 384; Stephan Farrar 148; Liz Owen 142; Leon Ballinger 490; Catherine Rogan 218; Reed Coates 137; Cissy Moseley 276; Dick Steil 312b; Jeb Owen 338; Vivian Rogan 178; Donald Ross 399b; Billy Huckaby 421; Katie Moseley 565.

RECESS

The singing continued with Dr. David Music leading 479. Leaders: Tom Owen 57; Terre Schill 212; Mike Moseley 532; Stephanie Turney 86; Connor Scholes 72b; Evelyn Lamb 208; Scott Curran 455; Susan Anderson 284; Randall Bradley 186; Kari Langford 312t; John Morris 119; Rick Emerson 45t; Audra Culberson and Dr. David Music 49t; Dr. Tim McKinney 73b. Randall Bradley asked the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session opened with Dr. David Music leading 99. Leaders: Sarah Huckaby 330t; Al Rogers 373; Zach Rogan 217; Kari Langford 81t; Beverly Coates 201; Jerry Ryan 145t; Gaylon Powell 300; Randall Bradley 128; Doris Hanks 448b; Gary Rogan 203; Liz Owen 299; Leon Ballinger 546; Evelyn Lamb 187; Catherine Rogan 84; Reed Coates 56b; Cissy Moseley 34b; Dick Steil 145b; Ben Griffin 282; Jeb Owen 480; Vivian Rogan 535; Donald Ross 497; Billy Huckaby 47b; Katie Moseley 448t; Tom Owen 454; Terre Schill 396; Mike Moseley 326; Stephanie Turney 547; Scott Curran 39t; John Morris 39b; Gaylon Powell 53; Vivian Rogan 163b; Mike Moseley 434; Beverly Coates 347; Sarah Huckaby 196; Jeb Owen 503; Stephanie Turney 47t; Tom Owen 442; Terre Schill 436; Catherine Rogan 36b.

Announcements were made. The Baylor University Sacred Harp Singing will meet next year on Saturday before the second Sunday in February, February 11, 2006.

Dr. David Music led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dr. David W. Music; Secretary—Sarah Huckaby.

MINNESOTA STATE MIDWINTER CONVENTION
(COOPER BOOK)
All Saints Indian Mission Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Saturday, February 12, 2005

The sixth Minnesota State Midwinter *Cooper Book* Convention was called to order by Chairman Steven Schmidgall leading 571. Kim Bahmer offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Steven Schmidgall; Corresponding Secretary—Jim Pfau; Recording Secretary—Stephen Parker; Treasurer—Matt Wells.

Leaders: Keith Willard 416t; Jim Pfau 491; Stephen Parker 171; Matt Wells 140; Stacy Berkheimer 489; Paul Wyatt 336b; Paul Wilson 53; Guy Bankes 507b; Gordon Olsen 47t; Mirjana Lausevic 277; Kathy Kaiser 500; Denise Kania 559; Christine Stevens 573; Syble Adams and her daughter, Rhonda Arnold 505; Johnny Lee, Delorese Lee, Arlene Strickland and her daughter, Kendra 569.

RECESS

Matt Wells brought the class back to order leading 68t. Leaders: Michael Moore “Savoy”; Steve Luttnen 383; Eleanor Haase 575; Dick Dunagan 128; Kim Bahmer 203; Laura Densmore 98; Martha Henderson 502; Claudia Egelhoff 137; Val Dunagan 63; Jim Helke 45b; Val Eng 216; Alan Weeks 276; Ramona Lee 84; Tim Eriksen 133; Arlene Strickland 336t; Steven Levine 516; Ros Clements 107; Steven Schmidgall 391.

RECESS

Paul Wyatt brought the class back leading 36b. Leaders: Jim Goetz 225t; Paul Figura 448 (in memory of two truck drivers, David Grundmeier, 53, and Eric Swenson, 24, who were killed in a crash in front of them as they were driving to the convention); Johnny Lee 568 (for Jeff Bell, who was feeling ill); Cathy Lutz 282; Kit Pfau 129; Midge Olsen 478; Tollie Lee, 511t. Johnny Lee offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Tim Eriksen led 138t to bring the class back to order for the afternoon session. Leaders: Scott Schroeder 99; Doug Donley 424; Matt Wells 163t; Guy Bankes 410; Kathy Wallace 77t; Christine Stevens 544; Cathy Lutz and five University of St. Thomas students 218; Mirjana Lausevic 270; Ramona Lee 422b; Kim Bahmer 274t; Bill Waddington 385t; Joan Blair 291; Kit Pfau 411; Alan Weeks 142; Laura Densmore 574; Stephen Parker 511b; Johnny Lee 509; Tim Eriksen 243b.

RECESS

Stephen Parker brought the class back to order leading 49b. Leaders: Aubrey Hemminger 508; Paul Figura 449; Arlene Strickland 159; Ros Clements 287; Martha Henderson 486; Paul Wyatt 427; Tollie Lee 38t; Val Eng 419; Jenny Willard 367; Steven Levine 229; Syble Adams and Rhonda Arnold 393t.

Matt Wells reported that enough monies had been received to meet convention expenses.

Singers came from nine states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin; the Province of Manitoba, Canada; and the United Kingdom. Ninety leaders led seventy-two songs.

Announcements were made. Next Year’s convention will be held February 11, 2006.

Steven Schmidgall led 488t as the closing song. Tollie Lee offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Steven Schmidgall; Corresponding Secretary—Jim Pfau; Recording Secretary—Stephen Parker.

ELDER ROY AVERY’S MEMORIAL SINGING Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama Sunday, February 13, 2005

The Elder Roy Avery Birthday/Memorial Singing was held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church in Daviston, Alabama on the second Sunday in February. Chairman Eugene Forbes called the class to order leading 61 and 63. Opening prayer was offered by Elder Roswell Smith.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Charlotte Bishop; Arranging Committee—Nell Estes and Mary Jean Payne.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 186; Richard Ivey 32t, 89; Floy Wilder 297, 142; Stanley Edwards 82t, 75; Mattie Perry 120, 341; Jean Payne 290, 480; Nell Estes 560, 192; Eugene Forbes 288, 482; Tom Schultz 34b, 117; Hugh McGraw 35, 37b; John Merritt 294, 426t.

RECESS

Eugene Forbes called the class back to order. Leaders: Ted Price 300, 164; James Chambless 523, 68b; Jeff Sheppard 123t, 460; Charlene Wallace and Sherrie Gaither 49t, 59; Allison Ivey 335, 442; Judy Chambless 47t, 82t; Jo Schultz 84, 107; Charlotte Bishop 25 (JB), 551; Jack Nelson 438, 165.

RECESS

A brief preaching service was conducted by Elder Steve Stathelson, pastor of the church.

LUNCH

Chairman Eugene Forbes called the class back to order. Leaders: Wayne Morgan 503, 145b; Edna Ruth Phillips 143, 200; Myrline Redmon 569, 452; Carla Smith 358, 354; William Futral 340, 36b; Virginia Futral 566, "A Light At The River"; Wendy Futral 100, 491; Leonard Price 196, 45t; Elder Ben Keeble 39b, 490; Charlotte Bishop 40 (in memory of Mrs. Adell Willoughby); Stanley Edwards 37b; Richard Ivey 155.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Eugene Forbes leading 29t. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 512; John Merritt 560; Allison Ivey 425; Nell Estes, Mattie Perry, and Jean Payne 186, 392 (in memory of their parents, Elder Roy and Elma Avery); Jack Nelson 30b; Wayne Morgan 31t; Jo Schultz 473.

Announcements were made. Chairman Eugene Forbes led 46 as the closing song.

Wayne Morgan offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Charlotte Bishop.

ALABAMA COLLEGIATE SINGING **University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama** **Saturday, February 19, 2005**

The seventh annual session of the Alabama Collegiate Singing was held at the Wesley Foundation Methodist Student Center on the campus of the University of Alabama. Tim Cook welcomed everyone and called the class to order by leading 34b. Prayer was offered by John Merritt. Robert Dupree led 63.

A business session for organizing the class was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tim Cook; Vice Chairman—Bill Stewart; Secretary—Judy Caudle; Arranging Committee—Bridgett Hill.

Leaders: Tim Cook 287; Judy Caudle 121, 283; Bill Stewart 569b, 36b; Bridgett Hill 37b, 276; Alexandra Makris 312b, 108t; Glenda Hopper 66, 108b; Regina Marshall 81t, 542; Julietta Haynes 64, 192; John Merritt 300, 240; Arlon Gardner 168, 457.

RECESS

Tim Cook brought the class back to order leading 99. Leaders: J.L. Hopper 117, 543; Warren Steele 144, 545; Edward Howton 318, 101t; David Ivey 80b (in memory of Hershell King), 498 (in memory of John Hocutt); Jo Schultz 171, 489; Jayne Fulmer 460, 155; Ola Meadows 200; Lomax Ballinger 78, 565; Laura Kitchens 178, 107; Leslie Brady 31b, 30t; Derrick Kitchens 480, 65; Brett Price 40, 196; Adam Kinsaul 176t, 358. Prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper.

LUNCH

Tim Cook brought the afternoon session to order leading 112. A memorial lesson was held with Bill Stewart reading the names of the deceased: Hershell King, Sue Kitchens, John Hocutt, Frasier Cockran, and Elman Howton. He then led 68b in their memory.

Robert Dupree read the names of the sick and shut-ins, and led 72b in their honor. Those remembered were Cecile Deason Cox, Toney Smith, Elsie Beasley, Phillip Wootten, Eldora Moody, Bill Green, and Beufa Green. The memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: Nate Green and Norma Green 348b, 124; T.N. Kitchens 327 and 216 (in memory of his wife); Zilpha Cornelia 143; Tom Schultz 148, 313b; Jerry Creason and Ann Sieble 47b, 47t; Marlec Ray 426b; Marlec Ray and John Merritt 146 (in memory of Sue Kitchens and Lecil Kitchens); Mako Cook 515, 347; Sharon DuPriest 189, 212; Allison Ivey 383, 475; Daphene Causey 203, 434; Tim Cook and college students: Allison Ivey, Derrick Kitchens, Brett Price, Adam Kinsaul, Laura Kitchens, Katie Stephenson, and Alicia Lecroy 45t.

Announcements were made. Tim Cook thanked David Ivey for teaching the singing school on Friday night and for pitching the music for the day. Chairman Tim Cook led 323t for the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder J.L. Hopper.

Chairman—Tim Cook; Vice Chairman—Bill Stewart; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

EMORY SACRED HARP SINGING **Cannon Chapel, Emory University; Atlanta, Georgia** **Saturday, February 19, 2005**

The first Sacred Harp Singing at Emory University was called to order by John Plunkett leading 59. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer. Don Saliers and William R. Cannon, Professor of Theology and Worship, welcomed the class to Emory.

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

Leaders: John Plunkett 52t; Elise Eskew 72b, 480; Laura Akerman 129, 208; Arlene Woods 81t, 30t; Phillip Langley 168, 440; Harry Eskew 34b, 146; Andy Anderson 27, 28t; Rita Haley 63, 268; Patrick Brown 267, 284; Don Saliers 155, 245.

RECESS

Elise Eskew called the class back by leading 40. Leaders: Malinda Snow 455, 147t; Debora Grosse 569t, 569b; Lee Rogers 475, 540; Kelly Morris 49b, 159; Charles Woods 77t (in memory of Gary McGraw); Frances Mary D'Andrea 384, 148 (In memory of Dr. Alan Koenig); Raymond Hamrick 354t, 182.

A plaque was presented to Raymond Hamrick by Emory University's Candler School of Theology in appreciation of his contributions to the Sacred Harp and American hymnody. John Plunkett then led 503.

LUNCH

John Plunkett brought the class back to order with 49t. Leaders: Don Bowen 225t, 77b; Lela Crowder 203, 42; Matt Hinton 99, 163t; Tony Hammock 201, 112; Joan Durdin 29t, 178; Wesley Haley 198; John Hollingsworth 460, 354b; Richard DeLong 39b, 349; Maurice York 47b, 192; Susan Posey 183, 479; Nancy Yeager 523, 84.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Elise Eskew leading 454. Leaders: Judy Mincey, Judith Hans, and Christy Hans 498, 492; David Yeager 45t, 38b; Ellie Soler 38t, 504; Mildred Patterson 335, 119; Bob Goodman 209, 66; Cathy White 348b; Liz Bryant

347, 547; Martha Ann Stegar 47t, 46; Sandra Wilkinson 300; Sandra Wilkinson and John Plunkett 236.

Following announcements, Elise Eskew and John Plunkett led 62 as the closing song. Don Saliers led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairlady—Elise Eskew; Secretary—Laura Akerman.

OHIO STATE CONVENTION
Oak Ridge Lodge, Mt. Airy Forest; Cincinnati, Ohio
February 19-20, 2005
Saturday, February 19

The thirteenth annual Ohio State Convention was held at Oak Ridge Lodge, Mount Airy Forest in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the third Sunday and Saturday before in February. The class was called to order by Chairman Debbie Hall leading 38t. Brother Steve Duff offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Debbie Hall; Vice Chairman—Steve Duff; Arranging—John Bealle; Memorial Committee—Jim Herr and Claire Outten; Treasurers—Karen Arnett and Mike Hieber; Kitchen coordinator—Linda Coppock; Secretaries—Richard Palmer and Claire Outten. Leaders: Steve Duff 569b; Claire Outten 33b; Karen Arnett 503; John Bealle 384; Cleve Callison 276; Shawn Fenton 38b; Judy Schuetz 282; Clara Herr 209; Greg Creech 47b; Hans Bayer 496; Steve Kasperick-Postellon 547; William Shetter 99; Eloise Clark 532; Jim Coppock 142.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Linda Coppock leading 147t. Leaders: Sheryl Pockrose 245; Steve Tossey 34b; Jim Herr 163b; David Casenhiser 146; Rich Overturf 430; Sharon Hill 361; Bob Swope 342; Loraine Bayer 277; Richard Palmer 236; Joan Redd 66; Michael Darby 280; Lois Hurt 551; Joe Todd 312b.

RECESS

Regina Bayer brought the class to order by leading 34t. Leaders: Mike Grimes 490; Sue Hengelsberg 504; Connie Karduck 475; Brad Bahler 117; Liz Meitzler 67; Beth Todd 319; John Bayer 300; Joan Aldridge 189; Bob Meek 268. Joan Redd offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Debbie Hall called the class to order leading 479. Leaders: Mary Brinkman 313b; Michelle Cull 31t; Jubal Bayer 159; Ted Mercer 353; Buddy Ballinger 405; Nancy Smith-Huertas 178; Ken Franklin 345t; Laura Russell 63; Tom Kochan 426t; Regina Bayer 203; Emily Hatch 31b; Sylvia Thomas 171; Doug Trent 68b; Linda Coppock 542; Mary Jo Crist 87; Sue Duff 30b; Naomi Frick 138b; Garth Heasley 107; Chris Demetron 455.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Sheryl Pockrose leading 84. Leaders: Steve Kasperick-Postellon 448t; Roger Crabtree 354b; William Shetter 59; Steve Tossey 515; Sharon Hill 334; Buddy Ballinger 373; Bob Swope 304; David Casenhiser 345b; Brad Bahler 163t; Ted Mercer 352; Sylvia Thomas 442; Connie Karduck 299; Beth Todd 436.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Eloise Clark leading 145t. Leaders: Greg Creech 127; Joe Todd 269; Ellis Seiberling 191; Benny Harnish 368; Lois Hurt 470; Joan Aldridge 148; Jim Herr 324; Laura Russell 32t; Michael Darby 480; Sue Hengelsberg 306.

Chairman Debbie Hall led 362 as the closing song, and Greg Creech dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, February 20

The Sunday session was called to order by Chairman Debbie Hall leading 47t. Brother Steve Duff offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Steve Duff 49b; Claire Outten 82b; Rich Overturf 100; Jim Coppock 181; Emily Hatch 49t; Judy Schuetz 350; Linda Coppock 501; Cleve Callison 35; Clara Herr 163b; Hans Bayer 278b; Ann Holzer 556; Shawn Fenton 73t; Steve Duff 155; Connie Karduck 176t.

RECESS

The class was called to order. Leaders: Joan Redd 178; Loraine Bayer 225t; Greg Creech 27; Beth Todd 284; David Casenhiser 87; Lois Hurt 358; Daniel Coppock 168; Richard Palmer 285b; Laura Russell 72b; Bob Meek 480; Sheryl Pockrose 270; Mike Hieber 276; Sue Hengelsberg 294; Jubal Bayer 179; Eloise Clark 344; Joe Todd 81t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing. Leaders: Jim Coppock 59; Joan Aldridge 150; Jim Herr 222; Ted Mercer 50t; Regina Bayer 348t; Tom Kochan 503; Michael Darby 86. Jim Herr and Claire Outten conducted the memorial lesson. Claire Outten spoke about those who were sick or shut-in and led 26 in their honor. Those named were David Rust—Indiana; Henry Schuman—Michigan; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Jean Kavernon, Laura Weber, Greg Howard, and Charles Wells—Ohio; Aubrey Richardson—Kentucky; Thurman Nall—Alabama; Vincent Lewis—Virginia; Bob Hiltner—Pennsylvania.

Jim Herr spoke about those who had passed away during the past year and led 285t in their memory. Those remembered were John Hocutt—Alabama; Cay Casenhiser—New Mexico; Don Hansen, Betty Garber, and Carol Boaz—Ohio; David Franklin—Kentucky; Mary Clark Watson—California; Betty Clark Speer—New York; Christine Anderson—Tennessee; Rose Wootton and Ray Mouly—Pennsylvania; Allen Fannin—New York. Elder Herr closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: John Bealle 224; John Bayer 128; Lois Hurt 45t. Bob Meek offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Debbie Hall called the class to order leading 34b. Leaders: Claire Outten 173; Shawn Fenton 192; Greg Creech 40; Steve Duff 198; Beth Todd 82t; Judy Schuetz 186; Roger Crabtree 29t; Joan Aldridge 385b; Hans Bayer 388; Jim Herr and Clara Herr 200; Sue Hengelsberg 38t; Bob Meek 496; Ann Holzer 107; David Casenhiser and Wilma Snyder 159; Regina Bayer 36b.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Sheryl Pockrose leading 448b. Leaders: Joe Todd 122; Loraine Bayer 28b; Doug Nast 52b; Tom Kochan 66; Laura Russell 485; Jubal Bayer 385t; Sue Duff 497; Nathan Coppock 288; Michael Darby 73b; Mike Heber 37b; Linda Coppock 196; John Bayer 71; Cleve Callison 446; Sheryl Pockrose 564; Clara Herr 547; Joan Redd 146; Daniel Coppock 113; John Bealle 218.

RECESS

Steve Duff called the class to order by leading 164. Leaders: Sue Hengelsberg 175; Claire Outten 573; Debbie Hall 299; Nathan Coppock 273; Rich Overturf 383; Bob Meek 384; Beth Todd 475; Joe Todd 99.

A business session was held to hear committee reports. The Locating Committee reported that the 2006 Ohio State Convention will be held in Southwest Ohio. The Finance Committee reported that all convention expenses had been met.

The Secretary reported that 173 songs were led by singers from seven states. The Resolutions Committee thanked all concerned for making this 2005 Convention a great success. The business session was closed. After announcements were made, the officers led 347 as the closing song. Claire Outten dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Debbie Hall; Vice Chairman—Steve Duff; Secretaries—Richard Palmer and Claire Outten.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION - WASHINGTON
Sunset Hill Community Club, Seattle, Washington
February 19-20, 2005
Saturday, February 19

The fourteenth annual session of the Washington portion of the Pacific Northwest Convention met at the Sunset Hill Community Club in Seattle on the third Sunday and Saturday before in February. Co-Chairs David Wright and Karen Willard opened the convention at 9:30 a.m. leading 73t. Chaplain Jim Friedrich offered the opening prayer. Jinx McGuire led 276 and Jack Lofton led 217.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chairman—David Wright; Vice Chairman—Jack Lofton; Treasurer—Kathy Vlach; Secretary—Joanne Hoover; Arranging Committee—Karen Willard, Anne Huckins, Reed Schilbach, Kathy Vlach, and David Wright; Memorial Committee—Joanne Hoover, Alice Poinier, and Mike Hinton; Resolutions Committee—Susan Helf and Jessica Beer; Chaplains—Jim Friedrich and Reed Schilbach.

Chairman David Wright announced that, as the result of a survey during last year's convention, there is currently no plan or proposal to hold a singing school during the Saturday morning session of this convention in the future.

Leaders: Joanne Hoover 91; Kathy Vlach 565; Darlene Simpson-Brown 299; Jim Friedrich and Sommer Maisel 178; Susan Helf 112; Greg Saue and Thom Fahrback 31t; Jordan Singer and Corinna Singer 49b; Shannon McGuire 38b; Dan Thoma 535; Meg Larson and Dick Lewis 330b; Erik Schwab 344; Fran Ross with Erika Wilson 497.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by David Hough leading 30t. Leaders: John Carson 40; Mryka Hall-Beyer and Linda Wolfe 569b; Ros Clements 77b; Scott Kennedy 68b; Alice Poinier and Gaea Singer 47b; Ken Cofield 84; Martha Johnson 480; Lucinda Saue 300; Mike Hinton and Chris Geer 146; Jean Murphy 454; Anne Huckins 313b; Idy Kiser and Norm Boynton 49t; Mary McDonald-Lewis 107; Leon Ballinger 195; Karen Stingle 76b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Jessica Beer leading 270. Leaders: Katharine Hough 442; Alan Weeks 291; Jinx McGuire 473; Matthew Sellens 74b; Reed Schilbach 312b; Rachel Foster 335; Eric Holt 290; David Wright 383; Jack Lofton 532; David Hough 384; Karen Willard 550; Jessica Beer 77t. A blessing on the meal to follow was given by Chaplain Jim Friedrich.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with David Wright leading 100. Leaders: Susan Helf 61; Mryka Hall-Beyer 350; Connie Stanton 66; Ros Clements 340; Mike Hinton 373; Suzanne Denker 504; Karen Stingle 236; Idy Kiser 47t; Matthew Sellens and Dave Dumas 245; Rachel Foster 128; Erik Schwab 155; Joanne Hoover and Donna Pitblado 477; Phil Wisor 400; Mary McDonald-Lewis 361; Leon Ballinger 269; Lucinda Saue 186; Martha Johnson and Nina Narelle 282; John Carson 163t; Kathy Vlach 280.

RECESS

Karen Stingle called the class back to order by leading 106. Leaders: Fran Ross 455; Alan Weeks “The Idumean Way” (a new composition by Tony Singleton); Katharine Hough 376; Dan Thoma 203; Anne Huckins 159; Melisa Doss 362; Meg Larson 323b; Jim Friedrich 56b; Linda Laing 479; Alice Poinier 64; Scott Kennedy 503; Jean Murphy 65; Greg Saue 163b; Shannon McGuire 196; Jordan Singer 101t; Carolyn Gilkey 142; Eric Holt 83b; Darlene Simpson-Brown 285t; Reed Schilbach 324.

After announcements were made, David Wright and Jack Lofton led 157 (CB) for the closing song. Chaplain Jim Friedrich dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, February 20

The Sunday session was called to order with David Wright and Jack Lofton leading 277. Chaplain Reed Schilbach offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kathy Vlach 31b; Jack Lofton 37b; Joanne Hoover 415; John Carson 46; David Hough 53; Ken Cofield 324; Erik Schwab 268; Scott Kennedy 146; Jessica Beer 73t; Katharine Hough 408; Leon Ballinger 424; Matthew Sellens 26; Susan Helf and Roxann Ketch 217.

RECESS

Matthew Sellens called the class back to order leading 39t. Leaders: Shannon McGuire 34b; Gerry Currens 191; Reed Schilbach 61; Linda Laing 47t; Greg Saue 143; Dan Thoma 52b; Fran Ross 184; Karen Willard 349; David Wright and Maude Richards 546; Mike Hinton 543; Alan Weeks 173; Tamara Harris 86; Mryka Hall-Beyer 327; Jim Friedrich and Karen Haig 361; Jinx McGuire 148.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Reed Schilbach leading 38b. Leaders: Lucinda Saue 523; Mary McDonald-Lewis 49b; Martha Johnson 328; Leon Ballinger 137; Ros Clements 538.

Joanne Hoover opened the memorial lesson by reminding us that we are privileged to be grafted into that living tree which is the Sacred Harp family. Mike Hinton related the heritage of his Denson family and the joy of that legacy. He spoke movingly of his father’s recent passing.

Alice Poinier then stated that in her church’s liturgy they pray every Sunday for “those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity”, and offered a quotation from Julian of Norwich before reading the names of the sick and homebound. We were asked to remember not only those who are sick, but those who care for them. She then led 315 in honor of the following: Chris Devereaux, Marianne Costello, Jan Johnson, and Richard Chamberlin—

Washington; Orval Etter and Jim Brock—Oregon; Steven Hough, Marilyn Murata, and Marjorie Venden—California; Amanda Denson Brady, Mary Bullock Johnson, and Thomas Denson Hinton—Alabama; Ophelia Matthews, Kelly Beard, and Edith Owen—Texas; Everen Lacy Miller and Glen Porter, Sr.—Wisconsin; Vince Ella—Minnesota.

Joanne Hoover read the names of the deceased: Gwendolyn Knight Lawrence, Leona LePenske, and Jaye Vee—Washington; Ernie Goertzen, Katy Lee, Diane Lewis-Moles, Elbert Little, Roy Settlemyer, Cathy Thaler, and Mel Thompson—Oregon; Ann Friend, Elizabeth Lloyd Mayer, and Steve Susskind—California; G.L. Hinton and John Hocutt—Alabama; Harold Nachison—Florida; David Jensen—Utah; Ruth Recker—Indiana; Donald Pointer—Connecticut; Vernon Paasch—Iowa; John H. Roth—South Carolina; Evanne—Vermont; Elvira Tippettes—Wyoming; Marlon Hickey—British Columbia, Canada; Mike Walcot—United Kingdom, and those who perished in the Indian Ocean tsunami. Joanne Hoover, Alice Poinier and Mike Hinton led 498, and Mike Hinton closed the memorial with prayer.

Leader: Darlene Simpson-Brown 303. Reed Schilbach gave the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

David Wright began the afternoon session by leading 421. Leaders: Marcia Stedman 455; Martie Hoadley and John Carson 350; Connie Stanton 99; Jordan Singer and Sarah Hauser 385b; Carolyn Gilkey 273; Mike Hinton 436; Jack Lofton 456; Mryka Hall-Beyer 114; Angie Johnson and Jordan Singer 48t; Alan Weeks 228; Kathy Vlach 32t; Karen Stingle 254; Ken Cofield 47b; Janice Bridges 551; Ros Clements 287; Jessica Beer and Brooks Callison 448t; Joanne Hoover 496; Katharine Hough, Valerie Cohen, and Brad Reynolds 29t.

RECESS

Karen Willard called the class back to order by leading 388. Leaders: Idy Kiser 122; Scott Kennedy 347; Rebecca Nachison 159; Melisa Doss 49t; Connie Stanton 73b; Jonathan Wilson 163b; Alice Poinier 171; Sarah Hauser 448b; Gerry Currens 178; Christopher Geer 128; Eric Holt 147t; Marcia Stedman 504; Raoul Titus 391; Tamara Harris 67; David Hough 480; John Carson and Elena Hartwell 313b; Angie Johnson and Martha Johnson 63; Linda Laing 84; Jean Murphy 189; Matthew Sellens 36b; Susan Helf 198; Ros Clements and Alan Weeks 28b; Mike Hinton 490. The class went into a business session to hear committee reports and announcements.

The Treasurer reported that expenses had been met and thanked the class for their generosity.

The Secretary reported there were 125 registrants and many others who stopped in to listen. States represented were Washington—78; Oregon—34; Texas—3; California—2; Massachusetts—1; Michigan—1; Wisconsin—1; Canada—3; United Kingdom—2. A total of 85 songs were led on Saturday and 83 on Sunday.

Susan Helf gave the Resolutions Committee report and thanked the officers; those who supplied food, refreshments and supplies; greeted registrants and visitors; staffed the arranging table; provided housing; arranged for the Saturday night dinner and hosted the social; helped with set-up and clean-up. Announcements were made of upcoming singings. All reports were accepted as submitted, and the business session was closed.

David Wright and Jack Lofton led 549 as the closing song, inviting everyone to give the parting hand. Chaplain Reed Schilbach closed the convention with prayer.

Chairman—David Wright; Vice Chairman—Jack Lofton; Secretary—Joanne Hoover.

SANDERS MEMORIAL **Sardis Church, Walker County, Alabama** **Sunday, February 20, 2005**

The annual Sanders Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Sardis Church in Walker County, Alabama on the third Sunday in February. Harrison Creel brought the class to order leading 30t. Richard Maudlin offered the morning prayer. Velton Chafin led 35.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 76b; Cecil Sanders 123t, 145t; Winell Sanders 317; Marlin Beasley 384, 312t; Corene White 314; Bobby Watkins 203, 440; Sarah Smith 129, 145b; Jim Cauthen 105, 277; Ivalene Donaldson 544; Danny Creel 385b, 224; Joyce Cauthen 274t, 47b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Velton Chafin leading 573. Leaders: Ozella Blackmon 436; Wilton Donaldson 426t, 100; Emily Creel 186, 222; Larry Ballinger 215, 50b; Willodean Barton 63, 101t; Richard Mauldin 28b, 144 (in memory of John Hocutt, who was buried Saturday, February 19th); Cindy Tanner 335, 217; John Hyde 43; Elene Stovall 200, 532; Steve Rutledge and John Merritt 294, 358; Elizabeth Keeton 34t; Travis Keeton 68b, 73t; Lisa Geist 304, 528; Glenn Keeton 349 (for Clarence McCool, who is sick), 278 (for Toney Smith, who is sick); John Merritt 409, 359.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Harrison Creel leading 111b. Leaders: Brenda Merritt 124, 434; Gary Smith 73b, 565; Margaret Keeton 182, 138t; Gravis Ballinger 112, 99; Wanda Capps 216, 430; Linton Ballinger 208, 212; Amber Davis 380, 402; Kermit Adams 142, 442; Linda sides 328, 448t; Earl Ballinger 329; Billy Williams 496 (in memory of Gerstle Nail, who was buried today); Ila Ingle 470, 530; Eugene Forbes 137, 426b; Loretta Whitman 108b, 58; Ottis Sides 480, 378t; Nellie Alexander 81t, 235; Steve Adams 401; Josie Hyde 390, 569b.

Velton Chafin and Harrison Creel led 475 in memory of John Hocutt, and as the closing song. Harrison Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Margaret Keeton.

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING St. James Episcopal Church, Ithaca, New York Saturday, February 26, 2005

The first New York State Regional Singing of 2005 was held at St. James Episcopal Church in Ithaca, New York on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Eric Bean leading 38t. The opening prayer was led by Eric Bean.

The following officer were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Eric Bean; Secretary—Laura Densmore.

Leaders: Eric Bean 47t; Denise Morris 48t, 107; Thom Metzger 108t, 217; Eileen Metzger 39t, 76b; Dennis Leipold 63, 150; Laura Densmore 66, 344; Lucy Roberts 183, 53; Michael Heyerman 86, 475; Ginny Huszagh 49t, 276; Bob Wheeler 171, 99; Jerusha Wheeler 59; Cuba Ray 117, 56b; Ron Bornick 178, 277.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Eric Bean leading 34b. Leaders: Margaret Bornick 46, 448b; Ernest Blake 551; Sue Ulrich 191, 569b; Jim Ulrich 209, 273; Denise Morris 192, 29t; Thom Metzger 547, 73t; Eileen Metzger 379, 312t; Dennis Leipold 189, 198; Laura Densmore 157, 430; Michael Heyerman 440, 505.

LUNCH

The class was called back by Eric Bean leading 70t. Leaders: Bob Wheeler 40; Cuba Ray 47b; Ron Bornick 186; Ginny Huszagh 28b; Jerusha Wheeler 87; Margaret Bornick 142; Sue Ulrich 347; Jim Ulrich 299; Denise Morris 457; Eric Bean 236; Melody Johnson 147t; Thom Metzger 168; Dennis Leipold 416; Eileen Metzger 282; Laura Densmore 408; Lucy Roberts 501; Michael Heyerman 30b; Emily Hurst 95; Bob Wheeler 350; Cuba Ray 31t; Ron Bornick 454; Ginny Huszagh 497; Jerusha Wheeler 337; Margaret Bornick 352; Sue Ulrich 479; Denise Morris 193; Jim Ulrich 300; Eric Bean 285t; Melody Johnson 340; Thom Metzger 163t; Dennis Leipold 163b; Eileen Metzger 245; Laura Densmore 473; Lucy Roberts 290; Michael Heyerman 448t; Emily Hurst 267; Bob Wheeler 73b; Cuba Ray 312b; Ron Bornick 155; Ginny Huszagh 474; Jerusha Wheeler 504; Margaret Bornick 455; Denise Morris 269; Jim Ulrich 481; Eric Bean 324.

Eric Bean led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Bob Wheeler, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Eric Bean; Secretary—Laura Densmore.

J.L. WHITE AND ECLECTIC HARMONY BOOK SINGING
Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia
Saturday, February 26, 2004

The sixth 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 10:00 a.m. leading 49 (WB). John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 30t (WB); Sandra Wilkinson 118 (WB), 484t (WB); Malinda Snow 361 (WB), 484b (WB); Judy Mincey 55t (WB), 54t (WB); Lee Rogers 95t (WB); Don Bowen 546t (WB), 478 (WB); Russ Hanson 526 (WB), 26 (WB); Andy Morse 492 (WB), 547 (WB); Lela Crowder 177 (WB), 222 (WB).

RECESS

Judy Mincey brought the class back together with 49 (EH1). Leaders: Arlene Woods 55t (EH1), 71(EH1); Jane Spencer 59 (EH1), 53t (EH1); Mako Cook 62 (EH1), 43 (EH2); Andy Anderson 64 (EH1), 51 (EH1); Harry Eskew 96 (EH1), 29b (EH1); Charles Woods 58 (EH2); Ellie Soler 110 (EH1), 45 (EH1).

A business session was held, and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Sandra Wilkinson; Secretary—Malinda Snow. The business session was closed by Judy Mincey leading 44 (EH1). Henry Johnson gave the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Sandra Wilkinson brought the afternoon session to order leading 144 (WB).

Leaders: Laura Akerman 40t (EH2), 38t (WB); Bob Goodman 65 (EH1), 56 (EH1); Joan Durdin 38b (WB), 49b (EH2); Henry Johnson 56 (EH2), 480 (WB); Liz Bryant 23 (EH2), 22 (EH2); Ken George 38b (EH2); Tim Cook 493 (WB), 490 (WB); Debora Grosse 155 (WB), 106 (EH1); Tony Hammock 42 (WB), 145t (WB); Richard DeLong 286 (WB), 33 (EH1); Martha Ann Stegar 70 (EH1), 99 (EH1); Phillip Langley 270 (WB); John Hollingsworth 544 (WB); Judy Mincey 12 (EH2), 10 (EH1).

Announcements were made. John Plunkett thanked Hardeman Church for its hospitality, then Judy Mincey led 66 (EH1) as the closing song. John Hollingsworth dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Sandra Wilkinson; Secretary—Malinda Snow.

TEXAS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
College Station, Texas
February 26-27, 2005
Saturday, February 26

The thirteenth annual Texas State Sacred Harp Convention was held in College Station at South Knoll Elementary School on February 26 and 27. Chairman Cheryl Foreman welcomed everyone and called the class to order with 52t. Mike Moseley offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were nominated and elected last year to serve for the 2005 singing are: Chairman—Cheryl Forman; Vice Chairman—Billy Huckaby; Secretary—Liz Owen,

Leaders: Billy Huckaby 565; Secretary Liz Owen 171; Mike Moseley 30b; John Beard 34t; Barbara Newell 72b; Beverly Coates 129; Kevin Powell 340; Cissy Moseley 270; Don Barker 145b; Dick Steil 146; Diane Ross 455; Gary Rogan 299; Scott Curran 475; Owen Ross 74t; Chris Adams 112; Robert Vaughn 569b; Sarah Huckaby 74b; Anne Moseley 34b; Bruce Coates 86; Ryan Ross 417.

RECESS

Cheryl Foreman called the class back to order with 61. Leaders: Jeb Owen 106; Vivian Rogan 282; Gaylon Powell 564; Larry Hall 178; Amanda Blevins 142; Curtis Owen 490; Catherine Rogan 224; Doris Hanks 448b; Donald Ross 507; Justin Latimer 198; Reed Coates 110; Terre Schill 298; Allen Riley 49t; Liz Owen 273; Barbara Newell 84.

LUNCH

Cheryl Foreman called the class back to order with 401. Leaders: Dick Steil 82; Owen Ross 192; Billy Huckaby 400; Larry Hall 49b; Cissy Moseley 186; Kevin Powell 383; John Beard 384; Don Barker 354b; Beverly Coates 548; Donald Ross 530; Gary Rogan 99; Mike Moseley 122; Sarah Huckaby 454; Scott Curran 318; Diane Ross 209; Doris Hanks 36b; Ryan Ross 294; Chris Adams 168; Robert Vaughn 300; Anne Moseley 148; Bruce Coates 566; Terre Schill 187.

RECESS

Cheryl Foreman called the class back to order with 276. Leaders: Amanda Blevins 448t; Reed Coates 137; Jeb Owen 472; Gaylon Powell 536; Vivian Rogan 163b; Curtis Owen 328; Catherine Rogan 344; Katie Moseley 68b; Liz Owen 68t; Billy Huckaby 424; Dick Steil 58; Owen Ross 304; Larry Hall 47b; Amanda Owen 39t; Allen Riley 347.

Cheryl Foreman led 549b as the closing song. Curtis Owen offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, February 27

Chairman Cheryl Foreman called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. with 59. Prayer was offered by Gary Rogan.

Leaders: Billy Huckaby 76b; Reed Coates 112; Gaylon Powell 542; Terre Schill 398; Amanda Blevins 47t; Bruce Coates 313b; Anne Moseley 480; Leon Ballinger 278t; Robert Vaughn 67; Ryan Ross 365; Doris Hanks 358; Jeb Owen 24b; Olivia Powell 56t; David Music 99; Scott Curran 196; Gary Rogan 176t; Sarah Huckaby 501; Mike Moseley 284; Donald Ross 528; Catherine Rogan 40; Beverly Coates 283; Don Barker 452.

RECESS

Cheryl Foreman called the class back to order with 135. Leaders: John Beard 75; Justin Latimer 236; Kevin Powell 504; Diane Ross 543; Olivia Powell 532; Leon Ballinger 402; Burl Russell 65; David Music 334; Don Barker 97; Reed Coates 176b; Gaylon Powell 240; Terre Schill 56b.

The Nominating Committee gave their report at this time. The nominees selected to serve in 2006 were: Chairman—Billy Huckaby; Vice Chairman—Diane Ross; Secretary/Treasurer—Liz Owen. All were accepted by acclamation.

The memorial lesson was held. Sarah Huckaby led 86 for the following sick and shut ins: Kelly Beard, Ernestine Pipkin, Verna Powell, Ophelia Matthews, Morris Nowlin, Robbie Nowlin, Frances Daniels, and Toney Smith.

Gaylon Powell commented on several verses of the songs of John Hocutt and led 498 for the following deceased: Jack Whitehead, John Hocutt, Billie Beard, and Essie Arnold. Mike Moseley closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Bruce Coates 503; Anne Moseley 276; Amanda Blevins 143; Robert Vaughn 432; Ryan Ross 168; Scott Curran 376.

LUNCH

Billy Huckaby called the class back to order with 335; then a Financial Report was given.

Secretary/Treasurer Liz Owen gave the Financial Report. Due to increased rental fee we had to move the location of the singing this year. The convention concurred that the location was acceptable. It was noted that we need to be thinking ahead for the financial condition of the convention. Announcements of upcoming singings were made.

Leaders: Gary Rogan 324; Doris Hanks 299; Zach Rogan 278b; Jeb Owen 362; Sarah Huckaby 274t; Mike Moseley 306; Donald Ross 368; Catherine Rogan 200; Beverly Coates 425; John Beard 290; Kevin Powell 442; Diane Ross 430; Terry York 147t; Terre Schill 218; Burl Russell 68b; Terry York 135.

Billy Huckaby and Liz Owen led 208 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman—Cheryl Foreman; Vice Chairman—Billy Huckaby;

Secretary/Treasurer—Liz Owen.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SINGING State Botanical Gardens, Athens, Georgia Sunday, February 27, 2005

The thirty-second session of the University of Georgia Singing was held at the Visitors Center, State Botanical Gardens in Athens, Georgia on the fourth Sunday in February.

Singing in the morning session was from *The Social Harp* by John McCurry, first published in 1855 and reprinted by the University of Georgia Press in 1973.

Chairman John Garst called the class to order by leading 30. John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer.

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; Memorial Committee—Judy Mincey.

Leaders: John Garst 31; John Hollingsworth 76; Charlene Wallace 77; Lee Rogers 44; Judy Mincey 182, 159; John Plunkett 19, 21; Oscar McGuire 66, 74; Andy Anderson 148, 190t; Charles Woods 86, 87; Jane Spencer 156, 129; Don Bowen 88, 89; Bruce King 55b, 173; Kelly Morris 175b, 169; Martha Ann Stegar 168, 155.

RECESS

The class was called together by Judy Mincey leading 154. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 60; Stanley Edwards 196; David Grant 33t, 83; Karen Redwine 38t, 51; John Whittimore 115, 118t; Jeannette DePoy 160; Emily Calhoun 114, 191; Winston Stephens 190b; John Plunkett 212.

The memorial lesson was held. Scott DePoy led 117 in memory of the following deceased: John Hocutt, Gary McGraw, Barbara DePoy, Lois DePoy, Tom DePoy, and Otis Hester.

Charles Woods led 205 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Violet Thomason, Emory Parr, Naomi Sailors, and I.V. McWhorter. John Plunkett closed the memorial with prayer. The class sang “Happy Birthday” to Bruce King. Lee Rogers led 253.

LUNCH

Singing in the afternoon sessions was from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. John Hollingsworth called the class together by leading 138t and 77b. Leaders: Rita Haley 268, 63; Tom Schultz 34b; Jeannette DePoy, Scott DePoy, and niece 354t, 146; Timothy Haley 117, 282; Jo Schultz 297, 120; Raymond Hamrick 350, 182; Jane Spencer 547; Charles Woods 283; Sharon Hamrick 276, 460; Wesley Haley 300, 542; Winston Stephens 503, 31t; Stanley Edwards and Sherrie Edwards 208, 101t;

Hugh McGraw 231; Martha Ann Stegar 312b; Don Bowen and Earlis McGraw 225t; Judy Mincey 475; Kelly Morris 147t; David Grant 421; Bruce King 457; Mandy Brady 155; Andy Anderson 287; Oscar McGuire 344; Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy 274t; Jo Schultz 163b; Mandy Brady 40; Karen Redwine 232; John Garst 110. After announcements were made, John Garst led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by John Hollingsworth.
Chairman—John Garst; Vice Chairman—John Hollingsworth; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

PAULINE CREEL CHILDERS BIRTHDAY SINGING
First Methodist Church, Wayne, Michigan
Saturday, March 5, 2005

The fifth annual Pauline Creel Childers Birthday Singing was called to order by Henry Schuman leading 30t. Greg Creech offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Schuman; Vice Chairpersons—Jennifer Hanford and Laurie Schuman; Secretary—Martha Beverly.

Leaders: Henry Schuman 171; Pauline Childers 318, 475; Samuel Sommers 112, 24b; Martha Beverly 37b, 196; Sarah Smith 129, 73t (for Edith Tate); Danny Creel 269, 498; Jim Pfau 430, 565; Cathryn Baker 474, 142; Lynne deBenedette 383, 82t; Regina Bayer 203, 148; Seth Holloway 274t, 388; Debbie Hall 47b, 556; Harrison Creel 512; Molly Williams 128, 155.

RECESS

Henry Schuman brought the class back to order by leading 32t. Leaders: Brad Bahler 551, 117; Janet Wright 183, 34b; Idy Kiser 47t; Idy Kiser and Paul Woodin 49t; Greg Creech 38b, 68b; Charlotte Wolfe 99, 64; Will Fitzgerald 274b; Jan Ketelle 182, 168; Teddy Creel 59, 63; Matthew Lind 145b, 36t; Mary Postellon 127; Samuel Sommers 316 (in memory of Lucille Tolbert, Hayden Creel and Marie Aldridge, and for Edith Tate who could not be here); Loraine Bayer 340, 31b; Joe Todd 103, 236; Mary List 122, 72b. Greg Creech offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Martha Beverly leading 66. Leaders: Samuel Sommers “Happy Birthday” (to celebrate the 90th birthday of Pauline Creel Childers); James Page 411, 284; Denise Kania 106, 500; Bill Beverly 86, 547; Cassie Franklin 304, 432; Jerry Enright 330b, 377; Emily Creel 222, 384; John Bayer 300, 517 (WB); Hans Bayer and Jubal Bayer 496, 159; Ann Miczulski 335, 441; Harrison Creel, Emily Creel, and Cassie Franklin 342; Gary Smith 31t, 569b.

RECESS

Samuel Sommers brought the class to order by leading 319. Leaders: Beth Todd 234, 501; Roger Williams 515, 298; Karen Freund 224, 370; Charles Wells 546, 28b; Susan Probert 39t, 212; Jim Coppock 504, 542; Eloise Clark 153, 480; Jim Helke 351, 143; Henry Schuman 532 (for Pauline Creel Childers and Edith Tate).

The Secretary’s Report and announcements were given. Henry Schuman, Martha Beverly, Bill Beverly, and Samuel Sommers led 62 as the closing song. Greg Creech offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Schuman; Vice Chairpersons—Jennifer Hanford and Laurie Schuman; Secretary—Martha Beverly.

NORTH CAROLINA SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Cary, North Carolina
March 5-6, 2005
Saturday, March 5

The seventeenth annual North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Page Walker Art and History Center, Cary, North Carolina, on the first Sunday in March and the Saturday before. Chairman Rich Hammer opened the convention by leading 63 then extended a welcome to the class. Sally Owens offered the morning prayer. Vice Chairman Nancy Newell led 159; Secretary Pat Ward 71; Treasurer Don Ward 300.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the same officers: Chairman—Rich Hammer; Vice Chairman—Nancy Newell; Secretary—Pat Ward; Treasurer—Don Ward; Arranging Committee—Lynda Hambourger.

Leaders: Matt Cartmill 327, 201; Suzanne Newton 270, 47t; Tom Ivey 49b, 504; Matt Meacham 455, 182; John Feddersen 98, 254; Nancy Newell 155, 163b; Gail Doss 540, 400; Lynda Hambourger 380, 384.

RECESS

Rich Hammer called the class to order by leading 49t. Leaders: Brad Hunnicutt 107, 32t; Mary Wright 106, 274t; Blake Morris 496, 228; Pat Temple 33t, 288; Cathy Tucker 203, 385b; Tom Tucker 260, 192; Erin Newton 180, 207; David Carlton 567, 134; Tom Dillon 446; Matt Cartmill 332, 489; Suzanne Newton 472, 532; Tom Ivey 195. Sally Owens offered a prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing resumed with Rich Hammer leading 452. Leaders: Jane Spencer 358, 569b; Nancy Newell 276; Gail Doss 59; Lynda Hambourger 436, 48t; John Feddersen 189; Brad Hunnicutt 35; Mary Wright 480; Blake Morris 30b; Pat Temple 373; Cathy Tucker 236; Tom Tucker 129.

Don Ward gave the Treasurer's Report. Monies collected were enough to meet expenses.

Leaders: Don Ward 200; Erin Newton 573; David Carlton 144; Tom Dillon 535; Matt Cartmill 91; Suzanne Newton 299; Matt Meachem 196; Tom Ivey 268; Jane Spencer 47b; Nancy Newell 156.

RECESS

Rich Hammer reconvened the class by leading 354t. Leaders: Gail Doss 222; Lynda Hambourger 99; John Feddersen 340; Brad Hunnicutt 383; Mary Wright 290; Blake Morris 291; Pat Temple 168; Cathy Tucker 61; Tom Tucker 430; Erin Newton 460; David Carlton 278b; Tom Dillon 100; Matt Cartmill 31t; Suzanne Newton 143; Matt Meachem 350; Tom Ivey 146; Brad Hunnicutt 34t.

RECESS

Announcements were made. A brief New Traditions session was held with Matt Cartmill leading "Condescension" and "Lichfield"; Tom Ivey led "Nicolas".

Rich Hammer led 277 as the closing song. Nancy Newell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 6

The Sunday session was called to order by Rich Hammer leading 49t. Leaders: John Feddersen 209; Matt Cartmill 280; Tom Ivey 284; Suzanne Newton 318; Lynda Hambourger 317; Pat Temple 34b; Mary Wright 35; Jane Spencer 128; Don Ward 448t, 198; John Feddersen 65, 72b; Nancy Newell 40, 344; Matt Cartmill 192, 547; Tom Ivey 86, 66; Suzanne Newton 77b, 556.

RECESS

Rich Hammer brought the class to order leading 63. Leaders: Lynda Hambourger 172, 536; Peggy Loddengaard 378t, 378b; Pat Temple 139, 473.

Sally Owens conducted the memorial lesson. John Feddersen led "Sweet Beulah Land" for the deceased. Those remembered were John Hocutt, Oran Dean, Art Broadus, Polly MacLeod, Sadie MacLeod, John MacLeod, Trey Cheek, David Morrison, Nancy Mullenex, Alan Fannin, and Rodney W. Roach. Also remembered were Samuel F. Cary, the Page family, Jacob Welker, and Helen Welker, who made our singing site possible.

Lynda Hambourger led 472 for the sick and shut-ins. Those remembered were Heloise Morse, Bob Teabecut, Susan Kelley, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Amanda Denson, Trudi Niedrich, and Mrs. Billie Latham. The memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: Mary Wright 68b, 148; Margaret Morse 29b, 442; Don Ward 224, 448b; Matt Cartmill 352, 217. Henry Bizzell offered the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Rich Hammer leading 210. Leaders: Sharon Strong 178; Tom Ivey 479, 84; Suzanne Newton 334, 229, 254; Lynda Hambourger 157, 540; Peggy Loddengaard 133, 270; Pat Temple 464, 510; Mary Wright 114, 314; Margaret Morse 313b, 135; Nancy Newell 38t, 410t; Don Ward 107, 203.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Rich Hammer leading 503. Leaders: Pat Ward 440, 475; Matt Cartmill 54, 501b; Sharon Strong 89; Tom Ivey 39t, 306; Suzanne Newton 186, 504; Lynda Hambourger 272; Peggy Loddengaard 82t, 154; Pat Temple 27, 566; Deborah Brogden 155.

Announcements were made. Rich Hammer thanked all who participated in the planning of the singing, and who brought food for the noon meals. He then led 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rich Hammer; Vice Chairman—Nancy Newell; Secretary—Pat Boyd Ward.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK ROGERS MEMORIAL SINGING Ephesus School, Roopville, Georgia Sunday, March 6, 2005

The annual Memorial Singing for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers was held on the first Sunday in March at Ephesus School in Roopville, Georgia. L.L. Rogers and Denney Rogers called the singing to order by leading 101t. Prayer was offered by Bobby Watkins. L.L. Rogers and Denney Rogers led 75.

A business session was held with the following officers and committees duly re-elected and re-appointed: Co-Chairmen—Denney Rogers and B.M. Smith; Secretary—Karen Rollins; Arranging Committee—Mary L. Smith; Memorial Committee—Paige Harrod and Sherry Lovvorn. Mayor Denney Rogers welcomed everyone to Ephesus and the business session was closed.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 318; Bobby Jackson 568; Carlene Griffin 306; Stanley Edwards and Sherrie Edwards 141; Daphene Causey 222; Pearl Guier 303; Jimmie Denney 143; Judy Chambless 531; Glenda Collins 124; Myron House 421; Milton Oliver 176t; Tokay Shumake 35; Joel Jenkins 496; S.T. Reid 125; Eunice Webb 480; Allison Ivey 110; Oscar McGuire 485; Robert Chambless 68b; Lela Crowder 203; Louis Hughes 481; LaRue Allen 392.

RECESS

The class was reassembled by B.M. Smith leading 136. Leaders: Nate Green and Norma Green 205; Hugh McGraw 354t; children of L.L. Rogers (Karen Rollins,

Karleen Williams, Paige Harrod, Sherry Lovvorn, and Denney Rogers) 405; Shane Wooten 560; David Ivey 570; Scott DePoy 410; Sarah Jenkins 347; Richard DeLong 464; Tony Hammock 312b; Linda Thomas 391; Richard Ivey 138t; John Plunkett 431; Susan Rice, Barry Rollins, and Randa Harris 358; Bobby Watkins 385b; Bud Oliver 343; Rodney Ivey 389; Evelyn Harris 155; Sharon DuPriest 212; Teenie Moody and Carol Chapman 384; Cecil Roberts 335; Betty Wright 565; Jeannette DePoy 516; Max Berueffy 111b; Elene Stovall and Linda Thomas 269 (for Shelbie Sheppard); Phillip Langley 209; Billy Joe Harris 503; Judy Caudle 177; Sandra Wilkinson 311; Jerry Creason 49b; Marty Wooten 448t. Prayer was offered by Louis Hughes for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Denney Rogers led 100 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Scott Ivey 99; Tony Ivey 57; Louise Holland 186; Louis Hughes 201; Lou Cotney 218.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Paige Harrod who mentioned that death strikes without warning, and that a young man in Ephesus had died that morning. She read the names of the deceased and the sick and shut-ins. Richard Ivey and Allison Ivey led 134 for the following deceased singers and friends who died within the last year: John Hocutt; Hershell King, Beatrice Bailey, Gary McGraw, Naomi Sailors, Ronald Crews, Lois DePoy, Barbara DePoy, and Tom DePoy. Oscar McGuire led 129 for these sick and shut-ins: Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Felton Denney, G.W. Rogers, Toney Smith, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Kelly Beard, Mary Hackney, Wayne Smith, Charles Polston, Cynthia George, Bill Green, and Eldora Moody. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer by Billy Joe Harris. Leaders: Shane Wooten 528; Charlene Wallace 276; LaRue Allen 182; Jerry Creason 569b; David Ivey 107; Joel Jenkins and Sarah Jenkins 77; Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy 270; Bud Oliver 39b; John Plunkett 476; Richard DeLong 336; Max Berueffy 470; Rodney Ivey and Evelyn Harris 47b; Elene Stovall 498 (in honor of Harrison Creel and in memory of John Hocutt); Bobby Jackson 34t; S.T. Reid 271t; Tony Hammock 148; Tony Ivey and Scott Ivey 532; Phillip Langley 76b; Betty Wright 30b; Judy Caudle 76t; Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest 142; Robert Chambless and Judy Chambless 81t.

Announcements were made. The singing closed in the traditional manner by the leading of 62 by the officers and L.L. Rogers. David Ivey offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—B.M. Smith and Denney Rogers; Secretary—Karen Rollins.

MARTHA HARPER NIX, LEWIS KEETON, AND LAVADA MCGOUGH GILMORE MEMORIAL New Flatwoods Church, Nauvoo (Walker County), Alabama Sunday, March 6, 2005

The ninetieth annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing in memory of Martha Harper Nix, Lewis Keeton, and Lavada McGough Gilmore was held at New Flatwoods Church, Nauvoo, Alabama, on the first Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 129. The morning prayer was offered by Glenn Keeton. Travis Keeton led 157.

The class was organized, and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 59; John Hyde 63, 61; Alene Woodley 35, 39b; Elizabeth Keeton 34b, 335; Arthur Gilmore 56t, 491b (WB); Marlin Beasley 175, 318;

Clarence McCool 48t, 68b; Ivalene Donaldson 77t; Ozella Blackmon 73t; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 517 (WB),142; Gravis Ballinger 120,105.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton called the class back to order leading “Joshua”, and “Ashley”. Leaders: Anita Naramore and daughter, Roni 145b, 47b; Wilton Donaldson 490, 348b; Anne Steel 209, 480, 171; Larry Ballinger 162, 163t; Jimmie Gilmore and Marlin Beasley 146, 382 (in memory of Martha Harper Nix), 336 (in memory of Ethel McGough; Lisa Geist 71, 180, 546.

LUNCH

Marlin Beasley called the afternoon session to order leading 87 and 319. Leaders: Amber Davis 475, 212; Julie Poston 108t, 343; Warren Steel 179, 440, 240; Latrice Bailey 46, 384; Kermit Adams 31b, 78, 99; Ila Ingle 112, 434, 436; Dwight Ingle 378b, 45t; Josie Hyde 103, 280; Willodean Barton 418, 498; Glenn Keeton 345t (in memory of Bruce Randolph), 303 (for Jeff Sheppard and Shelbie Sheppard, who were in a car accident this past week).

Glenn Keeton and Marlin Beasley led 62 for the closing song. Arthur Gilmore offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Center for the Arts, Northampton, Massachusetts** **March 12-13, 2005** **Saturday, March 12**

The seventh annual Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Northampton Center for the Arts on the second Sunday and Saturday before in March. Kelsey Wessels called the class to order leading 171. Tim Eriksen offered the opening prayer.

The following officers for the convention were elected or appointed to serve:

Chairlady—Kelsey Wessels; Vice Chairlady—Kshama Ananthapura; Secretary—Katie Mahoney.

Leaders: Kshama Ananthapura 81t; Katie Mahoney 85; Linda Shea 168; Paul Gauthier 34b; Daniel Davis 312b; Marcia Tucker 203; Kate Richardson 138b; Ian Smiley 56b; John Holbrook 339; Laura Densmore 430; Sumner Roberts 287; Aldo Ceresa 384; Margaret Bornick 272; Rebecca Edwards 383; Bill Holt 377; Nora Dunn 157; Robert Dove 84.

RECESS

Inga Knets called the class back with 72b. Leaders: Rick Johnston 205; Holly Laws 29t; Ginnie Ely 546; Bobbie Goodell 86; Henry Johnson 111t; Debby Moody 114; Sheila Kelley 129; Claire Singleton 33b; Jim Ulrich 288; Jean Seiler 299; Nick Edwards 442; Liz Meitzler 148; Sandra Wilkinson 300; Guy Bankes 63; Victoria Bolles 528; Charles Cofone 35; Brittany Lea 59; Lydia Vernon-Jones 452; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 91; Bill Dunn 155; Alice Kast 448t; Ron Bornick 178.

RECESS

Peter Irvine called the class back to order by leading 270. Leaders: Paula Picton 193; Ruth Hooke 198; John Plunkett 564; Anne Kazlauskas 125; Berk Meitzler 496; Gerry Hoffman 200; Carly Goss 197; Dana Borrelli 146; Paul Setford 37b; Cathy Tucker 385b; Bob Mills 276; Sue Ulrich 481; Bob Parr 224; Diane Mennella 260; Charles Taylor 456; Susan Loucks 347; George Pomfret 358; Anne Johnston 70b; D.J. Hatfield 532; Chris Noren 32t. Kshama Ananthapura offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Katie Mahoney called the afternoon session to order with 87. Leaders: Matthew Wojcik 142; Jenna Strizak 328; Tim Eriksen 245; Lynne deBenedette 192; Daphene Causey 434; Richard DeLong 542; Reba Windom 216; Richard Ivey 222; LaRue Allen 436; Judy Caudle 234; Jeff Colby 512; Minja Lausevic 274t; Laura Clawson 182; Jennifer Allred 336; Rodney Ivey 440; Louis Hughes 76b; Kiri Miller 112; Lela Crowder 215; Phillip Langley 411; Tom Tucker 480; Karen Freund 77t; Allison Schofield 345b.

RECESS

Kshama Ananthapura and Rodney Ivey called the class back to order leading 39t. Leaders: George Seiler 475; Lisa Palumbo 82t; Caitlin Caulfield 159; Aaron Girard 47b; Charlie Pilzer 344; Sharon DuPriest 189; Kelly House 186; Michael Heyerman 290; Dan Huger 569b; Katharine Manning 318; Harold Booth 254; Paul Butler 179; Oona Coy 99; Cindy Sadler 313b; Sally O'Brien 277.

Kelsey Wessels led 323t as the closing song. Louis Hughes offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 13

The Sunday session was called to order by Chair Kelsey Wessels leading 475. The opening prayer was offered by Allison Schofield.

Leaders: Kshama Ananthapura 37b; Katie Mahoney 131b; Amy Finlay and Sheldon Finlay 228; Bill Dunn 107; Frank Griggs 344; Victoria Bolles 273; Rebecca Edwards 105; Tom Padwa 569b; Bob Parr 304; Dana Borrelli 106; Tom Tucker 192; Martha Lang 203; Berk Meitzler 39t; Gerry Hoffman 196; Anne Kazlauskas 181; Nora Dunn 36b; Charles Taylor 408; Joanne Bowman 361; L.H. Spencer 254.

RECESS

Allison Schofield called the class back with 111b. Leaders: Inga Knets 495; Henry Johnson 138t; Jan Drechsler 501; Debby Moody 497; Paul Gauthier 455; Marcia Tucker 547; Kitty Kagay 387; Daniel Davis 209; Joanne DeVoe 31t; Lela Crowder 166; Jean Seiler 87; Laura Densmore 542; Ian Smiley 298; Aldo Ceresa 430; Margaret Bornick 472; Ernest Blake 38t; Bob Mills 160b; Laura McCarty 163b; Bobbie Goodell 401; Lucy Roberts 198; Claire Singleton 299; Lydia Vernon-Jones 294.

RECESS

Katie Mahoney called the class back by leading 89. Leaders: Holly Laws 319; Jennifer Allred 500; Phillip Langley 110; Duncan Vinson 312b; Kate Richardson 348b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 268; Rick Johnston 548.

The memorial lesson was conducted with Henry Johnson leading 515 for the following sick and shut-ins: Dwight Speer—Arkansas; Robin Creamer—Louisiana; Florencia Fitzsimons—Quebec; Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Joyce Walton, Jap Walton, and Amanda Denson—Alabama; Sharon Nygren—North Carolina; Dan Lichtenwalner—Pennsylvania; Nina Hoffman—Maryland; Patrick Giles and David Boyle—New York; Marilyn Darch—California; Julie Holbrook, Laura Timmerman, and Richard Goddard—Massachusetts; Beverly Tucker—Florida; Jim Singleton and Mike Wheeler—United Kingdom; Violet Thomason—Georgia; Kelly Beard—Texas.

Jenna Strizak discussed how, as our relationship to singing grows richer and more complex, so does the way we think about our grief. She then led 229 to remember the following deceased: Roxanna Mennella, Joy Wheeler, Allen Fannin, Elno Johnson, Charlotte Suchs, John Kagay, Lynn Snyder, and Sheila—New York; Lt. Travis Fuller, Yi Tan, Terry Bogstad, Judy Quiriy, Jim Hayes, Norm LaRoche, Doris Aronson, Lavinia-Marie Bonano, Virginia Finch Magee, Ben Fischer, and Lawrence Pearlman—Massachusetts; Cheryl Doehler—New Jersey; Donald Strube and Margaret Rennie—Virginia; Nancy Mullinex—Washington, D.C. ; Sylvia

Berube—Rhode Island; Slim James—Michigan; Naomi Sailors, Gary McGraw, and Hazel Schofield—Georgia; Kay Fairman and Rae Beadsley—Oxford, United Kingdom; Lou Silver—Florida; Frank Connor—New Hampshire and Maine; Bette McLellen—New Hampshire; Art Broadus—North Carolina; Pete Zawadski and Dawn Culbertson—Maryland; Nathaniel Keith—Vermont; John Carr and Annie Furlotte—Canada; Andrew Glick—California; John Hocutt, Hershell King, Sherrie Guthrie, and J.C. Harden—Alabama; Jeff Robinson—California; Christie Gadue—Afghanistan. Richard DeLong closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 562; Ron Bornick 454; Nick Edwards 474; Briana Bean Hirsch 171. Dan Hertzler offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Linda Shea called the afternoon session to order by leading 300. Leaders: Lynne deBenedette 220; John Holbrook 65; Bradford West 193; Daphene Causey 426b; Judy Caudle 195; Richard Ivey 436; Sandra Wilkinson 120; LaRue Allen 280; Richard DeLong 411; Reba Windom 269; Karen Freund 428; Tim Eriksen 385t; Rodney Ivey 432; Dan Hertzler 274t; Sharon DuPriest 212; Matthew Wojcik 302; Brittany Lea 81t; Kelly House 270; Louis Hughes 498; Jenna Strizak 102; Peter Irvine 282.

Kelsey Wessels opened the business meeting to hear committee reports.

The Finance Committee reported that convention expenses had been met with donations made by singers over both days of the convention.

The Secretary reported that 181 songs had been led so far by 115 leaders, and that 256 people had registered over the two days from 17 states, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

The Resolutions Committee thanked everyone who helped with this year's convention. The business session was closed.

Kelsey Wessels announced that the next Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention will take place March 11-12, 2006.

RECESS

Sheila Kelley called the class back to order leading 318. Leaders: Laura Clawson 142; Paul Setford 40; Ginnie Ely 373; Guy Bankes 54; Cathy Tucker 556; Dan Huger 137; Katharine Manning 477; George Seiler 480; Minja Lausevic 379; Alice Kast 29t; Oona Coy 47t; D.J. Hatfield 296; Chris Noren 297; Carly Goss 29b; Anne Johnston 385b; Paul Butler 34t; Cindy Sadler 349; George Pomfret 34b; Charlie Pilzer 84; Michael Heyerman 134; Sumner Roberts 451.

Kelsey Wessels, Kshama Ananthapura, and Katie Mahoney led 62 as the closing song. Kelly House offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairlady—Kelsey Wessels; Vice Chairlady—Kshama Ananthapura; Secretary—Katie Mahoney.

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION **St. John's United Church of Christ, Pinckney, Missouri** **March 12-13, 2005** **Saturday, March 12**

The twentieth 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 Co-Chairs Gary Gronau and Karen Isbell leading 313t. Bill Caldwell offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairs—Gary Gronau and Karen Isbell; Secretary—Dave Ressler; Arranging Committee—Rebecca Browne; Finance Committee—Cindy Peppmiller; Memorial Committee—Jerry Enright and Martha Beverly.

Songs were led from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and the 1996 Songs from *The Missouri Harmony*.

Leaders: Gary Gronau 38t; Bill Caldwell 472; Cindy Pepmiller 159; Dave Ressler 13 (MH); Penny Kujawinski 542; Bill Ellason 59; Barbara Uhlemann 34b; Shirley Figura 37b; Ann Leckie 11 (MH); Linda Biggs 23 (MH); Emily Gruber 168; Pattie Doss 171; John Uhlemann 362; Charlie Derleth 348b; Jo Dell Albi 372; Paul Figura 2 (MH); Marcia Johnson 368; Jim Page 52 (MH); Ann Fox 45t; Jan Ketelle 54 (MH); Tim Von Engeln 15 (MH).

RECESS

Gary Gronau called the class to order leading 40. Leaders: Karen Isbell and singers who attended the first Missouri singing 29t; Rebecca Browne 475; Martha Beverly and LaMar Schlabach 56b; Mark Bruns 68; Dave Ressler, Ladd Faszold, and Jeff Heyl 192; Terry Hogg 135; Coy Ivey 384; Judy Hauff 203; Susan Green 29 (MH); Tim Reynolds 5 (MH); Jim Solheim "Dragon."

RECESS

John Uhlemann led 147b to call the class together. Leaders: Lou Kujawinski 272; Heather Nehre 503; Syd Caldwell 373 (in memory of Anita Buswell's cousin and for Amanda Denson); Carla Pepmiller 361; Alice Moran 480; Berkley Moore 106; Connie Karduck 222; Bill Beverly 86; Wendy Hofmann 436; Julie Ve a 430. Bill Caldwell offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Gary Gronau called the class to order leading 42. Leaders: Ted Johnson 16 (MH); Melanie Hauff 485; Ted Mercer 212; Nate Green and Norma Green 438; Joan Aldridge 142; William Shetter 198; Johanna Fabke 32b; Jerry Enright 300; Janet Fraembs 551 (for Ruth White); Ginny Landgraf 22 (MH); Don Baker 47b; Kathy Kaiser and Dave Gardner 117; David Lloyd 7 (MH); Nathania Tenwolde 36b; Susan Green 157; Julie Ve a 419; Connie Karduck 218; Judy Hauff 411; Marcia Johnson and Coy Ivey 454; Jan Ketelle 228.

RECESS

Jerry Enright brought the class to order leading 312b. Leaders: Linda Biggs 528; Ann Leckie "Windsor"; Terry Hogg 535; Melody Von Engeln and Diane Gallagher 178; Coy Ivey 137; Ted Mercer 208; Syd Caldwell 38 (MH); Berkley Moore 71; Ted Johnson 224; Melanie Hauff 498; Jo Dell Albi 163b; Bill Caldwell 217; Joan Aldridge 150.

Following announcements, Karen Isbell and Gary Gronau led 278b as the closing song. Tim Reynolds offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 13

Karen Isbell and Gary Gronau brought the class to order at 9:30 a.m. by leading 318. Bill Caldwell offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Karen Isbell 85; Gary Gronau 84; Emily Gruber 155; David Lloyd 216; Ginny Landgraf 447; Jerry Enright 77t; Jan Ketelle 464; Presley Barker 481; Ann Leckie 327; Bill Caldwell 344; Wendy Hofmann 82b; Kathy Kaiser 335; Tim Reynolds 173; Alice Moran 441; Barbara Uhlemann 299; Don Baker 74t; Charlie Derleth 99 (for Howard Jones); Penny Kujawinski 442; William Shetter 46 (MH); Pattie Doss 76b.

RECESS

Paul Figura led 388 to call the class back together. Leaders: Julie Ve a 192; Jim Page 27 (MH); Jim Solheim 444; LaMar Schlabach 284; La Vanya Daniels 40; Kathy Kaiser and Dave Gardner 341; John Uhlemann 269.

Jerry Enright conducted the memorial lesson for the deceased, and led 30b, as he remembered Noah Lacy leading it. Those remembered were G.L. Hinton, John Hocutt, and Hershell King—Alabama; Betty Passmore—Arkansas; Bill Holt—

Florida; Gary McGraw, Nick Pender, and Naomi Sailors—Georgia; Jean Kujawinski, John Loomis, Ernie Mahs, Billie Mowrey, and Ruth White—Illinois; David Grundmeier, Darlene McDonough, and Eric Swenson—Minnesota; Theresa Russell—Mississippi; Joe Roth—Missouri; Arthur Burtis, Robert Martin, and Roxanna Mennella—New Jersey; Nathaniel Keith—New Hampshire; David Van Allen Hotaling—Washington; Lawrence Clark and Alma Clark—Wisconsin. Martha Beverly read the list of the sick and shut-ins and led 385b (especially for Amanda Denson). Those remembered were Daphene Causey, Flarce Creel, Amanda Denson, Mary Gardner, Bill Green, Eldora Moody, Thurman Nall, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, and Edith Tate—Alabama; Beau Caldwell, Lloyd Caldwell, and Charles Poston—Arkansas; Kit Rich—Florida; Nancy Allen, Felton Denney, Josephine Denney, Donnie McGraw, I.V. McWhorter, Lonnie Rogers, Margie Smith, Myrtle Smith, and Violet Thomason—Georgia; Suzanne Checchia, Al Frank, Dennis Miller, and son of Sallah Mohammed—Illinois; Dean Slaton—Indiana; Alice Burkhardt and Howard Jones—Missouri; Mary Ellen Wilkinson—Oklahoma; Jean Yoder—New Mexico; Dolores Katz—New York; Kelley Beard, Andre DuPont, and Grant Gallagher—Texas; Bob Skorgie and Bob Anderson—Wisconsin. Bill Caldwell closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Lura Koch and Rebecca Browne 102; Rex Armstrong 101b; Anita Buswell 31t.

RECESS

Presley Barker led 474 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Johanna Fabke 290; Ann Fox 68b; Syd Caldwell and Jordan Williams 273; Coy Ivey 63, 222; Lou Kujawinski 191; Daryl Daniels 236; Janet Fraembs 532; Martha Beverly 163t; Paul Figura 11 (MH); Nate Green and Norma Green 303; Bill Beverly 91; Joan Aldridge 282. Presley Barker offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Dave Ressler led 67 to bring the afternoon session to order. Leaders: Karen Isbell 383; Jo Dell Albi 131t; Julie Vea 315; Joan Aldridge 351; Ginny Landgraf 583; Jerry Enright 330b; Ann Leckie 172; Dave Ressler 436; Jan Ketelle 34 (MH); Coy Ivey 405; Bill Beverly 547; Rex Armstrong 385t; Nate Green and Norma Green 319; William Shetter 150; Jim Solheim 434; Wendy Hoffman 201; Janet Fraembs 556; Bill Caldwell 474; Kathy Kaiser 501; Emily Gruber 522; Jim Page 2 (MH).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Carla Pepmiller leading 117. Leaders: Anita Buswell 515; Daryl Daniels and La Vanya Daniels 171; Syd Caldwell and Nate Green 418; Cindy Pepmiller 361; Johanna Fabke 209; Alice Moran, Jordan Williams, and Moriah Williams 310; Don Baker 510; Martha Beverly 270; Presley Barker 472; Ann Fox 135; Lou Kujawinski 182; Charlie Derleth 56b; Karen Isbell and Gary Gronau 496.

After announcements were made, the closing song was 347. The closing prayer was offered by Bill Caldwell, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairs—Karen Isbell and Gary Gronau; Secretary—Dave Ressler.

SMITH COUNTY SACRED HARP CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

New Harmony Community Center, New Harmony, Texas

March 12-13, 2005

Saturday, March 12

The twenty-fifth session of the Smith County Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Myrl Jones leading 129.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairlady—Myrl Jones; Vice Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Sharon Stephenson; Treasurer—Sue Utz.

Leaders: Robert Vaughn 138; Sharon Stephenson 45t; Sue Utz 174; Beverly Coats 45b, 202t; Neil Vaught 47b, 58; Marcelene Hardy 112, 172; Gaylon Powell 142, 300; Marion Grant 186, 40; John Morris 155, 543; Olivia Powell 468, 168; Kevin Powell 200, 331b; Margaret Raunsvall 171, 222.

RECESS

Robert Vaughn called the class to order leading 47t. Leaders: Lawson Smith 434, 388; Tina Walton 572, 573; Ray Quigley 59, 288; A.A. Smith, Jr. 67, 53; Azalee Barnett 384; Phyllis Costner 220, 217; Beverly Coats 99, 559; Neil Vaught 159, 274. Robert Vaughn offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Robert Vaughn led 128 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Marcelene Hardy 189, 192; David Rousseau 127, 341; Gaylon Powell 522, 546; Marion Grant 507b, 282; Olivia Powell 232, 235; Kevin Powell 141t, 356; Margaret Raunsvall 137, 497; Ray Quigley 474, 293b; Tina Walton 401, 475.

A business meeting was called and committees were appointed: Nominating Committee—Gaylon Powell, John Morris, and Marcelene Hardy; Memorial Committee—Robert Vaughn and Kevin Powell.

Myrl Jones introduced a recommendation that the Smith County Sacred Harp Convention be changed to a one day “all day singing”, and the name be changed to “The Smith Memorial Sacred Harp Singing”. After discussion, a motion was made by Gaylon Powell and seconded by A.A. Smith, Jr. The recommendation was put to a vote and was passed. The time will remain on Saturday before the second Sunday in March; the place will be the New Harmony Community Center, New Harmony, Texas; the singing will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The nominating committee announced their recommendations for the new officers for the year 2006 as follows: Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Vice Chairlady—Sharon Stephenson; Secretary—Marcelene Hardy; Treasury—Sue Utz; Chaplain—Dallas Smith. A.A. Smith made the motion that the recommendations be accepted; Kevin Powell seconded the motion, and the vote was passed.

RECESS

Myrl Jones led 571 to bring the class to order. Leaders: A.A. Smith, Jr. 414, 383; Sue Utz 85, 335; John Morris 421, 383; Sharon Stephenson 500, 505; Phyllis Costner 143, 393t; Azalee Barnett 84, 563; Linda Baker 67, 478; Gaylon Powell 540, 196.

Myrl Jones led 27 as the closing song. The acting chaplain dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, March 13

Myrl Jones called the class to order leading 31t. Robert Vaughn offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 138b, 138t, 292; Marcelene Hardy 100, 192; Sharon Stephenson 45b, 274, 388; Sue Utz 282, 404, 406; Gaylon Powell 183, 203, 163; Linda Booker 503, 63.

RECESS

Robert Vaughn brought the class to order leading 460. Leaders: John Morris 36t, 561, 76b; Tina Walton 571, 505, 497; Burl Russell 75, 64, 164; Azalee Barnett 522, 572, 442; Kevin Powell and Garret Powell 77t, 74b, 280; Olivia Powell 543, 450, 128; Lawson Smith 142, 108b, 384.

Robert Vaughn and Kevin Powell conducted the memorial lesson. Robert Vaughn read scripture from John 11:25-27 then led 285 in memory of the following deceased: Ammon Reeves-, Billie Beard, Francis Daniels, Essie Arnold, and Jack Whitehead—Texas; John Hocutt—Alabama.

Kevin Powell read scripture from Isaiah 40:28-31 then led 563 for the following sick and shut-ins: Myra Palmer, Virginia Pittman, Kelly Beard, Earnestine Pipkin, Vema Powell, Ophelia Mathews, Ovilla Summers, Ruth Redmond, Dale Redmond, Jr., Joe Redmond, Thomas E. Smith, Bertha V. Upchurch, Dallas Smith, Dalton Clanton, Mary Clanton, Thomas Robinson (Cheryl's father), Nannie Pearl Woods, Melba Owen, Morris Nowlin, Robbie Nowlin, and Betty R. Mallory. Gaylon Powell led 559 (requested by Myra Palmer), and the memorial was closed. Robert Vaughn asked the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Robert Vaughn brought the afternoon session to order leading 538. Leaders: Gayle Avant 107, 172, 488b; A.A. Smith, Jr. 403, 277, 87; Marcelene Hardy 112, 172, 300; Gaylon Powell 297, 488, 240; Linda Booker 478, 57, 87; Robert Vaughn 411, 511t; Olivia Powell 40, 290, 348t; Kevin Powell 298, 140, 99; Azalee Barnett 434, 546; Burl Russell 418, 491; Marie Smith 45t; John Morris 159, 381; Sharon Stephenson 540, 299.

Myrl Jones led 62 as the closing song. Robert Vaughn offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairlady—Myrl Jones; Vice Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Sharon Stephenson.

OXFORD CITY HALL **Oxford, Mississippi** **Sunday, March 13, 2005**

The twenty-fifth annual Sacred Harp singing at Oxford City Hall was called to order by Warren Steel leading 48t. John Merritt offered the morning prayer. Warren Steel led 171 and Mark Tew led 335.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers:

Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Tew; Secretary—John Merritt; Arrangements—Lisa Geist and Brenda Merritt; Hospitality—Linda Boulton and Millicent Nicholas.

Leaders: John Merritt 268; Lisa Geist 192; Regina Marshall 270; Natalie Davis 45t; Ester Mann 426t; Lee Wise 354b; Bridgett Hill 99; Max Berueffy 548; Lena Keeton 475; Andy Davis 198; Wanda Capps 299; Sandie Scott 480; Elizabeth Keeton 81t; John Hyde 124; Darlene Reynolds 145t; Mark Davis 220; Hugh Bill McGuire 236; Sarah Smith 318; Karen Ivey 135.

RECESS

Mark Tew called the class together leading 117. Leaders: Susie Bishop 61; Henry McGuire 490; Eric Schedler 189; Chuck Howell 40; Glenn Keeton 163b; Willodean Barton 454; Marilyn Burchett 274t; Seth Holloway 388; John Van Horn 47b; Dena Holley and Stanley Wise 128, 129; Gary Smith 569b; Ozella Blackmon 436; Leon Ballinger 327; Phil Kliewer 159; Harrison Creel 498; Velton Chafin 225t; Marlon Beasley 460; Drew McGuire 393.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Warren Steel leading 179. Leaders: Amber Davis 142; Sarah Tidwell 146; David Ivey 431; Katie Zukof 474; Gravis Ballinger 495; Josie Hyde 234; Travis Keeton 341; Dorothea McCowan 442; Chuck Beasley 33b.

A memorial lesson was held for singers and loved ones who departed this life in the past year. Max Berueffy led 144 in memory of John Hocutt; Warren Steel led 65 for the sick and shut-ins. The memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: Brenda Merritt 434; Larry Ballinger 215; Nelson Fitts 410t; Will Fraser 273; Leon Ballinger 269; Karen Ivey and David Ivey 76b, 564; Marilyn Burchett 108b; Hugh Bill McGuire, Alice McGuire, Henry McGuire, Drew McGuire, and

Sarah Tidwell 42; Sandie Scott 282; Glenn Keeton, Elizabeth Keeton, and Lena Keeton 143; Eric Schedler and Katie Zukof 455.

Following announcements, the officers led 345b as the closing song, and John Van Horn dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Tew; Secretary—John Merritt.

MIDDLE GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING
Vineville United Methodist Church, Macon, Georgia
Saturday, March 19, 2005

The second annual Middle Georgia Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in March at the Vineville United Methodist Church in Macon, Georgia. The singing was held in conjunction with Macon's Cherry Blossom Festival. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Harry Eskew leading 34b.

The following officers were duly elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Harry Eskew, Vice Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Rita Haley; Finance Committee—Jo Ann Powell; Arranging Committee—Raymond Hamrick; Memorial Committee—John Plunkett, Lloyd Landrum, and Jeannette DePoy.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 171; Rita Haley 63; John Plunkett 155; Lloyd Landrum 146; Sharon Hamrick 236; Tony Hammock 148; Timothy Haley 282; Charlene Wallace 186; Arlene Woods 30b; Robert Chambless 72t; David Grant 287; Judy Chambless 569b; Greg Holmes 294; Bobby Jackson 290; Martha Almond 340; Fay Hollis 99.

RECESS

Oscar McGuire called the class back to order with 145t. Leaders: Martha Harrell 198; Melinda Snow 474; Charles Woods 365; Karen Rollins 143; Ellie Soler 38b; John Hollingsworth 408; Helen Bryson 299; Mary Brownlee 556; Wesley Haley 344; Jeannette DePoy 229; Rosemund Watson 503; Darlene Merritt 298; Wayne Watson 480; Hugh McGraw 491.

Raymond Hamrick, on behalf of Emory University Candler School of Theology, presented a plaque to Hugh McGraw, recognizing his contributions to Sacred Harp and shape note music, and then read a letter from Don Sellers of Emory University. Hugh McGraw received the plaque, thanking Emory for the honor.

LUNCH

Harry Eskew called the afternoon session to order with 354b. Leaders: John Plunkett 225t; Raymond Hamrick 350; Oscar McGuire 276; Rita Haley 268; Sharon Hamrick 460; Tony Hammock 498; Timothy Haley 384; Charlene Wallace 385b.

The memorial lesson was held. Jeannette DePoy read the names of the deceased to be remembered and led 138b in their memory: John Hocutt—Alabama; Charles Crawford, Naomi Sailors, Barbara DePoy, Dorothy Jones, and Otis Hester—Georgia; Tom DePoy and Lois DePoy—Indiana; Kelly Beard—Texas.

The sick and shut-ins list was read, and 129 sung in honor of Violet Thomason, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, and Robert Creamer. John Plunkett closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Arlene Woods 274b; David Grant 85; Bobby Jackson 34t; Martha Almond 490; Fay Hollis 168; Martha Harrell 77t; Melinda Snow 523; Charles Woods 413; Karen Rollins 178; Ellie Soler 277; Helen Bryson 361; Mary Brownlee 347; Timothy Haley 282; Rosemund Watson 66; Hugh McGraw 45t.

After announcements were made, Hugh McGraw led 62 as the closing song. Lloyd Landrum offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Harry Eskew; Vice Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Rita Haley.

HOBOKEN SCHOOL ALL DAY SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

**Hoboken, Georgia
Saturday, March 19, 2005**

The sing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by David Lee and Clarke Lee leading 68b (walked time). The morning prayer was offered by Elder Johnny Lee. The scale was sung together. David Lee and Clarke Lee led 563.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairmen—David Lee and Clarke Lee; Secretary—Amy Lee; Arranging—Don Clark.

Leaders: Julie Lee and Kathy Lee 336b, 575; Don Clark 36b; Amy Lee 47t; Riley Lee 376; Joey Bullard 58; Reba Dell Windom 505; Lee Bradley 301; Bob Bonnell 340; Amanda Owen 99; Don Bowen 511t; Jane Wells 47b; Richard Schmeidler 155; Judy Mincey 54t; Paul Figura 449.

RECESS

Clarke Lee brought the class back to order leading 65. Leaders: Shane O'Neal 395b; Alice Bejnar 55; Bobby Watkins 355; Jenny Steuer 393t; Steve Duff 344; Liz Owen 567; Stephen Conte 326; Sandra Wilkinson 199; Tom Owen 122; Bobbie Goodell 38t; Coy Ivey 559; Lee Rogers 494; Tollie Lee 488t.

RECESS

David Lee brought the class back to order leading 76b. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 522; Doug Stapleton 217.

A memorial service was conducted. David Lee talked about former song leaders and community singers that have set an example for us and that we should all try to continue to set an example for each other and for the young singers. We sang "Angel Band" in memory of all the people that are no longer with us, but that faithfully and diligently followed and sang Sacred Harp music. The memorial service was closed with prayer offered by Elder Clarke Lee.

Leaders: Stanley Smith 98; Karen Clark 116; Jeb Owen 138t; Jane Spencer 411; Gary Rogan 176t; Frank Strickland 508; Marcia Johnson 218; Jesse Roberts 434.

LUNCH

Clarke Lee brought the afternoon session to order leading 430. Leaders: Louis Hughes, Sr. 282; John Gardenour 451b; April Dell 268t; the grandchildren of Johnny Lee and Delorese Lee 501; Helen Brown 573; Louis Hughes, Jr. 336t; Karen Willard and Ken Hallock 171; Jim Herr 222; Syble Adams 203; Eric Brough 410; Vivian Rogan 146; Micah Roberts 348t; Lela Crowder 82; Clara Herr 488b; Mary Elizabeth Lee 142.

RECESS

David Lee led 274t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Jimmy Brannen 358; Regina Grayson and Stanley Smith 156; Ashley Roberts 196; Kenny Hickox 360; Jessica Altman 112; Mark Brown 543; Laura Densmore 574; Laurie Sommers 572; Morgan Bunch 40; Tony Batten and Lynn Batten 571; Ellen Gwynn 334; Trevor East 486; Johnny Lee and Delorese Lee 515.

Announcements were made. David Lee and Clarke Lee thanked everyone for coming and led 207b as the closing song. Elder Tollie Lee offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairmen—David Lee and Clarke Lee; Secretary—Amy Lee.

STEPHENSON, WALL, AND HOCUTT MEMORIAL Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo, Alabama Saturday Night, March 19, 2005

The annual Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in March at Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church

in Boldo, Alabama. Velton Chafin brought the class together by leading 52t. Elder Ronald Gilmore offered the opening prayer. Velton Chafin led 30t.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Wanda Capps.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 35; Elizabeth Keeton 34b, 274t (for Ivalene Donaldson); Travis Keeton 127, 68b (for John Hyde); Elder Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 348b, 276; John Merritt 271t, 108b; Max Berueffy 107, 440; Brenda Merritt 148; Richard Mauldin 101t (for all the sick), 144 (in memory of John Hocutt); Margaret Keeton 142, 42; Margaret McGowan and Felton Woodley 358, 141; Elene Stovall 217; Elene Stovall and Flarce Creel 475; Julia Poston 108t; Danny Creel 123t, 327; Glenn Keeton 178, 480; Harrison Creel 317, 378b; Lattrive Bailey 378t, 36b; Loretta Whitman 399b, 124 (for John Hyde and Josie Hyde); Sandra Lynch 47b, 282; Nellie Alexander 176b, 176t; Edith Tate 73t; Max Berueffy 338; Ann Jett 43, 146; Amber Davis 454 (for Willodean Barton), 491 (WB); John Merritt 285t.

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

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

VERMONT ANNUAL ALL DAY SINGING **Weathersfield Center Meetinghouse, Weathersfield, Vermont** **Saturday, March 19, 2005**

The annual Vermont All Day Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Dan Hertzler leading 31t, followed by the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Dan Hertzler; Treasurer—Larry Gordon; Secretary—Jenny Wright; Memorial—Dan Keebler. Leaders: Jenny Wright 48t; Ian Smiley 76b; Paul Gauthier 34b; George Pomfret 171; Debbie Moody 38b; Sheila Macadam 535; Bill Holt 148; Tom Malone 289; Patty Cuyler 173; Sheldon Finlay 30b; Edwin Macadam 84; Ginnie Ely 313t; Corlan Johnson 86; Rick Johnston 496; Victoria Bolles 344; Charles Taylor 142; Janet Snyder 50t; Marge Constantine 479.

RECESS

Bill Holt brought the class back to order leading 52t. Leaders: Bob Parr 270; Paul Setford 299; Larry Gordon 430; Amy Finlay 217; Eric Fellingner 107; Leonard Spencer 260; Matt Wojcik 228; Ann Johnston 196; Peter Amidon 77b; Rosie Wojcik 475; Denise Morris 503; Susan Miller Coulter 67; Larry Gordon 272; Edwin Macadam 504; Paul Gauthier 455; Ginnie Ely 352; Ian Smiley 298; Debbie Moody 133; Sheldon Finlay 112; Jeff Fellingner 532; Sheila Macadam 474; Jenny Wright 56b; George Pomfret 163b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Dan Keebler leading 128 for the following deceased: Cristi Gadere—Afghanistan; John Hocutt—Alabama; Lavinia Marie Bonnano and Ema Brown—Massachusetts; Nathaniel Keith, Bette McLellan, and Hal Melcher—New Hampshire; Allen Fannin—New York; Betty Haile—North Carolina; Francois Berthet—Switzerland; Kelly Beard—Texas; Nellie Birkett, Rachael Bissicks, Corey McFadden, and Alice Peabody—Vermont; J.J. Merritt—Virginia.

Dan Keebler led 566 for the sick and shut-ins, and the memorial lesson was closed with prayer by Ginnie Ely.

Leaders: Charles Taylor 47b; Victoria Bolles 472; Corlan Johnson 236. Grace for the noon meal was given by John Kochalka who led 452.

LUNCH

The class was called back by to order by Matt Wojcik leading 40. Leaders: Dan Hertzler 99; Patty Cuyler 542; Tom Malone 240; Bob Parr 212; Peter Amidon 318; Amy Finlay 384; Paul Setford 273; Eric Fellingner 198; Ann Johnston 70b; Bob Mills 276; Bob Fellingner 66; Susan Miller Coulter 284; Rick Johnston 337; Larry Gordon 95; Rosie Wojcik 440; Bill Holt 550; Janet Snyder 547; Denise Morris 495; Leonard Spencer 254; Ian Smiley "Soldier of the Cross" (by Jeremiah Ingalls).

RECESS

Paul Gauthier brought the class back to order with 213t. Leaders: Ginnie Ely 546; Edwin Macadam 538; George Pomfret 282; Elka Schumann 209; Jim Armstrong 569b; Sheldon Finlay 300; Sheila Macadam 186; Matt Wojcik 365; Bob Mills 160b; Charles Taylor 408; Debbie Moody 139; Amy Finlay 168; Victoria Bolles 146; Jenny Wright 191; Paul Setford 37b; Patty Cuyler 203; Bob Parr 528; Tom Malone 491; Peter Amidon 211; Dan Hertzler 178.

The class took the parting hand with 62, and the closing prayer was given by Nancy Thomas.

Chairman—Dan Hertzler; Secretary—Jenny Wright.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL SINGING

Pine Grove Church, Lookout Mountain, Near Collinsville, Alabama Sunday, March 20, 2005

The annual Lookout Mountain Memorial Singing was held at Pine Grove Church on Lookout Mountain near Collinsville, Alabama on the third Sunday in March. Rodney Ivey brought the class together leading 32t and 129. The morning prayer was offered by Ed Thacker.

The class organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—Bud Oliver; Secretary—Susan Harcrow.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 145b, 39b; Henry Johnson 204, 205; S.T. Reed 206, 207; Milton Oliver 208, 314; Jewel Wootten 298, 303; Betty Wright 323b, 50b; Boyd Scott 68b, 358; Sharon DuPriest 460, 228; Jackie Tanner 101t, 138t; Douglas Conn 273, 436.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Rodney Ivey leading 61. Leaders: Stanley Edwards 312b, 145t; LaRue Allen 328, 112; Eugene Forbes 168, 566; Willie Mae Moon 283, 296; Bruce Smith 74b, 513; Mary Ruth Stiefel 280; Robert Chambliss 452, 63; Floy Wilder 182, 313t; Ed Thacker 498, 467; Bobby Watkins, Mercy Watkins, and April Watkins 33t, 203.

RECESS

Henry Johnson led 88t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: B.J. Harris 503, 47t; Marty Wootten, Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 99, 59; Alanna Blanks, Cheryl Beard, Arleigh Beard, and Paula Oliver 354b; Judy Chambliss 70t, 70b; Evelyn Harris 378t, 155; Rachel Carlisle 134, 448b; Verlon Stiefel 420b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Bud Oliver leading 345t. Leaders: Susan Harcrow 186; Max Berueffy 187; Betty Shepherd 216; Dennis George 270; Randall Smith 36b; Daphene Causey 327; Chris Ballinger and Lisa Geist 84, 224; Janice Paulk 518; Kyle Blakeley 421; Elene Stovall 215; Jerry Creason 178; Bridgett Hill 335; Terry Wootten 30b, 423; Cindy Tanner 200; Judy Caudle 507; Scott Oliver 143; Wayne Reed 108b; Susan Harcrow 269 (for Shelbie Sheppard); Rodney Ivey 56b (in memory of his grandmother, Helen Ivey, who was buried 10 years ago today).

Announcements were made. Rodney Ivey and Bud Oliver led 45b for the closing song, and the class was dismissed in prayer by Verlon Stiefel.
Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—Bud Oliver; Secretary—Susan Harcrow.

GARRISON MEMORIAL (COOPER REVISION)
Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia
Sunday, March 20, 2005

The annual Garrison Memorial was called to order by Chairman Loy Garrison leading 83 and 270. Elder Charles Cagle offered the morning prayer.
The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Loy Garrison; Secretary—Faye Holbrook.

Leaders: Bobby Cagle 37, 70; Faye Holbrook 432, 440b; Wayne Day 45t, 67; Jeannette DePoy 571, 572, 203; Ray Richards 449, 506; John Plunkett 286b, 440t, 498b; Scott DePoy 101, 441, 48t.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Loy Garrison leading 515. Leaders: Bobby Cagle 507; Faye Holbrook 229, 501, 529; Laura Akerman 507t, 224, 365; Wayne Day 63, 379; Jeannette DePoy 192, 111b; Scott DePoy 132; John Plunkett 133, 546; Pat Cabe 128, 500. Bobby Cagle asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Loy Garrison brought the afternoon session together leading 573. Leaders: Bobby Cagle 336t, 563; Faye Holbrook 119, 53; Robin Ball 112, 89; Deborah Grosse 72, 68t; Laura Akerman 554, 511t, 99; Ray Richards 363, 339; John Plunkett 559, 225, 574.

Loy Garrison led 285 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Ray Richards.

Chairman—Loy Garrison; Secretary—Faye Holbrook.

THE GODSEY SISTERS MEMORIAL SINGING
Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama
Sunday, March 20, 2005

The Godsey Sisters Memorial Singing in honor of Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams was called to order by Dawson Adams leading 39b. Margaret Keeton offered the morning prayer.

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

Leaders: Dawson Adams 77t; Kermit Adams 47b; Roma Rice 225t (for all the sick), 378t; Corene White 37b, 146; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 317, 123t; Stella Pratt 40, 235; Betty Baccus 134, 418; Steve Adams 401, 101t; Brenda Merritt 124, 137; Karla Morris 145t, 183; Parnell Berry 177, 99; Emily Jones 471, 345t.

RECESS

Kermit Adams called the class back to order with 46.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 290, 112; Lucy Heidorn 47t (in memory of her mother), 82t; Velton Chafin 68b, 75; Amber Davis 380 (for Cecil Sanders), 276 (for Margaret Keeton); Richard Mauldin 72b (for his father and in memory of John Hocutt), 43 (for John Hyde and Josie Hyde); Earl Ballinger 119, 176t.

A memorial lesson was held for the sick and shut-ins and for those that who had died since last year. The following deceased were remembered: Kelly Beard, Sherry Guthery, Hershell King, John Hocutt, Gerstle Nail, Gladys Bonds, G.L. Hinton, and Kitty Foster.

The following sick and shut-ins were remembered: John Hyde, Josie Hyde, Roxie Keeton, Clarence McCool, Willodean Barton, Ozella Blackmon, Ivalene Donaldson; Marlin Beasley, Juanita Beasley, Gary Smith, Sarah Smith, Nellie Alexander, Rayburn Humber, Rene Humber, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, and Dick Mauldin. Roma Rice led 61 and 45t for the memorial.

Leaders: Lorene Gray 100, 39t; Julie Poston 166.

LUNCH

Dawson Adams called the class back to order with 247t. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 207, 98; Edith Tate 76b, 73t; Loretta Whitman 81t, 129; Jon Tyler Baccus 30t, 108t; Joan Gilbreath, Nancy Cordell, and Pernie Pelfrey 358, 74b; Viola Young 155; Chuck Beasley 111b, 457; Cecil Wakefield 282, 208, 159; Brenda Merritt 270; Parnell Berry 306; Richard Mauldin 50b; Earl Ballinger 171; Amber Davis 224; Karla Morris 143; Margaret Keeton 73b, 93; Travis Keeton 172.

Kermit Adams led 78 and 569b as the closing songs. The closing prayer was offered by Cecil Wakefield, and the class was dismissed.

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

GEORGIA STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia** **March 26-27, 2005**

Saturday, March 26

The forty-fourth session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention was held at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church in Carrollton, Georgia on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March. The convention was called to order by Charles Woods leading 31b. Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer. Charles Woods led 210.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 283; Charlene Wallace 99; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Scott DePoy 47b (for his grandmother); Lela Crowder 131b; Don Bowen 37b; Andy Anderson 510; Philip Denney 84; Karen Rollins 34b; Lee Bradley 32t; Jeannette DePoy 56b; Henry Guthery 558; Martha Harrell 218; John Plunkett 365; Helen Bryson 456; Henry Schuman 318; Kiri Miller 383; Bud Oliver 343.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Charles Woods leading 203. Leaders: B.M. Smith 475; Richard Mauldin 43 (for his dad); Debora Grosse 197; Robert Walker 477; Elise Eskew 480; Andy Morse 284.

A motion was made to go into the business session. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman—Jeannette DePoy; Secretary/Treasurer—Charlene Wallace; Chaplain—Lonnie Rogers; Arranging Committee—Scott DePoy, Helen Bryson, and Cecil Roberts; Memorial Committee—Karen Rollins and Kathy Williams; Resolutions Committee—Lela Crowder and Phillip Langley; Finance Committee—Don Bowen and Philip Denney; Locating Committee—Louis Hughes, Sr., John Plunkett, and B.M. Smith.

Leaders: Ellie Soler 277; Tim Reynolds 49b; Mary Brownlee 556; Ed Thacker 432; Sharon DuPriest 196; Danny Creel 269; Daphene Causey 306; Coy Ivey 384.

RECESS

The class was called together by Oscar McGuire leading 155. Leaders: Nathan Green and Norma Green 467; Philip Denney 215; Karen Morris 299; Bobby Jackson 45t; Bridgett Hill 168; Bill Beverly 86; Laura Frey 178 (in memory on Naomi Sailors); Eugene Forbes 546; LaRue Allen 222; Paul Figura 39t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Oscar McGuire leading 452. Leaders: Kathy Williams 95; Bobby Watkins and Mercy Watkins 30b; Shirley Figura 278;

Martha Beverly 344; Sandra Wilkinson 448t; Rodney Ivey 189; Robert Chambless 145b; Henry Guthery III 108t (in memory of his grandmother); Helen Brown 542; Reba Windom 224; Martha Harrell 198; Judy Chambless 532; Earlis McGraw 132 (for Gladys McGraw); Joan Aldridge 473; Mary L. Smith 171; Arlene Woods 479; Matt Hinton and friends from Morland College 163b; Henry Johnson 425 (for Jeff Sheppard and Shelbie Sheppard); Louis Hughes, Sr. 163t; Kelly Morris 159.

RECESS

Jeannette DePoy called the class together leading 300. Leaders: Faye Hollis 186; Stanley Edwards 76b; Bernard Denney 112; Donna Bell and Paige Gilbert 75; Richard DeLong 422; John Redman 236; Mary Brownlee 66; Helen Brown 430; Sheri Taylor 528; Holly Evans 63.

Announcements were made. Oscar McGuire and Jeannette DePoy led 56t as the closing song. Chaplain Lonnie Rogers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 27

The convention was called to order by Oscar McGuire leading 415. Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Jeanette DePoy 32t; Scott DePoy 410t; Jan House 171; Carol Chapman 143; John Hollingsworth 155; Jimmie Denney 426t; Karen Rollins 178; Myron House 113; Nathan Green and Norma Green 314; John Redman 349; Tony Hammock 148; Belinda Snow 138b; Bobby Jackson 499; Lela Crowder 421; John Plunkett 399t; Lisa Webb 303; David Yeager 64; Lonnie Rogers 389; Phillip Langley 282.

RECESS

The class was called together by Charlene Wallace leading 145t. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 225t (for his mother); Charles Woods 396; Donna Bell 186; Paul Figura 510; Arlene Woods 147t; Kelly Morris 114; Teenie Moody 430; Don Bowen 156; Jerry Creason 268; Kathy Williams 180; Bill Beverly 297; Joan Aldridge 546; Michael Haverty 183; Shirley Figura 385b; Matt Hinton and friend 168; Martha Beverly 498; Coy Ivey, Kristin Jarvis, and Caroline 45t; Laura Frey and Jenna Frey 163b; B.J. Harris 503.

RECESS

The class was called together by Jeannette DePoy leading 82t. Leaders: Judy Mincey 376; Don Clark 99.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Karen Rollins and Kathy Williams leading 80b in memory of Kelly Beard. Henry Johnson led 418 for the following deceased: Otis Hester, Naomi Sailors, Barbara DePoy, Frank Wilson, and Carolyn Snow—Georgia; John Hocutt, G.L. Hinton, Sherry Guthery, Ronny Meadows, and Hershell King—Alabama; Betty Passmore—Missouri; Cliffie Windom—Michigan; Roxanne Mennella—New York; Lois DePoy and Tom DePoy—Indiana; Eric Swenson and Dave Grundmeier—Minnesota; Peter Whitehall—England.

David Ivey led 542 for the following sick and shut-ins: I. V. McWhorter, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Violet Thomason, Lynn Allen, Jeanette Lowry, Michael Morse, Runette Jones, Dick Mauldin, Syble Shadinger, Donnie McGraw, Nick Griffin, Bill Green, Joyce Walton, Jap Walton, Eldora Moody, and Kay Tierney. The memorial was closed with prayer by Louis Hughes, Sr.

Leaders: Bernard Denney 222, Laura Akerman 28b, Karen Clark 187.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Oscar McGuire leading 98. Leaders: Stuart Ivey 436; Reba Windom 216; Richard DeLong 328; Kiri Miller and James Baumgardner 442; Rodney Ivey 426t; Helen Brown 142; Louis Hughes, Sr. 408; Karen Ivey 283; Evelyn Harris 47t; Richard Ivey 228; Erica Hinton 501; Philip Denney and Gail

Denney 49t, 120; Louise Holland 323b; Martha Beverly 447; Helen Brown 556; Kiri Miller 445.

Oscar McGuire led 340 and dedicated it to the Denny family, with special recognition to Felton and Josephine Denney for their love of Sacred Harp singing and Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Jeannette DePoy leading 67 and John Wall leading 358.

A motion was made to go into the business session to hear reports from various committees.

The Resolutions Committee (Lela Crowder and Phillip Langley) submitted the following report: For forty-four years the Georgia State Convention has convened on this week-end so that we could raise our voices in song. Some of us have sung at every one of those conventions, while others of us have found our places in the hollow square more recently. Whatever path may have brought us here, we are now part of the history of this tradition. That sense of history and fellowship makes us intensely aware of the importance of places, people, and the past. The Resolution Committee would like to express thanks for those very things. We express our gratitude to the following:

- Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church for the use of the church and grounds and for host-ing the convention this year;
- The officers, committee members, and organizers for their efforts to see that the convention ran smoothly;
- Everyone who contributed to the lovely lunch;
- Singers who traveled from near and far to lend their voices;
- Those singers who were able to support us in thought and spirit only;
- Those who have taught, and continue to teach, us how to “seek the old paths and walk therein”;
- The Lord God for allowing us to gather together freely to meet and sing.

We are especially thankful for the history and tradition that continues to fill our lives with music, and we hope the same satisfaction we find in the hollow square may touch the days that fill our lives between singings. We hope that the Lord will bless and keep us until this time next year when we will sing together again.

The Finance report was given by Charlene Wallace.

The Locating Committee reported that the 2006 session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention would be held at Sweet Water Chapel, Lilburn, Georgia.

All reports were approved as given, and the business session was closed.

Leaders: Shirley Figura 565; Jerry Creason and Ann Sibole 569b; Kathy Williams and Patti Harmon 208; Bill Beverly 77b; Paul Figura 76b.

Announcements were made. Oscar McGuire, Jeannette DePoy, Charlene Wallace, and Lonnie Rogers led 62 as the closing song. John Plunkett offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman—Jeannette DePoy; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

SARDIS ON THE RIVER **Sardis Church, Lynn’s Park (Walker Co.), Alabama** **Sunday, March 27, 2005**

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Sardis Church on the fourth Sunday in March was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 37b. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led 73t.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Merritt; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Arranging Committee—Elene Stovall; Secretary—Brenda Merritt.

Leaders: John Merritt 176t, 274t; Winell Sanders 225t; Richard Mauldin 129, 378t; Henry Schuman 317, 72b; Brenda Merritt 192, 336; Teddy Creel 59, 124; Stella Pratt 100, 147t; Bobby Watkins 203, 282; Sarah Smith 145b, 108t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Henry Schuman leading 32t. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 50t, 348b; Cindy Tanner 436, 434; Larry Ballinger 349, 215; Cassie Franklin 432, 475; Danny Creel 383, 112; Lisa Geist 120, 273; Jackie Tanner 222, 182; Harrison Creel 512, 378b; Amber Davis 216, 142; Max Berueffy 325, 500; Gary Smith 73b, 565; Eugene Forbes 318, 168; Juanita Beasley 354b, 36b; Elene Stovall and Cassie Franklin 426b; Elene Stovall 283.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by John Merritt leading 163t. Leaders: Elene Stovall 236; Velton Chafin 487, 564; Jackie Tanner 89; Lisa Geist 546; Danny Creel 196; Harrison Creel 335; Larry Ballinger 163b; Henry Schuman 480; Marlin Beasley 276; Cindy Tanner 198; Bobby Watkins 76b; Richard Mauldin 82t; Teddy Creel 63; Travis Keeton 155; Sarah Smith 340; Max Berueffy 498; Cassie Franklin, Mercy Watkins, and April Watkins 384; Eugene Forbes 208; Brenda Merritt 172; Amber Davis 380; Gary Smith 68b; Juanita Beasley 61; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 569b; Cecil Sanders 460.

John Merritt led 56t as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Merritt; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Brenda Merritt.

HIGHER GROUND SINGING **United Ministry Center, Terre Haute, Indiana** **Saturday, April 2, 2005**

The tenth annual Higher Ground Singing was called to order by Don Baker and Janet Fraembs leading 312b. Don Bardsley led the gathering in prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairs—Janet Fraembs and Marlen Rust; Arranging—Berkley Moore; Treasurer—William Shetter; Secretary—Marlen Rust.

Leaders: Marlen Rust 34b; Martha Beverly 171; William Shetter 59; David Rust 515; Victoria Bolles 479; George Pomfret 155; Samuel Sommers 368; Joan Aldridge 523; Shirley Figura 565; Paul Figura 288 (in honor of Pope John Paul II); Donald Bardsley 35; Stephanie Fida 547; Brad Bahler 30b; John Bahler 117; Don Baker 56b; Eloise Clark 524; Bill Beverly 440.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Berkley Moore leading 229. Leaders: Marlen Rust 66; Janet Fraembs 146; Martha Beverly 377; William Shetter 474; David Rust 475; Victoria Bolles 299; George Pomfret 282; Samuel Sommers 112; Joan Aldridge 228; Shirley Figura 67; Paul Figura 11 (MH); Don Bardsley 120; Stephanie Fida 410t; Brad Bahler 496; John Bahler 128; Don Baker 47b; Eloise Clark 222. Don Bardsley offered blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Janet Fraembs brought the class together with 217. Leaders: Naomi Frick 350; Berkley Moore 332; Bill Beverly 504; Marlen Rust 480; Martha Beverly 376; William Shetter 556; David Rust 528; Victoria Bolles 269; George Pomfret 68b; Samuel

Sommers 344; Joan Aldridge 150; Shirley Figura 335; Don Bardsley 268; Paul Figura 46 (MH); Brad Bahler 551; John Bahler 454.

RECESS

Don Baker led 510 to call the class back to order. We then spoke of Joys and Concerns, remembering those who have died in the last year: Ruth White—Illinois and John Hocutt—Alabama.

The sick and shut-ins remembered were Lee Steinmetz, Ivalene Donaldson, Dennis Miller, Jeff Sheppard, and Shelbie Shepard.

Janet Fraembs read of further joys and concerns: for peaceful death for John Paul II; for good health to come; and for remembering Jennifer Pomfret.

Kathy Pickrell wrote that her son has a job! She then stated that her joy is in the music of the Sacred Harp and the blessing of fellowship as we sing together. My concern is that intolerance seems to be becoming more tolerated in our world, perhaps even fashionable; to bring the two together, I believe that as we sing together we set free a spirit of peace and understanding, and in that way, the Sacred Harp may be a greater force for good than we know.

A copy of the Sacred Harp was presented to Jan Buffington of the United Ministry Center, for the library, in thanks for the welcoming hospitality of these 10 years and in anticipating singing in Terre Haute in years ahead.

Leaders: Marlen Rust 373; Eloise Clark 532; Berkley Moore 215; Martha Beverly 430; Bill Beverly 2 (MH); Victoria Bolles 352; George Pomfret 503; Joan Aldridge 276; Paul Figura 16 (MH); Shirley Figura 37b; Eloise Clark 182; Stephanie Fida 64; Marlen Rust 313b; Janet Fraembs 481; William Shetter “Brandt” (by John Bayer); David Rust 442; Samuel Sommers 358; Don Bardsley 163b; Brad Bahler 143; Don Baker 267; John Bahler 114.

After announcements were made, Janet Fraembs led 347 as the closing song. Don Bardsley led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairs—Janet Fraembs and Marlen Rust; Secretary—Marlen Rust.

JONES MEMORIAL SINGING (COOPER BOOK) Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Opp, Alabama Saturday, April 2, 2005

The annual Jones Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in April at Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church in Opp, Alabama. The class was called to order by Chairman Mike Jones. Kennon Smith offered the opening prayer. The introductory lesson was led by Tim Jones leading 225t, 553b, and 63.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Mike Jones; Vice Chairman—John Etheridge; Secretary—Faye Jones.

Leaders: John Merritt 300, 65; Donna Bell 87, 75; Rodney Ivey 98, 497; Bud Oliver 440b, 563; Kennon Smith 189, 384; Coy Ivey 137, 559; Velton Chafin 336b, 355.

RECESS

Michael Jones called the class back to order leading 450. Leaders: Myrtle Richburg 99; Milton Oliver 505; Brenda Merritt 76b; Margaret Spurlock 268; Lois Bonnell 82; Bob Bonnell 410; Billy Kelley 558; Ed Bass 507b; Waylon Cravey 84; Buster Merrill 68; John Etheridge 139; Frank Hataway 401; Learvene Bass 74b.

RECESS

Wayne Jones led 134 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Aubrey Barfield 522; Ford Bulger 176t; Sam Schofield 85; Bufrey Dean 323b; Tommie Spurlock 172; J.A. Mosley 282; Paul King 133; Bill Aplin 72; LaShon Tillman 229; Brian Kelley 208; Joe Nall 183.

RECESS

Dewayne Hawthorne called class to order leading 478. Leaders: Loretta Jones 144; Paulette Chavers 447t; Regina Grayson 270; Gerald Chavers 38b; Ernest Cockroft 422b; Linda Westbrook 348; Chip Westbrook 127. Tim Jones offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Mike Jones leading 159. Leaders: Hubert Nall 508; Michael Jones, Donna Jones, and Rhonda Harrison 515; Marlene Hughes 542; Christine Gandy 119; Thurman Nall 511b; Franklin Dillard 47b; Lera Ellison 285t; Cathy Parker, Cynthia Osborne, and Amanda Martin 341, 283b; Wilburn Ellison 31t, 45t; Eva Padgett 242; Bill Farris 275b; James Gardner 148; Agnes Farris 330t; Travis Gardner 73t; Vicki Aplin 329; Lois Bozeman 395b; Brad Wood 500; John Merritt 235.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Mike Jones leading 36b. Leaders: Dewayne Hawthorne 111b; Michael Jones 447b; Brenda Merritt 572; Lois Bonnell 143; Bob Bonnell 199; Billy Kelley 491; Ed Bass 64; John Etheridge 408; Frank Hattaway 444. After announcements were made, Mike Jones led 377b as the closing song. Tommie Spurlock offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mike Jones; Vice Chairman—John Etheridge; Secretary—Faye Jones.

HARPETH VALLEY PRIESTLEY MILLER MEMORIAL SINGING **Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee** **Saturday, April 2, 2005**

The forty-fourth annual Harpeth Valley- Priestley Miller Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Darrell Holley leading 81. Clayton Ezell offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—David Carlton; Vice Chairman—Darrell Holley; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett; Arranging Committee—Tim Reynolds.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 84, 34b; Clayton Ezell 66, 378t; Marilyn Burchett 36b, 335; Ron Harper 64, 40; Gordon Wilkinson 137, 141; Kerene Box and Thelma Elliott 235, 405; Sandie Scott 209, 225t.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class back to order leading 148. Leaders: Dr. William J. Reynolds 128, 59; Lewis Frost 178, 452; Heidi Nolen 312b, 448t; Cheryl Foreman 63, 475; Bob Simmons 313t, 532; Laurens Blankers 72b, 49b; Sarah Smith 290, 129. Tim Reynolds gave a short talk on the Rev. Priestley Miller, the founder of this singing and of the Harpeth Valley Sacred Harp News, in observance of the centennial of Rev. Miller's birth. He then led 551.

LUNCH

Darrell Holley called the class back to order leading 81t and 569b. Leaders: Darlyne Kent 117, 455; Jeff Adcock 334, 354t; Gary Smith 565, 31t; Sandra Lynch 45t, 338; Seth Holloway 274t, 388; Dr. Mike Penny, Alora Huggins, and Maggie Long 145t, 44; Ken Robinson 68b, 480; Don Kent and Henry Cobb 146, 155; Dr. Mike Penny, Darryl Holley, Jacob Frady, Ezra Cavnor, Brandon Stutts, and Justin Dillehay, 268 (in memory of Dr. Irving Wolfe).

Following announcements, Darrell Holley led 127 as the closing song. Jacob Frady offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Carlton; Vice Chairman—Darrell Holley; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett.

FASOLA ALL DAY SINGING
St. Vincent Antiochian Orthodox Church, Omaha, Nebraska
Saturday, April 2, 2005

The seventh 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. Jenni Wallace-Grate called the class to order at 10:00 a.m., welcomed everyone, and led 47t. Sandra Squires offered the morning prayer. Jenni Wallace-Grate led 31t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chair—Jenni Wallace-Grate; Arrangements—Jim Wood; Treasurer—Sandra Squires; Secretary—Jon Pearson.

Leaders: Charles Scudder 31b, 39t; Jeffrey Bell 388, 30t; Dave Ressler 37b, 36b; Denise Kania 29t, 40; Lou Kujawinski 203, 49b; Becky Browne 32t, 215; Jon Pearson 569b, 349; Patricia Doss 39b, 171; Aura Lee Furgason 112, 143.

RECESS

Alice Love brought the class to order leading 46 and 45t. Leaders: Kathy Wood “Nebraska” (original composition), 87; Jim Solheim 419, “Missouri Harp” (original composition); Paul Lindholm 168, 532; Sharla Hulsey 198, 35; Judi Duerr 504, 268; Sue Pearson 344, 350; Becky Browne 42, 186; Lou Kujawinski 53, 217; Denise Kania 106, 142. Judi Duerr offered the blessing before the noon meal leading 49t.

LUNCH

Jenni Wallace-Grate brought the class to order leading 535 and 147t. Leaders: Dave Ressler 300, 448t; Patricia Doss 214, 270.

Sandra Squires conducted the memorial lesson and Lou Kujawinski led 163b for the following deceased: John Hocutt—Alabama; Darlene McDonough and Regina Kania—Minnesota; Bruce Remmich—Montana; Wilson Murley and Steve White—Iowa; Kelly Beard—Texas; Jerry Matejka—Missouri; Charlotte Corell, Allan Mactier, and Sheila Swirczek—Nebraska.

Sharla Hulsey offered a prayer for the sick and shut-ins, and Lou Kujawinski led 510 in their honor. The following sick and shut-ins were remembered: Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; Duane Haley (the mother of Annie Grieshop) and Benjamin Meeks—Iowa; Beth Bornhoft and Cheryl Baumgartner—Nebraska; Scott Schroeder—Minnesota; Lauri Clark Strait—Washington.

Leaders: Penny Kujawinski 77t, 383; Donal Ziegenbien 274t, 278b; Henry Schuman 480, 498; Mary Lou Van Laanen 213b, 540; Jeffrey Bell 163t, 50b; Charles Scudder 479, 503.

RECESS

Jon Pearson brought the class to order leading 497 and 368. Leaders: Jacob Pearson and Alice Love 551; Paul Lindholm 385b, 335; Aura Lee Furgason 47b, 282; Jim Solheim 384, 328; Judi Duerr 86, 146; Sharla Hulsey 189, 72b; Mary Lou Van Laanen 361, 454; Jim Wood and Kathy Wood 475; Penny Kujawinski 472; Henry Schuman 318.

Announcements were made. Jenni Wallace-Grate led 347 as the closing song, and Sandra Squires dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair—Jenni Wallace-Grate; Secretary—Jon Pearson.

POTOMAC RIVER CONVENTION

**Pohick Church, Lorton, Virginia; The Grange, Great Falls, Virginia
April 2-3, 2005**

Saturday, April 2

The sixteenth Potomac River Sacred Harp Convention opened at Pohick Church in Lorton, Virginia, at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday before the first Sunday in April.

The convention was called to order by Tom Tucker leading 34b. Marty De Nys offered the opening prayer.

Tom Tucker announced this year's convention officers: Chair—Tom Tucker; Vice Chair—Miriam Kilmer; Treasurer—Frank Evans; Secretary—Mary Ann Daly.

Leaders: Rosemary Greenaway 47t; Carly Goss 410b; Miriam Kilmer 504; Steven Sabol 171; Beth Reed 475; Jim Strube 332; Linda Pendleton 148; Lee Schumacher 40; Mary De Nys 285t; Tim Slattery 344; Nora Dunn 157; John Hewes 513; Peter Pate 506; Frank Evans 501; Mary Ann Daly 440; Doron Henkin 442; Kathy Manning 222; Kevin Moreno 480.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Tom Tucker leading 270. Leaders: Bev Oneida 159; Marty De Nys 454; Kelly Macklin 328; Guy Bankes 486; Pat Temple 473; Aldo Ceresa 430; John delRe 348b; Erin Kelly 129; John Holbrook 339; Joni Seidenstein 195; Blake Morris 73t; Mary Wright 350; Eric Hildebrandt 236; Leyland delRe 444; Adrian Mariano 564; Kim Moreno 284; Bill Holt 352; Jan Ketelle 168; Cathy Tucker 330t.

RECESS

Tim Slattery brought the class to order leading 68b. Leaders: Berk Meitzler 496; Judy Mincey 538; Chris Thorman 362; Charlie Pilzer 228; Fred Beardsley 474; Laura Densmore 419; Leslie Alperin 178; John Daniel delRe 86; Joyce Guthrie 63; Kyle Greenlee 47b; Howard Frost 115; Amanda Denson Brady 277; Carly Goss 142; Miriam Kilmer 378b; Steven Sabol 383; Beth Reed 547; Lee Schumacher 117; Jim Strube 66; Nora Dunn 450; Tim Slattery 300; Mary De Nys 229; John Hewes 410t; Peter Pate 197.

RECESS

Tom Tucker brought the class together leading 30b. Leaders: Frank Evans 82t; Mary Ann Daly 53; Jim Brady 77t; Howard Frost 297; Leyland delRe 505; Blake Morris 67; Kim Moreno 163t; Marty De Nys 269; Jan Ketelle 212; Bill Holt 299; Berk Meitzler 99; Judy Mincey 376; Kevin Moreno 528; John Holbrook 445; Pat Temple 33t; Aldo Ceresa 224; Eric Hildebrandt 551.

Guy Bankes led 327 as the closing song. Elder Steven Bloyd gave the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, April 3

The Sunday session, held at The Grange in Great Falls, Virginia, was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Tom Tucker leading 48t. Mary Ann Daly offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Laura Densmore 148; Charlie Pilzer 299; Leslie Alperin 155; Mary Wright 114; Tom Tucker 510; Erin Kelly 368; Steven Sabol 201; Bev Oneida 313b; John Holbrook 270; Kelly Macklin 139; Faye Bresler 86; Bill Holt 217; Kathy Manning 313t; Miriam Kilmer 163b; Aldo Ceresa 273; Cathy Tucker 350; Adrian Mariano 203; Ginny Huszagh 218; John delRe 365; John Hewes 121; Carly Goss 432; John Horst 354b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Peter Pate leading 37b. Leaders: Tim Slattery 36b; Doron Henkin 192; Leyland delRe 528; Berk Meitzler 426t; Joni Seidenstein 296;

Guy Bankes 54; Rosemary Greenaway 503; Frank Evans 38t; Barbara Wilson 178; Eric Hildebrandt 532.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Guy Bankes and Kathy Manning, who spoke first, read the names of the sick and shut-ins, and led 70b in their honor: Shelbie Sheppard, Jeff Sheppard, Shirley Beam, Anita Twichell, Marjorie Myers, Marilyn Darch, Gene Reid, Robin Creamer, and Diane Knippers.

Guy Bankes spoke, read the names of the deceased, and then led 549. Those remembered included Elvera Dowling Lee—Georgia; John Hocutt—Alabama; Donald Strube, Nancy Mullinex, Judy Crow, Margaret Rennie, Jim Malone, and Ralph Kroll—Virginia; Dawn Culbertson and Anne Broussard—Maryland; Al Fannin, Joy Wheeler, and Roxanna Mennella—New York; Art Broadus and Rhea Gaunt—North Carolina; Chery Doehler—New Jersey; Lt. Travis Fuller—Massachusetts; Florence Benson—Michigan; Ada Mergus—Ohio; Mike Milton and Mary Ann Williamson—Washington, D.C. ; Aaron Primas—Illinois; Kelly Beard—Texas; Donald Beringer—California; Pope John Paul II. Mary Ann Daly closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Peter Pate 396; Gail Doss 222; Mary Ann Daly 274b; Judy Mincey 475; Pat Temple 373; Liz Cusick 569b; Nora Dunn 146. Ruth Everhart offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by John delRe leading 49b. Leaders: Cathy Tucker 480; Erin Kelly 206; Eric Bean 47b; Amanda Denson Brady 345b; John Holbrook 282; Laura Densmore 542; Gail Doss 505; Bill Holt 550; Ginny Huszagh 228; John Horst 412; Carly Goss 433; Aldo Ceresa 269; Judy Mincey 34t; Pat Temple 189; Doron Henkin 260; Leslie Alperin 209; Charlie Pilzer 344; Mary Wright 71; Eric Hildebrandt 198; Liz Cusick 497; Owen Kelly 128.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Marty De Nys leading 34b. Leaders: Jim Strube 268; Miriam Kilmer 107; Marty De Nys 147t; Tim Slattery 171; Nora Dunn 101t; Guy Bankes 193; Rosemary Greenaway 72b; Eric Bean 285t; Nicholas Schliapin 490; Kathy Manning 186; Beth Branscome 74b; Peter Pate 137.

A business session was held to hear reports from officers and committees.

The Treasurer reported that the collection would cover convention expenses.

The Secretary reported that a total of sixty-two leaders from fourteen states led 162 songs during the two days of singing by 174 registrants.

Rosemary Greenaway presented the Resolutions Committee Report, thanking especially Tom Tucker and his wife Cathy for their love and labor as the “den parents” of Potomac River.

Chair Laura Densmore, Tom Tucker, and Cathy Tucker led 446 and 62 as the closing songs. Marty De Nys offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chair—Tom Tucker; Vice Chair—Miriam Kilmer; Secretary—Mary Ann Daly.

EDWARDSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH **Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama** **Sunday, April 3, 2005**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Edwarsville Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in April. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Eunice Webb leading 59. Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer. Eunice Web led 30b; Pearl Guier 40, 448b; Lonnie Rogers 112; B.M. Smith 101t, 222.

A business was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Eunice Webb; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Arranging

Committee/Secretary—Hester Edwards and Pearl Guier; Memorial Committee—Pearl Guier.

Leaders: Eunice Webb 32t; B.M. Smith 503; Lela Crowder 495, 99; Stanley Edwards 312b; Carlene Griffin 81t, 146; Myron House 191, 109; Lou Cotney 189, 384; Hugh McGraw 510; Daphene Causey 269 (for Shelbie Sheppard).

Jeff Sheppard introduced Joey Brackner, Alabama State Council of Arts, who brought a group of people from the Georgia Council of the Arts Folklorist who are studying music of the Southern Culture. Joey Brackner and the group led 61.

RECESS

B.M. Smith led 318 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 283, 439; John Plunkett 71, 38b; Karleen Williams 405 (dedicated to her sister, who just became a grandmother), 203; Cecil Roberts 124, 335; Reba Windom 373, 171; Oscar McGuire 573; Judy Chambless 493, 569b; Ed Thacker 184, 289; Jan House and Myron House 200, 155.

Pearl Guier conducted the memorial lesson. The following deceased from the Edwardsville community were remembered: Alonzo Edwards, Estelle Owen Burford, Helen Hughes Robinson, Irene Skinner, Norman Thompson, Noel (Doc) Thompson, Delia Walker Shelton, and Vivian Owen Ray. Also remembered was Harry Fox (step-dad of Jan House). Henry Johnson led 418 for the deceased.

Mary L. Smith led 400 for the following sick and shut-ins: Nancy Allen, Myrtle Smith, Shelbie Sheppard, Richard Shipman, Lester Shipman, Alice Edwards, Alma Owen, Louise Owen, Lula Lee Donaldson, and all the U.S. service people. Pearl Guier closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 63, 128; Laurel Horton 69t, 38b; Ruth Daniel 127, 378t; Ann McKinsey 37b, 354b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Eunice Webb leading 340. Leaders: Sharon DuPriest 212, 186; Robert Chambless 421, 68b; Joey Brackner and group 137, 361; Sherrie Edwards 425, 282; Tony Hammock 131, 42; Teenie Moody 138t, 565; B.J. Harris 49b, 303; Joyce Cauthen 274t, 58; Lewis Norton 45t, 208; Evelyn Harris 39b, 47t; Jim Cauthen 79, 105; Sherrell Cleino 100, 142; Lance Ledbetter 176t, 36b; Karen Reaves 339; Roy Nelson 87; Henry Johnson 135; Jan House 143 (dedicated to the memory of Vivian Rogers), 148.

After announcements were made, Eunice Webb led 62 while those who wished took the parting hand. B.J. Harris offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Eunice Webb; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Hester Edwards.

OLD ENON CHURCH

Lynn, Alabama

Sunday, April 3, 2005

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Old Enon Church in Lynn, Alabama on the first Sunday in April, and was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 129 (for Ivalene Donaldson). Richard Mauldin offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led 73t.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Travis Keeton.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 45t; John Hyde 43, 297; Latrive Bailey 358, 111t; Debra Wakefield 100; Julia Poston 145b, 108t; Beth O'Dell 560, 203; Gravis Ballinger 49t, 270; Bridgett Hill 134, 276; Earl Ballinger 167, 176b; Margaret Keeton 177, 422; Larry Ballinger 441, 50 (for Ivalene Donaldson); Elizabeth Keeton 145t, 274t.

RECESS

Richard Mauldin called the class back to order leading 490 and 378t. Leaders: Amber Davis 440; Amber Davis and Bridgett Hill 142; Harrison Creel 378b, 512, 111b; Clarence McCool 349, 78, 317; Ken Tate 192, 475, 73b; John Hyde 63; Debra Wakefield 432; Beth O'Dell 442; Gravis Ballinger 112; Elizabeth Keeton 34b; Amber Davis 532 (for Edith Tate).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Glenn Keeton leading "Ashley". Leaders: Kermit Adams 319, 318, 99; Gwen Cornelius and Glenn Keeton 146, 147t, 143; Chris Bell 384, 168, 30t; Bridgett Hill 37b, 383; John Hyde 39b; Cecil Wakefield 480, 290, 192; Latrive Bailey 345t, 345b; Earl Ballinger 273, 299; Steve Adams 401, 101t; Margaret Keeton 499 (in memory of her mother, Gladys Bonds); Larry Ballinger 277; Harrison Creel 498; Travis Keeton 566; Ken Tate 569b; Clarence McCool 565; Richard Mauldin 82t.

Announcements were made. Glenn Keeton and Richard Mauldin led 45b as the closing song. Earl Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH BIRTHDAY SINGING **South of Tallapoosa, Georgia, on Old 100 Highway** **Friday Night, April 8, 2005**

The thirteenth session of the Birthday Singing on Friday night before the second Sunday in April was held at Antioch Baptist Church. The class was called together by Johnny Wright leading 145t and 145b. Rev. David Grant welcomed everyone and offered the opening prayer. Johnny Wright recognized the birthday honorees, Mildred Johnson, who is 96, and Elder Homer Benefield, who is 84, with the class singing "Happy Birthday".

Leaders: Johnny Wright 63; Charlene Wallace 49t; Margie Smith 225t; Mildred Patterson 358 (for Katherine Benefield, who was unable to attend); Mildred Johnson 335; Elder Homer Benefield 56t; Johanna Fabke 475; Sherrie Edwards 274t; Stanley Edwards 340; Karleen Williams 40; Lonnie Rogers 33b; Myron House 135; Judy Chambless 82t; B.M. Smith 222; Joyce Lambert 127; Hugh McGraw 531; Cecil Roberts 312b; Jan House 151; Robert Chambless 72b; Karen Rollins 489 (for Felton Denney); Johnny Wright 35; Jenny Wright played 358 on the piano. Cecil Roberts offered prayer for the evening meal.

RECESS

The class was called together by Johnny Wright leading 87 and 106. Johnny Wright then played 106 on an Irish Penny Whistle. Leaders: Johanna Fabke 218; Donna Gunderson 47t; Jan House 361; Karleen Williams 45t; Randy Garrett 155; Daphene Ray and Hugh McGraw 412; Sherrie Edwards 59; Cecil Roberts and Chris Sunderling 159; Myron House 136.

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 L. Smith.

Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 97; Stanley Edwards 129; Robert Chambless 569b; Judy Chambless 28b; B.M. Smith 143.

Announcements were made. Johnny Wright led 128 as the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Johnny Wright; Vice Chairman—Everette Ellis; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

STATE LINE CHURCH
Cleburne County, Alabama
Saturday, April 9, 2005

The annual Sacred Harp singing at State Line Church, just off U.S. Highway 78 at the Georgia/Alabama state line, in Cleburne County, Alabama was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in April. B.M. Smith brought the class to order leading 32t. Rev. Clarence Cates offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 101t; Rodney Ivey 203; Mary L. Smith and Bud Oliver 135; Helen Bryson 411; Stanley Edwards 122; Mildred Patterson 294; Oscar McGuire 485; Audress Gurley 108t; Mel Kersey 523; Eugene Forbes 340; Stan Jensen 217; Ed Thacker 187; Joyce Lambert 111t; Bobby Jackson 480; Jenny Jensen 448t; Robert Chambless 452; Eunice Webb 512.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Mary L. Smith; Arranging Committee—Bud Oliver; Memorial Committee—Helen Bryson.
RECESS

Bud Oliver led 39b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Louis Hughes 345b; Max Berueffy 454; Clarence Cates 274t; Carol Selleck 566; Scott DePoy 155; Janet Morgan 77t; Lou Cotney 222; Elder Gerald Hand 89; Floy Wilder 214; Rachel Miller Jacobs 30b; Keith Willard 106; James Gingerich and Jonathan Gingerich 171; Tony Hammock 112.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Rodney Ivey leading 81t. Leaders: Henry Johnson 539; Reba Windom 197; Thomas Willard 36b; Laura Densmore 430; Lonnie Rogers 348b; Drew Smith 328; Elene Stovall and Linda Thomas 299; Donna Gunderson-Rogers 47t.

Helen Bryson conducted the memorial lesson. Lela Crowder led 475 for the deceased. Henry Johnson led 68b for the sick and shut-ins. Lonnie Rogers offered prayer to conclude the memorial.

LUNCH

Jeff Sheppard and Shelbie Sheppard brought the class to order leading 439 and 179. Leaders: Terry Wootten 196; Gregg Creech 47b; Jenny Willard 318; Judy Chambless 565; Jeannette DePoy 392; Johanna Fabke 32b; Donna Sewell 63; Karen Seveanson 66; Bentley McGuire 335; Faye Hollis and Jason Hollis 354t; LaRue Allen 220; Richard DeLong 396; Charlene Wallace 455; John Plunkett 486; Ellie Soler 358; Sandra Wilkinson 186; Evelyn Harris 378t; Andy Morse 484; Lela Crowder and Bud Oliver 42; B.J. Harris 303; Cecil Roberts 333; Pam Nunn 269; Rene Greene 276.

After announcements were made, Rodney Ivey led 146 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Mary L. Smith.

WILLIAM WALKER MEMORIAL SINGING
Burwell Building, Wofford College; Spartanburg, South Carolina
Saturday, April 9, 2005

The twelfth annual William Walker Memorial Singing was held at Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina on Saturday before the second Sunday in April. Starting at 9:00 a.m., Hugh McGraw led a 45 minute singing school on four and seven shape systems.

RECESS

At 10:00 a.m., Dr. Harry Eskew called the class into a business meeting. Officers elected or appointed to serve were: Chairman—Dr. Harry Eskew; Arranging—Frances Carnell; Secretary—Dan Huger.

Dr. Harry Eskew introduced Wofford College host, Dr. Doyle Boggs, who explained that the college was on Spring Break, and would be so on this weekend in the future, so regular dining facilities were sadly not available. After discussion, the class voted to plan for dinner-on-the-grounds next year. The business session was closed.

The first session was held from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Dr. Eskew led 49t. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Dr. Walter Hartley 299, 146; Bill Burns 59, 155; Joel Jones 79t, 515; Dan Huger 178, 99; Dr. Eskew 159; Deborah Jones 503, 318; Adam Lockamy 128.

RECESS

The second morning session was held from the *Christian Harmony, Carolina Edition*. Leaders: Adam Lockamy 117; Mildred Chandler 381t, 369; Mary Baumeister 103b, 102b; John Hollingsworth 76b; Thomas Cole 77b; Amanda Denson with her granddaughter, Emily, who will be four next week, 78b and “You Are My Sunshine”, Emily’s favorite song.

LUNCH

The first afternoon session was held from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Dan Huger called the class to order leading 117. Leaders: Frances Carnell 145t; 542; Leon Carnell 163b, 481; Jonathon Smith 455, 148; Thomas Cole 268; Steve Walker 107; Walter Hartley 425, 147t; Bill Burns and Miriam Turner 40; Gene Crenshaw 504, 497; Joel Jones 276, 86.

The class then switched to the *Christian Harmony, Carolina Edition*. Leaders: Adam Lockamy 25b, 25t; Mary Baumeister 24t, 289; Dan Huger 148, 185b; Mildred Chandler 257, 131 (Alabama Edition); Deborah Jones 171t, 49; Frances Carnell 161t, 214; Steve Walker 258, 245; John Hollingsworth 158; Bob Glick 159t.

Announcements were made. Thanks were extended to Wofford College, Dr. Gerald Thurmond, and Dr. Boggs, who gave up vacation time to make this year’s singing possible, and provided pizza for dinner.

The class adjourned to nearby Magnolia Cemetery, and sang 87b (CH) at William Walker’s grave. Dan Huger closed the singing with prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dr. Harry Eskew; Secretary—Dan Huger.

HARRY ESKEW SINGING

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana Saturday, April 9, 2005

The singing was opened with a few comments on the history of the Sacred Harp by Nancy Van Den Akker, and a lesson on the rudiments by Ed Steele.

Though no formal memorial session was planned, singers were asked to keep Laura Timmerman’s son, Robin Creamer, currently hospitalized, in prayerful remembrance. Ed Steele offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Ed Steele 81t; Nancy Van Den Akker 178; Wanda Gregg 63; Joshua Bell 45t; Laura Timmerman 475; Matthew Hughes 159; Yun Eun Sil 68b; Randy Shoemaker 196; Jeany Joseph 49t; Barbara Dawkins 59; Elizabeth Muhleissen 480; Bryan Highland 135; John Frady 30t; Rick Estes 73b; Jeff Goolsby 452; Jason Bowers 128; Josh McGuire 268; Adrian Scriber 222; Tetyana Palykhata 49b.

Wanda Gregg was selected to be the Chairman for the next meeting of this singing.

LUNCH

The singing was called back to order by Wanda Gregg leading 40. Leaders: Adrian Scriber 358; Ed Steele 502; Bryan Highland 34b; Laura Timmerman 546. Wanda Gregg led 62 as the closing song, and the singers took the parting hand. Ed Steele dismissed the class with prayer.
Chairman—Ed Steele; Secretary—Nancy Van Den Akker.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING
Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church, Madisonville, Texas
Saturday, April 9, 2005

The second annual Southeast Texas Sacred Harp Singing was held at Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church in Madisonville, Texas on Saturday before the second Sunday in April. Chairman Amada Blevins brought the class to order, welcomed everyone, and led 59. Tom Owen offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kevin Powell; Vice Chairman—Crystal Visco; Secretary—Barbara Newell.

Leaders: Kevin Powell 178; Crystal Visco 146, 276; Katie Moseley 171, 39t; Barbara Newell 84, 479; Mike Moseley 338, 139; Leon Ballinger 142, 99; Beverly Coates 35, 475; Gaylon Powell 498, 542; Sarah Huckaby 205, 208; Tom Owen 345t, 299; Cissy Moseley 346, 200; Burl Russell 164, 418; Liz Owen 472, 29t.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Kevin Powell leading 201. Leaders: Charles Whitmer 147t, 408; Linda Booker 47b, 490; Bruce Rye 76b, 163b; Amanda Blevins 148, 168; Chris Adams 61, 288; Scott Curran 318, 448t; Alexa Gilmore 430, 270; Bruce Coates 503, 49t. Elder Anthony Blevins offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order for the afternoon session by Crystal Visco leading 128. Leaders: Anthony Blevins 47t, 36b; Melanie Parker and Olivia Powell 274t, 198; Aaron Collier 45t, 49b; Anne Moseley 341, 566; Joshua McClain 179, 146; Tim McClain 143, 480; Kevin Powell 163t; Amanda Blevins 277; Crystal Visco 373; Katie Moseley 186; Mike Moseley 306; Leon Ballinger 313b; Beverly Coates 454; Gaylon Powell 434; Sarah Huckaby 383; Tom Owen 491; Charles Whitmer 569b; Linda Booker 354b; Bruce Rye 300; Chris Adams 58; Scott Curran 460; Alexa Gilmore 68b; Bruce Coates 535; Aaron Collier 159; Anne Moseley 129; Joshua McClain 282; Tim McClain 31t; Cissy Moseley 532; Kay Martin 267; Barbara Newell 72b.

The Southeast Texas Sacred Harp Singing will be held next year on Saturday before the second Sunday in April, April 8, 2006.

Kevin Powell led 62 as the closing song. Elder Bill Moseley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kevin Powell; Vice Chairman—Crystal Visco; Secretary—Barbara Newell.

RE-ENACTMENT SINGING
Blountsville Historical Park, Blountsville, Alabama
April 9-10, 2005
Saturday, April 9

The Saturday session of the second Civil War Re-Enactment Singing was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading 345t. The opening prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper. Leaders were called by Marlin Beasley.

Leaders: Marlin Beasley 137; Danny Creel 76b; Ann Jett 88t; Elsie Moon 144; Elder J.L. Hopper 66; Susan Allred 77t; Amber Davis 477; Dennis George 201; Rodney

Ivey 182; Max Berueffy 220; Will Allred 45t; Caleb Allred 335; Martha Beverly 299; Pauline Childers 212; Henry Schumann 72b; Cindy Tanner and Jackie Tanner 270; Cassie Franklin 432; Glenda Hopper 76t; Teddy Creel 63; Bridgett Hill 276; Emily Creel 475; Elene Stovall 217; Jennifer Allred 142; Rachel Allred 105; Seth Allred 39t; Richard Mauldin 35; Leona Haynes 517 (WB); Sandie Scott 282; Jim Helke 229; Susan Harcrow 350; Jackson Harcrow 274t; Beecher Yancey 503; Chris Green 388; Judy Caudle 33b; Gary Smith 565; Sarah Smith, Marlin Beasley, Cora Sweatt and Becky Briggs 146. Also present but not leading were Harrison Creel, Flarce Creel, and Linda Thomas. The closing prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

Sunday, April 10

The Sunday session of the second Civil War Re-Enactment Singing was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading 72b. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. James Brindley. Marlin Beasley led 31b. Rev. James Brindley offered a short devotional message.

Leaders: Chris Green 87, 176t; Judy Caudle 57, 360; Jim Helke 37b, 141; Cora Sweatt 145b, 30t; Alvin “Bunk” Beasley and Linda Beasley 81t; Stella Pratt 100, 59; Leona Haynes 146, 335; Nancy Banks 159, 45t; Becky Briggs 343b, 354b; Sarah Smith 390, 129; Juanita Beasley 61, 46; Gary Smith 73b; Marlin Beasley 480, 503. The closing prayer was offered by Chris Green.

Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Secretaries—Ross Beasley and Kirby Sweatt.

COUNTY LINE CHURCH

Corner, Alabama

Sunday, April 10, 2005

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at County Line Church on the second Sunday in April was called to order by Danny Creel leading 335. Prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

The following officers serve on a permanent basis: Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairlady—Cassie Franklin; Arranging Committee—Jackie Tanner and Cindy Tanner; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn.

Leaders: Danny Creel 89; Gordon Wilkinson 358; Ruth Wyers 480, 229; Henry Guthery 543; Corene White 314; Edward Howton 436; Charlene Wallace 186; Travis Keeton 203; Clayton Ezell 475; Carlene Griffin 159; Billy Williams 496.

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class to order leading 317. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 68b; Martha Beverly 300; Billy Thompson 319; Virginia Watts, Kelley Watts, and Elizabeth Thomas 274t; Gravis Ballinger 270; Elsie Moon 434; Nate Green 354t; Bridgett Hill 440; Ken Tate 148; Cecil Wakefield 111t; Julie Poston 145b; Jerry Ryan 145t; Brenda Merritt 276; Kermit Adams 565; Cassie Franklin 217 (in memory of Marie Aldridge).

RECESS

Harrison Creel called the class to order leading 498. Leaders: Teddy Creel 72b; Margaret Keeton 73b; Bud Oliver and Edith Tate 73t; Max Berueffy 532; Amber Davis 216; Larry Ballinger 418; Charlotte McCarn 143; James Parker 59; Steve Adams 401; Luke Rogers 34b; Caleb Allred 196; Ray Tate 343; John Merritt “Nothing But the Blood of Jesus”; Seth Allred 391.

LUNCH

Harrison Creel called the class to order leading 111b. Leaders: Julianna Jett 88t; Ozella Blackmon 192; Emily Creel 142; Susan Allred 112; Henry Schuman 426b; Ann Jett 269; Ann Jett and Ozella Blackmon 495; Will Allred 87; Judy Caudle 163t; Elene Stovall 316; Jim Helke 75; Wanda Capps 299; Rachel Allred 442; Gary Smith

569b; Pauline Childers, Edith Tate, and Harrison Creel 512, 342; Pauline Childers and Velton Chaffin 482; Jackie Tanner 208; Bobby Watkins, Mercy Watkins, and April Watkins 76b; Edie Richardson, Ray Tate, and Fay Kalteux 146; Jennifer Allred 189; Cora Sweatt 127; Marlin Beasley 129; Ila Ingle 500; Becky Briggs 179; Juanita Beasley, Bunk Beasley, and Linda Beasley 354b; Danny Creel 384; David Heidorn and Lucy Heidorn 30t; Brett King and Ken Tate 162; Velton Chaffin 487; Cindy Tanner 198; Cassie Franklin 220.

After announcements were made, Harrison Creel and Cassie Franklin led 46 as the closing song. Brother G.C. Bromley led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairlady—Cassie Franklin; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn.

SHARON JORDAN LEACH MEMORIAL SINGING **Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama** **Saturday, April 16, 2005**

The Sharon Jordan Leach Memorial Singing was held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. Elder Matt Jordan called the class to order leading 101t and 34b. Prayer was offered by Marlin Beasley. The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Elder Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman—Elder J.L. Hopper; Secretaries—Irene Jordan and Eunice Kimbrell; Arranging—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Matt Jordan 72b; J.L. Hopper 73b; Judy Caudle 171, 172; Marlin Beasley 426t, 460 (in memory of Hershell King); Sandra Light 143, 354b; Velton Chafin 57, 79; Carmon Brothers 61; Will Allred 452, 454; Linda Thomas 106, 345b.

RECESS

Elder Matt Jordan called the class back to order leading 569b. Leaders: Caleb Allred 196, 335; Herby Bailey 489, 565; Ramona Light 436; Richard Mauldin 129 (for Ivalene Donaldson), 43 (for John Hyde and Josie Hyde); Delone Cobbs 59, 312t; Susan Allred 77t, 148; Glenda Hopper 329, 138t; Matt Jordan 358, 30b (by request). Prayer was offered by Elder Daniel Hopper.

LUNCH

The class was called to order for the afternoon session by Elder Matt Jordan leading 63. Leaders: Wilda Holmes 480; Jennifer Allred 213t, 65; Daniel Hopper 310, 188; Kenneth Fannin 428, 430; David Ivey 80b (in memory of Hershell King), 217; Rachel Allred 278b, 276; J.L. Hopper 131t, 149; Juanita Beasley 46; Richard Mauldin and his father, Dick Mauldin 378t; Caleb Allred 503 (by request); Rhoda Norris and Marlin Beasley 177.

Following announcements, Matt Jordan led 45t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Richard Mauldin.

Chairman—Elder Matt Jordan; Vice Chairman—Elder J.L. Hopper; Secretaries—Irene Jordan and Eunice Kimbrell.

THOMAS FUTRAL MEMORIAL SINGING **Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama** **Saturday, April 16, 2005**

The first annual Thomas Futral Memorial Singing was held at Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church in Goodwater, Alabama on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. Jack Nelson brought the class to order leading 59. He then offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Honorary Chairman—Terry Futral; Co-Chairman—Jack Nelson; Arranging Committee—Virginia Futral; Secretary—Jenny Acton.

Leaders: Jack Nelson 58; Terry Futral 300, 378t; Eugene Forbes 63, 39b; Tommy Futral 341, 49b; Richard Ivey 37b, 32t; Gabriel Futral 335, 77t; April Wilbanks 358, 268; Jathan Futral 143, 480; Lou Cotney 172, 384; Floy Wilder 186, 187; Edna Ruth Phillips 452, 434; Brittany Lea 81t; LaRue Allen 212, 36b.

RECESS

Preaching service was conducted.

LUNCH

Jack Nelson brought the class to order for the afternoon session with 30b. Leaders: Denise Burleson 196, 340; Wendy Futral 100, 491; William Futral 490, 164; Myrline Redmon 569, 147t; Nell Estes 560, 147b; Audress Gurley 108t, 517 (WB); Myra Goss 170, 269; Virginia Futral 146, 566; Terry Futral 40, 489; Eugene Forbes 68b; Denise Burleson 25 (JB); Jathan Futral 218, 112.

Announcements were made. Family members of Thomas Futral, who were present today, were his wife, children, grandchildren, and a number of great grandchildren. Jack Nelson led 348b and 28b (by request), and 46 as the closing song. Roy Nelson and Elder Bufrey Dean offered prayers, and the class was dismissed.

Honorary Chairman—Terry Futral; Co-Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretary—Jenny Acton.

RHODE ISLAND ALL-DAY SINGING **Beneficent Congregational Church, Providence, Rhode Island** **Saturday, April 16, 2004**

The second annual Rhode Island All-Day Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Lynn deBenedette leading 82t. George Seiler offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chair—Lynne deBenedette; Vice Chair—Charles Cofone; Treasurer—Joel Echmalian; Secretary—Martha Lang.

Leaders: Tom Padwa 148, 569b; Martha Lang 117, 106; Linda Shea 495, 168; Victoria Bolles 566, 473; Paul Gauthier 34b, 157; Jeff Colby 89, 67; Anne Kazlauskas 365, 327; John Holbrook 339, 171.

RECESS

Charles Cofone called the class back to order leading 66 and 35. Leaders: Matthew Wojcik 456, 163t; Kelsey Wessels 29t, 475; Jean Seiler 122, 68b (in memory of Phil Tabor); Joel Echmalian 145t, 143; Bob Parr 38b, 112; Katie Mahoney 83t, 460; Ian Smiley 76b, 95; Corrone Bryant 49b, 99.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Victoria Bolles leading 87. Leaders: Rebecca Edwards 192; Bobbie Goodell 196; Sandy Klein 107; George Seiler 501; Bill Holt 550; Diane Mennella 131b; Joanne Devoe 77t; Ginny Ely 546; George Pomfret 352; Bill Dunn 300; Anne Johnston 146; Richard Schmeidler 543; Tom Padwa 145b; Celia Wolf-Devine 178. The Reverend Richard Taylor offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Kelley House opened the afternoon session with 274t. Leaders: Kelsey Wessels 440; Matthew Wojcik and Rosie Wojcik 318; Katie Mahoney 419; Bill Holt 436; Kshama Ananthapura 216; Linda Shea 203; Anne Kazlauskas 131t; Jeff Colby 236; Diane Mennella 564; Rebecca Edwards 458; George Seiler 183; Paul Gauthier 384; Ginny Ely 373; Bobbie Goodell 217; Charles Cofone 159; Bob Parr 430; Richard

Schmeidler 84; Kelley House 480; Martha Lang 551; Anne Johnston 197; John Holbrook 270.

RECESS

Bill Dunn brought the class back to order leading 155. Leaders: Joanne Devoe 31t; George Pomfret 282; Ian Smiley 547; Sandy Klein 385b; Lynn deBenedette 448t; Corrone Bryant 147t; Victoria Bolles 474; Joel Echmalian 40 (for Laura Timmerman and her son, Robin); Jean Seiler 142; Tom Padwa 56b; Kelsey Wessels 129; Celia Wolf-Devine 280.

RECESS

Ginny Ely opened the final session leading 313t. Leaders: Kshama Ananthapura 426b; Linda Shea 278t; Katie Mahoney 445b; Paul Gauthier 228; Matt Wojcik 198; George Seiler 32t; Anne Kazlauskas 101b; Bobbie Goodell 496; Richard Schmeidler 120.

A business meeting was called by Chair Lynn deBenedette. The Secretary reported that seventy people registered with thirty-four leaders from seven states leading a total of ninety-six songs.

The Treasurer reported that all expenses had been met.

The Resolutions Committee thanked the numerous individuals who worked tirelessly to make the first singing such a great success. The business session was closed.

Lynne deBenedette, Charles Cofone, Joel Echmalian, and Martha Lang led 62 as the closing song. Gwen Howard offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chair—Lynne deBenedette; Vice Chair—Charles Cofone; Secretary—Martha Lang.

PINE GROVE SINGING **Lookout Mountain, near Collinsville, Alabama** **April 17, 2005**

The annual spring singing at Pine Grove Church was held on the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Bud Oliver leading 32t. S.T. Reed offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—S.T. Reed; Secretary—Randall Smith.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 82t; S.T. Reed 85; Milton Oliver 176t; Henry Johnson 65; Rodney Ivey 283; Boyd Scott 58, 358; Joan Aldridge 475; Joel Jenkins 35, 77t; Nate Green 381; Betty Wright 97; Lela Crowder 68b; Tim Russell 146; Henry Guthery 240.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Bud Oliver leading 70b. Leaders: Henry Guthery 452; Randall Smith and Rodney Ivey 137; Jackson Harcrow 76b; Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 99; Bridgett Hill and Malik Williams 335; Mary Ruth Stiefel 420; Velton Chafin 564; Billy Williams 334; Linda Thomas 131b; Jerry Enright 331; Linton Ballinger 89; Sarah Jenkins 440; Larry Ballinger 441; Sandra Wilkinson 277; Levon Wootten 348b; Coy Ivey 120; Allison Ivey 383.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Randall Smith leading 36b. Leaders: Ed Thacker 539; Louis Hughes 34t; Kyle Blakeley 318; Alana Blanks 405; Richard Mauldin 544; Marlon Beasley 144; Rachel Carlisle 145t; Marty Wootten 182; Bobby Watkins 229; Shane Wootten 98; Dewayne Wootten 171.

LUNCH

Bud Oliver brought the afternoon session together leading 73t. Leaders: Susan Harcrow 220; Lisa Geist 532; David Ivey 500; Lynne deBenedette 328; Karen Freund 216; Melvin Stiefel 138; Loyd Ivey 530; J.C. Rutledge 568; Janice Paulk 75;

Hobert Ivey 235; Scot Oliver 145b; L.B. Wright 59; Paula Oliver, Bryant Beard, and Alana Blanks 63; Eloise Wootten and Karen Ivey 384, 426b; Danny Creel 498; Marian Ivey 186; Scott Ivey 528; Loyd Ivey and Ivey Biddle 454; Marlon Wootten 147b; Loretta Smith 274t; Kristy Finley 317; Coy Ivey 486t (WB).
Following announcements, Bud Oliver, S.T. Reed, and Henry Johnson led 45b. The class was then dismissed in prayer by Shane Wootten.
Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—S.T. Reed; Secretary—Randall Smith.

OLD HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Abernathy, Cleburne County, Alabama
Sunday, April 17, 2005

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Billy Joe Harris leading 32t. Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Billy Joe Harris; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee—Pearl Guier and Hester Edwards; Memorial Committee—Stanley Edwards.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 101t, 143; Charlene Wallace 85, 139; Pearl Guier 63, 303; Lonnie Rogers 225t, 141; Sherrie Edwards 159, 335; Oscar McGuire 473, 350; Judy Chambless 70t, 70b; Hugh McGraw 71, 352; Evelyn Harris 47t, 155; Tony Hammock 105, 135; Reba Norton 496, 99.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with B.M. Smith leading 123t. Leaders: Sherry Lovvorn 318, 373; George Garner 480, 436; Margie Smith 317, 499; Robert Chambless 323b, 68b; Karen Reaves 231, 274t; Donna Bell 168, 440; Bobby Jackson 348b, 290; Mickey McCloud 282; Cecil Roberts 30b, 312b; Ruth Daniel 45t, 378t; Carlene Griffin 81t, 448b.

Stanley Edwards conducted the memorial lesson and led 340 for the deceased and the sick and shut-ins. The following deceased were remembered: Lennie Smith, Kelly Beard, and Irene Willoughby.

The following sick and shut-ins were remembered: Gladys McGraw, I.V.

McWhorter, Alice Edwards, Felton Denney, Josephine Denney, Pauline Howle, and Dale Harris. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with B.J. Harris leading 503. Leaders: Pam Nunn 212, 365; Jeff Sheppard 334, 277; Lou Cotney 218, 172; Eunice Webb 283, 460; Sherrell Cleino 127, 186; Shelbie Sheppard 284, 332; Ann Simmons 61, 379; Mildred Patterson 358, 119; Lonnie Rogers and Sherry Lovvorn 389, 100; Ruth Daniel, Sherrell Cleino, Evelyn Harris, Nellie Mae White, Alene Harris, and Calvin Warren 56t, 39b; Robert Chambless and Judy Chambless 569b; Stanley Edwards and Sherrie Edwards 406; B.M. Smith and Margie Smith 28b, 441; Corene Laminack 129; Oscar McGuire and Charlene Wallace 171; Pearl Guier, Jeff Sheppard, and B.M. Smith 122; B.M. Smith 452.

After announcements were made, B.J. Harris and B.M. Smith led 46 as the closing song. Lonnie Rogers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Billy Joe Harris; Vice Chairman—B.M. Smith; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

OAK GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Alpharetta, Georgia
Saturday, April 23, 2005

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Alpharetta, Georgia was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. Chairman Loy Garrison called the class to order by leading 68b. Elder Bobby Cagle offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary/Treasurer- Helen Bryson. Leaders: Helen Bryson 34b,171, 523; Bobby Cagle 489, 420; Judy Mincey 475, 50b; Pete Mathewson 49b, 59; Lee Rogers 70t, 425; Junie Wooten 503, 270.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Don Bowen leading 97 and 87. Leaders: Matt Hinton 146, 63; Jane Spencer 268, 360; Andy Morse 448t, 84; Joan Durdin 45t; Mike Spencer 47t, 86; Lucy Sandridge and Bonnie Peet 312t, 504; Ray Richards 73b, 111b; Charles Woods 77t, 127; John Hollingsworth 82t; John Plunkett 155,181; Loy Garrison and Blanche Tippins 354b.

LUNCH

John Plunkett called the class back to order by leading 47t.

Leaders: Bobby Cagle 46, 43; Helen Bryson 287,168; Judy Mincey 376; Pete Mathewson 335, 66; Lee Rogers 198; Don Bowen 39b,73t; Matt Hinton 40, 99; Jane Spencer 569b, 58; Andy Morse 410t, 313b; Joan Durdin 148, 178; Lucy Sandridge 164, 327; Charles Woods 213t; Charles Owens 282; John Hollingsworth 176t; John Plunkett 123b, 544; Loy Garrison 285t.

A business session was held with the following agreeing to serve for the next year: Chairman—Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary/Treasurer- Helen Bryson.

Announcements were made. Loy Garrison led 62 as the closing song. John Plunkett offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Loy Garrison; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson.

GOLDEN GATE SINGING

San Francisco, California
Saturday, April 23, 2005

The first annual Golden Gate Singing was held at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House in San Francisco, California on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. Jill Accetta welcomed singers at 9:30 a.m., and led 47t. David Fetcho offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chair—Jill Accetta; Vice Chair—Betty Marvin; Secretaries—Jeannette Ralston and Terry Moore; Arranging Committee—Natalia Cecire and Carolyn Deacy; Chaplain—David Fetcho; Memorial Committee—Marie Brandis and Susan Fetcho; Finance Committee—Chris Thorman. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Jill Accetta 276; Betty Marvin 52t, 30t; Terry Moore 523, 209; Chris Thorman 475, 38b; David Fetcho 228, 77t; Kristen Zoellner 39t, 448t; Bob Brylawski 497, 163t; Greg Freeman 198, 285t; Laura Russell 545, 298.

RECESS

Mark Miller led 29t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: David Wright 326; Shelby Sampson 30b; Eric Holt 37b; Searle Whitney 39b; Shelley Phillips 506;

Carolyn Deacy 324; Will Fitzgerald 86; Connie Stanton 66; Alice Sharp 102; Shaffiq Welji 168.

RECESS

Chris Thorman brought the class back to order by leading 155. Leaders: Matthew Sellens 442; Mary Mack 454; Linda Selph 49b; Duncan MacLeod 340; Eli Wise 65. Susan Fetcho conducted the memorial lesson and led 163b. Marie Brandis led 34t for the sick and shut-ins.

Leaders: Jack Balthier 269; Jeannette Ralston 175; Jenn Dolan 160b; Philip Gerrie 540; Steve Lazicki 148; Colin Kinlund 131t; Susan Fetcho 430; Gary Plough 70b; Marie Brandis 245.

LUNCH

Kiri Miller led 388 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Cobb 146; Aaron Girard 376; Holly Laws 142; Mark Miller 183; Jessica Beer 455; Megan Jennings 504; Hugh McGuire 182; Laura Russell 270; David Wright 216; Eric Holt 569b; Marie Brandis 328; Jenn Dolan 551; Matthew Sellens 26; Shelley Phillips 352; Duncan MacLeod 89; Kiri Miller 384; Jeff Gauthier 408; Connie Stanton 108t; Cobb 106; Mary Mac 361; Alice Sharp 344; Steve Lazicki 312b; Natalia Cecire 501; Greg Freemon 45t; Lara Eilhardt 162; Aaron Girard 76b; Valerie Zimmer and Susan Fetcho 178; Paul Robinson 189; Will Fitzgerald 144; Dan Wolk 282.

RECESS

Garry Plough brought the class back to order by leading 101b. Leaders: Linda Selph 68b; Jeannette Ralston 324; Colin Kinlund 107; Holly Laws 378b; Jessica Beer 82t; Chris Thorman 362; Megan Jennings 436; Terry Moore 218; Mark Miller 354t.

Announcements were made. It was announced that there were eight states in attendance: California—70; Illinois—1; Massachusetts—3; Michigan—1; New York—1; Oregon—10; Texas—1; Washington—1.

Jill Accetta led 278t. David Fetcho led 481 as the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair—Jill Accetta; Vice Chair—Betty Marvin; Secretaries—Jeannette Ralston and Terry Moore.

MINNESOTA SACRED HARP SINGING SCHOOL WITH DAVID IVEY

Virginia Street Swedenborgian Church, Saint Paul, Minnesota
Saturday, April 23, 2005

Martha Henderson called the class to order at 9:30 with 59. Steven Schmidgall offered the opening prayer.

David Ivey, our singing school master, explained that he has no musical training other than singing shape-note music. He was fortunate to be born into a Sacred Harp family in Alabama, and to belong to one of the few churches that still sing from the Sacred Harp hymnal. He talked about the history of singing schools, which started in England and came to this country in the 1700s, with the idea of teaching people how to sing for better worship. Singing schools used to last for a week or more, with people meeting every day. Now that everyone is so busy, it's harder to get a group together for more than a day. Even if you've been singing for a long time, you can still learn something new at a singing school.

David went over rudiments of music: pitch, time, accent, notes and scales, the four parts, and time signatures. Especially accent!

RECESS

Martha Henderson called the class back with 276. David led songs in different time signatures to show how the rhythms feel different. In 2/4 time, which is usually the

quickest tempo, the accent is ONE, two. We sang 124 and 145b as examples. The time of 2/2 has the same accent, but slower tempo. Examples: 49t and 70t. The 4/4 time is usually faster than 2/2 and has a primary and secondary accent: ONE, two, *three*, four. Examples: 39t and 155. The 3/2 time is also slow and the accents are ONE, two, *three*. Examples: 73b and 347.

RECESS

Paul Wyatt brought the class back to order leading 29t. He thanked David for coming to teach us, and for supporting people who want to become traditional singers, even if they haven't grown up in a Sacred Harp community. Paul also thanked those who had donated money to make this singing school possible, and presented a gift to David for his teaching.

David continued going over time signatures. Examples: 348b and 303, the 3/4 time has the same accents as 3/2 but is faster. Steven Schmidgall offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

David called the class back singing the major and minor scales. We worked on compound time, singing 75 and 74t in 6/4 time, and 378 and 64 in 6/8 time. Both time signatures are beat in two and the accents are ONE, two, three, *four*, five, six. The 6/8 time is lighter and quicker than 6/4.

We also practiced two songs that change time, 417 and 448t; and two songs that can be difficult because of rests or repeat signs, 419 and 550.

David talked about what makes a good leader: preparation, mechanics, and inspiration or connection with the class. Being a good leader takes equal parts humility and confidence. Singers who are not leading have a job to do also: sound your note when the pitch is given; start singing on the first note; keep time; watch the leader and the front bench; and if you're on the front bench, pay attention and help to keep the class together.

RECESS

Both old and new singers were offered the opportunity to lead. Leaders: Karen Swenson 454; Jim Goetz 312b; Jenny Mitchell 63; Steve Luttinen 34t; Jeff Richards 159; Lars Christensen 99; Bob Dixon 455; Paul Landskroener 212; Lynn Dixon 163t; Christine Stevens 444; Cathy Lutz 270; Jenny Willard 392; Gordon Olsen 117; Maria Bianchi 47b.

Announcements were given about future singings in Minnesota and in Henagar, Alabama, David Ivey's home town. Martha Henderson led 46 to close, and Steven Schmidgall gave the prayer which ended our day of learning together.

Chair—Martha Henderson; Secretary—Stacey Berkheimer.

EAST MIDLANDS SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Kegworth Village Hall, Leicestershire, United Kingdom** **April 23-24, 2005**

Saturday, April 23

The fourth East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Chairman Ian West leading 171. The opening prayer was offered by Jim Pfau.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ian West; Vice Chairman—Helen Brown; House Manager—Ruth Steggle; Arranging Committee—David Richardson; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders; Treasurer—Ted Brown. Nominations were sought for officers for the 2006 Convention.

Leaders: Helen Brown 75; Ruth Steggle 68b; David Richardson 30t; Steve Fletcher 150; Jim Pfau 300; Carmel Wood 48t; Matt Wells 37b; Chris Brown 449 (CB); Denise Kania 478 (CB); Bernard Collard 362; Hannah Cooper 133; Steven Levine 164; Judy Whiting 575 (CB); Dave Townsend 434; Cathy Tucker 385b; David

Moore 452; Cassie Franklin 220; Phil Tyler 332; Jill Thompson 497; Tom Tucker 480.

RECESS

David Richardson brought the class together with 56t. Leaders: Rosalind Oldham 54t (CB); Dennis George 278b; Mandy Townsend 383; Ken Baddley 27; Emily Creel 384; Cath Tyler 475; Ian West 411 (CB); Ian Fergusson 457; Helen Brown 430; Ruth Steggles 200; Jim Pfau 137 (CB); Steve Fletcher 77t; Carmel Wood 31t; Matt Wells 270; Hannah Cooper 454; Chris Brown 505 (CB); Denise Kania 98 (CB); Bernard Collard 63; Cathy Tucker 144; Dave Townsend 142; Cassie Franklin 440. Bernard Collard offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Ian West called the class back with 32t. Leaders: Judy Whiting 367 (CB); Steven Levine 117; Cath Tyler 367; Tom Tucker 192; Jill Thompson 504; Dennis George 318; Mandy Townsend 490; Ken Baddley 569b; Emily Creel 222; David Moore 236; Rosalind Oldham 563 (CB); Phil Tyler 488t; Ruth Steggles 198; Jim Pfau 498; Cathy Tucker 532; Dave Townsend 378b; Steve Fletcher 269; Tom Tucker 445.

RECESS

David Richardson recalled the class with 101t. Leaders: Hannah Cooper 209; Matt Wells 29t; Helen Brown 436; Bernard Collard 112; Denise Kania 203; Steven Levine 496; Cassie Franklin 89; Chris Brown 107t (CB); Cath Tyler 189; Dennis George 224; Jill Thompson 99; Ken Baddley 143; Judy Whiting 516 (CB); Emily Creel 76b; Phil Tyler 428; Mandy Townsend 82t; David Moore 299; Matt Wells 472; Cathy Tucker 34b; Tom Tucker 347.

Helen Brown and Ian West led 566 as the closing song. Gillian White offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, April 24

Ian West brought the class together by leading 52t. Ruth Steggles gave the opening prayer. Due to David Richardson's indisposition, Cath Tyler took over the office of Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Helen Brown 276; Ruth Steggles 146; Margaret Gillanders 559 (CB); Bernard Collard 538; Denise Kania 140 (CB); Mick Verrier 106 (CB); Hannah Cooper 178; Jim Pfau 102; Vicki Elliott 47b; Dennis George 400; Steve Fletcher 196; Edwin Macadam 189; Emily Creel 40; Dave Townsend 551; Sheila Girling Macadam 142; Steven Levine 49b; Carmel Wood 163t; Chris Brown 573 (CB); Cassie Franklin 341.

RECESS

Cath Tyler called the class to order with 107. Leaders: Ken Baddley 114; Rosalind Oldham 299; Judy Whiting 38t (CB); Matt Wells 448t; Jill Thompson 473; Phil Tyler 442; Mandy Townsend 203; Margaret Gillanders 336t (CB).

Ken Baddley conducted the memorial lesson, remembering the following deceased: Mavis Price, Sherry Guthery, Ivalene Donaldson, and John Hocutt—Alabama; Elvera Lee—Georgia; Regina Kania and Ray Pfau—Minnesota; Ken Breckner—Missouri; Nancy Mullinex—Washington, D.C.; Tom Gibney—New Jersey; Christopher Walker, Mike Bickel, Cyril Tawney, and Edwin Mitchell—Aberdeen; John Birmingham and David Hollingsworth—Newcastle upon Tyne; Peter Whitehall—Derby; Sid Long and Annie Brown—Leicester; Philip Anderson, Gladys Reynolds, Eddie Thompson, David Aizlewood, Mark Tindle, Danny McRae, and Andy Leith—Nottingham; Frank Lawson—Wakefield. Cassie Franklin and Emily Creel led 348b in memory of all of the deceased, but especially Ivalene Donaldson and Mavis Price.

Matt Wells led 39t for the following sick and housebound: Alf Askin, Anne Ballard, Don Weishaar, Percy Brown, Joan Stocks, Vivienne Davinson, Mary Kellaway,

Hazel Walker, Robin Creamer, James Oss, Mary Oss, Don O’Riordan, Hilary Tomlin, Janet Salway, Jean McDougall, David Richardson, Gladwys Carlin, and Ivy Moore. Bernard Collard closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Helen Brown 556; Ian West 67; Mick Verrier 201. Helen Brown offered thanks for the midday meal.

LUNCH

Ruth Steggles called the class together with 155. Leaders: Denise Kania 36b; Hannah Cooper 302; Edwin Macadam 236; Vicki Elliot 209; Bernard Collard 454; Jim Pfau 217; Steve Fletcher 277; Emily Creel 383; Sheila Girling-Macadam 474; Carmel Wood 365; Dave Townsend 148; Phil Tyler 111b; Dennis George 542; Chris Brown 38b; Cassie Franklin 512; Steven Levine 350.

RECESS

Ian West brought the class back together with 500 (CB). Leaders: Mandy Townsend 490; Jill Thompson 490; Ken Baddley 147t; Judy Whiting 373; Sheila Girling-Macadam 128; Helen Brown 282; Vicki Elliott 268; Mick Verrier 272; Margaret Gillanders 511t (CB); Emily Creel and Cassie Franklin 342; Edwin Macadam 528; Matt Wells 38t; Anna Stadward 86; Denise Kania 208; Steven Levine 199; Dennis George 460; Jim Pfau 503.

After announcements, thanks were expressed to all those who made this convention a success. Helen Brown and Ian West led “The Christian’s Love” as the closing song, Jim Pfau gave the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ian West; Vice Chairman—Helen Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders.

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Haleyville, Alabama

Sunday, April 24, 2005

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Ken Tate, who announced that this would be an all day memorial for Ivalene Donaldson, a dear friend and a true lover of Sacred Harp.

Ken Tate led 56t. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized for the day by retaining and appointing the following officers: Chairman—Ken Tate; Honorary Chairman—Wilton Donaldson; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Arranging Committee—Roma Rice; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Ken Tate 74b; Chris Ballinger 72b; Henry Guthery 39b; Cindy Tanner 312t, 276; Marlin Beasley 129; Teddy Creel 87; Corene White 379; Lucy Heidorn 155; Lisa Geist 546; Wanda Capps 144; Kermit Adams 99; Larry Ballinger 559 (CB); Glenn Keeton and Elizabeth Keeton 335, 117 (in memory of Ivalene Donaldson); Bridgett Hill 68b; Willodean Barton 270; Warren Steel 320; Amber Davis 212; Clarence McCool 490; Brenda Merritt 542; Jennifer Allred 411.

RECESS

Parnell Berry called the class back to order with 283. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 50b (in memory of Ivalene Donaldson); Robert Walker 516; Will Allred 45t; Max Berueffy 456; Hugh B. McGuire 430; Gravis Ballinger 222; Danny Creel 269; Bobby Watkins 76b; Julietta Haynes 211; Earl Ballinger 215; Beth O’Dell 182; Caleb Allred 196; John Merritt and Will Allred 240 (in honor of L.E. Hannah’s birthday); Doyce Bailey 565; Rachel Allred 186; Susan Allred 77t; Harrison Creel 342; Seth Allred 39t; Travis Keeton 418.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Ken Tate leading 275t. Leaders: John Hyde 566; Steve Adams 401, 77b; Amelia O'Dell and Hannah Tate 354b; Jayne Fulmer 300; Josie Hyde 507; Ken Tate and Edith Tate 532; L.E. Hannah 85; Margaret Keeton 213b (in memory of Tom Roberson and Lola Roberson); Warren Steel 377; Will Allred 282; Billy Williams 54; Roma Rice 358 (by request); Danny Creel 475 (in honor of Flarce Creel); Teddy Creel 124; Robert Walker 477; Bridgett Hill and Amber Davis 142; Hugh B. McGuire 528; Cindy Tanner 436; Julietta Haynes 200; Bobby Watkins 138b; Beth O'Dell 189; Lisa Geist 224; Richard Mauldin 36b (in honor of his dad); John Merritt and Brenda Merritt 438; Brenda Merritt 454 (for Betsy Berry, who was sick); Jennifer Allred 383; Max Berueffy 282; Caleb Allred 452; Henry Guthery 205; Larry Ballinger 163b; Rachel Allred 216; Clarence McCool 349; Billy Williams 323b (by request).

Ken Tate and Danny Creel led 59 as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ken Tate; Honorary Chairman—Wilton Donaldson; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

ALEWINE MEMORIAL
St. Michael Church, North of Muscadine
Cleburne County, Alabama
Sunday, April 24, 2005

The annual Alewine Memorial was held at St. Michael Church on the fourth Sunday in April. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Cecil Roberts leading 124 and 272. Hugh McGraw offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee—Charlene Wallace and Mildred McElroy.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 312b; Hugh McGraw 127, 122; Mildred McElroy 61, 318; Henry Johnson 68t, 104; Oscar McGuire 473, 73; Stanley Edwards 45t, 37b; Ed Thacker 471, 543; Mary L. Smith 63, 335; Sherrie Edwards 274, 106.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Stanley Edwards leading 59. Leaders: Judy Chambless 82t, 81t; Eugene Forbes 145b, 317; Carlene Griffin 117 (for Hester Edwards and Alice Edwards), 122 (in memory of Vivian Rogers); Jason Hollis 68b, 282; Teenie Moody 40, 99; Bobby Jackson 445, 354t; Corene Laminack 146, 290; Robert Chambless 30b, 452; Karen Rollins 84, 49b; Lonnie Rogers 97, 225t, 186; Jenny Acton 340, 143.

LUNCH

Cecil Roberts led 565 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Aadress Gurley 108t, 36b; Faye Hollis 168, 58; Tony Hammock 201, 42; Mildred Patterson 89, 100; Charlene Wallace and Ellen Waters 155, 159, 90; Cecil Roberts 503; Mildred McElroy, Marvin McElroy, and Monica McAlpin 358; Ed Thacker 456; Henry Johnson 435; Oscar McGuire 142; Bobby Jackson 166; Judy Chambless 31b; Jenny Acton 405; Tony Hammock 105.

After announcements were made, Stanley Edwards led 323b (for Corene Laminack) as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Hester Edwards.

HUNTSVILLE SACRED HARP SINGING
Burritt Museum, Huntsville, Alabama
Saturday, April 30, 2005

The twenty-first annual Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Old Country Church on the grounds of Burritt Museum, located atop Monte Sano Mountain in Huntsville. The singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with Chairman Linton Ballinger leading 32t. Louis Hughes offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by selecting the following additional officers: Vice Chairman—David Ivey; Secretary—Amanda Ballinger; Arranging Committee—Lomax Ballinger. Leaders: David Ivey 316; Lomax Ballinger 29t; Doyce Bailey 147t; Amanda Ballinger 186; Sam Jones 146; Richard Ivey 228; Judy Caudle 210; Gary Leopold 159; Robert Walker 510; Gravis Ballinger 300; Emily Creel 384; Ken Robinson 68b; Betty Wright 348b; Coy Ivey 137; Teresa Hope 441; Ron Harper 344; Jeannette DePoy 328; Louis Hughes 512; Ann Miczulski 30t; Max Berueffy 193; Leon Ballinger 327.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Stuart Ivey leading 350. Leaders: Ed Thacker 192; Tina Leopold 155; Donald Jones, Frances Jones, and Angela Jones 358; Gene Seider 128; Elene Stovall 430; J.L. Hopper 369; Mark Carroll 63; Lynne deBenedette 383; Caleb Allred 312b; Adam Hale 196; Drew Smith 385b; Rachel Allred 411; Ryan Hale 36b; Phillip Ballinger 340; Michael Thompson 436.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Rodney Ivey leading 81t. Leaders: Charles McCravy 145t; Naomi Frick and Karen Bahler 117; Kenneth Fannin 503; Allison Ivey 187.

David Ivey led 33b for the memorial lesson. The following sick and shut-ins were remembered: Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Jeanette Lowry, Jack Lacey, Violet Thomason, John Hyde, Josie Hyde, Edith Tate, and Bud Oliver.

The following deceased were remembered: Hershell King, Ronnie Meadows, Ivalene Donaldson, Ruth Brown, Mercer Brown, Robert Morris, Clara Dulaney, Tom Gibney, Judy Seider, Kelly Beard, Phil Tabor, Lois DePoy, Tom DePoy, John Hocutt, Rayburn Humber, Mavis Price, and Sherry Guthery. Sam Sommers closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: David Killingsworth 53; Betty Shepherd 216; Will Allred 87; Laura Hale 480; Loyd Ivey 283; Robin Smith 99; S.T. Reed 428; Mary Holcombe 360; Charles Meidinger 352; Bob Simmons 569b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by David Ivey leading 50b. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 177; Henry Johnson 390; Glenda Hopper 33t; Mark Brown 515; Brittany Lea 313t; Sam Sommers 112; Beth O'Dell 442; Shane Wootten 421; Jennifer Allred 426b; Brad Bahler 114; Karen Freund 542; Danny Creel 222; Seth Allred 203; Larry Ballinger 151; Karen Ivey 440; Jerry Enright 377; David Light 200; Delone Cobbs 161; Andrew Fairless and Elise Fairless 308; Judy Caudle 195; Leon Ballinger 313b; Rodney Ivey 500; Lynne deBenedette 182; Louis Hughes 76b; Betty Shepherd 101t; Max Berueffy and Karen Ivey 532; Jennifer Allred 391; Shane Wootten 105; Sam Sommers 380; Beth O'Dell 546; Danny Creel 269; Karen Freund 224; Allison Ivey, Richard Ivey, and Stuart Ivey 215; Drew Smith 270.

Following announcements, Chairman Linton Ballinger and Vice Chairman David Ivey led 46 as the closing song. Ron Harper led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

The 2006 session of this singing will meet on Saturday, May 6th at Burritt Museum. Chairman—Linton Ballinger; Vice Chairman—David Ivey; Secretary—Amanda Ballinger.

OHIO VALLEY SHAPE NOTE SINGING
Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Kentucky
April 30-May 1, 2005
Saturday, April 30

The tenth session of the Ohio Valley Shape Note Singing was held at Harrods Creek Baptist Church on the first Sunday and Saturday before in May. Michael Cull opened the singing by extending a welcome to everyone, followed by announcements. Mike Grimes offered the morning prayer.

Three books were used both days: *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition; Southern Harmony; and B.F. White Sacred Harp, Revised Cooper Edition.*

The following were officers for the singing: Chairlady—Michele Cull; Vice Chair—Bob Meek; Secretary—Brenda Waters; Arranging Committee—B. Chandler Bainter, Jr. and Jack Oliver.

Leaders: Claire Outten 481; Cheryl Foreman 203; David Rust 515; David Carlton 16 (SoH); Jamie Duff 117; Steve Duff 344 (CB); Peggy Brayfield 178; Liz Meitzler 270; James Page “Plum Grove”; James Herr 475; Clara Herr 209; William Shetter 336t (CB); John Plunkett 315 (SoH); Reba Windom 505 (CB).

RECESS

The class resumed singing. Leaders: Don Bowen 511t (CB); Loraine Bayer 171 (for Jeanette Lowry); Greg Creech 38 (SoH); Eloise Clark 411 (CB); Joan Aldridge 559 (CB); Mike Grimes 496; Janet Fraembs 265 (SoH); Bob Meek and David Williams 488b (CB); Regina Bayer and Elizabeth Waters 392 (CB); Sandie Scott 28 (SoH); Marilyn Burchett 551; Hans Bayer 488t (CB); Jubal Bayer 85; Carol Crawford 108b; Sheryl Pockrose 410 (CB); Joyce Brown 495; Joan Redd 86; Mary Brinkman 47; John Bayer 300; Michele Cull and Ray De Connick (from Belgium) 282; Doug Trent and Brenda Waters 68b; Greg Duff and Steve Duff 503; Christine Cox and Eloise Clark 163b; B. Chandler Bainter, Jr. 268 (CB); Claire Outten 83 (SoH). Mike Grimes offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Michele Cull brought the afternoon session to order leading 38 (CB). Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 140 (CB); David Rust 322 (SoH); David Carlton 78 (SoH); Jamie Duff 393; Steve Duff 198; Peggy Brayfield 344; Liz Meitzler 567; B. Chandler Bainter, Jr. 151 (CB) (in honor of Alexander and Tina Savelyev and their ministry); James Page 173b (SoH); James Herr 222; Clara Herr 384; Bill Shetter 453 (CB); John Plunkett 264 (CB); Reba Windom 299.

RECESS

Michele Cull brought the class to order leading 454. Leaders: Don Bowen 367 (CB); Loraine Bayer 146; Jim Crawford 107; Greg Creech 6b (SoH); Sharon Hill 236; Eloise Clark 565; Joan Aldridge 84 (CB); Mike Grimes 66; Janet Fraembs 218; Bob Meek 324t (SoH); Marilyn Burchett 571 (CB); Eldridge family 63 (by request).

The closing prayer was offered by John Bayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, May 1

The class was called to order and an opening prayer was offered. Leaders: Bob Meek 103 (SoH); Joan Aldridge 541 (CB), 572 (CB); Janet Fraembs 107 (CB), 271b (CB); Don Bowen 283, 517; Reba Windom 573 (CB), 137 (CB); John Plunkett 121 (SoH), 6t (SoH); Jubal Bayer 117, 388; Bill Shetter 575 (CB), 278 (SoH); Clara Herr 547, 348t; Jim Herr 310 (SoH), 54t (CB).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with John Bayer leading 143. Leaders: Jim Page 72 (SoH), 50 (SoH); John Bayer 89t (SoH), 88 (SoH); Liz Meitzler and Olivia Taylor 319, 148; Peggy Brayfield 195, 504; Steve Duff 331b (SoH), 39 (CB); Judy Schuetz 350, 200; Jim Crawford 351, 186.

Steve Duff and John Plunkett conducted the memorial lesson and led 569 in honor of the sick and shut-ins, and 564 in memory of the deceased. Comments were made about the difference between Sacred Harp singers and singers who sing Sacred Harp. The memorial was concluded.

Leaders: Hans Bayer 176t, 385b; Jamie Duff and Steve Duff 345b; Jamie Duff 142; Carol Crawford 312 (SoH), 267b (SoH); David Rust 17 (SoH), 17b (SoH).

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Michele Cull leading 408 and 236 for Jack Oliver. Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 430, 71; Bob Meek 384, 268; Brad Bahler 198 (SoH), 58; Eldridge family 505, 38 (CB); Joyce Brown 178, 147; Joan Redd 227, 133; Bob Meek 284 (for Joan Frankel), 25 (SoH); Sheryl Pockrose 180 (CB), 133 (CB); Marilyn Burchett 229 (CB); John Plunkett 96 (for Marilyn Burchett); Sandie Scott and John Plunkett 127 (SoH); Sandie Scott 318; Naomi Frick 138b, 63; the class 511 (CB). Announcements were made. We had singers and visitors from eleven states and one foreign country represented this year. The date for the 2006 singing will be April 29th and 30th.

The closing song was 347. Jim Herr offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairlady—Michele Cull; Vice Chair—Bob Meek; Secretary—Brenda Waters.

MT. ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING Ashland, Alabama Sunday, May 1, 2005

Chairman Eugene Forbes brought the class to order by leading 59 and 32t. Brother William Futral offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Jenny Acton; Arranging Committee—Edna Ruth Phillips.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 75; Brandon Acton 53; Sheila Cotney 143 (in memory of Grandma Elvadie Wallace), 358; Pam Anderson 480, 405; Edna Ruth Phillips 122 (for Grandma Kate), 129 (for Grandma Kelley); Myrlene Redmon 569b, 147t; Floy Wilder 186, 187; Nell Estes 40, 313t; Jenny Acton 25 (JB), 340; Wendy Futral 100, 491; William Futral 490, 164; Virginia Futral 145b, 566; Audress Gurley 36b, 517 (WB); Larry Acton, Jr. 421; Charlotte Bishop 268, 335.

RECESS

Preaching services were held.

LUNCH

Eugene Forbes led 61 and 63 to bring the afternoon session to order. Leaders: Eugene Forbes 45t; Sheila Cotney 334, 373; Myrlene Redmon 452, 108t; Martha Stanford 138b, 300; Floy Wilder 441, 142; Nell Estes 358, 127 (both by request); Jenny Acton 112, 274t; Wendy Futral 369, 101t; William Futral 469, 339; Edna Ruth Phillips 282, 40; Virginia Futral 68b, 438; Charlotte Bishop 143, "A Light At The River".

Chairman Eugene Forbes led 62 as the closing song. Troy Griffin dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Jenny Acton.

DECORATION DAY SINGING
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Dutton, Alabama
Sunday, May 1, 2005

The annual Decoration Day Singing held at Shady Grove Baptist Church in Dutton, Alabama on the first Sunday in May was called to order by Rex Wilks leading 37b and 48t. The opening prayer was offered by Brother Dennis Hall.

Leaders: Rex Wilks 83t; Mark Carroll 39t; Mark Brown, Andrew Brown, Matthew Brown, Colby Brown, Adam Harris, and Tanner Frazier 145b, 128; Tiffany Travis, Rachel Ivey, and Rachel Shavers 106; Ashley Brown and Kyle Brown 47b; Rhonda Arnold and Myra Dalton 56b, 84; Jason Wilks and Maggie Wilks 68b; Alan Posey 448t; Drew Smith 277; Syble Adams 559 (CB); Donna Ruth Durden, Brenda Durden, and McKenzie Carroll 143; Tim Travis and J.T. Shavers 312b; senior women (Morene Brown, Genora Meadows, Ethel Gilbert, Naomi Carroll, and Olivia Allen) 59 (to the new tune); senior women and Drew Smith 146.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Rodney Ivey leading 129 and 480. A memorial service was conducted by Karen Travis and Rhonda Arnold. Karen Travis read several passages of scripture: I Thessalonians, Chapter 14, and Revelations, Chapter 21. The following songs were led: W.G. and Ronnie Meadows family 348b; the Gilbert family (Thomas, Ludie, and Billy) 61, 39t; the Carroll family (Theodore and Maxie) and representing Evelyn Brown "He'll Hold My Hand"; Arlon Carroll family 36b; Delma Brown family and representing Betty Lynn Ellis "Sweet Beulah Land"; Chester and Delta Wootten family 572 (CB); Jesse and Beulah Wootten family 32t; Carthel and Larry Kessler family "Love At Home" (WB); Lee Johnson family represented by Syble Adams and Tommy Dobbs "Amazing Grace" (to the tune of "Brown"); Bill and Florence Childress family, represented by nieces and nephews "Trusting" (WB). Rhonda Arnold and Karen Travis closed the memorial service by listing the names of the sick and shut-ins, and leading 421 in their honor. The blessing was offered by Brother Maurice Johnson.

LUNCH

The class was brought back to order by Rex Wilks leading 201 and 101t. Leaders: Levon Wootten 426t; Levon Wootten and Jimmy Haynes 176t; Shane Wootten 300; Linda Sides 328; Ed Thacker 163b; Lloyd Ivey 337; Sam Sommers 121; Marian Biddle and Ivy Biddle 551; Verlon Stiefel 565; Betty Wright 97; David Ivey 98; Linda Thomas 171; Marty Wootten 45t (tune of "Brown"); Ann Mickylski 335; Michael Thompson 384; Jared Wootten 99; Susan Mathewson and Rodney Ivey 388; Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 448b; Mary Ruth Stiefel 170; J.C. Rutledge 571 (CB); Brenda Carroll, Donna Durden, and Carolyn Bullock 442; Marlon Wootten 452; Dennis George 64; Charles Meidinger and Stephen Meidinger 268; Syble Adams 575 (CB); Syble Adams, Myra Dalton, and Charlotte Head 312b (by request); Syble Adams 559 (CB); Mark Brown 569b.

After announcements were made, the class was dismissed with prayer by Verlon Stiefel.

Chairman—Rex Wilks; Secretary—Syble Adams.

EMMAUS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Carrollton, Georgia
Sunday, May 1, 2005

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 Bernard Denney leading 63 and 100. The morning prayer was offered by Bernard Denney.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bernard Denney; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Secretary—Sheri Taylor; Arranging Committee—Lisa Webb; Memorial Committee—Myron House and Jan House; Chaplain—Hugh McGraw.

Leaders: Bernard Denney 145b; Philip Denney 34b, 84; Charlene Wallace 276, 283; Lisa Webb 369, 198; Jimmie Denney 146, 148; Oscar McGuire 376, 441; Sheri Taylor 27, 448t; Henry Guthery III 101t, 97; Robert Chambless 72b; Bobby Jackson 147t, 499, 112; Sherrie Edwards 159, 282.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Philip Denney and Karis Askin leading 401. Leaders: Hugh McGraw 448b, 420; John Wall 535, 47b; Henry Guthery 205, 189; B.M. Smith 204, 475; Caroline Folds 56t, 87; Earlis McGraw 225t, 284; Stanley Edwards 76b, 145t; Judy Chambless 32t, 569b.

LUNCH

Bernard Denney brought the afternoon session to order by leading 155 and 171. Leaders: Richard DeLong 375, 379; Lonnie Rogers 389, 222; Cecil Roberts 30b, 81t.

A memorial lesson was held with Richard DeLong leading 70t for the following deceased: Sherry Guthery, Naomi Sailors, Frank Wilson, Kelly Beard, Otis Hester, Charles Wellman, and Harry Fox.

B.M. Smith led 340 and 58 for the following sick and shut-ins: Gladys McGraw, Nancy Allen, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, B.J. Harris, Evelyn Harris, Alice Edwards, Myrtle Smith, and Violet Thomason. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Myron House 545, 26; Sherry Lovvorn 143, 405; Donna Duke 168, 425; Lori Goode and Mary Elizabeth Goode 343, 25; Jan House 323b, 151; Dennis Folds 452; Laura Frey 46, 358; Gene Duke 406, 80; Henry Guthery 431; Robert Chambless 75; Philip Denney 120; Bernard Denney 299.

Bernard Denney and Philip Denney led 62 as the closing song, and Philip Denney dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Bernard Denney; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Secretary—Sheri Taylor.

SHADY GROVE (KEETON CEMETERY)

Walker County, Alabama

Sunday, May 1, 2005

The thirty-fifth session of the annual Sacred Harp singing at Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Travis Keeton leading 111b. The morning prayer was offered by Glenn Keeton. Travis Keeton led 318.

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

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton; Secretary—Lena Keeton. Leaders: Travis Keeton 278b; Butch White 77t, 159; Roma Rice 92, 177; Ashley Keeton and Ashley Campbell 143, 442; Ila Ingle 434, 436; John Hyde 297, 43; Sarah Smith 75, 317; Clarence McCool 480; Beth O'Dell 477, 189; Wilton Donaldson 47b, 490.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton called the class back to order by leading pages 46 and 117 (for Wilton Donaldson). Leaders: Steve Adams 401, 101t; Amber Davis 440, 216; Margaret Keeton 217; Kermit Adams 212, 142; Jayne Fulmer 273, 155; Leon Ballinger 424, 299; Bridgett Hill 209; Gary Smith 503, 565; Joshua Keeton 454, 196; Lisa Geist 178, 269; Bobby Watkins 49b, 460.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Travis Keeton leading 235. Leaders: Elizabeth Keeton 274t, 30t; Elene Stovall 511, 558; Earl Ballinger 500, 331; Richard Mauldin 129, 339; Lena Keeton, Glenn Keeton, Gwen Cornelius, Linda Christian, and Arnie Keeton 143, 546 (in memory of Lena's father and mother, Bennie and Maude Dodd Keeton); Harrison Creel 498, 530; Julietta Haynes 172, 192; Marlin Beasley 336, 138b; Larry Ballinger 425; Latriva Bailey 517 (WB), 384; Wanda Capps 203, 215; Max Berueffy 513; Josie Hyde 470; Gravis Ballinger 120, 78; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 475; Beth O'Dell 532 (for Edith Tate); Edith Tate and Max Berueffy 73t; Steve Adams and Elizabeth Keeton 77b; Willodean Barton 290.

Announcements were made. Travis Keeton and Glenn Keeton led 62 as the closing song. Richard Mauldin dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Lena Keeton.

**FURMAN UNIVERSITY SACRED HARP
AND CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING**
Herring Music Pavilion, Greenville, South Carolina
Saturday, May 7, 2005

The eighth session of the Furman University Singing was called to order by Chairman Frances Carnell leading 34b. John Plunkett offered the opening prayer. A business session was held with the following officers re-elected and committees appointed: Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dan Huger; Secretary—Lee Rogers; Chaplin—John Plunkett; Arranging—Dan Huger; Finance—John Plunkett; Locating/Hospitality—Jean Osteen Gaston and John Gaston.

In the opening session, all songs were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Frances Carnell 34t, 28b; Lee Rogers 31b, 475; Dan Huger 479, 547; John Plunkett 492, 52t; Judy Mincey 474, 287; David Farmer 38t, 567; Bill Burns 155, 40.

RECESS

Songs in this session were from the *Christian Harmony*. Mary Baumeister brought the class back to order leading 245t and 254b. Jean Osteen welcomed the singers to the Furman University Singing. Leaders: Frances Carnell 171t; Kitty Reusch 204t, 306; Diane Eskenasy 339, 51; Caroline Parsons 159t, 55b; Deborah Jones and David Jones 185b, 289b; John Hollingsworth 23b, 31t; Sara Jane Thomas 217; Jane Spencer 267, 116t.

LUNCH

The songs led in this session were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Dan Huger led 99 to bring the afternoon session to order. Leaders: Victoria Eastland 178, 481; Stephen Eastland 274t, 168; Frances Carnell 215, 328; Jonathan Smith 148, 85; Leon Carnell 51, 163b; Chris Carnell 376, 68t; John Plunkett 86; Mary Baumeister 64, 164; Deborah Jones 504, 566; Steve Walker 107, 38b.

RECESS

The Christian Harmony was used for the final session of the singing. Dan Huger brought the class to order leading 261t and 103b. Leaders: Diane Eskenasy 140, 128t; Kitty Reusch 28t, 381b; Sara Jane Thomas 191b, 129t; Judy Mincey 50; Caroline Parsons 136, 117; Jane Spencer 248b; Lee Rogers 162t.

David Farmer led 267 from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* as the closing song. John Hollingsworth dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dan Huger; Secretary—Lee Rogers.

KENTUCKY STATE SACRED HARP SINGING
Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles, Kentucky
Saturday, May 7, 2005

The twenty-fourth session of the Kentucky State Sacred Harp Singing was held at Pisgah Presbyterian Church in Versailles, Kentucky. The class was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Charles Coulston, who welcomed everyone. After a discussion about the history of the Kentucky Singing, Charles Coulston led 73b.

Officers for the day were the following: Chairman—Charles Coulston; Organizing Committee—Rafi Finkel, Keith MacAdam, and Ron Pen; Secretary—Mary Brinkman.

Leaders: Rob Coulston 312b; Jim Thobaben 313b; Ron Pen 59; Rob Vanover 38 (SoH); Raphael Finkel 535; Melissa Bowman 112; Bob French 95; Norma Yost 479; Keith MacAdam 31t; Charles Coulston 344; Nikos Pappas 573; Bob Sears 147; Charles Coulston 503; Adam Beeken 178 (led by Kent Gilbert); Kent Gilbert 497; Jan Pearce 268 (led by Nikos Pappas); Charles Coulston 155; Nikos Pappas 320; Bob Sears 523; Jim Thobaben 81t (led by Keith MacAdam); Ron Pen 524.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Raphael Finkel leading 66. Leaders: Adam Beeken 72b; Melissa Bowman 358; Bob French 133; Mary Brinkman 47b; Norma Yost 126 (led by Nikos Pappas); Keith MacAdam 455; Kent Gilbert 504; Jan Pearce 56b (led by Keith MacAdam); Scott Moore 68b; Bob Meek 49b; Rob Coulston 117.

Charles Coulston conducted the memorial lesson and led 159 for Rachel Sutherland and Milton Abrahams, and 209 for Rev. William K. Hubbell. Others included in the memorial lesson were the following: Bob French 180 for Joseph Brant; Kent Gilbert 47t for Bill Tallmadge; Bob Meek 324t for Pat Mudd; Adam Beeken 457 for Don Beeken; Ron Pen 146 for Art Stamper and Ralph Blizzard; Mary Brinkman and Kent Gilbert 147t for John Crowden; Bob Sears 373 for Norma Estes; Keith MacAdam 128 for Milton Abrahams. The memorial lesson was closed.

LUNCH

Keith MacAdam brought the afternoon session to order by leading 58. This session was held from a compilation of Kentucky shape note tunes spanning the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries. Leaders: Keith MacAdam “Lansdowne” (music arr. by Rafi Finkel); Charles Coulston “Gallaher” (Columbian Harmony); Nikos Pappas “St. Mary’s” (Columbian Harmony); Rafi Finkel “Carpenter” (music composed by Nikos Pappas); Ron Pen “Louisville” (Lexington Cabinet); Keith MacAdam “Sophronia” (Sacred Music); Kent Gilbert “Lexington” (Sacred Music); Nikos Pappas “Peace” (music composed by Nikos Pappas).

Announcements were made. Starting in 2006, the Kentucky Singing will revert to the previous formula for scheduling the singing date on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. Next year the date will be May 20, 2006.

The singing resumed with Catherine Gibbs leading 484. Leaders: Joe Finucane 155; Keith MacAdam 117; Ron Pen 183; Thomas Schneider 34b; Rafi Finkel 269; Rob Coulston 63; Damon Gibbs 197; Steve Wolfgang 354b; Bob Meek “Rock of Ages” (SoH); Melissa Bowman 506; Charles Coulston and Bob French 236.

Keith MacAdam led 267 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Charles Coulston; Secretary—Mary Brinkman.

BOILING SPRINGS CONVENTION
Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Oak Grove Community
Sylacauga, Alabama
Saturday, May 7, 2005

The annual Boiling Springs Convention was held at Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church in the Oak Grove Community, near Sylacauga, Alabama on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. The day of singing began with prayer led by Elder Frank Wood.

The following officers were elected and appointed to serve:

Chairman—Elder Bufrey Dean; Secretary—Cynthia Dean; Arranging Committee—Carla Pressley.

Leaders: Elder Bufrey Dean 31t; Jeff Sheppard 61, 79; Ed Thacker 47t, 303; Floy Wilder 63, 182; Eugene Forbes 100, 40; Elder Frank Wood 452; Robert Walker 30b; Nell Estes; Gavin Blakeley; Virginia Futral 145b; Wendy Futral 491; Elgie Wood; Bobby Watkins 32t, 33b; William Futral 341; Edna Phillips 143; Chita Blakeley.

RECESS

Elder Bufrey Dean brought the class back together by leading 313t. Leaders: Waylon Blakeley; Maudie Frederick; Brenda Dean 47b, 369; LaRue Allen 300, 222; Ed Thacker 57, 400; Sylvia Wesson 147t, 339; Stormy Britton 188, 490; Willard Frederick 45t, 77t; Myra Goss 145t, 170; Lou Cotney 172, 218; Henry Johnson 338, 81t; Jo Snodgrass; Richard Mauldin 358, 66.

Elder Bufrey Dean opened the business session. Eugene Forbes asked permission for the Boiling Springs Convention be held at Mount Zion Primitive Baptist Church, near Ashland, Alabama on Saturday, August 13, 2005. Motion received a second and passed unanimously to grant this request. Elder Bufrey Dean led 45t, followed with prayer by Brother Allen Bingham.

LUNCH

Elder Bufrey Dean brought the afternoon session to order by leading 47b and 282.

Leaders: Elder Jonathan Blakeley 81t, 213; Waylon Blakeley; Lacey Blakeley 291, 108b; Floy Wilder 186, 373; Virginia Futral 566 (in memory of Sisters Nelda Henry and Betty Forbes), 495 (Old School Hymnal); William Futral 46, 98; Wendy Futral 496, 25; Lou Cotney 384, 358; Nellie Estes 40, 438; Elder Bufrey Dean 28b (by special request in honor of Sister Lera Beckett).

Announcements were made. Elder Jonathan Blakeley led the closing prayer. Those who desired lovingly took the parting hand.

Note: Minutes were lost. Song numbers not appearing after a person's name could not be remembered and therefore left blank.

Chairman—Elder Bufrey Dean; Secretary—Cynthia Dean.

SHILOH SACRED HARP SINGING
Shiloh Museum, Springdale, Arkansas
Saturday, May 7, 2005

The Shiloh Sacred Harp Singing was held on the first Saturday in May at the Shiloh Museum in Springdale, Arkansas. Syd Caldwell called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. Bill Caldwell offered the opening prayer. Syd Caldwell led 39t.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Caldwell; Vice Chairman/Arranging Committee—Syd Caldwell; Secretary—Alice Moran.

Dan Brittain conducted a class on how to read the shapes of the notes, and the origin of how it got started.

Leaders: Syd Caldwell 87; Bill Caldwell 556; Alice Moran 480; Beverly Coats 146; Dan Brittain 456; Becky Browne 171; Gary Gronau 32t; Charlie Derleth 99; Presley Barker 36b; Don Ross 271t; Diane Ross 455; Emily Gruber 196; Anita Buswell 61.
RECESS

The class resumed singing with Syd Caldwell leading 13 (MH). Leaders: Wayman Minor 89; Dan Brittain 66; Shannon Seyler 299; Bill Caldwell 217.

LUNCH

Becky Browne and Presley Barker brought the afternoon session to order leading 481.

A memorial lesson was held with 475 led for the deceased and for the sick and shut-ins. The following deceased were remembered: Gary McGraw, Naomi Sailors, and Marshall Avery—Georgia; Ruth White—Illinois; Phillip Alderman—Missouri; Nathaniel Keith—New Hampshire; Allen Fannin—New York; Darlene McDonough—Minnesota; Kelly Beard and Billie Beard—Texas; John Hocutt, J.C. Hardin, Elvin Guthrie, Sherry Guthery, Ronnie Meadows, and Ivalene Donaldson—Alabama.

The following sick and shut-ins were remembered: Jeanette Lowry, Myra Palmer, Gladys McGraw, Myrtle Smith, Nancy Allen, I.V. McWhorter, Flarce Creel, Donnie McGraw, Amanda Denson, Clarence McCool, Alice Edwards, Elsie Beasley, Edith Tate, Mary Gardner, Glen Emerson, Howard Stones, and Dolores Katz. The memorial was closed with prayer.

Leaders: Dan Brittain 387, 438; Syd Caldwell 436; Alice Moran 163b; Charlie Derleth 108t; Don Ross 198; Gary Gronau 11 (MH); Diane Ross 497; Becky Browne 203; Presley Barker 17 (MH); Anita Buswell 515; Syd Caldwell 460.

LUNCH

Bill Caldwell called the afternoon session to order leading 276. Leaders: Bill Caldwell 276; Beverly Coats 454, 569b; Wayman Minor -292; Dan Brittain 54 (MH); Shannon Seyler 306; Presley Barker 34; Syd Caldwell 528; Anita Buswell 274t; Diane Ross 430; Becky Browne 142; Don Ross 547; Syd Caldwell 282; Gary Gronau 411,183.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Syd Caldwell leading 336.

Leaders: Wayman Minor 401; Jana Stephens 265; Anita Buswell 100; Bill Caldwell 178; Charlie Derleth 496, 348b (request); Susie 49b; Diane Ross and Don Ross 225t; Bill Caldwell and Alice Moran 344.

Announcements were made. Syd Caldwell and Beau Caldwell led 45t as the closing song. Bill Caldwell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Caldwell; Vice Chairman—Syd Caldwell; Secretary—Alice Moran.

OLD FLATWOODS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Nauvoo, Alabama
Sunday, May 8, 2005

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Ashley Keeton who welcomed everyone and led 72b. John Merritt offered the morning prayer. Ashley Keeton led 142 and 143.

Officers for the day were the following: Chairlady—Ashley Keeton;

Secretary/Memorial—Jimmie Gilmore; Arranging—Arthur Gilmore.

Leaders: Wilton Donaldson 229, 490; Richard Walker 34b, 145b; James Wagner 354b, 63; Becky Briggs 112, 120; Clarence McCool 349, 68b; Brenda Merritt 192, 200; Gary Smith 50b, 73b; Lisa Geist 91, 151.

RECESS

Ashley Keeton brought the class back to order leading 457 and 30b. Leaders: John Merritt 358, 163; Warren Steel 74t, 411; Billy Williams 334, 213b; Henry Guthery 39b, 420; Sarah Smith 129, 318; James Wagner family 480, 340, 65.

Jimmie Gilmore conducted the memorial and led 45t for the deceased: Ivalene Donaldson, John Hocutt, Sherry Guthery, Hershell King, Rayburn Humber, Olin Keeton, Janice Keeton, the McGough family, and the Harper family.

Jimmie Gilmore and John Merritt led 294 for the sick and shut-ins: Garnsey McGough, Armmel Ritch, Hubbert Kitchens, Charles Kitchens, Furn Kitchens, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, and Estelle Gilmore. The memorial was closed with prayer by Gary Smith. The noon prayer was offered by Marlin Beasley.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Ashley Keeton leading 76b and 203. Leaders: Eugene Forbes 168, 186; Elizabeth Keeton 145t, 274t; Marlin Beasley 317, 426t; Josie Hyde 224, 507; Pam Baker 189, 187; Joshua Keeton and Joyce Keeton 196, 408, 268; Lena Keeton 146, 546; Seth Holloway 294, 388; Juanita Beasley 61, 46; Travis Keeton 496, 497; Glenn Keeton, Ashley Keeton, and Josh Keeton “Joshua”, “Ashley” (both composed by Glenn Keeton); Kermit Adams 220, 78; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 401, 101t; John Beasley 67, 335; Bunk Beasley and Linda Beasley 81t, 59; Gwen Cornelius 517 (WB), 475; Arthur Gilmore 491b (WB).

Ashley Keeton led 45b as the closing song. Glen Keeton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairlady—Ashley Keeton; Secretary—Jimmie Gilmore.

GARDEN STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Montclair, New Jersey

May 13-14 2005

Friday, May 13

The thirteenth annual session of the Garden State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Montclair Friends Meetinghouse in Montclair, New Jersey on Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Gina Balestracci who led 59, then offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chair—Gina Balestracci; Vice Chair—Susan Bingham; Secretary—Barbara Swetman; Treasurer—Dick Levine; Chaplain—Lamar Matthew, George Seiler, and Ellie Soler; Arranging—Laura Densmore; Memorial Committee—Gina Balestracci and Lamar Matthew; Housing—Susan Bingham.

Leaders: Dick Levine 34b; Susan Bingham 30t; Laura Densmore 148; Dennis Leipold 33b; Eileen Metzger 383; George Seiler 99; Thom Metzger 216; Margaret Bornick 24; Ellie Soler 504; Ron Bornick 84; Clare Chapman 501; Roland Hutchinson 147b; Bob Parr 327; Gerry Hoffman 87; Bill Holt 448t; Barbara Swetman 71; Gina Balestracci 108t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Barbara Swetman leading 31b. Leaders: Guy Bankes 297; Cindy Sadler 390; Aldo Ceresa 29t; Miriam Kilmer 178; Ted Stokes 394; Tim Slattery 66; Diane Mennella 107; Linda Griggs 522; Gina Balestracci 532; Dick Levine 350; Susan Bingham 454; Laura Densmore 384; Dennis Leipold 282; Eileen Metzger 76b; George Seiler 159; Thom Metzger 89; Margaret Bornick 312b; Ellie Soler 277; Ron Bornick 276; Clare Chapin 77b; Roland Hutchinson 313b; Bob Parr 270; Gerry Hoffman 61; Karen Wilcox 40; Jean Seiler 217; Bill Holt 155; Barbara Swetman 65; Guy Banks 442; Cindy Sadler 396; Violet Krumbein 37b; Aldo Ceresa 215; Miriam Kilmer 378b; Ted Stokes 55.

Gina Balestracci led 34b to close the Friday session. George Seiler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Saturday, May 14

Gina Balestracci called the class together at 10:00 a.m. leading 173, then offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Dick Levine 479; Susan Bingham 446; Dave Hough 384; Rick Johnston 172; Molly Sayvetz 501; Chris Holley 29t; Tom Malone 30b; Paula Picton 31t; Lamar Matthew 317; Katharine Hough 480; Tim Slattery 168; Bradford West 319; Nora Dunn 81t; Frank Evans 229; Inga Knets 272; Dennis Leipold 455; Nancy Kennard 535; Hal Kunkel 304; Michael Kaye 112; Eileen Metzger 379; George Seiler 485; Charlotte Ehrman 340; Gina Balestracci 72b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Diane Mennella leading 300. Leaders: Ellie Soler 358; Margaret Bornick 182; Berk Meitzler 171; Thom Metzger; Lynne deBenedette 203; Patricia Geritz 274t; Ron Bornick 178; Brenda Peña 325; Clare Chapin 510; Bob Parr 419; Anne Johnston 70b; Diane Mennella 477; Gerry Hoffman 503.

Gina Balestracci conducted the memorial lesson, read the following list of deceased, and led 159 in their memory: John Hocutt and J.C. Hardin—Alabama; Steven Hough—California; Nancy Mullenex and Mary Ann Williamson—Washington, D.C.; Alice Kendrick—Connecticut; Anne Shea—Florida/Minnesota; Anne Broussard, Mary Chyba, and Dawn Culbertson—Maryland; Elise Balestracci Lawless—Massachusetts; Rod Roach—New England; Constance Booth, Cheryl Doehler, and Tom Gibney—New Jersey; Allen Fannin, Marie Hanss, Susan Hilton, Irv Kass, Marilyn Mowry, Roxanna Mennella, Roy Schoenberger, and Abe Waintrob—New York; John Martin—Rhode Island; Dick Kelley—Vermont; Mike Finucan and Diane Knippers—Virginia; Burkhard Jost—Munich, Germany. Lamar Matthew offered prayer for the deceased.

Gina Balestracci read the following list of sick and shut-ins and led 472 in their honor: Kayla Solino and Caroline Cherry—New Jersey; Mary McNeill—Virginia; Robin Creamer, Gene Reid, and Laura Timmerman—Massachusetts; Ann Sayvetz—Illinois; John Van Soronsin—Maine; Marilyn Darch—California; Adrienne Cammarata and Mary Ellen Schrock—New York; Shelbie Sheppard—Alabama.

Lamar Matthew closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Laura Densmore 377; Barbara Swetman 196; Cindy Sadler 475; Bill Holt 550; Jean Seiler 217; Aldo Ceresa 224; Guy Banks 474; Miriam Kilmer 285t; Ted Stokes 545. Ellie Solar said grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by George Seiler leading 68b. Leaders: Rick Johnston 205; Lynne deBenedette 192; Michael Kaye 298; Gerry Hoffman 142; Hal Kunkel 105; Inga Knets 76b; Lamar Matthew 162; Katharine Hough 85; Bradford West 426b; Paula Picton 43; Bill Holt 376; Berk Meitzler 496; Nora Dunn 495; David Hough 282; Clarice Kiercuff 84; Dianne Mennella 349; Bob Parr 200; Gina Balestracci 210.

RECESS

Gina Balestracci brought the class to order leading 30t. Leaders: Molly Sayvetz 299; Tom Malone 240; Dennis Leipold 416; Chris Holley 268; Jean Seiler 273; Eileen Metzger 315; Guy Banks 351; Ellie Solar 361; Thom Metzger 29b; Anne Johnston 146; Ron Bornick 454; Brenda Peña 39b; Margaret Bornick 155.

A business session was held to hear committee reports. The Secretary reported seventy attendees from fourteen states were registered and fifty-one leaders led 136 tunes (plus 7 after the report is a total of 143 tunes).

The treasurer reported expenses were met with a small surplus to begin next year. Gina Balestracci thanked all those who devoted their time and efforts to make the convention possible.

Leaders: Charlotte Ehrman 365; Cindy Sadler 546; Patricia Geritz 378; Clare Chapin 163b; Linda Griggs 522; Aldo Ceresa 430.

Gina Balestracci led 62 as the closing song, and the Chaplain dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair—Gina Balestracci; Vice Chair—Susan Bingham; Secretary—Barbara Swetman.

NEWTON COUNTY SINGING
Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church
Covington, Newton County, Georgia
Saturday, May 14, 2005

The fifth session of the Newton County Singing was held at Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church near Covington in Newton County, Georgia on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. Chairman Charles Woods called the class to order by leading 77b. Hermon Wilkinson offered the opening prayer. Charles Woods led 31b; Herman Wilkinson 40, 47b, 145t; Arlene Woods 479, 268, 30.

In a business session, the class voted to retain the current officers: Chairman—Charles Woods; Vice Chairman—Herman Wilkinson; Secretary—Arlene Woods.

Leaders: Lee Rogers 145b, 61; Art Hargrove 63, 75; John Plunkett 48t, 311.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Myra Hargrove leading 45t. Leaders: Charlene Wallace and Alice Scott 491, 48t; Jane Spencer 49b, 390; Andy Anderson 28t, 146; Mike Spencer 401, 68b; Malinda Snow 143, 523; Howell Sorrells 168, 299; Marcena Wilkinson 101t, 354t.

LUNCH

Charles Woods brought the class back to order leading 127. Leaders: Lee Rogers 276; John Plunkett 74b, 74t; Carlene Griffin 155; Jane Spencer 360, 388; Charlene Wallace 421, 475; Andy Anderson 178, 503; Mike Spencer 312b; Herman Wilkinson 318; Malinda Snow 384, 287; Howell Sorrells 434, 312t; Pete Hunt 282; Jane Spencer and Andy Anderson 65; Charles Woods 77t.

Announcements were made, and Charles Woods led 569 as the closing song.

Herman Wilkinson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Charles Woods; Vice Chairman—Herman Wilkinson; Secretary—Alene Woods.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL SINGING
Los Angeles, California
Saturday, May 14, 2005

The thirteenth annual Southern California Regional Sacred Harp Singing met on Saturday before the third Sunday in May at Angels Gate Cultural Center, San Pedro, California.

The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Pat Keating leading 312b. Steve Lazicki, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Pasadena, California, led the opening prayer. Duncan MacLeod led 30t.

A business meeting was called and the following officers were elected or appointed:

Chairman—Duncan MacLeod; Vice Chair—Pat Keating; Secretary—Larry Arnstein; Treasurer—David Olson; Arranging Committee—Rick Russell; Memorial

Committee—Marilyn Murata and Mary Rose O’Leary; Resolutions Committee—
Laura Boyd Russell.

Leaders: Duncan MacLeod 112; Pat Keating 315; Larry Arnstein 163b; John Rand
385t; David Olson 66; Mary Rose O’Leary 436; Steve Lazicki 29t; Marilyn Murata
492; Bruce Hayes 35; Ron Huss 477; Jerry Schreiber 446; Polly Henninger 186;
Laura Boyd Russell 411; Betty Herman 216; John Marr 335; Rick Russell 401.

RECESS

Midge Harder called the class back to order leading 128. Leaders: Karen Huss 454;
Pat Keating 320; Carroll Lunsford 319; Tom Ostwald 209; Midge Harder 535; Carla
Smith 304; Norman Gholson 28b; Tison Lacy 569b; Amy Ludwig 85; Stephen
O’Leary 192; Larry Arnstein 566.

Marilyn Murata conducted the memorial lesson and led 448b for the following
deceased: Anne Friend, Elaine Weissman, Larry Mylove, Ron Stockfleth, May
Borisoff, and Donna Delaney—California; Billie Warschauer—Florida; Laura
Downin—New Jersey; Ann Weisenfeld—Texas.

Mary Rose O’Leary led 340 for the sick and shut-ins: Dean Slaton—Illinois; Fumin
Murata, Kathleen Meske, and Susan Osana—California. The memorial was closed.
Duncan MacLeod led 475.

LUNCH

John Marr called the class back to order leading 373. Leaders: Midge Harder 500;
Mike Laube 125; Susan Turpin 328; John Rand 123; Jerry Schreiber 362; Ron Huss
549; John Marr 400; Marilyn Murata 277; Mary Rose O’Leary 87; Betty Herman
442; Tom Ostwald 268; Carla Smith 359; Bruce Hayes 174; Laura Boyd Russell 228.

RECESS

Susan Turpin called the class back to order leading 72b. Leaders: Polly Henninger
504; Carroll Lunsford 162; Ellen Collins 159; Rick Russell 297; Karen Huss 236;
Larry Arnstein 474; Mike Lewis, Linda Lewis, Dakota Lewis, and Mikaela Lewis
410t; Pat Keating 272; Steve Lazicki 117; Stephen O’Leary 95; Tison Lacy 491;
Norman Gholson 479; Susan Turpin 203; Mike Laube 467; Amy Ludwig 155; Jon
Mortensen 178; David Olson 441; Duncan MacLeod 441.

A business meeting was called to hear reports. Treasurer David Olsen reported that
expenses had been met.

Secretary Larry Arnstein reported that sixty-seven songs had been sung.

Laura Boyd Russell gave the Resolutions, acknowledging the passing of the tradition
on with every singing.

Announcements were made. Steve Lazicki offered the closing prayer. Duncan
MacLeod led 276 as the closing song, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Chairman—Duncan MacLeod; Vice Chair—Pat Keating; Secretary—Larry
Arnstein.

PROVIDENCE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Vinemont, Alabama
Saturday, May 14, 2005

The first Sacred Harp singing held at Providence Primitive Baptist Church was
called to order by Kenneth Fannin leading 48t. Prayer was offered by Elder Marlon
Wilkinson.

Leaders: Jennifer Allred 37b; Judy Caudle 120, 121; Delone Cobbs 290, 72b; Marie
Guthrie 166, 171; Carol Fannin 274t, 503; Bobby Watkins 33b, 76b; Seth Allred 39t,
84; Butch White 30b, 74b; Corene White 379, 403; David Light 110, 318; Richard
Mauldin 35; Richard Mauldin and Dick Mauldin 358; Henry Guthery 568, 527;
Arvid Holmes 63, 460.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Delone Cobbs leading 388. A memorial lesson was held by Elder Daniel Hopper. Elder Hopper spoke of the length of the following list and of the memories of those people brought to our minds by the singing of songs, and then led 80b in memory of the following: John Hocutt, Ivalene Donaldson, Hershell King, Sherry Guthery, Willard Hopper, R.C. Burlson, Kathleen White, Lyonial Puckett, Helen Hunt, Owen Hunt and Henry Hunt. The class then sang 81t in honor of those who could not be present because of sickness or other reasons: Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Harrison Creel, Flarce Creel, Edith Tate, Jap Walton, Joyce Walton, John Hyde, Josie Hyde, and Etta Pebley. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Bridgett Hill 82t, 440; Rachel Allred 99, 278b; Tim Cook 86, 347; Brandon Thompson 335, 384; Adam Hale 340, 192; Henry Guthery III 145b, 339; Max Berueffy 569t, 475; Mary Holcomb, Christy and Emily 30t, 105; Susan Allred 399b, 480; Odom Hawkins 32t, 137; Ryan Hale 40, 36b; Allison Ivey 410t, 273; Danny Creel 77t, 111b. Prayer was offered by Elder Hubert Thompson.

LUNCH

Kenneth Fannin brought the class to order by leading 45t. Leaders: Nancy Thompson 127, 126; Lara Hale 434, 78; Ted Creel 87, 125; Eugene Forbes 495, 203; Caleb Allred 312b, 282; Jonathon Thompson 448t, 313t; Glenda Hopper 205, 207; Will Allred 300, 401; Carmon Brothers 75, 112; J.L. Hopper 295, 198; Dan Hopper 489; Richard Mauldin and Bridgett Hill 168; Allison Ivey 425; Judy Caudle 140; Jennifer Allred 142 (for Amanda Denson); Ryan Hale 101t; Bobby Watkins 183; Tim Cook 178.

The church members and class decided to hold this singing again next year. Following announcements, Kenneth Fannin and Delone Cobbs led 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder J.L. Hopper.

Chairman—Kenneth Fannin; Vice Chairman—Delone Cobbs; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

MATTOX MEMORIAL SINGING **Harmony Church, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee** **Saturday, May 14, 2005**

The annual Mattox Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Tim Reynolds leading 59. John Edmondson offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Gordon Wilkinson; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 73b, 84; Clayton Ezell 354b, 390, 231; Sandie Scott 159 (in memory of Ivalene Donaldson), 74b; Doris Littrell 490, 358; Lewis Frost 34b, 515; Margie Norwood 119, 405.

RECESS

John Edmondson brought the class back to order leading 49t, 45t, 128. Leaders: Kenneth Robinson 68b, 335; Heidi Nolen 569b, 148; John Hyde 63, 566; Marcia Edmondson 105, 145t, 145b.

LUNCH

Clayton Ezell brought the class back to order leading 475. Leaders: Wilton Donaldson 317, 100; Henry Cobb and Lewis Frost 46, 47b; Marilyn Burchett 36b, 496; Chug Beasley and Ruby Beasley 33b, 32t, 111t; David Carlton 77t, 183, 517 (WB); Clayton Ezell and Vivian Masters 294; Lewis Frost and Henry Cobb 388, 389; Josie Hyde 408, 45t.

Following announcements, Henry Cobb offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Gordon Wilkinson; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett.

ZION HILL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Douglas, Alabama

Sunday, May 15, 2005

The annual singing at Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Blake Sisemore leading 37b and 32b. The morning prayer was offered by S.T. Reed. Blake Sisemore led 59.

Officers for the day were the following: Chairman—Blake Sisemore; Vice Chairman—Jackson Harcrow; Arranging Committee—Henry Johnson; Secretary—Susan Harcrow.

Leaders: Jackson Harcrow 47t, 63; Susan Harcrow 48t, 82t; Henry Johnson 73b, 166; Donna Wootten 56t, 76t; Wilton Donaldson 317, 100; Bridgett Hill 73t, 68b; Jarrod George 74b, 270; Milton Oliver 321, 176t; Tommy George 282, 300; Bobby Watkins 138b, 40.

RECESS

Jackson Harcrow called the class to order leading 88t. Leaders: Travis Keeton 475, 480; Don Robertson 142, 200; Linda Thomas 120, 84; Betty Wright 348b, 565; S.T. Reed 60, 61; Marty Wootten and Jared Wootten 171, 448b; Earl Ballinger 432, 430; Alexandra Makris 153, 405; Jackie Tanner 39b, 89; Aaron Wootten 101t, 496; Terry Wootten 399.

RECESS

The class was called back together with Blake Sisemore leading 35. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 145b, 178; Kyle Blakeley 129, 123t; Larry Ballinger 50b, 163; Butch White 30b, 77t.

LUNCH

Rodney Ivey brought the class back together leading 146 and 203. Leaders: Elene Stovall 172, 208; Shane Wootten 298, 500; Judy Caudle 107, 345b; Douglas Conn 189, 196; Eloise Wootten 99, 299; Mark Brown 276, 108; Lisa Geist "Joshua", 394; Dennis George 45b, 431; Wayne Wootten 441, 30t; Phillip Gilmore 31t, 29t; Nate Green 378b; Chris Green 277, 418; Richard Mauldin 339, 66; Pam Green 274t; Henry Johnson 435; Susan Harcrow 234; Dennis George 228; Don Robertson 212; Elene Stovall and Bridgett Hill 335; Judy Caudle 216; Blake Sisemore, Jackson Harcrow, and Jarrod George 384; Susan Harcrow, her mother (Elizabeth Rosser), and Jackson Harcrow 358; Susan Harcrow 38b.

Announcements were made. Blake Sisemore led 46 for the closing song, and Shane Wootten dismissed the class in prayer.

Chairman—Blake Sisemore; Vice Chairman—Jackson Harcrow; Secretary—Susan Harcrow.

ROCKY MOUNT

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING

Daviston, Alabama

Sunday, May 15, 2005

The annual Homecoming singing at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in May. Charlotte Bishop led 452 and 110t to bring the class to order. The morning prayer was offered by Modie McNeal.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Jenny Acton; Arranging Committee—Carla Smith. Leaders: Charlotte Bishop 63; Bobby Jackson 499, 45t; Nell Estes 40, 84; John Merritt “Nettie”, “Munfordville”; Isabella Greene 388, 100; Mary Jean Payne 401, 290; Paula Fagan 73t, 108t; Edna Ruth Phillips 480, 405; Audress Gurley 36b, 517 (WB); Jenny Acton 25 (JB), 340; Brandon Acton 53, 300; class 159 and 460 (for Waymond Price).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Charlotte Bishop leading 145b. Leaders: Sharon Whitehead 155, 120; William Futral 341, 490; Virginia Futral 569b, 565; Wendy Futral 101t, 491; Jack Nelson 438, 560; Charlotte Bishop 358 (for Carla Smith), “A Light At The River”; Charlotte Bishop 339 (by request for the Avery family), 294, 335; Larry Acton, Jr. 73b, 30t; Jack Nelson 30b; John Merritt and Brandon Acton 166.

Announcements were made. Charlotte Bishop led 56t as the closing song. William Futral offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Jenny Acton.

CANE CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Cleburne County, near Heflin, Alabama** **Sunday, May 15, 2005**

The annual Decoration Day singing at Cane Creek Primitive Church was held on the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by B.M. Smith leading 59. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer. B.M. Smith led 73b; Jeff Sheppard 75; Pearl Guier 63, 32t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee—Pearl Guier; Memorial Committee—Mary L. Smith.

Leaders: Stanley Edwards 312t; Cecil Roberts 480, 30b; Judy Chambless 568, 490; George Garner 212; Sylvia Holland 339, 348b; Bud Oliver 145t, 30t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Stanley Edwards leading 105. Leaders: Lou Cotney 172, 300; Donald Jones 335; Glenda Collins 45t, 124; Frances Jones and Joe Jones 159 (for Joe’s 94 year old sister, Pauline Borden, who is ill); C.W. Garner 47b; Karen Reaves 457, 410t; Lewis Norton 33t, 30b; Mary Lee Smith 294, 358; Sherrie Edwards 282, 129. Charles Norton gave the cemetery report, and Buddy Owens gave a report on the driveway that is in progress.

Mary L. Smith conducted the memorial lesson. The deceased remembered were Elder Marshall Avery, Robert Garner, Evelyn Newman, Alonza Edwards, Milton Kerr, and David Pollard. Hester Edwards, Louise Owen, Alma Owens, and other family members led 288 in memory of their brother, Alonzo Edwards. Mary L. Smith led 348b in memory of the other deceased, her mother, her sister, Mozelle Sheppard, and her cousin, Lee Jones.

Mary L. Smith led 179 to honor the following sick and shut-ins: Myrtle Smith, Nancy Allen, Alice Edwards, Irvin Roberts, Pauline Borden, and Dale Harris. The memorial was closed with prayer by Mary L. Smith.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Stanley Edwards leading 37b and 76b. Leaders: Pam Nunn 234, 186; Louise Holland 43, 49b; Michael Turner 358 (for his sister), 340; Evelyn Harris 155, 47t; Robert Chambless 143, 70t; Nellie Mae White 100, 119; Ray Hollis 405, 225t; Cath Daniel 127, 378t; Shelbie Sheppard 332,

167; Billy Joe Harris 303, 503; Sherrell Cleino 334, 106; Ann Simpson 323b, 61; class 408 (by request).

Announcements were made. Stanley Edwards led 62 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Hester Edwards.

MOUNT PISGAH SINGING SOCIETY (COOPER BOOK)

Stroud, Chambers County, Alabama

Saturday, May 21, 2005

The annual all day session of the Mount Pisgah Singing Society met at Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church, and was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Don Clark leading 36b and 82. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Johnny Lee.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: President—Don Clark; Vice President—John Etheridge; 2nd Vice President—Bobby Jackson; Secretary—Mary Elizabeth Lee.

Leaders: Don Clark 99; John Etheridge 399; Bobby Jackson 522; Mary Elizabeth Lee 186; Betty Wright 511b; April Dell 122; Wilburn Ellison 31t; Nate Green and Norma Green 411; Wayne Jones 270; Henry Guthery, Sr. 450; Sue Bunch 133; Sandra Wilkinson 54t; Penina Kane 335; Elder Clarke Lee 336t; S.T. Reed 532; Oscar McGuire 276; Rodney Ivey 571.

RECESS

The second session was brought to order by Don Clark leading 111t. Bonnie Anglin Reynolds, Doris Smith Greene and Margaret Smith Awbrey were recognized. The parents of these ladies were charter members of this singing when it was organized in 1903. We were so pleased to have them with us today.

Leaders: John Plunkett 373; Helen Bryson 172; Jack Nelson and Mona Nelson 478; Stanley Smith 537; Henry Johnson 336b; Lela Crowder 183; Lee Rogers 218; Franklin Dillard 47b; Donna Bell 558b; Elder Johnny Lee 41; Charlene Wallace 497; Floy Wilder 182; Herby Bailey 573; Andy Anderson 168; Geraldine Rice 222; Frank Hataway 395b; Morgan Bunch 30t.

RECESS

Order was restored by John Etheridge leading 278b. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 377t; Ed Thacker 486; Syble Adams and David Lee 171; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Louis Hughes, Sr. 543b; Frank Strickland 367; Carol Buche 518; Isabelle Green 559; Karen Clark 358; Joe Nall 272; Velton Chafin 86; Daphene Causey 500; Andy Morse 199; Earlis McGraw 170; Kathy Lee 180; Jane Spencer 574.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Don Clark leading 520 (for Leonard Price and others). Leaders: Loretta Jones 138t; Evelyn Harris 47t; Faye Hollis 203; Brenda Merritt 567; David Lee 511t; John Merritt "Nothing But The Blood of Jesus"; LaRue Allen 192; Tommie Spurlock 98; Claudine Townson, Olivia Allen, and Syble Adams 505; Karen Clark 563; Bud Oliver 42; B.J. Harris 45t; Henry Guthery III 189.

RECESS

The final session of the day was called to order by Don Clark leading 100. Leaders: Judy Chambless 95; Lucy Sandridge and Lee Rogers 575; Riley Lee 300; Connie Stanton 143; Lera Ellyson 21t; Wayne Morgan 507b; Annie Lee Price 217; Sharon DuPriest and Rodney Ivey 229; Ellen Gwynn 129; Linda Westbrook 348t; Royce Sellers 501; Robert Chambless 72; Chip Westbrook 127; Julie Lee 277; Mary Elizabeth Lee 393t; Karen Clark and Carol Buche 488b.

Announcements were made. The officers led 62 and all who wished took the parting hand. David Lee offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed in order. President—Don L. Clark; Vice President—John Etheridge; 2nd Vice President—Bobby Jackson; Secretary—Mary Elizabeth Lee.

POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
North of Tallapoosa, Georgia, off Hwy. 100
Sunday, May 22, 2005

The annual 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 59. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Arranging/Memorial Committee—Miranel Swafford, Carlene Griffin, and Evelyn Harris.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 63; Earlis McGraw 163t, 101t; Bobby Jackson 100, 32t, 499; Oscar McGuire 75, 129, 473; Billy Joe Harris 225t, 303, 503; Judy Chambless 569b, 81t, 82t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Cecil Roberts leading 30b. Leaders: Robert Chambless 507, 70t, 68b; Karen Rollins 143, 358, 36b.

Miranel Swafford conducted the memorial lesson. Lonnie Rogers led 348b and 97 for the deceased: Evelyn Newman, Howard Key, Naomi Sailors, Robert Garner, Albert Pope, Bertha Pope, and Hoyt Pope.

Oscar McGuire led 57 for all the sick and shut-ins. Rev. Lee Hollis closed the memorial with prayer and offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Earlis McGraw leading 425 and 271t. Leaders: Louise Owen 349, 274t; Mildred Patterson 119, 111t, 335; Joyce Lambert 127, 56t, 61; Inez Chandler and Ceford Wood 290, 490, 457; Hugh McGraw 94, 105; Evelyn Harris 39b, 47t; Elder Lewis Norton 418, 341, 33b; Charlene Wallace 147t, 201; Carlene Griffin 155; Cecil Roberts 312b.

Announcements were made. Cecil Roberts led 46 as the closing song. Elder Lewis Norton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Eva, Morgan County, Alabama
Sunday, May 22, 2005

The May Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in May was called to order by Chairman Milford Cobbs leading 381. The morning prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper. After welcoming everyone, Milford Cobbs led 45t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman—Arvid Holmes; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 36t, 33b; Arvid Holmes 155; John Hyde 275b; Corene White 171; Glenda Hopper 81t; Sandra Light 143, 354t; Teddy Creel 87; Tim Cook 512, 474; Bud Oliver 274t; David Ivey 376; David Light 318, 302; Danny Creel 383; Henry Johnson 123t, 131b; Karen Ivey 273, 108t; Lomax Ballinger 89; Rodney Ivey 113, 435.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Milford Cobbs leading 127. Leaders: Brandon Thompson 39b, 335; Jonathon Thompson 84, 300; Larry Ballinger 182; Loyd Ivey 47t; Wilton Donaldson 480; Betty Shepherd 216, 101t; Robert Walker 510, 477; Henry Guthery 149; Emily Creel 269; Joel Jenkins 142; Max Berueffy 332 (for Brooks Berueffy); Josie Hyde 361; Chris Ballinger 270, 350; Bridgett Hill and Richard Mauldin 36b, 168 (for Christine and family during their time of grief). Prayer was offered by David Ivey.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by J.L. Hopper leading 145t. Leaders: Shane Wooten 560, 542; Sarah Jenkins 68b (in memory of Floyd Peters), 148; Donna Wooten 74b, 88t; Jennifer Allred 411, 170; J.L. Hopper 355; Caleb Allred 282, 312b; Will Allred 401, 76b; Jackson Harcrow 159, 42; Delone Cobbs 32t, 150; Daphne Causey and Sharon DuPriest 136, 140; Travis Keeton 388, 343; Rachel Allred 442, 35.

RECESS

The singing resumed with J.L. Hopper leading 91. Leaders: Henry Guthery III 97, 340 (in memory of Sherry Guthery); LaRue Allen 314, 556; Ed Thacker 511, 235; John Plunkett 76t, 271b; Richard Mauldin 378t (for Dick Mauldin); John Hyde and Richard Mauldin 43; Elene Stovall 280; Elene Stovall and Ed Thacker 426b; Nancy Thompson 75, 65; Amber Davis 276, 224; Dennis George 400; Linda Thomas 373; Craig Holmes 64; Carol Newman 220; Daniel Hopper 479, 451; Judy Caudle 459 (in memory of Bera Bradford).

Following announcements, J.L. Hopper led 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by J.C. Rutledge.

Chairman—Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman—Arvid Holmes; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

MIDWEST CONVENTION

Chicago, Illinois

May 28-29, 2005

Saturday, May 28

The twentieth annual Midwest Sacred Harp Convention was held at the University Church on Saturday and the Irish American Heritage Center on Sunday on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in May. Co-Chairs Ted Mercer and Lisa Grayson opened the Saturday morning session at 9:30 a.m. by welcoming singers and leading 277. Steve Parker offered the opening prayer.

It was announced that the twentieth convention was dedicated to all who helped make it sufficiently successful that the convention could continue for so long.

Leaders: Lisa Grayson and Ted Mercer 178; Ted Johnson and Marcia Johnson 89; Carolyn Deacy 312b; Suzanne Flandreau 40 (In memory of her deceased parents); Herb Schroeder 36b; Ariel Weinberg 191; Jim Swanson 397; John Seaton 47t; Jim Helke 198; Debbie Barford 163t; Linda Thomas 474; Rodney Ivey 328; Reba Dell Windom 224; Martha Beverly 56b; Steve Schmidgall 477.

RECESS

Lisa Grayson and Ted Mercer brought the class to order leading 29t. Leaders: Phillip Trier, founder of the Chicago singers, 268; Megan Jennings 542; Doug Stapleton 485; Lorena Moore 148; David Wright 546; Johanna Fabke 547; Randy Neufeld 171; Emily Gruber 86; Richard Popp 306; Kathy Kaiser 29b; Bill Hamblin 106; Beth Huener 454; Jeff Gauthier 269.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairs—Ted Johnson and Marcia Johnson; Vice Chairs—Randy Neufeld and

Susan Geil; Chaplain—Wendy Popp; Memorial Committee—Richard DeLong, Ted Mercer, Linda Thomas, and Mary Rose O’Leary; Arranging Committee—Jerry Enright and Becky Browne; Resolutions Committee—Ginny Landgraf and Sam Harwell; Secretary—Cathryn Baker, assisted by Debbie Barford and Laura Clawson; Finance Committee—Randy Neufeld and Sue Kessel; Locating Committee—Ted Mercer, Judy Hauff, Ted Johnson, and Lisa Grayson. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Wendy Popp 472; Sam Farwell 31t; Jan Ketelle 368 (in honor of all those who are ill, especially Julie Vea, Jeanette Lowry, Dean Slaton, and Larry Olszewski); Janet Fraembs 385t (in remembrance of John Beabout, John Bailey, and Ruth White).

RECESS

Ted Johnson and Marcia Johnson brought the class back to order leading 122.

Leaders: Emily Collins, Ted Johnson and Marcia Johnson, and god-daughter 76b; Shirley Figura 565; James Page 272; Liz Kaiser 426; Jo Schultz 489; Bill Beverly 110; Carla Pepmiller 135; Stephen Parker 504; Cathy Lutz 34t; Paul Figura 107; Kit Pfau 159; Fred Todt 480. Wendy Popp led us in grace before the meal.

LUNCH

Rodney Ivey brought back the class back to order leading 88. Leaders: Paul Wyatt 53; Kathy Williams 273; Gary Gronau 112; David Ivey 419; Judy Caudle 365; Dave Ressler 67; Pauline Childers 318; Richard DeLong 456; Mary Rose O’Leary 333; Elene Stovall 142; Phillip Langley 215; Henry Johnson 29b; Karen Ivey and Allison Ivey 384; Scott DePoy 566; Laura Clawson 442; Stephen O’Leary 73t; Finance Committee 99; Kiri Miller 203; G.C. Waldrep 370.

RECESS

Marcia Johnson and Pauline Childers brought the class back to order by leading 288. Leaders: Ted Johnson “Boulder”; Jerry Enright 458; David Carlton 496; Becky Browne 304 (in memory of Marie Aldridge); Linda Coppock and Jim Coppock 532; Allison Ivey and Karen Ivey 182; Mryka Hall-Beyer 352; Karen Swenson 270; Berkley Moore 290; Christine Stevens 444; Karen Isbell 383; Joanne Hoover 72b; Rachel Adelstein 218; Emmie Barford and Debbie Barford 344; Ginny Landgraf 283. Ted Johnson and Marcia Johnson led 69t to close this first day of the convention. Wendy Popp led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, May 29

The convention opened at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday at the Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, with Co-Chairs Marcia and Ted Johnson leading 61. The opening prayer was offered by the chaplain.

Leaders: Laura Clawson 278b; Nick Pasqual 350; Kris Richardson 217; Cathryn Baker 340 (in memory of Jerilyn Schumacher); David Barford 173; Cindy Pepmiller 159; Orwin Youngquist 32b; Judy Hauff 536; Wendy Wahn 548; Aubrey Henninger 503; Peter Bradley 163b; Melanie Hauff 216; David Ivey 500; Lisa Grayson 436; Regina Bayer 203; Samuel Sommers 386; Grace Scrimgeour 31t; Kelly Brest van Kempen 335.

RECESS

Ginny Landgraf called the class back to order by leading 39t. Leaders: Stephen O’Leary 32t; Karen Freund and Jerry Enright 77t; Steve Duff 189; Julie Vea 377; John Bayer and Lorraine Bayer 300; Carla Pepmiller 59; Hans Bayer 385b; Jubal Bayer 282; Nathan Barford 260; Christine Stevens 411; Henry Johnson 418; Karen Isbell 168; David Carlton 332; Joanne Hoover 312b; Berkley Moore 26; Bob Meek 457.

RECESS

Becky Browne called the class back by leading 299. Leaders: Gary Gronau 192; Judy Caudle 507; Bill Beverly 86.

Ted Mercer conducted the memorial lesson which was in three parts: current sick and shut-ins, those deceased in the last year, and a memorial for the deceased who have helped continue the Midwest Convention over the past twenty years. Mary Rose O'Leary read the names of the sick and shut-ins and led 179 in their honor: Flarce Creel, Alice Edwards, Bill Green, Beufa Green, Martha Howell, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, and Edith Tate—Alabama; Katherine Benefield, Josephine Denney, Felton Denney, Moena Denney, Doris Littrell, Donnie McGraw, Gladys McGraw, Nick Griffin, and Violet Thomason—Georgia; Al Frank, Mark Garber, Lori Graber, Violet Stark, Lee Steinmetz, and Steve Warner—Illinois; Dean Slaton—Indiana; Alfred Blank and Mary Schuman—Michigan; Olave Jorgen Hegge—Minnesota; Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; Marjorie Parker Burke—North Dakota; Allan Doering—South Dakota; Larry Olszewski—Tennessee; -Ernestine Pirkin and Daniel Forbes—Texas; Bob Anderson, Bill Kepner, and Bob Scorgie—Wisconsin; Elking Pinkus.

Ted Mercer spoke about the deceased. The Midwest Convention might not have happened at all, or kept going for these twenty years, except for all the assistance we had from so many people. It could very easily have been an ethno-musicology statement, or maybe had a piano in the square. But that was changed because of some very patient people who were eager to teach the Chicagoans the traditional methods of singing Sacred Harp. Without them, we would not be here today. Part of that learning and sharing community has passed away in the last twelve months. They are from all over the country, but especially the South. He read the names from the deceased list: Ivalene Donaldson, Sherry Guthery, John Hocutt, and Morris Nelson—Alabama; Anne Friend—California; Ann Cullor—Colorado; Elvera Lee, Floyd Peters, and Nick Pender—Georgia; Nancy Granda, Francis John Hennigan (father), John Francis Hennigan (son), and Ruth White—Illinois; Lois DePoy and Tom DePoy—Indiana; Pat Mudd—Kansas; Ray Pfau and Cliffie Windom—Michigan; Dave Grundmeier, Darlene McDonough, and Eric Swenson—Minnesota; Phillip Alderman—Missouri; Tom Gibney—New Jersey; Phyllis Flandreau—New York; Kelly Beard—Texas; David van Allen Hotaling—Washington; Roberta Seaton—United Kingdom; Austin Burchett.

Linda Thomas spoke on the bonds of traveling to singings. Some of the people on the list were on the bus trips Ruth Brown organized to bring singers to Chicago. From them, those who participated were given perhaps the greatest gift of all, memories of conversations and learning the deeper levels of those who traveled in such close quarters for many miles. Although her parents and grandparents sang Sacred Harp, Linda had not been raised singing the music. She remembers her first encounter with a large group singing the music and heard what she had never heard before, notes she had never known were part of the music. It was the bus trips that brought her to that experience. They made possible bonds in Sacred Harp that could not have been forged so quickly and deeply in any other way. Linda read the names of those deceased who had participated in the Midwest Convention over the past twenty years: Marie Creel Aldridge, Gerry Armstrong, Harvey Austin, John Bailey, John Beabout, Kelly and Helene Beard, Joseph J. Beasley, Janet Borman, Ezra C. Bowen, Ruth Burnham Brown, Leman Brown, Hazel Morris Cagle, W. Kimzy Cagle, Lessie Albright Cates, Jimmy Causey, Elder H.K. Childers, Lewis Everette Denney, Evelyn Dillashaw, John Flandreau, Runie Glover, Willa Mae Lacy Haney, J.C. Harden, Ralph Heath, Karen House, Dr. James Levert Howell, Dovey Jackson, Don Johnson, Don and Marilou Jolly, Robert Mottingdorfer, Ted Pankey, Virgil and Ruby Phillips, Jerilyn Schumacher, Manuel Slaughter, Alvin Stanson, Anne

Tarsa, Marilyn Trier, D.T. White, Alice Williams, Dewey President Williams, Revy Wallace Williamson, Carlton Wood, Freeman Wootten, and Delta Wootten. Linda Thomas led 499 in their memory.

Richard DeLong asked, "Where have the years gone?" They seem to be just a moment, albeit a very good one. And in another year, we will again visit in this place and again remember those who have died. Richard asked the front benches, the entire alto section and the basses to stand. Those standing equal in number those who died in the past year. Of all those singers he has known who are now dead all of them loved Sacred Harp more than any other earthly part of their lives. The blessings are so rich there is no price to place on them. These deceased singers, like many of us, thought of songs throughout the day, thought of lessons and people upon waking, and just before sleep. If you did not know these people, you can know two things about them. That they loved this music and that they were as deeply affected by it as those who are in the square today. Our hope is that they watch over us, even though they are no longer physically visible. They are yet visible in our hearts. One of our great comforts in this fellowship is that when the night of death comes on for us, we hope these souls will greet us with a song. He then led 285 in their memory.

Jerry Enright led a memorial lesson for Kelly Beard. Kelly was a link with an older school of Sacred Harp, although he was not quite of it. Born in 1918, Kelly went with Tom Denson to a singing school in 1931. There were many children there, all hosted by farm families, some of whom took care of nearly a dozen children for the 20-day-long singing school. Kelly had a great love of the music and could key nearly any song in the book without looking at it. He started coming to singings in Alabama in 1961 and loved them very much. Jerry met Kelly in 1990 and the two formed a close friendship, meeting at many singings over the past 15 years. Kelly showed Jerry what a great love the Sacred Harp family can share. He was always himself and never tried to be anything but a good, genuine individual. Jerry expressed a hope to be like Kelly when he grows up. He then led one of Kelly's great favorites, 339.

Marcia Johnson said the Co-Chairs of the convention wanted to share and demonstrate the love Sacred Harp singers have for each other. She wanted something that symbolized growth and renewal. To that end she suggested we provide money for a grove of trees in the Holy Land, close to Jerusalem. Then, as the trees grow, so may our fellowship and the spread of peace. This was roundly supported by those present. Wendy Popp then closed the memorial lesson with prayer for those deceased and sick, concluding with a blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

Jim Helke brought the class back to order for the afternoon session leading 171. Leaders: Paul Figura 410; Allison Ivey 440; Scott DePoy 384; Reba Dell Windom 542; Henry Schuman 530; Elene Stovall 430; Rodney Ivey 30b; Jan Ketelle 212; Kathy Williams 222; Karen Ivey 475; Dave Ressler 214; Cathy Lutz 229; Anne Heider 362; Pauline Childers 498; Sue Kessell 236; Paul Wyatt 218 (in memory of John Bailey).

RECESS

Richard Popp brought the class to order leading 209. Leaders: Martha Beverly 522; Steven Schmidgall 274b; Clare Cardy 128; Mryka Hall-Beyer 68b; Bart Casad and Gary Gronau 551; Stephen Parker 515; Rebecca Edwards 72b; David Wright 220; Kiri Miller 76b; Jeff Gauthier 254; Kit Pfau 497; Emily Gruber 276.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports from various committees. The Resolutions Committee gave special recognition of the outgoing and incoming Co-Chairs, Ted Mercer, Lisa Grayson, Marcia Johnson, and Ted Johnson, who handled our location crisis so competently and proficiently, finding a

new location for singing in less than 24 hours when we lost our reservation with the University of Chicago; the Southern singers who made special effort to attend our singings these many long years. But especially we give thanks to Ted Mercer who endlessly answers questions about nearly any crisis, and handles all with calmness and humor in an unobtrusive way, rarely getting the recognition he deserves.

The Finance Committee reported expenses had been met.

The Secretary reported that 102 leaders led 162 lessons with leaders from 17 states and Canada.

Announcements were made. The officers led 62 as the closing song, and those who so desired took the parting hand. Wendy Popp offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairs—Ted Johnson and Marcia Johnson; Vice Chairs—Randy Neufeld and Susan Geil; Secretary—Cathryn Baker, assisted by Debbie Barford and Laura Clawson.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

McMahan, Texas

May 28-29, 2005

Saturday, May 28

The one-hundred fifth annual spring session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in McMahan, Texas, and was called to order by Chairlady Amanda Owen leading 31b. Prayer was offered by Owen Ross.

Leaders: Amanda Owen 442t; Leon Ballinger 282; John Baker 120; Gary Rogan 176t; Keith Willard 511t; Sarah Huckaby 270; April Dell 268t; Mike Moseley 220; Laura Densmore 203; Donn Howard 484b; Jerry Schreiber 393t; Cheryl Foreman 497; Guy Bankes 572; Eleanor Haase 575; Mary Elizabeth Lee 222; Ben Brown 65; Richard Ivey 215; Diane Ross 189; Zach Rogan 146; Louis Hughes 528b; LaRue Allen 200.

RECESS

Amanda Owen called the class back together with 47t. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 155; Mike Hinton and Tollie Lee 544; Ruth Steggles 478; Katie Moseley 68t; Jeb Owen and Liz Owen 82; Syble Adams 99; Joshua McClain 450; David Moseley 360; Louise Tenenbaum and Toby Tenenbaum 53; Al Rogers 63; Alexa Gilmore 38t; Bernard Collard 300; Ayne Ray 559; Karen Willard 448; John Beard 218; Lynnette Howard 335; Carla Smith 505; Scott Curran 384; Beverly Coates 299; Riley Lee 274t; Doris Hanks 112; Seth Howard 39; Gaylon Powell 434; Barbara Moore 61; Johnny Lee 453b; Michele Rogan 196; Barbara Newell 508; James Mason 553.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Leon Ballinger will move up to Chairman; Vice Chairman—Scott Curran; Secretary—Pat Blundell; Memorial Committee—Beverly Coates and Mike Hinton. The business meeting was closed. The lunch prayer was given by Tollie Lee.

LUNCH

Chairman Leon Ballinger called the afternoon session together with 507t. Leaders: Bruce Coates 336t; Robert Vaughn 521; Anne Moseley 406; Owen Ross 304; David McPherson 449; Josh Rogan 319; Tollie Lee 78; Marjorie Neal 517; Tom Owen 416t; Owen Howard 411; Jenny Willard 500; Crystal Visco 36b; Reed Coates 225t; Mickie Sheppard 574; Cissy Moseley 142; Donald Ross 419.

RECESS

Scott Curran called the class back together with 543. Leaders: Morris Nelms 110; George Jones 558; John Morris 421; Dick Steil 54t; Catherine Rogan 171; Chris Adams 148; Vivian Rogan 336b; Terre Schill 383; Ryan Ross 182; Curtis Owen 198; Billy Huckaby 47b; Nell Berry and Gaylon Powell 358; Corbin Rogers 427; Lorie Rogers 379; Julie Lee 106; T.J. Willard 36b; Linda Booker 410; David Moseley 191; Ruth Stegglers 573.

Leon Ballinger led 137 as the closing song, and the closing prayer was given by Owen Ross.

Sunday, May 29

Chairman Leon Ballinger called the class together with 49t. Prayer was offered by Johnny Lee. Leaders: Scott Curran 567; Pat Blundell 467; Tom Owen 217; Alexa Gilmore 400; Gaylon Powell 172; Crystal Visco 522; Seth Howard 38b; Terry Wooten 68t; Ramona Lee 422b; Daniel Allcock 47b; April Dell 47t; Al Rogers 563; Johnny Lee 264b; Diane Ross 183; Larry Ballinger 224; Anne Moseley 220; Reed Coates 133; Tollie Lee 138t; Liz Owen 470; Trevor Howard 283b.

RECESS

The class resumed singing. Leaders: Donald Ross 539; Robert Vaughn 511b; Syble Adams 367; Bruce Rye 216; Jessie Simon 63; Louis Hughes 395; Catherine Rogan 489; Grant Howard 72; Ayne Ray 76b; Bernard Collard 70t; Dewayne Wooten 138b. Mike Hinton conducted the memorial lesson, with words about the tradition of the memorial lesson and remembering those singers who have gone on.

Beverly Coates read the names of the deceased: Dr. Percy Young, Kelly Beard, Louis Tenenbaum, Newton "Bud" Flounders, Dick Haase, Frances Daniels, Robbie Nowlin, Elvera Dowling Lee, Rachel Lee Cason, and Tom Gibney. Josh Rogan led 122.

The names of the sick and shut-ins were read: Patsy Forbes, Tea Tenenbaum, Tricia Henderson, Myra Palmer, Merle Jones, Verna Powell, Ophelia Matthews, Amanda Denson Brady, and Joan Donald. Beverly Coates led 129. Mike Hinton closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Ryan Ross 276; Sarah Huckaby 196; Kevin Powell 200; Karen Willard 193; Morris Nelms 365; Cheryl Foreman 140; Richard Ivey 439; Carla Smith 559; Riley Lee 64; Owen Ross 401. Prayer for lunch was given by Elder Sonny Huckaby.

LUNCH

Scott Curran called the afternoon session to order with 444. Leaders: Chris Adams 61; Dick Steil 146; Katie Moseley 222; Bruce Coates 488b; Olivia Powell 450; Owen Howard 32t; David McPherson 451; Mary Elizabeth Lee 42; Aaron Wooten 270; Laura Densmore 191; Keith Willard 144; Eleanor Haase 485; Ben Brown 288; Jenny Willard 199; Jerry Schreiber 478; Joshua McClain 571; Marjorie Neal 500; Guy Banks 410; LaRue Allen 192; Toby Tenenbaum and Louise Tenenbaum 416; John Beard 75; Michele Rogan 159; Earl Ballinger 40; Curtis Owen 204; Barbara Moore 268t; Jeb Owen 98; Cissy Moseley 543; T.J. Willard 106; Lynnette Howard 511t; Donn Howard 505; Mike Moseley 331b; Amanda Owen 336t; Doris Hanks 553b; Cassandra Baker 323b; Billy Huckaby 421; Vivian Rogan 343; John Baker 110; Jeannette Mostella 277.

Chairman Leon Ballinger and Vice Chairman Scott Curran led 63 for the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Curtis Owen, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Leon Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Scott Curran; Secretary—Patricia Blundell.

JACK SMITH MEMORIAL SINGING
Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia
Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2005

The class was called to order by John Plunkett leading 52t. Andy Anderson offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held and the previous officers re-elected: Chairman -John Plunkett; Vice Chair -Joan Durdin; Secretary -Laura Akerman.

Leaders: John Plunkett 145t; Joan Durdin 40, 480; Laura Akerman 270, 274t; Andy Anderson 31b, 178; Malinda Snow and Jim Springer 28t, 107; Jane Spencer 312t, 129; Al Grindon 203, 87; Will Peebles 49b, 58; Judy Mincey 540, 475; Mike Spencer 68b, 47b.

RECESS

Joan Durdin brought the class back to order leading 84. Leaders: John Redman 340, 57; Bob Goodman 34b, 479; Susan Firestone 146, 66; Debora Grosse 222, 384; Ted Huddleston and Meredith Huddleston 65, 198; Ellie Soler 472, 481; Eric Tweedy 122, 385t; Henry Slack 117, 535; John Plunkett 40 (at request of Myra Skipper). Eric Tweedy asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Plunkett called the class back to order with 403. Leaders: Lee Rogers 274b, 344; Andy Morse 77t, 99; Tom Malone 30b, 532; Tony Hammock 201, 75; Charles Woods 318, 283; Susan Posey 35, 503; David Yeager 86, 330b; Paula Buford and John Plunkett 45t; Holly Evans 163.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Joan Durdin leading 448b. Leaders: Al Grindon and visitors 276; Judy Mincey 528; John Redman 361; Ellie Soler and Joanne Doutre 504; Eric Tweedy 200; Ted Huddleston 155; Tom Malone 53; Debora Grosse 277; Lee Rogers 358; Laura Akerman 192; Malinda Snow 474; Bob Goodman 551; Jane Spencer 457.

Following announcements, John Plunkett and Joan Durdin led 323t as the closing song, and Andy Anderson led the closing prayer.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chair—Joan Durdin; Secretary—Laura Akerman.

NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY SHAPE NOTE
ALL DAY SINGING
Berryville, Virginia
Saturday, June 4, 2005

The twelfth annual Northern Shenandoah Valley Shape Note All Day Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Church by Leyland delRe who extended a welcome to everyone and led 32t. Steve McMaster offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Kelly Macklin 216; Jim Strube 66; Don Polaski 300; Lois Bader 448b; Miriam Kilmer 117; Jim Wantland 479; Michael Parker 378; Liz Cusick 324; Marilyn Estep 127; Blake Morris 298; Rebekah Scheiman 481; Guy Bankes 297; Linda Thomas 47t; Jim Glaser 162; Kim Moreno 107; Tim Slattery 171; Mary Langley 395; Evan Duncan 254; Rosalee Duncan 374; Lamar Matthew 35; Rosemary Greenaway 217.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chair—Kelly Macklin; Honorary Chairman—Ted Mercer; Vice Chair—Steven McMaster; Treasurer—Ben Harrison; Secretaries—Mary Langley and Jim Glaser; Arranging—Carly Goss and Elene Stovall; Memorial—Kevin Moreno and Tom Tucker; Resolutions—Ina Henkin and Leyland delRe; Chaplain—Doron Henkin.

RECESS

John delRe called the class back to order with 30b. Leaders: Cathy Tucker 350; Stephen McMaster 362; Kathy Manning 200; Bernard Collard 454; Elene Stovall 436; Ted Mercer 302; Carol Meyer 282; Laura Densmore 473; Jim Page 538; Judy Caudle 94; Max Berueffy 532; Eileen Metzger 504; Kevin Moreno 29b, Rebecca Parker 105; Tom Metzger 547; Carly Goss 77t.

The memorial lesson was given by Kevin Moreno who presented his thoughts on when there are no words to say in times of grief, sickness, and sorrow. He stated that this tradition gives hope, healing, and binds us together when we sing.

“My hope, my prayer for the people on this list is that they might be able to feel some measure of the grace and comfort when we sing for them. That they may be opened up to let in hope and healing like shafts of light. So it is in that spirit that I ask us all to keep in our thoughts these people:” Joseph Greenaway—New York; Julie Vea, Bob Scorgie, and Bob Anderson—Wisconsin; Jap Walton, Jeff Sheppard, and Shelbie Sheppard—Alabama; Marilyn Dareh—California; Catherine Murphy—Pennsylvania; Walter Manning—Maryland. Kevin Moreno led 70t in their honor. Tom Tucker spoke for the deceased. He stressed the importance of getting to know fellow singers and sing with other groups around the country so that we can all get to know each other as a family and maintain community with one another. Tom then read the names of the deceased: Sarah Baradino and Katherine Elder—Pennsylvania; Art Broadus—North Carolina; Alan Fannin, Marie Hanss, and Roxanne Mennella—New York; Tom Gibney—New Jersey; Sherry Guthery, Ivalene Donaldson, John Hocutt, and Hershell King—Alabama; Renata Maes—Georgia; Nancy Mullenex—D.C.; Bob Slattery—California; Alan McInnis; Donald Strube, Billy Flowers, and Diane Knippers—Virginia. Tom Tucker then led 176t in their memory. The memorial lesson was concluded with a prayer offered by Chaplain Doron Henkin. Leaders: Ted Stokes 72b; Sandra Polaski 384; Will Reilly 515; Mary Ann Daly 564; Adrian Mariano 419; Frank Evans 284. A blessing for lunch was asked by Doron Henkin.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order at 1:40 p.m. by Steve McMaster leading 87. Leaders: Craig Baughan 178; Cindy Sadler 448t; Bernard Collard 63; John delRe 326; Matthew Drumheller 45t; Doron Henkin 501; Tom Tucker 430; Joni Seidenstein 144; Ted Mercer 202; Jennifer Gross 268; Elene Stovall 215; Jim Page 411; Judy Caudle 140; Max Berueffy 426b; Eileen Metzger 39t; Tom Metzger 274t. John delRe introduced Ted Mercer, Honorary Chairman, stating that Ted has always been a quiet presence, often behind the scenes, an organizer of the Midwest Convention, but who has been involved with The Sacred Harp Publishing Company, and has several songs published in *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. He has been pivotal in encouraging travel between singings north and south, east, and west.

Mr. Mercer stated that he had been “astonished” to be asked to be the Honorary Chairman of today’s singing. He recalled that, growing up near Chattanooga, Tennessee, he had not been exposed to Sacred Harp singing, and it was not until he moved to Chicago and attended what he thought was going to be a “concert” that he realized this tradition had been going on very near to his Tennessee home. He said that he attended his first southern singing at Holly Springs, and that over the years he had come to know so many wonderful people. He encouraged everyone to travel and get out to other singings whenever possible. He also stated that it had been nice to have the Sacred Harp receive some media attention, but that it is important to remember that the tradition of what we do is the real expression of praise. Ted concluded his remarks by leading 353.

RECESS

The class was reconvened by Stephen McMaster leading 77b. Leaders: Mary Chris Harrison 106; Ben Harrison 410t; Buckley Hopper 40; Linda Thomas 556; John Brode 505; Rebekah Scheiman 38b; Guy Bankes 365; Laura Densmore 369; Ted Stokes 426t; Don Polaski and Richard Stinson 480; Doron Henkin 432; Bev Oneida 142; Leyland delRe 468; Blake Morris 141; Kevin Moreno 315; Kelly Macklin 464; Jim Wantland 198; Tim Slattery 344; Rosemary Greenaway 36b.

Singers from all areas were recognized. The most distant singer was from England, and the following states were represented: Alabama, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Committee reports were then given and officers and “kitchen elves” thanked. Kelly Macklin led 70t and 62 as the closing songs. A closing prayer was offered by Chaplain Doron Henkin, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Kelly Macklin; Vice Chair—Stephen McMaster; Secretary—Mary Langley.

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Near Bremen, Georgia, I-20 and U.S. 27 south

June 4-5, 2005

Saturday, June 4

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in June. The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading 59. Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairlady—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairlady—Carlene Griffin; Secretary—Judy Henry; Arranging Committee—Hugh McGraw and Judy Henry.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 90; Carlene Griffin 205, 159; Mildred Patterson 300, 146; LaRue Allen 314, 316; Laura Clawson 56b, 186; Bobby Jackson 478, 166; Danny Griffin 426b, 222; Tony Hammock 148, 145b; Sandie Scott 28b, 117; Pearl Guier 40, 448b; Andy Anderson 155, 479; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 389; Eunice Webb 475, 30t; Cecil Roberts 312b, 282.

RECESS

The class was called together by Earlis McGraw leading 435 and 333. Leaders: Lucille Gunnels 143, 218; Mary L. Smith 441, 403; Allison Dodson 378t, 335; Karen Clark 187, 499; Mary Brownlee 66, 501; Robert Walker 490, 477; Gaston White 236, 34b; David Carlton 298, 504; Eric Tweedy 565, 200; Ed Thacker 375; Henry Johnson 230; Louis Hughes, Sr. 569b; John Hollingsworth 460; Tim Reynolds 442; Rev. Henry Bizzell 452; Kelly House 318, 379; Nathan Green 549; Joan Aldridge 189; Anita Landess 58; Andy Morse 297, 183; Charles Woods 26, 197.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Phillip Langley leading 440 and 203. Leaders: Sandra Wilkinson 268; Helen Bryson 163t, 522; Steve Pace 72b; Bud Oliver 332; Rodney Ivey 383; Debora Grosse 112; Bill Dunn 274t; Kelly Morris 535; Buell Cobb 77b; John Redman 447, 495; Elder Homer Benefield, Charlene Wallace, and Hugh McGraw 56t; Janet Fraembs 556; Mary Wright 290; Pat Temple 195, 373; Jeannette DePoy 328; Amanda Denson Brady and Hugh McGraw 77t.

RECESS

Judy Henry brought the class back to order leading 225t. Leaders: Shelbie Sheppard 216; Pam Nunn 220; Don Bowen 503, 303; Jane Spencer 207; Lela Crowder 138t; Karen Morris 454; Judy Mincey 494; Martha Ann Stegar 228; Kathy Williams 142, 506; Harry Eskew and Margaret Eskew 128, 445; Bob Goodman and Pete Pages 209; Sheri Taylor 311; Oscar McGuire 54; John Plunkett 453; Arlene Woods 178.

Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace and Elder Homer Benefield led 46 as the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, June 5

The class was called to order by Charlene Wallace leading 60. Rev. Henry Bizzell offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 145t; Carlene Griffin 144, 155; Judy Chambless 490, 531; Mary L. Smith 37b, 283; Pearl Guier 127, 32t; Robert Chambless 303, 68b; Tony Hammock 201, 42; Matt Hinton and Taylor Krebs 168, 163b (in memory of Charlie Wellman); Jeff Sheppard 286, 351; John Plunkett 467, 150; Scott DePoy 179, 277; Don Bowen 390, 548; Karly Williams 385b, 53.

RECESS

The class was called together by Earlis McGraw leading 225t (for Gladys McGraw) and 284. Leaders: Lela Crowder 306, 270; Sheri Taylor 428, 110; Bobby Jackson 290, 499; Rev. Henry Bizzell 34b.

The memorial lesson was held with Mary L. Smith reading the names of the deceased. Hugh McGraw led 162 in memory of Gary McGraw. Laura Frey led 45t in memory of Naomi Sailors and Frank Wilson. Oscar McGuire led 389 in memory of Kelly Beard—Texas; Marshall Avery, Julie Stanford, Preston McClendon, Emory Pace, Otis Hester, Robert Garner, Carolyn Snow, and Charles Wellman—Georgia; Ivalene Donaldson and John Hocutt—Alabama; Phil Tabor and Mary Ayers—Tennessee; Lois DePoy and Tom DePoy—Indiana; Ruth White—Illinois.

John Plunkett led 70t for the following sick and shut-ins: I.V. McWhorter, Alice Edwards, Mary Hackney, Raymond Hamrick, Edmond Golladay, Violet Thomason, Bo Caldwell, Susan Kelly, Lee Steinmetz, Toney Smith, Lavoy Smith, Jap Walton, and Joyce Walton. The memorial was closed with prayer by Lonnie Rogers.

A donation was given by Mr. James C. Dean in memory of Vivian Denney Rogers and G. Preston McClendon, and in honor of Lonnie Rogers.

Leaders: Pam Nunn 147t, 528; Lonnie Rogers 97, 348b; Laura Frey 148, 378t; Phillip Langley 300, 436; Louise Holland 273, 371; Scott DePoy 59 (for J.G. Germany).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Oscar McGuire leading 473 and 573. Leaders: Glenda Collins 340, 282; Malinda Snow 324, 52t; Teenie Moody 384, 542; Laura Akerman 224, 163t; Katherine Benefield and Homer Benefield 373, 56t; Margie Smith 512, 101t; Timothy Haley 117, 236; Jeannette DePoy 216, 217; Mary Wright 108t, 154; Pat Temple 33t, 139; Janet Fraembs 74b, 532; Eric Robinson 569b; B.M. Smith 475, 28b (for Myrtle Smith, celebrating her 99th birthday on Monday, June 6); Stanley Edwards 280, 76b; Rita Haley 63; Lisa Webb 323b, 454; Wesley Haley 503; Mildred Patterson 119; Debora Grosse 171, 551; Erica Hinton 159.

Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace and Elder Homer Benefield led 62 as the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairlady—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairlady—Carlene Griffin; Secretary—Judy Henry.

LIBERTY DECORATION SINGING
Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama
Sunday, June 5, 2005

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing held at Liberty Church was called to order with Chairman David Ivey leading 82t. Joel Jenkins offered the morning prayer. David Ivey led 378t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Norma Latham Green.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 129; Shane Wootten 176t; Norma Green 175; Rex Wilks 480; Robert Walker 145b; Ed Thacker 202; Sandra Wilkinson 384; Phil Summerlin 312b; Sally House 35; Blake Sisemore 186; Anita Landess 170; Gravis Ballinger 112; Linda Sides, Joy Howard, Michael Thompson, and Phil Summerlin 68b (in memory of Floyd Peters); Joel Jenkins 496; Bridgett Hill 276; Linton Ballinger 144; Loretta Smith 317; Richard DeLong 392; Betty Wright 138b; Aaron Wootten 448t.

The memorial lesson was held in the cemetery with the class singing 340, 540 (CB), 505 (CB), 517 (WB), 45t.

RECESS

Shane Wootten called the class together leading 48t. Leaders: Wayne Wootten 155; Lauren Hall 159; Bobby Watkins 39b; Sarah Jenkins 142; Larry Ballinger 215; LaRue Allen 220; Marty Wootten 369; Mary Ruth Stiefel 280; Barrett Patton and Rodney Ivey 501 (CB); James S. Wagner 108t; Alexandra Makris 40; J.P. Shavers 59; Scott Ivey 424; Rachel Shavers and Maggie Wilks 106; Bill Dunn 55; Carol Hanson 47b; Mike Thompson 282; Lisa Geist 273; James Wagner and John C. Wagner, Jr. 354b; Mattie Townsel and Emily Venable 143; Jackson Harcrow 335.

The lunch blessing was asked by Phil Summerlin.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together with David Ivey leading 88t. Leaders: Kelly House 542; Nate Green 124; Mike Dunn 551; Joan Aldridge 559 (CB); Wilton Donaldson 490; Rachel Spears 417; Bud Oliver 39t; Reba Windom 269 (in memory of Mae Holt); Russ Hanson 299; Karen Gresham, Jackie Tanner, and Rodney Ivey 358; Coy Ivey, the Ivey first cousins, and their only living aunt, Bob Greeson 486t (WB), 491b (WB); Mark Brown "Sweet Beulah Land" (by request for Marguerite Rains, who was sick); Laura Clawson 224; Henry Johnson 416; Deborah Morton and Betty Shepherd 216, 477; Karen Ivey 137; Eloise Wootten and Karen Ivey 454; Drew Smith and Blake Sisemore 328; Cindy Tanner 368; Loyd Ivey, Teresa Bethune, Martha Underwood, Marian Biddle, Doug Ivey, Mollie Underwood, and Ivey Biddle 572 (CB); Ivey Biddle and Loyd Ivey 97; Allison Ivey 196; Tim Travis and Karen Travis 163t; Hobert Ivey 47t; Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 171; Edward Tanner 100; Tony Ivey and Sandy Ivey 49t; Syble Adams and Rhonda Arnold 99; Sylvia Ivey and Lorrie Wootten 410t; Russell Wilks and Rex Wilks 63.

Following announcements, David Ivey, Tony Ivey, and Edward Tanner led 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed in prayer by Edward Tanner.

Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Norma Latham Green.

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING
Cullman County, Alabama
Sunday, June 5, 2005

The Fellowship Church Memorial Singing was held on the first Sunday in June, and was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 32t. Marlin Beasley offered the morning prayer. Glenn Keeton led 59.

It was decided to begin the singing at 10:00 a.m., starting in 2006.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Josie Hyde; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee—Elizabeth Keeton.

Leaders: Josie Hyde 48t, 43; Eldagene Roberson 100, 81t; John Hyde 73t, 297, 39b; Travis Keeton 270, 475, 343; Marlin Beasley 276, 336; Buell Cobb 138t, 425, 303; Corene White 37b, 379; Ashley Keeton 77t, 299, 30t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Josie Hyde leading 155. Leaders: Elizabeth Keeton 145b, 354b, 274t; Kermit Adams 277, 78, 99; Don Robinson 147t, 129; Stella Pratt 111t, 111b; Leona Haynes 146, 87, 196; Jennifer Allred 213t, 142, 89; Nancy Banks 39t, 503, 445; Juanita Beasley and Amanda Denson 36b, 72b, 454. Glenn Keeton led 45t then offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Glenn Keeton leading 46 and 47b. Leaders: Stephen Adams 77b, 101t, 401; Josie Hyde 224; Eldagene Roberson 100; Jennifer Allred 84; John Hyde 124; Marlin Beasley 68b; Lenora Haynes, Juanita Beasley, and Amanda Denson 128; Don Robinson 200; Buell Cobb 74b; Corene White 97; Travis Keeton 235; Ashley Keeton 168; Nancy Banks 63; Kermit Adams 209; Marie Guthrie 31t, 192, 389, 271, 312b; Ashley Keeton and Elizabeth Keeton 35.

Buell Cobb asked everyone to remember A.D. Chandler who passed away today. He always attended this singing.

After announcements were made, Josie Hyde led 544 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Josie Hyde; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING
Old Songs Community Arts Center, Voorheesville, New York
Saturday, June 11, 2004

The Albany area New York State Regional Singing was called to order by Jean Seiler leading 34b. Edith Berger offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jean Seiler; Secretary—Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg.

Leaders: Jean Seiler 31b; George Seiler 49b; Patricia Geritz 48t, 143; Michael Ryan 102, 114; Dennis Leipold 492, 510; Sheldon Finlay 30b, 168; Barbara Swetman 312t, 313t; Bruce Kokernot 122, 84; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 276, 99; Margaret Bornick 448b, 182; Kshama Ananthapura 81t, 32t; Jenna Strizak 129, 30t; Edith Berger 312b, 384; Diane Mennella 176t, 217; Marcia Tucker 163b, 203.

RECESS

Allison Schofield called the class to order leading 72b. Leaders: Amy S. Finlay 111b, 107; Wendy Gilchrist 565, 300; Mary Bryan and Jean Seiler 178; Kelsey Wessels 179; Kelsey Wessels and Jenna Strizak 477; Bradford West 444, 228; Allison Schofield 348b, 390; Aldo Ceresa 145b, 215; Paul Gauthier 499, 157; Anne Johnston

339, 385b; Patricia Geritz 274t; George Seiler 480, 501; Jean Seiler 472, 299; Ron Bornick 334, 63. Allison Schofield offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Diane Mennella called the afternoon session to order leading 155. Leaders: James Armstrong 569b, 40; Michael Ryan 86; Dennis Leipold 270; Sheldon Finlay 436; Barbara Swetman 383; Bruce Kokernot 142; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 542; Margaret Bornick 344; Kshama Ananthapura 216; Jenna Strizak 419; Edith Berger 42; Martha Tucker 503; Amy S. Finlay 106; Wendy Gilchrist 56b; Kelsey Wessels 448t; Bradford West 442; Allison Schofield 430; Aldo Ceresa 245; Paul Gauthier 455; Anne Johnston 275b; Diane Mennella 192. Announcements were made.

RECESS

Barbara Swetman called the class to order leading 148. Leaders: George Seiler 474; Ron Bornick 454; Jean Seiler 273; Margaret Bornick 504; Bruce Kokernot 551; Dennis Leipold 198; Wendy Gilchrist 515; Bradford West 532; Sheldon Finlay 112; Edith Berger 201; Aldo Ceresa 410t; Marcia Tucker 180; Kshama Ananthapura 512; Diane Mennella 110; Jenna Strizak 29t; Amy S. Finlay 76b; Kelsey Wessels 319; Paul Gauthier 282; Anne Johnston 131b; Michael Ryan 85; James Armstrong 497; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 196; Allison Schofield 375.

Jean Seiler, George Seiler, Ron Bornick, Pam Regan, and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg led 62 as the closing song as those who wished took the parting hand. George Seiler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jean Seiler; Secretary—Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg.

MAQUOKETA RIVER SINGING

Maquoketa, Iowa
Saturday, June 11, 2005

The fourth annual Maquoketa River Singing was called to order at the Salvation Army Citadel in Maquoketa, Iowa, on Saturday before the second Sunday in June by Chair Annie Grieshop leading 84. Michael Moore offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve : Chair—Annie Grieshop; Secretary—Kathy Kaiser; Memorial—Martha Beverly, Julie Ve, and Jan Ketelle.

Leaders: Michael Moore 276; Kathy Kaiser 485; Becky Browne 366; Nick Pasqual (in memory of Dean Slaton) 179; Jan Ketelle 168 (for Jeanette Lowry); Paul Wyatt 177; Penny Kujawinski 430; Martha Beverly 171; Gary Gronau 272; Val Dunagan and Dick Dunagan 66; Ginny Landgraf 564; Julie Ve 385; Francis Gurtz 448t; Jim Page “Plum Grove Church”.

RECESS

Denise Kania called the class back to order leading 63. Leaders: Lou Kujawinski 368; Jim Pfau 480; Peter Bradley 163b; Karen Swenson 40; Collette Gurtz 436; Dave Gardner 178; Lisa Cohen 148; Katie Moore and David Moore 384; Rochelle Lodder 372; Claire Cardy 142; Bill Beverly 547.

Martha Beverly opened the memorial lesson by speaking about the ways in which Sacred Harp has changed her life by bringing new friendships, growth in blessedness, and loss of her “judgmental ways”. The singing has brought relationships that have lasted through the death of singers, and it brings us comfort and joy in times of stress. The deceased remembered were Philip Alderman and Ken Breckner—

Missouri; Darlene McDonough, Regina Kania, and Pat Glatzmaier—Minnesota; Dean Slaton—Indiana; Kelly Beard—Texas; John Hocutt and Ivalene Donaldson—Alabama; Andrew Belz—Iowa; Tom Gibney—New Jersey; Roxanna Mennella—New York; David Von Allen Hotaling—Washington; Nick Pender—Georgia. Martha Beverly led 270 in memory of the deceased, especially Ivalene Donaldson.

Jan Ketelle spoke of how the meaning of singing from the Sacred Harp has grown for her. So many people have favorite songs, and we can picture those people as we sing those songs, even after they are gone. Jan Ketelle led 460 in memory of Dean Slaton, who led that song the last time she saw him.

Julie Vea spoke of the growing meaning of seeing names on the sick and shut-ins list and how badly she felt when she couldn't attend the Midwest Convention due to illness. We all need to know that others think of us when we are ill. Those on the list were Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; Larry Olszewski—Tennessee; Brendan Cardy, Violet Stark, Al Frank, Doris Littrell, and Steve Warner—Illinois; Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, and Nick Fabke—Wisconsin; Flarce Creel—Alabama; Graham Pugh—United Kingdom. Julie Vea led 472 in honor of the sick and shut-ins, and Michael Moore concluded the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Penny Kujawinski 180; Paul Wyatt 535b; Becky Browne 411; Jim Page 538.

LUNCH

Annie Grieshop reconvened the singing with 87. Leaders: Michael Moore 144; Nick Pasqual 313b; Val Dunagan 474; Frances Gurtz 65; Charlotte Baldwin 383; Gary Gronau 216; Stephen Metcalf-Conte 421; Denise Kania 217; Jim Pfau 282; Kathy Kaiser 203; Collette Gurtz 183; Ginny Landgraf 419; Claire Cardy 302; Peter Bradley 365.

RECESS

Bill Beverly called the class back to order with 110. Leaders: Dick Dunagan 106; Karen Swenson 107; Jan Ketelle 45t; Rochelle Lodder 31t; Lisa Cohen 504; Lou Kujawinski 274t; Katie Moore and David Moore 79; Dave Gardner 56b; Stephen Metcalf-Conte 296; Charlotte Baldwin 47b; Martha Beverly 542; Jim Page 26; Julie Vea 327; Francis Gurtz 500; Penny Kujawinski 102; Paul Wyatt and Nancy Wyatt 441.

RECESS

Becky Browne called the class back leading 29t. Leaders: Nick Pasqual 58; Gary Gronau 362; Claire Cardy 457; Bill Beverly 297; Collette Gurtz 193; Val Dunagan and Dick Dunagan 475; Denise Kania and Jim Pfau 137; Penny Kujawinski and Lou Kujawinski 352; Annie Grieshop 344. The closing song on page 347 was sung, and Michael Moore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair—Annie Grieshop; Secretary—Kathy Kaiser.

HOPEWELL HOMECOMING

Oneonta, Alabama

June 11-12, 2005

Saturday, June 11

The fifty-ninth session of the annual Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Terry Hullett leading 101t and 129. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 31t; Chris Green 204, 318; Jewel Wootten 298, 283; Bob Watkins 138b, 39b; Doug Conn 67, 460; Ernest Phillips 204, 434; Willie Mae Moon 225t, 441; William Shetter 34b, 373; Billy Williams 96, 334; Milton Oliver 176t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with song on page 335. The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Chris Green; Secretaries—Paula Gilmore and Jewel Wootten; Arranging Committee—Bob Watkins and Terry Hullett; Memorial Committee—Linda Thomas and Elder Philip Gilmore.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 144 (in memory of his grandfather, John Alexander); Henry Guthery 275b; Bob Meeks 490, 145b; Daphene Causey 222, 327; Danny Creel 389,

269 (for his mother, Flarce Creel, who is in the hospital); LaRue Allen 299, 142; Glenda Hopper 66; Henry Johnson 235, 388; Floy Wilder 187, 432; Nate Green and Norma Green 365, 109; Ed Thacker 523, 44; Emily Creel 475, 384.

RECESS

Chris Green led 421 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Judy Caudle 528; Eugene Forbes 328, 566; Sharon DuPriest 186, 189; Elder J.L. Hopper 556; John Plunkett 540; Herby Bailey 489, 569b; Harrison Creel 498, 512; Lela Crowder 168, 300; Brenda Merritt 436; Tommie Spurlock 390, 440 (for Homer Whitworth and Jenny Whitworth); Syble Adams 448t; Stanley Smith 542, 302.

LUNCH

Chris Green brought the afternoon session to order leading 36b. Leaders: Bridgett Hill 383; Dennis George 549; Eloise Wootten 454; Calvin Phillips 406; Bud Oliver 39t; Teddy Creel 87; Betty Wright 358; Betty Sue Johnson and Mary Ann Holmes 290, 45t, 119; John Merritt 515; Velton Chafin 463, 494; Marlon Wootten 108t; Jarrod George 155; Anita Landess 314; Kyle Blakeley 216, 123t; Deborah Ritch and Chris Green 196; Pam Gilmore 192; Amber Davis 224; Philip Gilmore and Paula Gilmore 29t, 411; Butch White 77t; Tommy George 294; Penina Cain 135, 61; Carmon Brothers 480; Benjamin Faucher 317; Jason Kirby 72b; Terry Hullett and Linda Thomas 517 (WB).

Terry Hullett, Chris Green, and Elder Philip Gilmore led 46 as the closing song. Elder Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, June 12

Terry Hullett brought the class to order at 9:45 a.m. leading 32t. Elder Philip Gilmore offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 36b, 203; Chris Green 37b, 75; Jewel Wootten 74t, 274t; Bob Watkins 30b, 47t; Jason Kirby 159, 72b; Bill Hogan 171, 143; Marty Wootten 441; Karen Clark 421, 276; Gene Wootten 164, 448b; Donna Wootten 330t, 76b; Willie Mae Moon 217, 411; Philip Gilmore and Paula Gilmore 47b, 317.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Terry Hullett leading 288. Leaders: Don Clark 342; Mary Grace Green 129, 128; Rod Ivey 131b, 225t; Nancy Banks 39t, 503; Benjamin Faucher 235, 81t; Shane Wootten 234, 345b; Cindy Tanner 297, 298; Calvin Phillips 406, 147t; Rebekah Gilmore, John Gilmore, Grace Gilmore, Mary Jewel Gilmore, and Philip Gilmore 445.

Linda Thomas and Philip Gilmore conducted the memorial lesson. Linda Thomas read the names of the deceased, which included Ovada Phillips Carr, Bob Couch, Ella Lee Robertson, Hershell King, John Hocutt, Sherry Guthery, Vera Blakeley, Charles Braswell, Ruby Braswell, Doris Lowe Thomas, Alan McInnas, Kelly Beard, Hazel Brothers Blackwood, Helen Brothers, Ivalene Donaldson, Lera Beckett, Novella Brothers, and Bailey Case (22 month-old great-granddaughter of Gene Wootten). Linda Thomas read a poem written by friends of Bailey Case, "You Aught to See Me Now." Linda Thomas and Philip Gilmore led 48t and 122 in memory of the deceased.

Linda Thomas read the names of the sick and shut-ins, which included Eldora Green Moody, Homer Whitworth, Genora Whitworth, Bill Green, Beufa Green, Flora Phillips, Carroll Sherrett, Flarce Creel, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Pearl Galbreath, Raymond Hamrick, Jap Walton, and Joyce Walton. Linda Thomas and Elder Philip Gilmore led 499, and Elder Philip Gilmore concluded the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

Chris Green brought the afternoon session to order by leading 270. Leaders: Buell Cobb 331, 97; Mercy Watkins, April Watkins, and Cassie Franklin 282, 400; Doyle

Alexander 68b, 283; David Ivey 462, 275b; Jackie Tanner 176t, 42; Betty Sue Johnson 49b; Doug Conn 35, 495; Cassie Holmes 59; Herby Bailey 34b; Jackson Harcrow 335, 146; Ben Green 85; Jared Wootten 99; Nate Green and Norma Green 338, 29t; Susan Harcrow 126, 102; Katrina Holmes 137; Kyle Blakeley 112, 31t; Chita Blakeley 216; Amanda Denson and Donna Wootten 376; Rod Ivey 486t (WB). Terry Hullett and Chris Green led 45t as the closing song. Doug Conn offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Chris Green; Secretaries—Paula Gilmore and Jewel Wootten.

ALDRIDGE MEMORIAL
Pleasant Hill (Johnson Schoolhouse)
Fayette County, Alabama
Sunday, June 12, 2005

The annual Aldridge Memorial singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Elene Stovall leading 36b. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Elene Stovall; Vice Chairman—Max Berueffy; Secretary—Joan Aldridge; Arranging Committee—Amber Davis.

Leaders: Elene Stovall 192 (in memory of D.M. and Marie Aldridge); Max Berueffy 336 (for Edith Tate); Joan Aldridge 441 (in memory of Robert Aldridge and D.M. Aldridge); Amber Davis 380; James Wagner 480; Anita Landess 498; Fred Killingsworth, Jr. 457; Judy Caudle 564; John Hyde 275b; Elizabeth Keeton 274t; Bob Meek 268; Clarence McCool 349; Emily Creel 475; William Shetter 171; Julie Poston 145t; Larry Ballinger 144; Sharon DuPriest 216; Wilton Donaldson 47t; Lena Keeton 497.

RECESS

The session resumed with Max Berueffy leading 309. Leaders: Harrison Creel 342; Annie Lou Price 143; Chug Beasley 61; Margaret Keeton 78; Gravis Ballinger 105; Ozella Blackmon 294; Steve Adams 401; Beth O'Dell 217; Travis Keeton 388 (in memory of Robert Aldridge); Bridgett Hill 377; Teddy Creel 335; Lucy Heidorn 155; Glenn Keeton 229; Josie Hyde 507; Danny Creel 112; Kermit Adams 408; Earl Ballinger 331.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Elene Stovall leading 316. Leaders: Lisa Geist 532; Johnny Humber 389; Daphene Causey 269; Steve Rutledge 358; Floy Wilder 187; Ken Tate 85; LaRue Allen 200; Shirley McCoy 318.

Lucy Heidorn conducted the memorial lesson, leading 146. The deceased remembered were Hershell King, Sherry Guthery, John Hocutt, Ivalene Donaldson, Clearcy Rutledge, Pat Mudd, R.E. Chandler, Kelly Beard, and Ira Chandler.

The sick and shut-ins remembered were Donna Brumbaugh, Flarce Creel, Richard Mauldin, Willodean Barton, Edith Tate, Joyce Walton, Jap Walton, and Debbie Wakefield. The memorial was concluded with prayer by Earl Ballinger.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Amber Davis leading 76b. Leaders: Bob Meek 198; Anita Landess 164; Daphene Causey 436; William Shetter 540; Floy Wilder 224; Judy Caudle 304; LaRue Allen 220; Sharon DuPriest 196; Chuck Beasley 235; Clarence McCool 490; Emily Creel 383; Larry Ballinger 384; Bridgett Hill 142; Harrison Creel 378b; Beth O' Dell 442; Glenn Keeton 163b; Annie Lou Price 298; Danny Creel 182; Josie Hyde 477; Gravis Ballinger 270; James Wagner 40; Travis Keeton 340; Teddy Creel 124; Johnny Humber 460; John Hyde 297;

Wilton Donaldson 317; Lena Keeton 546; Ken Tate 440; Joan Aldridge 454; Glenn Killingsworth 68b.

After announcements were made, Elene Stovall and Joan Aldridge led 46 as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer.

Chairperson—Elene Stovall; Vice Chairman—Max Berueffy; Secretary—Joan Aldridge.

ALPHARETTA MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Alpharetta, Georgia
Sunday, June 12, 2005

The one hundred thirty-seventh annual session was held at the Alpharetta Municipal Building in Alpharetta, Georgia on the second Sunday in June. Chairman Richard DeLong brought the class to order leading 32t and 47t. Dan Bailey offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman—Janice Paulk; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson. Leaders: Richard DeLong 101t; Janice Paulk 75, 274b, 70t; John Plunkett 71, 52t, 76t, 92; Tony Hammock 145b, 148, 105; Andy Anderson 146, 282, 45t; Vaudie Sherer 143, 480, 460; Loy Garrison 59, 74t.

RECESS

Richard DeLong brought the class back to order leading 97. Leaders: Dan Bailey 66, 569b, 384; Rachel Carlisle 145t, 204; Helen Bryson (with visitors Brenda McCloud and family) 68b, 300, 535; Andy Morse 347, 187, 542; Cathy White 77t, 147t, 392; Mike Castleberry 294 (in memory of Bob Shivers), 319.

LUNCH

Richard DeLong opened the afternoon session by leading 37b. Leaders: Reuben Ball 490, 497; Jeannette DePoy 436, 540, 142; Laura Ackerman 192, 31t; Scott DePoy 53, 277; Malinda Snow 290, 299, 28b; Violet Thomason 318, 189, 434; Faye Holbrook 67, 380, 452; Mike Spencer 86, 312b.

Richard DeLong conducted the memorial lesson remembering all those who have attended this singing over the years, and led 341 in their memory.

RECESS

Janice Paulk brought the class to order by leading 63.

Leaders: Lucretia Franklin 388, 153; Sandra Wilkinson 473, 155, 274t; Lucy Sandig 164, 84, 504; Jack Paulk 31b, 565; Richard DeLong and John Sabine 159.

A business session was held for the purpose of electing officers for next year's singing. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman—Janice Paulk; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson.

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong led 69t as the closing song. Ruth Wills offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairman—Janice Paulk; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson.

NEW HOPE - MIRROR LAKE CHURCH **East of Villa Rica, Georgia, off U.S. Hwy. 78** **Sunday, June 12, 2005**

The annual all day memorial Sacred Harp singing at old New Hope Primitive Baptist Church was held on the second Sunday in June. The name of the church has now been changed to "The Church of Mirror Lake".

The class was called to order by Hugh McGraw leading 32t. He then offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Hugh McGraw; Vice Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

Leaders: Hugh McGraw 64; Earlis McGraw 111b, 138t, 435; Charlene Wallace 71 (for Raymond Hamrick, who was in the hospital), 135, 49t; Cindy Gray 72b, 85; Henry Guthery III 99, 58 (in memory of his grandmother), 101t; Carlene Griffin 81t, 40, 155; Cecil Roberts 277, 335, 312b; Judy Chambless 45t, 82t, 490.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Hugh McGraw leading 145t. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 129, 566, 350 (for Raymond Hamrick); Sheri Taylor and Jenna Frey 65, 349 (for Mary Hackney), 354t; Robert Chambless 127, 70t, 50b; Stanley Edwards 56t, 141, 37b; Laura Frey and Jenna Frey 159, 358, 25; Wesley Haley 59.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Hugh McGraw leading 145b. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 225t, 385b (for Gladys McGraw); Henry Guthery III 205, 189, 97; Carlene Griffin 122, 224; Cecil Roberts 30b, 235, 284; Judy Chambless 31b, 49b, 569b; Oscar McGuire 473, 371; Sheri Taylor 405, 318, 34b; Robert Chambless 480, 143, 452; Stanley Edwards 340, 76b, 282; Laura Frey 47b, 63, 117; Wesley Haley 120, 479.

Announcements were made. Hugh McGraw led 46 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Hugh McGraw; Vice Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

NATIONAL SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Unitarian Universalist Church, Birmingham, Alabama** **June 16-18, 2005** **Thursday, June 16**

The twenty-sixth session of the National Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Chairman Buell Cobb leading 52t. The opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Jesse Roberts.

Leaders: Mark Davis 42; Kathy Williams 47t; John Redman 236; Don Bowen 503; Helen Brown 492; Rosemary Greenaway 34b; Mike Hinton 373; Jesse Roberts 40; Sharona Nelson 36b; Pat Temple 195; Marlin Beasley 498; Phil Summerlin 30t; Mary Wright 173; Edward Houghton 434; Sharon Kellam 66; Ruth Wyers 565; Judy Chambless 489; Jim Helke 198; Billy Thompson 335; Joe Nall 430.

RECESS

Dan Huger brought the class back together leading 38b. Leaders: Willie Israel 114; Wilton Donaldson 480; Joe Todd 65; Bruce Coates 176b; J.L. Hopper 71; Robert Stoddard 142; Uel Freeman 64; Robert Dove 228; Travis Keeton 179; Frank Strickland 388.

A business session was called to order for the election of officers, as follows:

Chairman—Buell Cobb; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Kathy Williams; Chaplain—Jesse Roberts; Arranging Committee—Dan Huger, Berkley Moore, Sandie Scott, Helen Brown, and Hubert Nall; Resolutions Committee—Victoria Bolles, Pat Temple, and Mary Wright; Finance Committee—Rosemary Greenaway, George Pomfret, Jim Helke, Don Bowen, and John Redman; Memorial Committee—Sharona Nelson, Beth Todd, and Mike Hinton.

Leaders: Dan Brittain 543; Kit Pfau 171; Brenda Peña 325; Victoria Bolles 299; Judy Caudle 564; Cathryn Baker 216; Beverly Coates 472; George Pomfret 352; Vernell Amason 143; Cora Sweatt 159; Beth Todd 319; Walter Hartley 178; Sarah Smith

129; Leah Wilde 155; Ila Ingle 436. Jesse Roberts offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Dan Huger reconvened the class leading 32b. Leaders: Henry Johnson 230; Lee Bradley 127; Daphene Causey 196; Midge Harder 328; Reed Coates 330t; Bridgett Hill 276; Gail Doss 191; Andrew Farris 408; Brice Reid 45t; Sandie Scott 551; Hubert Nall 448b; Bufrey Dean and Justin Dean 438; Richard DeLong 439; Delone Cobbs 150; Lee Rogers 338; Becky Briggs 225t; Eleanor Soler 277; Anita Landess 314; Andy Anderson 323t; Warren Steel 32b; Virginia Douglas 49b; John Plunkett 466; Carroll Lunsford 289; James S. Wagner 494.

RECESS

Mark Davis called the class back to order leading 123t. Leaders: James M. Wagner 354b; Eugene Forbes 168; Corissa Sweatt 145b; Paul Lindholm 419; David Ivey 135; Beth Branscome 163b; Gary Smith 569b; Kennon Smith 189; Joan Aldridge 475; Gaston White 186; Marilyn Burchett 108b; Julietta Haynes 222.

Buell Cobb and Mark Davis led 46 to close Thursday's session. The closing prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper.

Friday, June 17

Friday's session was opened by Chairman Buell Cobb leading 31b. Leaders: Mark Davis 29t; Kathy Williams 369; John Redman 358; Dan Huger 36b; Rosemary Greenaway 171; Don Bowen 77b; Sharona Nelson 180; Jim Helke 313b; Beth Todd 501; George Pomfret 365; Sandie Scott 353; Hubert Nall 47t; Mary Wright 312t; Helen Brown 542; Berkley Moore 123b; Pat Temple 232; Cheryl Foreman 492; Lomax Ballinger 300; Jeremy Shipp 268; Sandra Wilkinson 448t; Louis Hughes 546; Lela Crowder 203; Larry Brasher 385b.

RECESS

The class reconvened with Helen Brown leading 217. Leaders: Linda Thomas 474; Davis Rust 161; Ginnie Ely 196; Earl Ballinger 331; Josie Hyde 507; William Reynolds and Hugh McGraw 225t; Tim Reynolds 64; Bernice Harvey 335; Elene Stovall 182; Tor Bejnar and Alice Bejnar 479; Dorothea McCowan 442; Henry Jackson 185; Leon Ballinger 195; Corissa Sweatt 391; David Carlton 228; Hannah Goldman 107; Natalie Davis 354b; Ruth Johnson 172; Charles McCravy 143; Hugh McGraw 413; John Hyde 275b; Janet Fraembs 378b. The blessing of the noon meal was offered by Louis Hughes.

LUNCH

David Carlton brought the class together after lunch with 101t. Leaders: Louise Holland 144; Robert Walker 477; Amber Davis 142; Eric Schedler 456; Shirley Berrey 313t; Jim Carnes 436; Susan Allred 399b; Pauline Griggs 43; Katie Zukof 504; David Light 318; Jennifer Allred 208; John Etheridge 398; Janice Johnson 288; Cricket Campbell 337; Tim Reynolds 312b; Rachel Allred 215; Lance Phillips 454; Charlene Wallace 481; Seth Allred 112; Matt Hinton 42; Will Allred 87; Anne Heider 475; Caleb Allred 282; Cassie Franklin 76b; Ann Ballard 77t.

RECESS

Kathy Williams brought the class back to order leading 108t. Leaders: Richard DeLong 240; Marlin Beasley 47b; Judy Caudle 345b; Joe Nall 272; Ila Ingle 530; Becky Briggs 480; David Ivey 121; Ellie Soler 269; Uel Freeman 82t; Rosalynn Fairless 59; Travis Keeton 57.

Buell Cobb and Mark Davis led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was led by John Etheridge.

Saturday, June 18

Saturday's session was called to order by Buell Cobb leading 75. Bruce Coates offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 39t; Kathy Williams 48b; Helen Brown 411; Don Bowen 283; Rosemary Greenaway 384; John Redman 532; George Pomfret 84; Sharona Nelson 66; Jim Helke 510; Pat Temple 566; Berkley Moore 290; Sandie Scott 472; Hubert Nall 341; Mary Wright 148; Dan Huger 474; Willie Israel 86; Jo Pendleton and Jonathan Taft 72b; Judy Mincey 367; James S. Wagner 276.

RECESS

Henry Johnson brought the class back to order with 70b. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 50b; Victoria Bolles 551; Jeremy Shipp 267; Rosemary Greenaway 68b; Buell Cobb 358; Amanda Denson 142; Gene Pinion 569b; Sharon DuPriest 189; Nate Green and Norma Green 479; William Reynolds and Tim Reynolds 128, 159; Arlene Woods 30b; Tim Cook 24.

The Memorial Committee conducted the memorial lesson. Sharona Nelson spoke of death, the feelings we have when it is mentioned, and the comfort we receive from singing Sacred Harp to help us in times of grief. It's one of the things that first made this music special to me—that we set aside a formal time to remember those who are now passed on, and those who can't be here because they are sick. Someone told me the first time I came south to sing, that there will come a day when the memorial lesson is the sweetest part of the singing. The lyrics of our songs remind us, bluntly at times, that we shall all die, and all those we love shall die. But we have a hope of Heaven, "where pains and sorrows are no more," where we will reunite with loved ones and sing this glorious music "around the throne in sweet accord." We have a long list to remember this year: John Hocutt, Ivalene Donaldson, Sherry Guthery, Hershell King, A.D. Chandler, Gerstile Nail, Vera Blakeley, Jap Walton, Ellen Childers, and Ida Dorrrough Hartsfield—Alabama; Kelly Beard and Frances Daniels—Texas; Preston McClendon, Naomi Sailors, and Elvera Lee—Georgia; Roxanne Mennella, Allen Fannin, and Phyllis Flandreau—New York; Dean Slaton—Indiana; Ruth White—Illinois; Laurette Elizabeth Wojcik—Vermont; Austin Burchett and Phil Taber—Tennessee; Mark Ayers—South Carolina; Merton Pomfret—Massachusetts; Edward Whitworth—Mississippi; Tom Gibney—New Jersey; Alan McInnes—Maryland; Peter Whitehall—England; Robert Goddard. Mike Hinton led 146 for the deceased; Beth Todd led 340 for a long list of sick and shut-ins.

Leaders: Karen Rollins, Barry Rollins, and Randa Harris 268; Carolyn Bonifay 234; Jeff Adcock 354b; Charles Woods 517; Beth Branscome 35. Robert Dove offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing reconvened with Richard DeLong leading 216. Leaders: Warren Steel 362; Carroll Lunsford 162; Seth Holloway 274t; Marilyn Burchett 254; Corissa Sweatt and Cora Sweatt 145b; Sharon Kellam 344; Virginia Douglas 36b; Gaston White 236; Joe Todd 58; Cheryl Foreman 71; Kit Pfau 497; Bruce Coates 49b; Anita Landess 297; Anne Heider 528; Sarah Smith 108t; Robert Dove 287; Janet Fraembs 186; Leon Ballinger 425; Paul Lindholm 424.

RECESS

Cathryn Baker brought the class back together leading 179. Leaders: Andy Anderson 535; Julietta Haynes 200.

A business session was called to order to hear committee reports. The Finance Committee thanked the Convention for contributions that were graciously sufficient to cover expenses.

The Resolutions Committee gave the following report: Be it resolved that the 26th meeting of the National Sacred Harp Convention renders grateful thanks to the Lord for providing us with this opportunity to sing his praises, and thanks:

- The officers and committees for their hard work in bringing the convention together and keeping it flowing smoothly;
- The many hands who prepared and contributed food for the nourishment of our bodies;
- The singers whose abilities kept us all on pitch;
- The many singers from near and far whose voices have made this Convention outstanding.

The Secretary reported that 496 people from twenty-three states and the United Kingdom registered during the Convention. There were 165 leaders who led 236 songs. The numbers by state and country: Alabama—329; Georgia—35; Tennessee—19; Florida—13; Texas—9; Illinois—8; Massachusetts—8; Virginia—6; Mississippi—6; North Carolina—6; Arkansas—4; Alaska—4; Colorado—3; California—3; Ohio—2; Maryland—2; New York—1; Minnesota—1; New Jersey—1; Oregon—1; West Virginia—1; Connecticut—1; Louisiana—1; United Kingdom—3.

A motion was made and carried to accept the reports and add them to the minutes. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Robert Stoddard 91; Cricket Campbell 277; Hannah Goldman 178; David Rust 332; Leah Wilde 117; Reed Coates 306; Midge Harder 163t; Brenda Peña 39b; Gail Doss 137.

The officers led 62 as the traditional closing song of the Convention, and those who wished took the parting hand. Mike Hinton offered 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 18, 2005**

The annual singing of the Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial was held at Addington Chapel in Cullman, Alabama on Saturday before the third Sunday in June. Danny Creel called the class to order leading 30t. Richard Mauldin offered the morning prayer. Danny Creel greeted everyone and led 47b and 35.

A business session was held with the current officers re-elected to serve: Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Emily Creel; Arranging Committee—Billy Williams.

Leaders: Emily Creel 63, 40; Corene White 314, 379; Uel Freeman 64, 127; Travis Keeton 48t, 418; Eldagene Roberson 142, 203; Charlotte McCarn 76b, 143; Josie Hyde 189, 434; John Hyde 73; John Hyde and Richard Mauldin 43; Willodean Barton 274t, 498; Wilton Donaldson 490; Amber Davis 276, 380; Billy Williams 28b.

RECESS

Danny Creel called the class to order leading 137. Leaders: Ottis Sides 460, 480; Brenda Merritt 430, 542; Jackie Tanner 56t, 89; Linda Sides 277, 225t; Ozella Blackmon 192; Teddy Creel 335, 124; Butch White and Kenny Graves 30b, 146; Velton Chafin 494; Ann Jett 39b (for Flarce Creel), 327, 269; John Merritt 268; John Merritt, Dick Mauldin, and Richard Mauldin 358; Henry Guthery 97, 108; Lucy Heidorn 84, 155; Ken Tate 532, 475 (for Flarce Creel).

LUNCH

Harrison Creel brought the class to order leading 317 and 530. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 29t, 378t; Marie Guthrie 179, 222; Wanda Capps 216, 318; Elsie Moon 177, 292; Amber Davis, Bob Watkins, and Cassie Franklin 319; Bob Watkins 138b; Caleb Allred 312, 196; Cindy Tanner 546, 200, 198; Rachel Allred 85, 411; Cassie Franklin 368, 341; Jennifer Allred 183, 377; Will Allred 87, 282; Susan Allred 105; Harrison Creel 111b; Emily Creel, Harrison Creel, Cassie Franklin, and Shelly Calvert 342; Ken Tate and Hannah Tate 475 (for Flarce Creel, by request); Billy Williams 231.

After announcements were made, Danny Creel led 46 as the closing song. Teddy Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Emily Creel.

EXETER SINGING

Exeter Friends Meetinghouse, Exeter, Berks County, Pennsylvania Saturday, June 18, 2005

The Exeter Singing was called to order by Chairman Ted Stokes leading 171. In the manner of Friends, a brief period of silent prayer was observed.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ted Stokes; Secretary—Cindy Sadler.

Leaders: Laura Densmore 150; Lamar Matthew 569b; Betty Hanf 155; Barbara Hohenstein 147t; Guy Banks 350; Nora Dunn 105; Nancy Trout 282; Aldo Ceresa 300; Brigita Sebold 49t; John Puskar 49b; Kelly Macklin 142; Joan Trout 162; Anne Johnston 496; Kevin Moreno 501; Elizabeth Stokes 102; Erin Kelly 68b; John delRe 280; Kim Moreno 99; Liz Cusick 324; Cindy Sadler 328; Diane Mennella 107.

RECESS

Laura Densmore brought the class back with 146. Leaders: Doron Henkin 195; Nancy Katzen 122; Violet Krumbein 455; Ina Henkin 160b; Linda Griggs 522; Terry Ryan 84; Oliver Kindig-Stokes and Ted Stokes 314; Laura Densmore 365; Elizabeth Stokes 47b; Guy Banks 327; Nancy Trout 457; Erin Kelly 448t; John Puskar 148; Kelly Macklin 94; Joan Trout 34t; Kevin Moreno 228; Betty Hanf 147; Barbara Hohenstein 419; Fred Steinruck 35. Doron Henkin offered the blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

Ted Stokes brought the class back with 59. Leaders: Ted Stokes 52t; Lamar Matthew 317; Nora Dunn 112; Kim Moreno 454; Brigita Sebold 31t; Doron Henkin 220; Liz Cusick 178; Aldo Ceresa 245; Cindy Sadler 302; Anne Johnston 196; John delRe 181; Violet Krumbein 209; Ina Henkin 71; Diane Mennella 481; Linda Griggs 312b; Ted Stokes 125; Laura Densmore 411; Fred Steinruck 236; Elizabeth Stokes 445; Guy Banks 287; Marian McKenzie 497; Nancy Trout 540; Erin Kelly 206; John Puskar 229; Kelly Macklin 444.

RECESS

Aldo Ceresa brought the class back to order with 128. Leaders: Walter Smith 189; Barbara Hohenstein 383; Susan Munch 48t; Paul Robinson 56b; Lamar Matthews 319; Nora Dunn 29t; Barbara Nichol 474; Kim Moreno 288; Doron Henkin 131t; Brigita Sebold 34b; Liz Cusick 85; Aldo Ceresa 215; Cindy Sadler 377; Anne Johnston 216; John delRe 30b; Violet Krumbein 159; Ina Henkin 24; Diane Mennella 569t; Linda Griggs 168; Ted Stokes 28t; Laura Densmore 89; Paul Robinson 277; Marian McKenzie 254; Kelly Macklin 211; Barbara Nichol 66; Anne Johnston 197; Walter Smith 210.

Ted Stokes led 347 for the closing song as the class took the parting hand. Ted Steinruck offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Ted Stokes; Secretary—Cindy Sadler.

LITTLE VINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Empire, Walker County, Alabama
Sunday, June 19, 2005

The annual Sacred Harp singing held at Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June was called to order by Danny Creel leading 30t. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer.

Danny Creel welcomed everyone and led 89. Leaders: Henry Guthery 182, 222; Beth Todd 284, 319; Warren Steele 411, 285t; Billy Williams 213b, 72b; Cathryn Baker 372, 318; Billy Thompson 145b; Winell Sanders 569b; Robert Stoddard 99, 33b; Ginnie Ely 498, 475 (for Flarce Creel); Gary Smith 50b, 565.

RECESS

Ken Tate called the class to order leading 73t and 275b. Leaders: Jim Helke 496, 37b; Connie Stanton 448b, 171; Ann Jett 269, 327; Butch White 74b, 77t; Brenda Peña 325, 73b; Midge Harder 107, 191; Kathleen Robbins 142, 434; Marilyn Burchett 294, 457; Joe Todd 103, 373.

RECESS

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Secretary—Wendy Boggan; Arranging Committee—Danny Creel.

Leaders: Danny Creel 123t; Kathy Robinson 54b, 49b (for Mattie Creel, Lillian Parker, and Flarce Creel); Elizabeth Stoddard 29t; Wanda Capps 448t, 430; Anne Heider 47t, 362; Wendy Boggan 119, 30t.

LUNCH

Danny Creel called the class to order with 76b. Leaders: Sarah Smith 75; Robert Dove 34b, 31t; Walter Hartley 236, 452; Geraldine Watkins 299, 66; Nancy Banks 39t, 503; Seth Holloway 354t, 388; Dorothea McCowan 218, 235; Sandie Scott 176t, 361; Ruth Wyers 206, 176b; Teddy Creel 87, 124; Emily Creel 40, 384; Harrison Creel 512, 167; Sylvia Childers 59; Cassie Franklin 436, 336.

Announcements were made. Ken Tate led 532 (by request). Danny Creel led 56t as the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Secretary—Wendy Boggan.

HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Roopville (Near Ephesus), Georgia
June 19, 2005

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held on the third Sunday in June at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Roopville, near Ephesus, Georgia. This singing has been held on this same date for more than 100 years. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Denney Rogers who extended a welcome to everyone then led 75 and 101t. Hugh McGraw offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairlady—Karen Rollins; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Secretary—Karleen Williams; Arranging Committee—Charlene Wallace; Memorial Committee—Paige Harrod and Sharona Nelson.

Leaders: Karen Rollins 36b; Jeff Sheppard 316, 216 (for Shelbie Sheppard); Lonnie Rogers 318, 141; Karleen Williams 146, 405; Jimmie Denney 143, 145t; Carlene

Griffin 81t, 144; Stanley Edwards 383, 340; Melinda Snow 29t, 168; B.M. Smith 99, 225t; Floy Wilder 214, 441; Sherry Lovvorn 454, 455; Earlis McGraw 201, 148.

RECESS

Karen Rollins brought the class back together leading 34b. Leaders: Paige Harrod 112, 222; Bobby Watkins 39b, 460; Kathy Williams 186, 208; Louis Hughes, Jr. 163b, 74b; Sharon Nelson 37b, 137; Hugh McGraw 420; Lela Crowder 283, 391; Helen Brown 436, 220; Louis Hughes, Sr. 403, 540; Lisa Webb 496, 503; Kit Pfau 48t, 475; Margaret Gillanders 84, 228; Karen Rollins 111b (for Tokay Shumake).

LUNCH

Philip Denney opened the afternoon session leading 73t and 120. Leaders: John Plunkett 65, 74t; the Rogers grandchildren—Randa Harris, Kayla McWhorter, and Barry Rollins 59, 358; Richard Delong 45t, 98.

The memorial lesson was held with Sharon Nelson reading the names of the deceased, and Philip Denney leading 159 in their memory. The following deceased were remembered: John Hocutt, Naomi Sailors, Jap Walton, Wayne Smith, Kelly Beard, Dean Slaton, Ivalene Donaldson, Laurette Elizabeth Wojcik, Preston McClendon, and Jerry Denney. Denney Rogers led 358 in memory of his classmate Wayne Smith.

Charlene Wallace led 277 for the sick and shut-ins, which included Beau Caldwell, Oscar McGuire, Pauline Langley, Tokay Shumake, Raymond Hamrick, Shelbie Sheppard, Flarce Creel, and I.V. McWhorter. Jeff Sheppard closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Susan Muse 457; B.J. Harris 515, 303; Evelyn Harris 87, 155; Cecil Roberts 335, 480; Helen Brown 542; Kit Pfau 203; Margaret Gillanders 142; Sharon Nelson 270; Louis Hughes, Sr. 138; Karen Rollins, Karleen Williams, Paige Harrod, Sherry Lovvorn, and Denney Rogers 143; Stanley Edwards and Sherrie Edwards 312b. Announcements were made. Lonnie Rogers, Karen Rollins, and Philip Denney led 62 as the closing song. Louis Hughes, Sr. offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairlady—Karen Rollins; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Secretary—Karleen Williams.

CLIFFORD WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL **King School House (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church)** **Natural Bridge, Alabama** **Sunday, June 19, 2005**

The ninety-seventh session of the annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Natural Bridge, Alabama on the third Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 47t. Velton Chafin offered the morning prayer. Travis Keeton led 56t.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—John Hyde; Secretary—Debbie Wakefield; Arranging Committee—Faye Donaldson and Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 129; Kermit Adams 76b, 85, 37b; Wilton Donaldson 75, 32t, 30t; Willodean Barton 63, 101t, 270; Ozella Blackmon 145t, 112; Velton Chafin 144, 68b; John Hyde 313t, 544; Leon Ballinger 460, 99; Brenda Merritt 29t, 39t, 542; Earl Ballinger 177, 176t, 146; Clarence McCool 176b, 172.

RECESS

John Hyde led 124 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Jon Tyler Baccus 108t, 45t; Lena Keeton 454, 546, 475; Parnell Berry 278b, 283; Beth O'Dell 186, 222, 217; Gravis Ballinger 34b, 49t, 216; Lisa Geist 394, 568, 549.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Travis Keeton leading 566. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 162, 163b, 164; the family of the late Sim and Catherine Wakefield (Cecil Wakefield, Wayne Wakefield, Wendell Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Nadine Willis, Clara Stults, Julie Poston, Faye Donaldson, Helen Langston, Betty Baccus, and Debbie Wakefield) 153, 426t, 333; Steve Adams and Lisa Geist 401, 101t, 517 (WB); Roma Rice 109, 338, 34t; Debbie Wakefield 426b, 432, 391; Josie Hyde 155, 371, 507; Faye Donaldson 430, 225t; Cecil Wakefield 208, 358, 159, 294; Betty Baccus and Alfie Mobley 111t, 388; Larry Wakefield 569b, 339; Wendell Wakefield 168, 421.

Travis Keeton led 46 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—John Hyde; Secretary—Debbie Wakefield.

ANNUAL OXFORD SACRED HARP SINGING DAY **Seacourt Hall, Botley, Oxford, England** **Saturday, June 25, 2005**

The seventh Annual Oxford Sacred Harp Singing Day was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June. Vice Chairman Sheila Girling Macadam called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 28b, and offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Edwin Macadam; Vice Chairman/Secretary—Sheila Girling Macadam; Chaplains—Ken Baddley and Bernard Collard; Arranging Committee—Catherine Tyler and Margaret Gillanders; Pitching—Rachel Jordan; Locating/signs—Tony Singleton and Jenna Strizak; Food Co-ordination—Jean Barton, Jenny Ellis and Jenny Shufflebotham.

Edwin Macadam welcomed the class and led 84. Leaders: Rachel Jordan 66; Tony Singleton 128; Jenna Strizak 111t; Bernard Collard 63; Mandy Townsend 480; Chris Brown 497; Catherine Tyler 213t; Nick Hall 515; Ruth Steggle 171; Phil Tyler 267; Margaret Gillanders 312t; Steve Fletcher 42; Sheila Girling Macadam 49b; Edwin Macadam 504; Rachel Jordan 528; Tony Singleton 496; Jenna Strizak 460.

RECESS

Bernard Collard called the class back to order leading 362. Leaders: Steve Fletcher 38b; Nick Hall 474; Margaret Gillanders 203; Ken Baddley 486; Ruth Steggle 299; Chris Brown 330b; Roz Walker 429; Phil Tyler 76b; Mandy Townsend 318; Edwin Macadam 236; Catherine Tyler 475; Sheila Girling Macadam 148 (for Arwen Lockley); Tony Singleton 300; Rachel Jordan 269; Ken Baddley 27; Ruth Steggle 178; Chris Brown 127; Jenna Strizak 37b; Phil Tyler 428; Mandy Townsend 112; Margaret Gillanders 142; Catherine Tyler 457; Nick Hall 276; Roz Walker 383; Steve Fletcher 106. Edwin Macadam led “For What Thou Dost Provide” (Moore’s Divine Companion, 1750) as the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Edwin Macadam leading 107. Leaders: Sheila Girling Macadam 566; Rachel Jordan 501; Tony Singleton 277. Ken Baddley conducted the memorial lesson, and read an email message sent out earlier that week by Matt and Rosie Wojcik, containing the news of the short life of their infant daughter, Laurette Elizabeth. He acknowledged, with the sadness shared by so many present who know and love Rosie and Matt, that there would be few memories to console them other than their sense of loss, and quoted from 2 Corinthians 1. 3:4 “Blessed be God, who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we

ourselves are comforted of God". Ken led for Rosie, Matt, and Laurette and for all those on the memorial list whose loss we mourn so deeply, one of the songs which Rosie and Matt chose for their memorial service for their daughter, 70t. Those remembered were: Laurette Elizabeth Wojcik (Vermont), John Mason, Joe Scurfield, Keith Morris, John Birmingham, Dave Hollingsworth, Betty Paton, Kelly Beard (Texas), Howard Salt, Christopher Walker, Mike Bickel, Andy Leith, Trevor Withall, Cyril Tawney, Wynn Hicks, Peter Whitehall, and Norman Turner. The sick and housebound were recalled by Bernard Collard, who drew upon the image of the rainbow as a symbol of hope and promise after the storms of life, and often viewed through tears. He then led 344. Those remembered were Val Wallace, Arwen Lockley, Joan Wilson, James Oss, Grace Scrimgeour, Norma Russell, Sally Lee, Mary Kellaway, Vivienne Davinson, Jean McDougall, Hazel Walker, Janet Salway, Alec Brown, Liese Brown, Kitty Watkins, Mary Watkins, and Susie Hughes. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Jenna Strizak 270; Phil Tyler 338; Nick Hall 454; Chris Brown 271t; Ruth Steggles 198; Margaret Gillanders 29t; Mandy Townsend 72b; Steve Fletcher 448t; Roz Walker 452.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Catherine Tyler leading 228. Leaders: Sheila Girling Macadam 186; Edwin Macadam 163b; Rachel Jordan 189; Tony Singleton 66; Nick Hall 467b; Bernard Collard and Caroline Ungoed-Thomas 188; Ruth Steggles 143; Phil Tyler 217; Margaret Gillanders 282; Chris Brown 40.

RECESS

The final session commenced with Steve Fletcher leading 196. Leaders: Mandy Townsend 490; Jenna Strizak 384; Roz Walker 284; Ken Baddley 73b; Rachel Jordan 155; Edwin Macadam and Jean Barton 547; Catherine Tyler 68b.

Announcements were made. Edwin Macadam and Sheila Girling Macadam thanked all the officers, committees, and anyone else who helped in any way to make this singing possible, and led 347 as the closing song. Bernard Collard offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Edwin Macadam; Vice Chairman/Secretary—Sheila Girling Macadam.

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama Saturday, June 25, 2005

The fourth session of the annual singing at Salem United Methodist Church in Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama was called to order by Henry Johnson leading 59. Pastor Roger Wilson extended a very warm welcome to everyone in attendance and offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Jeffrey Richardson; Secretary—Ceil Morrison; Chaplain—Roger Wilson; Welcoming Committee—Gayle Richardson; Arranging Committee—Jeffrey Richardson.

Leaders: Jeffrey Richardson, Ceil Morrison, and Henry Johnson 72b; Samuel Sommers 477; Dana Borrelli 146; Laura Clawson 385b; Shirley Figura 565; Paul Figura 338; Jessica Beer 445; Judy Hauff 411; Ted Mercer 329; Connie Stanton 171; Karen Freund 385t; Jerry Enright 545; LaMar Schlabach 284; Carolyn Deacy 448b; Judy Caudle 513; LaRue Allen 546; Floy Wilder 214; Jeff Sheppard 453; Bridgett Hill 440; Milton Oliver 314; Elene Stovall 222.

RECESS

Henry Johnson called the class back to order leading 85. Leaders: Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker 464; Daphene Causey 434; Shane Wootten 393; J.L. Hopper 174;

Lonnie Rogers 225t; Bud Oliver 224; Syble Adams 39t; Judy Chambless 490; Rodney Ivey 228; Don Clark 99; Karen Clark 499; Robert Chambless 39b; Nate Green and Norma Green 494; J.C. Rutledge 560; Doug Conn 383. Pastor Roger Wilson offered the lunch prayer.

LUNCH

B.M. Smith called the class back to order leading 34b and 273. Leaders: Evelyn Harris 47t; B.J. Harris 503; Tony Ivey 278t; Jesse M. Roberts, Jr. 203; Charlene Wallace 479; John Plunkett 374; Stanley Edwards 280; Verlon Stiefel and Mary Ruth Stiefel 288; Don Bowen 157; Sandra Wilkinson 373; DeVann Jackson 159; Susan Harcrow 426b; Lela Crowder 436; Louis Hughes 498; Richard DeLong 292; Eugene Forbes 80b; Janice Paulk 75; Rachel Carlisle 145t.

RECESS

Henry Johnson called the class back to order leading 230. Leaders: Shane Wootten 454; Samuel Sommers 386; Andy Morse 368; Judy Hauff 208; Ted Mercer 131t; Karen Freund 77b; Judy Caudle 177; John Plunkett 76t; JoAnn Bowmen 361; Richard DeLong 507.

Announcements were made. Henry Johnson led 45b as the closing song. Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Henry Johnson; Vice Chairman—Jeffrey Richardson; Secretary—Ceil Morrison.

SHADY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Winston County, Alabama

June 25-26, 2005

Saturday, June 25

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 Dawson Adams leading 39t. The morning prayer was offered by Stephen Metcalf-Conte. Dawson Adams led 39b.

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

Leaders: Kermit Adams 85, 99; Roma Rice 290 (for Bernice Watts, who is in the nursing home), 371; Clarence McCool 349, 348b, 68b; Nellie Alexander 340, 100; Butch White 30b, 159, 565; Betty Baccus 418, 373, 284; John Hyde 104, 179, 73t; Stephen Metcalf-Conte 101b, 421, 369.

RECESS

Travis Keeton brought the class back to order leading 176b and 496. Leaders: Rachel Allred 217, 276; Wilton Donaldson 317, 75; Lena Keeton 88t, 137, 546; Richard Mauldin 63, 36b, 168; Amber Davis 454 (in memory of Henry George), 499b; Velton Chafin 35, 34b; Susan Allred 56t, 324.

LUNCH

Kermit Adams called the class back to order by leading 78. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 278t, 285t, 163b; Jennifer Allred 89, 391; Seth Allred 101t, 203; Mary Holcomb 105, 125; Ryan Hale 192, 358; Adam Hale 196, 235; Kenneth Fannin 434, 436; Emily Jones 74t, 65; Will Allred 282, 274t, 87; Carol Fannin 503, 399b; Caleb Allred 312b, 82t, 29t; Steve Adams and Amber Davis 401, 101t; Josie Hyde 43.

Kermit Adams led 37b as the closing song. Richard Mauldin dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, June 26

Kermit Adams called the class to order leading 31b. Stephen Metcalf-Conte offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 31t, 317; Roma Rice 128, 129, 144; Richard Mauldin 72b, 73t, 378t; Nellie Alexander 146, 81t; Stephen Metcalf-Conte 448b, 49b, 410t; Lea Boral 312b, 358, 79; Dawson Adams 77t, 68b, 535.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading 48t, 82t, and 141. Leaders: Lorene Gray 47t, 46; Steve Adams and Lea Boral 101t, 45t, 56t; Barbara Cooksey 143, 61, 337.

A memorial lesson was held for the following people who passed away during the past year: Gladys Bonds, John Hocutt, Ivalene Donaldson, Kitty Foster, Bobby Watts, and Lecil Stewart. Also included were Dee Young, David Young, and Mertie Hood, who passed away in previous years. Roma Rice led 50b and 425 for the deceased.

LUNCH

Kermit Adams called the class back to order leading 85 and 78. leaders: Carla Morris 145b, 145t, 183; Loretta Whitman 147t, 108b, 334; Emily Jones 303, 335, 74b; Tim Gilmore 313t, 176b, 270, 76b; Cecil Wakefield 480, 282, 159, 294; Nellie Alexander 108t; Sara Berry 59, 388; Betty Clayborn, Mary Godsey, and Kimberly Godsey 100, 87; Lera Pollock 175, 176t; Josie Hyde 188; Travis Keeton 312t; Steve Adams and Stephen Metcalf-Conte 331; Albert White "Family Who Prays", "Preach the Gospel"; John Thompson, Sara Berry, and Josie Hyde 45t.

Kermit Adams led 39t as the closing song. Cecil Wakefield dismissed the class with prayer.

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

DELONG-ROBERTS MEMORIAL SINGING

Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church, Dunwoody, Georgia

Sunday, June 26, 2005

The annual DeLong-Roberts Memorial Singing was opened with Chairman Richard DeLong leading 60. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Edward Cagle.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairmen—Matt DeLong and Jesse Roberts; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson.

Leaders: Richard DeLong 57 (for Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy); Elder Jesse Roberts 213t; Matt DeLong 288; Andy Anderson 312b; Tony Hammock 148; Brady DeLong 37b; Reuben Ball 318; Andy Morse 540; Lee Rogers 569t; Cathy White 268; Eric Tweedy 269; Mike Castleberry 480; Joanne Bowman 101t; Lela Crowder 382 (in memory of Kenneth DeLong); Rachel Carlisle 460; John Plunkett 541.

RECESS

Jesse Roberts brought the class back to order leading 101b. Leaders: Junie Wooten 503; Faye Holbrook 380 (for Charlotte Green, and in memory of Maggie Wood); Shane Ellis 112 (in memory of Doyle DeLong and Ruby DeLong); Nancy Yeager 45t (for her mother); Elder Edward Cagle 306; Duncan MacLeod 168; Shirley Ellis 454; Vaudie Sherer 143; Lewis Hughes 83t.

RECESS

Matt DeLong called the class to order by leading 369. Leaders: Ed Thacker 471; Lucretia Franklin 153; Ashley Roberts 142 (for her sister, Jessica Altman); Leon Carnell 51; Malinda Snow 49b; Tim Haley 350; Janice Paulk 518.

Richard DeLong conducted the memorial lesson, and spoke of the significance of singers who left an impression on us. We sing for them for a year after their death

and remember them at singings for years to come. They were, as we are, part of a family. Regardless of age, their death still hurts and we appreciate all who have come out to honor and respect this day and its meaning. Richard DeLong led 348b for the following deceased: John Hocutt, Ivalene Donaldson, Sherry Guthery, Hershell King, A.D. Chandler, Vera Blakeley, Jap Walton, Ellen Childers, Ida Dorough Hartsfield, and Rayburn Humber—Alabama; Phil Tabor and Austin Burchett—Tennessee; Kelly Beard and Frances Daniels—Texas; Allen Fannin, Phyllis Flandreau, and Roxanne Mennella—New York; Laurette Wojcik—Vermont; Dean Slaton—Indiana; Ruth White—Illinois; Preston McClendon, Naomi Sailors, Elvera Lee, Maggie Wood, and Charlie Wellman—Georgia; Mark Ayers—South Carolina; Steven Hough—California; Alan McInnes—Maryland; Edward Whitworth—Mississippi; Tom Gibney—New Jersey; Diane Lewis Moles—Oregon. Matt DeLong and Richard DeLong led 34t for the deceased.

Judy Hauff led 70t for the sick and shut-ins. Those remembered were Marcia Johnson—Illinois; Raymond Hamrick, Nora Roberts, Loy Garrison, Dorothy Garrison, and Oscar McGuire—Georgia; Jessica Altman—Florida; Shelbie Sheppard—Alabama. Jesse Roberts offered comments and closed the memorial with prayer. Violet Thomason led 340 and 189.

LUNCH

Richard DeLong opened the afternoon session leading 349. Leaders: Wesley Haley 198; Cathy Williams 455; Ted Mercer 419; Kiri Miller 430 (in memory of Dean Slaton); Micah Roberts 354b; Jessica Beer 384; Martha Beverly 200; Henry Johnson 418; Judy Mincey 475; Jerry Enright 330b (in memory of Kelly Beard); Reba Windom 216; Joan Durdin 47t; Helen Bryson 411; Dan Huger 209; Karen Freund 448t; Carolyn Deacy 77t; Robert Chambless 72b; Laura Clawson 429; Frances Carnell 192; Debra Jones 32t; Dana Borrelli 106; Connie Stanton 66, Bill Beverly 504.

RECESS

Matt DeLong called the class to order leading 341. Leaders: John Smith 282; Jan Spencer 99; Deborah Grosse and Ann Grosse 551; Susan Posey 40; Toby Fisher 30t; Sandra Wilkinson 67; Mike Spencer 547; Matt Hinton 383; Connie Stanton and Jessica Beer 73t; Carolyn Deacy and Duncan MacLeod 89; Kiri Miller, Joanne Bowman, Dana Borrelli, and Laura Clawson 274t; Ted Mercer, Jerry Enright, Karen Freund, and Judy Hauff 400; Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 497; Dan Huger and Lucy Sandig 347; Violet Thomason 358.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairmen—Jesse Roberts and Matt DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson.

As this is the last year the class will be permitted to meet at Ebenezer, a Locating Committee was appointed to find a place for next year. The committee is composed of John Plunkett, Janice Paulk, and Jesse Roberts.

Announcements were made. Richard DeLong, Matt DeLong, Jesse Roberts, and Helen Bryson led 62 as the closing song. Elder Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Richard DeLong; Vice Chairmen—Matt DeLong and Jesse Roberts; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson.

MT. LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Near Fayette, Alabama
Sunday, June 26, 2005

The annual singing held at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in June was called to order by Larry Ballinger leading 31b. Earl Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Leon Ballinger; Secretary—Earl Ballinger; Arranging Committee—Gravis Ballinger and Buddy Ballinger. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 82t; Gravis Ballinger 300; Ronnie Ballinger 146; Charles Humber 480; Sherry Stover 354b; Emily West 120; Lena Keeton 460; Wilton Donaldson 229; Anna Litton, Drue Nelson, and Alana Nelson 30t; LaMar Schlabach 335; Lomax Ballinger 168; Bobby Watkins 76b; John Hyde 104; Teresa Hope 361; Julie Stough, Amber Ballinger, and Jill Ballinger 405; Jimmy Ballinger 112; Annie Lou Price 137; Karen Willard 550; Amanda Ballinger 384; Leslie Brady 123t; Amber Davis 192; Clarence McCool 490.

RECESS

Earl Ballinger called the class to order leading 224. Leaders: David Ballinger and Will Thompson 111b; Wayne Baines 436; Albert Humber 176b; Jonathan Taft and B.J. Schnorenberg 87; Miranda Gilbreath 186; Carol Lunsford and Nick Salter 319; Johnny Humber 389; Willodean Barton 416; Beverly Nelson 299; Teresa Guyton 143; Brenda Robbins and Tory O'Dell 222; Beth O'Dell 546; Clayton Ezell 182; Cassie Franklin and Edith Tate 532, 73t; Ann Fox 45t; Jimmy Ballinger, Gary Ballinger, and Diana Anderson 84; Toney Smith 30b; Shirley Figura 209; Nate Green and Norma Green 85; Elene Stovall 211; Loyd Ivey and Ivey Biddle 424; Judy Caudle 456; Hobert Ivey 426t.

LUNCH

Linton Ballinger called the afternoon session to order leading 81t. Leaders: Shane Wootten 442; Marion Biddle 99; Bud Oliver 170; Max Berueffy 564; Marlon Wootten 376; Edwin Ballinger 457; Henry Schuman 528; Chuck Howell 127; Brenda Merritt 380; Sam Sommers 316; Harrison Creel 498; Paul Figura 455; Emily Creel 269; Daphene Causey 196; John Etheridge 77t; Milton Oliver 270; Warren Steel 362; Teddy Creel 124; Scott Ivey 155; Lisa Geist 195; Gordon Wilkinson 200; Donna Wootten 56t.

RECESS

Chris Ballinger called the class back to order leading 475. Leaders: John Merritt and Jimmy Ballinger "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"; Rodney Ivey 500; Gary Smith 565; Eloise Wootten and Wayne Wootten 276; Buell Cobb 81b; Richard Schmeidler 474; Rodney Willard 128; Sarah Smith 129; Velton Chafin 348b; Loyd Ivey 97; Karen Green and Maylene Hindman 144; Aubrey Hemminger 68b.

Larry Ballinger and Leon Ballinger led 46 as the closing song. Leon Ballinger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Leon Ballinger; Secretary—Earl Ballinger.

NEW HOPE CHURCH
Cullman County, Alabama
Sunday, June 26, 2005

The seventy-first session of the memorial singing at New Hope Church was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 321. The morning prayer was offered by Butch White.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or retained:
Chairman—Butch White; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee—Billy Williams.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 59, 122; Butch White 34b, 77t; Corene White 73t, 146; David Roberson 222, 74t; Elizabeth Keeton 145t, 145b; Eldagene Roberson 100, 291; Henry Guthery 101t, 123t.

RECESS

Butch White called the singing to order leading 282. Leaders: Margie Lee Tuck and Nancy Tuck 445, 335, 388; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 225t, 569t, 317; Geraldine Watkins 66, 143; Will Allred 354b, 87; Essie Hollingsworth and Geraldine Watkins 358, 421; Jennifer Allred 348b, 111b; Rachel Allred 448t, 278t; Billy Williams 448b; Caleb Allred 312b, 82t; Seth Allred 39t, 565; Glenn Keeton 358 (by request); Will Allred and Seth Allred 164.

Henry Guthery addressed the class about singing and encouraged everyone to attend upcoming singings, and to participate to help keep these singings alive. The floor was then turned over to the church for a business session.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Butch White leading 39b. Leaders: Susan Allred 399b, 112; Joyce Hicks 300, 217; Jane Knight 218, 220; Delone Cobb 63, 378t; Marie Guthrie 113, 31t; Glenn Keeton 504, 329; Margie Lee Tuck and Nancy Tuck 371, 452; Eldagene Roberson 213t; Jennifer Allred 84; Rachel Allred 47b; Corene White 37b; Will Allred 454; Caleb Allred 196; Cecil Sanders 380; Susan Allred 324; Delone Cobb 517 (WB); Geraldine Watkins 276, 361; Delone Cobb 323b; Henry Guthery 431.

Announcements were made. Butch White led 45t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Glenn Keeton, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Butch White; Vice Chairman—Henry Guthery; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

CAMP FASOLA Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama June 27-July 1, 2005 Monday, June 27

Arrival and check-in began at 4:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. and an orientation meeting. David Ivey welcomed campers and outlined the week ahead. David then introduced the teachers: Judy Caudle, Warren Steel, Richard DeLong, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Karen Willard, John Plunkett, and Jim Carnes. Roy and Louise Nelson coordinated snacks. Counselors were: Rod Ivey, John Plunkett, Clarke Lee, Henry Schuman, Dana Borrelli, Jennifer Allred, Lela Crowder, Karen Ivey, and LaRue Allen.

Monday Night Class Singing. David Ivey 32t; Jeff Sheppard 172; Jackson Harcrow 282; Frank Strickland 551; Idy Kiser 448t; Rachel Allred 442; Caleb Kiser, Tony Kiser, and B.J. Schnorenberg 87; Keith Willard 99; Don Bowen 97; Connie Stanton 171; Lauren Hall 155; Linda Shea 300; Jesse Karlsberg 196; T.J. Willard, Turner Berueffy, and Coleman Berueffy 45t; Bill Beverly 297; Mary Elizabeth Lee and Dinah East 354b; Liz Kiser 426b; Richard Schmeidler 475; Eugene Forbes 208; Annie Grieshop 40; John Plunkett 76t; Judy Caudle 345b; Donna Bell and Paige Gilbert 440; Stephen Conte 101b; Jonathan Taft and Karen Ivey 388; Allison Dodson 89; Bob Meek and Kalee Duncan 294; Dennis George 348b; Ann Webb 142; Laurie Dempsey 59; Riley Lee 277.

Paul Figura presented a devotional based on Psalm 98, “‘Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.’ When we sing together, we are bonding together. We need to focus on

the message found in the words we are singing.” Paul Figura led 452 and closed with prayer. Campers had free time until lights out at 11:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 28

Breakfast was followed by Rudiments Lessons: Youth Basics taught by Richard DeLong; Adults Basics taught by Judy Caudle; or Adult Advanced taught by David Ivey.

Adults Advanced Rudiments (David Ivey). John Garst revised Paine Denson’s 1936 rudiments for the 1991 book. In Sacred Harp we use relative pitch. A musical tone has a pitch, accent, length, and volume. It is important to develop male trebles to have a true Sacred Harp sound. By doubling male and female voices on treble and tenor parts, we have six part harmony. We sing the notes first, a tradition that developed because tunes were taught in the early singing schools by working on the notes. Rests are as important as notes. Each part has its own staff because the parts cross each other. The brace includes all parts to comprise a tune. Some of the original tunes, especially those written in the South in the 1800s originally lacked an alto part. Many of the alto lines that we have for those songs today were added in the 1911 revision by S.M. Denson. Repeats at the beginning of a tune are required so that all the text is sung; repeats at the end are optional. Accent is not as strong in Sacred Harp singing today as it was in the past, but should be developed and emphasized. Be sure to beat time smoothly and evenly without jerky motions. Syllables can be sounded over more than one note through the use of slurs, ties, joined flags, triplets. In a triplet, sing the three slurred notes in the same time as noted for two. If the last bass note in the tune is a fa, the tune is major key; if it is la, the tune is in minor key. Don’t try to sing loudly. Sing naturally and drop down an octave if you cannot reach a high note. Can you lead a tune not in the chosen book for a singing? Check with the chair of the singing in advance.

RECESS

The Nelsons served morning snacks; then campers could participate in recreational activities including the rock slide, canoeing/fishing, yoga, and hiking, or an elective class on more rudiments.

More Rudiments (Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard). If you’re not experienced, sit by someone who is. Too many new singers are moving to alto; try to sing tenor or treble instead. Each measure of a song is full of either notes or rests. Always begin a measure with your hand up and finish with your hand up. Observe rests; keep it crisp. Tell the front bench what you’re going to do when you get up to lead. If the front tenor bench doesn’t respond to your leading, indicate with voice and hand what you want. When arranging, Shelbie says she leads the home folks early to get the singing going, then leads the visitors. Know what you’re going to lead before you are chosen, and verbalize that quickly as you move into the center of the square: page number, verses, repeats. In a small singing, leaders should lead two tunes in one lesson.

LUNCH

Following lunch the kids went to their lesson with Jim Carnes (T.J. and the Big Cheese: Exploring Sacred Harp History), and the adults gathered for their lesson.

The Gamut: Hearts, Voices and Hands (Warren Steel). Our tradition goes back to the middle ages. Our fa-sol-la syllables are part of a prayer that choir boys learned to develop the strength of their voices. All music, when it is new, is modern and replaces other traditions in use. There were over 200 books printed in shape notes between 1801 and 1861. *The Sacred Harp* was one of the first books with refrains, a unique characteristic.

RECESS

Afternoon recreation included swimming and high ropes. Elective classes were Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard's Basics of How to Lead and Sacred Harp Resources with Karen Willard.

Sacred Harp Resources (Karen Willard). Karen encouraged campers to use the wealth of information found at or linked from the fasola.org website. This includes an introduction to the music; lists of local and annual singings; maps; a link to Steven Sabol's site about books, recordings, videotapes, DVDs, maps, resources for shape-note composers and publishers; Terre Schill's site which includes Melody Assistant; Warren Steel's homepage; and more.

RECESS

Snack time again, then class with the young folks going to Warren Steel's Taking Care of Business, and the adults going to River of Song.

River of Song, a Journey through Sacred Harp Tradition (Jim Carnes). Jim played a lining out hymn of the Old Regular Baptists. He spoke about Dr. Watts Singing, an African-American tradition from colonial days. The singing in early in 18th century British Isles was moving towards our tradition. Isaac Watts's words were very popular. Watts and Wesley were academics. "Plenary" was a Scottish drinking song brought into the church house; "Sawyer's Exit" is also known as "Rosen the Bow"; "Wayfaring Stranger" was a folk tune. An academic and folk fusion continued in the early United States, with songwriters writing about contemporary events. "Ode on Science" linked the founding of our government with the enlightenment and science. "Save, Lord, or We Perish" was a picture of anguish following the devastation of the Civil War.

Then campers participated in games, horseshoes, or crafts, or an elective session on Keying Music.

Keying Music (David Ivey). Sacred Harp uses relative pitch. The rudiments direct us to "pitch to sing comfortably." In learning to key songs, it is helpful to listen to other people who pitch music over a period of time. Does the keyer set it comfortably? Listen to tapes of live singings which include the pitching. One must master the scales and intervals in order to give pitches to the parts. Use the song's key as a starting point. You might try to get a key such as a "Sacred Harp F" in your head. When keying songs, sound the tonic note first. Then give the other notes for other parts and finish by sounding the tenor note as the class "sounds the chord." If you can internalize just one pitch in your head (say, a "F" or "G"), you may be able to use that pitch as the basis for finding other keys. The tonic for minor tunes is la. Practice the minor scale a lot, and practice the intervals. Try pitching something you have on a recording, then check to see how you did. Pitch that same tune several more times that day. The pitcher should watch new leaders to see if they indicate that they might pitch their own song. You should strive to pitch a tune as high as all the parts can sing it comfortably. Many people need help getting their songs started. The leader's mouth sometimes is even a better indication of the tempo they want than their hand. To singers in the class, don't randomly provide a pitch from your seat because it interferes with those who are assigned to the job of keying the music. Dinner and free time was followed by the evening singing in the Camp Lee church building.

Tuesday Night Class Singing. David Ivey led 212 to start the singing. Clarke Lee offered prayer. Leaders: Max Berueffy and Brooks Berueffy 332; Bridgett Hill 142; LaMar Schlabach 335; Marvin Reeves and Amber Reeves 144; Shane O'Neal 496; Jennifer Allred 151; Shirley Figura 278t; Duncan MacLeod 76b; J.T. Shavers 145b; Lynn Wilson 49t; LaRue Allen 373; Blake Sisemore 532; Katy Moore and David Moore 51; Sherry Lovvorn, Cali Harrod, Katie Rice, and Paige Gilbert 143; Scott Ivey and Blake Sisemore 528; Wayne Morgan 42; Erin Cole 49b; Rod Ivey and

Dottie Elam 358; Martha Beverly 467; Joanne Bowman 306; Drew Smith 376; Cheyenne Ivey 282; Dana Borrelli and Magdalena Zapadowska 39t; Clarke Lee 326; Anne Patton 209; Warren Steel 448t; Allison Ivey, Jonathan Taft, and Cheyenne Ivey 217; “Happy Birthday” to Liz Kiser.

Following the singing, we had a campfire where Samuel Sommers led the devotional. Then campers enjoyed some free time until lights out.

Wednesday, June 29

Breakfast began the day, followed by Rudiments Lesson for all campers.

Adults Basic Rudiments Lesson (Judy Caudle). We communicate the music by practicing every syllable, every note to develop our singing. Practice the scales and the intervals to master them. Rests must be observed in all parts. Sometimes other parts are singing on your rest, and sometimes there is silence in all parts. You must lead the class with your hand and your mouth to show how you want your song sung and to keep the class together.

RECESS

Roy and Louise Nelson again drew a crowd for their snacks, followed by recreation: rock slide, canoeing/fishing, low ropes.

Elective classes were Shelbie Sheppard’s Preparing and Taking Dinner to Singings and The Best of the Un-Greatest Hits with John Plunkett.

The Best of the Un-Greatest Hits (John Plunkett). Will Fitzgerald has generated frequency lists for 2003 and 2004 from the Minutes Books which can be found at www.entish.org John stated that one advantage of singing unfamiliar tunes is the experience it offers to sight-read. Always practice a tune, especially something which may be unfamiliar to others, so that you can confidently lead it.

LUNCH

Lunch was followed by the group photograph, then off to our next class: Sacred Harp Traditions and Decorum for the young folks with David Ivey, and the adults’ Accent and Leading Music Yesterday and Today with Warren Steel.

Accent and Leading Music Yesterday and Today (Warren Steel). In Europe until about 1400, people sang in unison. Only soloists sang in parts. Beginning about 1400, people began to sing in parts as groups. The 1844 to 1870 editions of *The Sacred Harp* included measure times. The 2/4 time signature should be led briskly. There is now more variation in the timing for 4/4 songs than any other. There is some controversy over where bars have been placed. When there is a conflict between barring and the words present, give priority to accenting the important words. As an example, page 268, accenting: “would to God I had died for Thee, O Absalom, my Son, my Son.”

Afternoon recreation included swimming, hayrides, and hiking. Elective classes were Shelbie and Jeff Sheppard’s Leading Practice and Richard DeLong’s Keying Music. **Keying Music (Richard DeLong).** Richard stated that he learned to key out of necessity. It takes lots of practice. Listen to yourself and critique what you have done. Find a song for which you can hear the tonic and chord in your head. Practice keying it several times a day. Once you’ve nailed down a key, start working on a different key and chord family. Richard has developed his own list of “pet songs” to key from. Experienced singers want to hear the tonic and the 1-3-5 chord. The keyer should sound out the beginning note for each part. When keying minor music, the scale is different. Be careful and be sure to have a set of good minor “pet songs”. Some examples of good songs to use to pitch various keys: F major—318, 87; B major—155; E major—358; D major—327; A minor—300; C minor—442; D minor—455; E minor—106. Pitch a little lower in early morning. Raise pitch for an hour after lunch then bring it back down later in the afternoon.

RECESS

Snack time again! Lessons for all followed: the kids go to Warren Steel's Pitchforks and Pendulums, and the adults head to Learning and Singing Songs with Judy Caudle.

Learning and Singing Songs (Judy Caudle). Increase your confidence in your song so that you can lead it well in the square. Signal a hold with a still hand and begin moving again to indicate the next note. To establish tempo, beat consistently, even with an initial rest. If the front bench doesn't follow you, stop singing and tell the class what you want.

Afternoon recreation activities included games, horseshoes, yoga, and crafts. Elective sessions were Richard DeLong on Organizing and Conducting Singings, and a SHMHA Interest Group Discussion with David Ivey and Jeff Sheppard.

Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA) Interest Group Discussion (David Ivey and Jeff Sheppard). SHMHA was incorporated in 1998 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. It produces the Directory and Minutes Book annually under Shelbie Sheppard's direction. SHMHA's charter states that its purpose is educational, cultural, and historical. Its current primary functions are to publish the Directory and Minutes book, Camp Fasola, and to attract funding to promote these and other future projects. SHMHA's annual meeting is held on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in November at 3:00 p.m. following the Alabama State Convention. The organization depends completely on volunteers. It welcomes gifts, and a planned giving campaign might bring needed income. It does not currently have staff to carry out other fundraisers.

Camp Fasola was started with planning by Jeff and David, and has involved more people each year to operate the camp. Twenty staff people supported Camp Fasola this year. The camp operation has been better organized each year. Jeff said that SHMHA does not compete with any other organization which supports and promotes Sacred Harp. SHMHA seeks to work cooperatively with these organizations. Campers encouraged SHMHA to find a way to offer annual membership subscription to singers. There is a need to let people know about SHMHA and its work. If this were done, contributions might be increased through an information campaign. Suggested projects: continue with Camp Fasola; develop workshops; and coordinate the collection of old songbooks, recordings, etc. for preservation as a collection in an established museum or archives. Identify a library that will preserve, archive, and control books, papers, and other items entrusted to them. This library must make these items available for use by singers and researchers. A cost to control these artifacts must be determined.

Wednesday Class Singing. Boys' chorus directed by Rod Ivey 101t, 30b, 230. It was announced that the young people will be in charge of next year's Wednesday evening singing.

Leaders: David Ivey 90; counselors 48t; Alex Makris 119; Terry Hogg 43; Larry Devocelle and Terry Hogg 81t; Rachel Shavers, Rachel Ivey, and Heather Sutton 59; Ann Fox 135; Janice Bridges 146; Henry Schuman 318; Daniel Sears and Drew Smith 457; Samuel Sommers 96; Magdalena Zapedowska 270; Beth Branscome 290; Jason Hollis 68b; Annie Reeves and Marvin Reeves 186; Dinah East and Kalee Duncan 354b; Malik Williams and Bridgett Hill 37b; Jo Pendleton, Jonathan Taft, and Karen Ivey 34t; Laura Clawson 394; Dinah East, Kalee Duncan, and Amanda Reeves 319; Seth Allred 276; Andrew Kiser 39t; Pam Nunn presented wildly decorated flip flops to Jeff Sheppard and David Ivey; Pam Nunn and Jeff Sheppard 64; Trevor East 277; Ashley Reeves 388; Tom George 47b; Bentley McGuire 40; Ken Robinson 480; James Wagner 108t; Joey Bullard 278b; Jenny Willard 392; Jane Spencer 390; Julie Lee and Kathy Lee 128; Rodney Willard and Karen Willard 171; B.J. Schnorenberg 87; David Moore, Katy Moore, and James Wagner 455.

Announcements of local singings were made. Rodney Willard led the devotional, followed by Karen Willard closing with 345b.

Keith Willard posted daily reports of camp activities and photos to www.fasola.org/camp/diary. Keith also photographed the sets of grandparents and their grandchildren in attendance.

Thursday, June 30

Breakfast began the last full day at camp followed by Rudiments Lessons for all. *Advanced Rudiments (Warren Steel)*. In Mississippi the basses sit across from the tenors with the trebles to the right, altos to the left. Raymond Hamrick traced tempos at singings from the 1940s to the 1970s and discovered that tempos increased in speed over this time. Warren tried to write an alto part to 284, "Garden Hymn", and found that the bass part is so strong that he could not succeed. All parts are pleasing parts; treble and tenor cross a lot. Close harmony is characterized by alto and tenor parts that are sometimes slavish to the treble melody. In dispersed harmony the parts are independently melodic; they cross and move in counter directions. In England between the 1720s and the 1820s, fusing tunes were very popular. Joseph Stephenson's publishing of "Milford" influenced other tune writers towards fugues. In the time of William Billings, it was illegal to give employees a religious day off work. While we use tunes to reflect the liturgical year now, these tunes used to be sung year around. Unique to *The Sacred Harp*, the alto part was originally written in the bass clef sometimes to avoid ledger lines.

RECESS

Another snack time followed; then campers could participate in the rock slide, canoeing/fishing, crafts, or an elective class, Odes and Anthems with Richard DeLong.

Odes and Anthems (Richard DeLong). There are twenty odes and anthems in the book, and leading one can be intimidating. An anthem's text is from scripture or a prayer book or other sacred writing. It is not proper to call for one unless you can lead it well, and they should only be led in the second hour of a singing, the first hour after lunch, or during the first twenty minutes after a recess. An ode is poetry with music composed for the text: examples are 227, 242, and 260.

LUNCH

Following lunch, the young people attended their lesson with Judy Caudle and the adults met with Warren Steel.

Men of Rough Exteriors: Composers (Warren Steel). Footnotes from the 1911 revision, some of which were not fully historically accurate, were removed in the 1991 revision. Soon there will be a companion volume with historical notes. Publication of information on composers is also under way, including living composers since 1960. John Plunkett and Robert Vaughn have contributed to this project. Many tunes composed in New England were by singing school teachers. Much was published prior to the Centennial celebration in 1876. Most composers were self-taught or attended singing schools. Many were farmers, teachers, or preachers. Some became prominent men in their communities. There were female composers, like sisters Sarah Lancaster, P.R. Lancaster, and M.L.A. Lancaster. "Lone Pilgrim" was composed by an American Indian, Thomas Commuck, who died in 1855. In our book, the arranger is listed instead of the composer.

Again it was time for swimming, hiking, and high ropes, or electives: Exploring the Hollow Square (Dana Borrelli's discussion session) or Sacred Harp Traditions and Decorum.

Sacred Harp Traditions and Decorum (Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard). In the old days, only one person in a family would lead for twenty to thirty minutes. Sometimes there would be two leaders, then a break. At the beginning of World War II, we had a

farming/agricultural economy. After the war, a lot of the young men did not return to the singing tradition. Jeff and Shelbie shared past experiences at singings and with singers. Mr. Lonnie Rogers was asked to come and join Jeff and Shelbie and share his memories with the group.

RECESS

Snack time again with Louise and Roy Nelson. Bud and Sammie Oliver demonstrated the Lookout Mountain method of making lemonade. Then off to a youth project led by the counselors, to Karen Willard's Sacred Harp Resources, or to a discussion about Camp Fasola Feedback with David Ivey.

Camp Fasola Feedback (David Ivey). Campers appreciated the golf cart transportation and enjoyed singing a song at lunch. A suggestion for a craft project for next year: cushions to personalize that could be used during camp teaching and singing sessions. It worked well to have a blessing on the porch before we enter the dining room. Rodney Ivey and John Plunkett did a super job of supervising the older boys, and Henry Schuman carefully looked after the younger boys. The classes were arranged well to minimize changing places too often. Campers indicated that the classes were excellent, as were the teachers. Attendance showed that it was good to offer recreation and optional classes for those who wanted them. David urged campers to thank the teachers personally. A suggested new class: a sight-reading session with new music. Campers wanted more opportunities to swim. All upper bunks need secure rails. Campers really liked the bigger logo on this year's tee-shirts. David asked us how many people are too much/enough at camp. Will we have an adequate singing space that is good? Should priority be given to kids and new singers? It was suggested that the youth group may need dividing into younger kids and teens. Perhaps classes should sometimes be divided, using some adults with the younger kids. Assign some adults to help as their service project. Another option is to pair an older child with a younger one, or divide kids into experienced and inexperienced for some classes. Discussion followed about accommodating children. Those under ten must be managed at all times by an older relative or they must stay in a hotel and only attend during the daytime activities and meals. From age ten, kids are more teachable and good group behavior can be expected. It's challenging to find experienced counselors for the kids since not many people in their 20's with Sacred Harp background are available. Discussion ensued about covering the expenses of camp. Are the prices affordable? How can contributions and grants be acquired to support camp expenses?

Campers enjoyed one last dinner in the Grove Dining Hall and presented certificates of appreciation to the Camp Lee staff. Then it was time to join in the larger community singing which took place in the Ark.

Thursday Night Community Singing. Jeff Sheppard opened the singing with 36b. Samuel Sommers offered the opening prayer. Leaders: David Ivey and Karen Ivey 217; Rod Ivey, John Plunkett, and LaRue Allen 142; Lela Crowder and Jennifer Allred 272; Rachel Shavers, Rachel Ivey, Heather Sutton, and Alex Makris 480; Rachel Shavers and J.T. Shavers 59; Lonnie Rogers, Sherry Lovvorn, Katie Rice, Cali Harrod, Paige Harrod, and Susan Rice 143; Drew Smith and Daniel Sears 146; Bridgett Hill and Malik Williams 37b; Blake Sisemore and Jackson Harcrow 112; Keith Willard, Jenny Willard, Thomas Willard, Rodney Willard, Barbara Willard, and Karen Willard 422; Jane Spencer, Linda Shea, and Magdalena Zapedowska 105; Jo Pendleton and Jonathan Taft 24b; Amber Reeves and Rachel Allred 335; Don Bowen and Max Berueffy 283; Dinah East and Kalee Duncan 80b; Allison Dodson and Louis Hughes 300; Wayne Warren, Bud Oliver, Trevor East, Andrew Kiser, and Seth Allred 42; Coleman Berueffy and Turner Berueffy 282; Cheyenne Ivey, Paula Oliver, and Paige Gilbert 82t; B.J. Schnorenberg and James Wagner 87; Erin Cole

222; Idy Kiser, Tony Kiser, Caleb Kiser, Liz Kiser, and Andrew Kiser 312b; the twenty-something campers—Laura Clawson, Allison Ivey, Dana Borrelli, Beth Branscome, and Jesse Karlsberg 76b; Lauren Hall 216; Tom George and Dennis George 388; Clarke Lee, Julie Lee, Mary Elizabeth Lee, and Riley Lee 178; Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Pam Nunn, and Rene Green 448t.

RECESS

Samuel Sommers brought the class back with 319. Leaders: Judy Caudle and Steve Grauberger 145b; David Creach and Floyd Bennett 452; Jason Hollis and Bentley McGuire 354b; Aubrey Hemminger, Lynn Wilson, Laurie Dempsey, and Kathy Coulson 47b; Amanda Reeves, Amber Reeves, Annie Reeves, Ashley Reeves, and Marvin Reeves 31t; Connie Stanton, Joanne Bowman, and Janice Bridges 122; the Iowans—Annie Grieshop, David Moore, and Katy Moore 344; Kathy Lee, Trevor East, Shane O'Neal, and Joey Bullard 235; Ann Webb and Anne Patten 155; Duncan MacLeod, LaMar Schlabach, and Ken Robinson 168; Warren Steel, Mark Davis, Lisa Davis, Kurt Davis, and Natalie Davis 457; Paul Figura, Shirley Figura, and Ann Fox 39t; Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 179; Terry Hogg and Larry Devocelle 523; Richard Schmeidler 473; Bob Meek and Eugene Forbes 340; Donna Bell and Henry Schuman 49b; Stephen Conte and Frank Strickland 176b; Caleb Allred and Will Allred 454; Reba Dell Windom, Elene Stovall, and Joan Aldridge 192; Aaron Wootten and Susan Harcrow 159; Henry Johnson, Milton Oliver, and Ed Thacker 141; Sandy Ivey, Rachel Ivey, Scott Ivey, and Tony Ivey 503; Sandra Wilkinson, Michael Thompson, and Russ Hanson 274t; Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest 200.

Announcements were made. Annie Grieshop thanked David Ivey, Karen Ivey, Jeff Sheppard, and Shelbie Sheppard for their leadership and dedication to Camp Fasola. David Ivey led 46 as the closing song and Louis Hughes offered the closing prayer. Campers enjoyed free time and lights didn't quite go out by 11:00 p.m. on our last night at camp.

Friday, July 1

After a final meal, campers packed their gear. Then all gathered in the Ark where David thanked Roy and Louise Nelson for the wonderful snacks they provided all week. He thanked the counselors: Lela Crowder, Dana Borrelli, Jennifer Allred, John Plunkett, Rod Ivey, Clarke Lee, Henry Schuman, LaRue Allen, and Karen Ivey for contributing so much to the campers' well-being. He thanked the teachers for their excellent lessons. All campers received certificates. David challenged each camper to take what they have learned at camp and practice it in their singing community. All took the parting hand, and Chaplain Samuel Sommers closed with prayer. Hugs and tears followed, and another wonderful year at Camp ended. Campers attended from 20 states, 2 provinces of Canada, and Poland. There were 126 full-time campers, including the teachers and counselors.

The dates for Camp Fasola 2006 will be July 3-7 (one week later than previous camp dates).

SHMHA President—Jeff Sheppard; Camp Director—David Ivey; Secretary—Martha Beverly.

PIONEER VALLEY ALL-DAY SINGING **First Congregational Church, Sunderland, Massachusetts** **Saturday, July 2, 2005**

The fifth session of the Pioneer Valley All-Day Singing was called to order by Chair Peter Irvine leading 68b. Lydia Vernon-Jones offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chair—Peter Irvine; Vice Chair—Kate Richardson; Treasurer—Paul Butler; Secretary—Amy Finlay. Leaders: Kate Richardson 371; Amy Finlay 176b; Paul Butler 290; Sheila Kelley 318; Bob Parr 391; Magda Zapadowska 274t; Ed Smith 198; Lydia Vernon-Jones 99; Lauralee Thompson 49b; Guy Banks 365; Katherine Collett 40; Victoria Bolles 492; Rick Johnston 436; Inga Knets 272; Terry Ryan 84; Robert Stoddard 193; Sally O'Brien 106.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Sheldon Finlay leading 475. Leaders: John Holbrook and Greta Holbrook 339; Violet Krumbein 547; Joanna Lampert 208; Dan Hertzler 192; Bill Dunn 38b; Margaret Bornick 126; Anne Johnston 71; George Pomfret 352; Gerry Hoffman 216; Brian Collett 504; George Seiler 480; Ruth Hooke 276; Paula Picton 299; Bobbie Goodell 70b; Neely Bruce 348b; Bill Holt 419; Anna Maria Irvine 65; Alice Kast 59; Bob Mills 144.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Rebecca Edwards leading 155. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 215; Ron Bornick 178; Kelly Taylor 171; Nicholas Edwards 474; Charles Taylor 177; Jean Seiler 217; Amy Finlay 270; Kelly House 442; Kelsey Wessels 29t; Nicola Collett 245; Victoria Bolles 551.

The memorial lesson was conducted with Laura Timmerman sharing words and then leading 531 on behalf of the sick and shut-ins. She shared her personal experience of being on the sick and shut-in list, and said how much it meant to her to have community support during that time. Any crisis creates an opportunity to care for each other and receive care. Singing for people gives them strength and faith.

The following sick were remembered: Marian Ryan and Leslie Shelby—New York; David Rock—Maine; Frank Cassa—Arizona; Ilmars Knets—Connecticut; Stephanie Mullinax and Job Driggers—Georgia; Judi Von Dolan, Nancy Reid, Gene Reid, Ernestina Staleva, and Regina Pigeon—Massachusetts.

Andrew Magee offered words of prayer and lead 425 on behalf of those who have died in the last year: Laurette Elizabeth Wojcik—Vermont; Mary Chyba and Dawn Culbertson—Maryland; Lou Silver and Hazel Schofield—Florida; Tom Gibney—New Jersey; Art Broadus—North Carolina; Bette McLellan—New Hampshire; Mary Stamos—Connecticut; Annie Furlotte—Canada; Ned Loomans—Wisconsin; Craig Welch—Maine; Roxanne Mennella—New York; Harry Mainor—Georgia; John Hocutt—Alabama; Sally Morse—Missouri; Travis Fuller, Judith Stoddard, Richard Goddard, Helen Holland, Sheila MacLean, Stephanie Rome, and Virginia Magee—Massachusetts. Jenna Strizak closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Alexa Gilmore led 499. Kshama Ananthapura offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Kelsey Wessels brought the class to order by leading 186. Leaders: Eric Morgan 203; Allison Schofield 542; Paula Picton 411; Kshama Ananthapura 269; Bradford West 362; Linda Shea 168; Anne Kazlauskas 110; Peter Irvine 558; Chris Holley 81t; Matt Wojcik 384; Rebecca Edwards 335; Sheldon Finlay 112; Inga Knets 328; Bill Holt 454; Alexa Gilmore 448t; Joanna Lampert 86; Jean Seiler 142; Dean Jens 127; Jenna Strizak 76b.

RECESS

Aldo Ceresa brought the class to order by leading 105. Leaders: Bob Mills 300; Magda Zapadowska 47t; Bobbie Goodell 496; Andrew Magee 47b; Laura Timmerman 72b; Michael Kaye 501; Violet Krumbein 455; Gerry Hoffman 297; Nicola Collett 347; Terry Ryan 63; Guy Banks 327; Robert Stoddard 27; Bob Parr 502; Paul Butler 390; George Pomfret 452; Eric Morgan 73t.

Reports from various committees were given. The Treasurer, Paul Butler, reported that expenses had been met, and thanked everyone for their generous donations. Secretary Amy Finlay reported that sixty-two leaders had led 90 songs, and 108 singers were in attendance.

Announcements were made. Chair Peter Irvine thanked everyone for coming, and, with the officers, led 62 as the closing song. Eric Morgan offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Peter Irvine; Vice Chair—Kate Richardson; Secretary—Amy Finlay.

HENAGAR-UNION CONVENTION

Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama

July 2-3, 2005

Saturday, July 2

The eighty-ninth session of the Henagar-Union Convention was called to order with Chairman David Ivey leading 82t. The morning prayer was offered by Ron Harper. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Norma Green; Arranging Committee—Laura Clawson and Jennifer Allred; Memorial Committee—Henry Johnson, Ed Thacker, Allison Ivey, and Marian Bethune.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 101t; Shane Wootten 37b; Norma Green 157; Laura Clawson 171; Ed Thacker 298; Betty Wright 97; Don Bowen 145b; Robert Walker 143; James M. Wagner 480; Michael Thompson 436; S.T. Reed 35; Beth Branscome 85; Henry Johnson 230; Bob Simmons 66; Gaston White 186; Donna Bell 282; LaMar Schlabach 131b; Jeff Adcock 354b; Annie Grieshop 198; Nate Green and Norma Green 100; Sam Schofield 340; Ron Harper 215; Bill Beverly 297; Sandra Wilkinson 268.

RECESS

Tony Ivey and Wayne Wootten brought the class back together leading 36b.

Leaders: Elene Stovall 172; Louis Hughes 496; Brittany Lea 378t; Martha Beverly 504; Hubert Nall 299; Sandie Scott 110; Duncan MacLeod 89; Lela Crowder 71; Matt Hinton, Mac Powell, and Tai Anderson 99, 45t; Jesse Karlsberg 107; Lucinda Saue 49b; John Plunkett 437; Karen Willard 550.

RECESS

The class was brought together with Jackson Harcrow leading 48t. Leaders: Dana Borrelli 384; Ann Fox 135; Henry Schuman 532; Kalee Duncan 80b; Andrew Kiser 344; B.J. Schnorenberg 388; Alexandra Makris 568; James S. Wagner 455; Scott Ivey 528; Lauren Hall 376; Liz Kiser 426b; Drew Smith 74b; Allison Dodson 335; Blake Sisemore 542; Greg Saue 163b; J.L. Hopper 450; Don Clark 165; Eunice Webb 392; Richard Schmeidler 146; John Merritt, Bill Beverly, and Bob Meek 86. The lunch blessing was asked by Brother Jimmy Williams.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened with Shane Wootten leading 170. Leaders: Sam Sommers 370; Joyce Walton 122; Keith Willard 349; Richard DeLong 421; Jeff Sheppard 440; Daphene Causey 291; Betty Shepherd 216; Allison Ivey 270; Lomax Ballinger 300; Jennifer Allred 442; Judy Caudle 428; Jerry Enright 330b (in memory of Kelly Beard); LaRue Allen 192.

S.T. Reed counted the ballots and announced the elected officers: Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Norma Latham Green.

Leaders: Richard Ivey 472; John Etheridge 398; Reba Windom 224; Karen Clark 501; Earl Ballinger 56t; Phil Summerlin 350; Ivey Biddle 106; Jenny Willard 434; Karen Freund 383; David Carlton 362.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with David Ivey leading 205. Leaders: Charlene Wallace 276; Andrew Williams 147b; Paul Figura 457; Bill McGhee 278b; Velton Chafin 463; Joe Nall 448t; Syble Adams 277; David Moore and James S. Wagner 164; Shirley Figura 348b (for Charlie Derleth); Idy Kiser, Tony Kiser, and Caleb Kiser 312b; Sharon DuPriest 212; Lynne deBenedette 425; Linda Sides 454; Loyd Ivey and Coy Ivey 486t (WB); Mark Brown "Sweet Beulah Land".

Following announcements, David Ivey lead 323t as the closing song, and the class was dismissed in prayer by Pastor Tony Ivey.

Sunday, July 3

The Sunday session was called to order with Chairman David Ivey leading 32t. The morning prayer was led by Ed Thacker.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 113; Shane Wootten 310; Norma Green 52b; Ann Fox 45t; Ed Thacker 403; Kathryn Eastburn 159; Sandra Wilkinson 473; Robert Walker 34b; Turner Berueffy 124; Joel Jenkins 276; David Light 172; Don Bowen 283; Idy Kiser 448b; Hubert Nall 496; Betty Wright 503; Alexandra Makris 40; Michael Thompson 507; LaMar Schlabach 76b.

RECESS

Rodney Ivey called the class back together leading 345b. Leaders: Henry Johnson 278t; Blake Sisemore 182; Linton Ballinger 224; Coy Ivey 384; David Moore and James S. Wagner 164; Ivey Biddle 64; Liz Kiser 338; Laura Clawson 430; Scott Ivey and Lauren Hall 424; Andrew Kiser 344; Bud Oliver 215; Judy Caudle 236; James M. Wagner 268; Loyd Ivey 340; S.T. Reed 158.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Rodney Ivey leading 108t. Leaders: Karen Freund and Tony Ivey 442; Sharon DuPriest 186; Richard Ivey 228; Dennis George 456; Emily Creel 269; Max Berueffy 548; Aaron Wootten 448t; Samuel Sommers 121. The Memorial Committee, Henry Johnson, Ed Thacker, Allison Ivey, and Marian Bethune, presented the memorial lesson. Allison Ivey read the names on the sick and shut-in list and spoke about how we should think about the sick and shut-ins, put ourselves in their place, and consider how we would like to be thought about, receive a phone call, or receive a card or letter. Those remembered were Bill Thomas, Delene Thomas, Marguerite Rains, Steve Warner, Emily Boswell, Raymond Hamrick, Oscar McGuire, Susan Roberts, Jessica Roberts, Marjorie Neal, Jo Cork, Sharon Noojin, Patsy Gentle, Jeanette Lowery, Charlie Derleth, Audra Browne, Edith Tate, Flarce Creel, Fred Killingsworth, Jr., Gerald Wootten, Baby Asa, and Hubert Newman. Ed Thacker led 154, honoring these sick and shut-ins on the list. Henry Johnson read the names on the list for the deceased. Those named were James Wheeler, Anne Friend, Floyd Peters, Jap Walton, Dean Slaton, Austin Burchett, Mark Ayers, Martha Woodard, Hershell King, Preston McClendon, Naomi Sailors, Ivalene Donaldson, Henry B. George, Ronnie Meadows, Phil Tabor, Cliffie Window, Rayburn Humber, Kelly Beard, James Findley, Myrt Buffington, Claude Buffington, John Hocutt, Elvera Lee, Charlie Wellman, Paul Greeson, Robert Barber, Sherry Guthery, Mary Shankles, and Cheryl Dunson. Henry then read from Psalms 61 and gave an inspiring talk about the nature of the loss of loved ones through death or illness. He referred to a part of David's prayer, "when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the Rock that is higher than I." Henry remarked that during both days of this convention we sang a song about "the Rock that is higher than I." He continued, "When death or illness takes away those we love, associate with, or depend upon we need to look to the Rock that is higher than I." He read further from Psalms, "In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God." Marian Biddle led 572 (CB). Tony Ivey closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Cheyenne Ivey and Anna Wootten 111t; Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 171; Coleman Berueffy 47b. The lunch blessing was asked at the table by Joel Jenkins.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together with David Ivey leading 59 (by request). Leaders: Jackie Tanner, Cindy Tanner, and Cassie Franklin 208; Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd 196; Allison Ivey, Brittany Lea, and Dana Borrelli 81t; LaRue Allen and Daphene Causey 436; Terry Wootten 39t; Lisa Geist 327; Marty Wootten 475; Coy Ivey and his grandchildren (Allison Ivey, Richard Ivey, Zach Ellis, Ivey Ellis, Sumner Ellis, Worth Ellis, Jessica Ivey, and Cheyenne Ivey) 282, 87; Bridgett Hill 500; Drew Smith and Jackson Harcrow 42; Larry Ballinger 151; Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 56b; Susan Harcrow and Wayne Wootten 29t; Lynne deBenedette, Reba Windom, and Betty Shepherd 216; Bobby Watkins 336; Sarah Jenkins and Jackson Harcrow 155; Harrison Creel 512; Charles Franklin 278; John Etheridge 419; Karen Ivey and Richard Ivey 567; Jennifer Allred 411; Annie Grieshop and Aubrey Hemminger 168.

Chairman David Ivey gave a special thanks to Willard Wright and Betty Wright for the delicious homemade ice cream that they provided on Saturday.

RECESS

Coy Ivey brought the final session of the convention together leading 137. Leaders: Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 209; Teddy Creel 335; Shirley Figura and Paul Figura 565; Jerry Enright 77t; Kathy James 30b; Jane Spencer 360; John Hollingsworth 460; Richard Schmeidler 474; Eloise Wootten, Marlon Wootten, and Donna Wootten 445; Joan Aldridge 546; Scott Swanton 99; Jewel Wootten 176t; Willie Mae Moon 225t.

Chairman David Ivey thanked the Arranging Committee for a job well done.

Following announcements, David Ivey, Rodney Ivey, Shane Wootten, and Tony Ivey led 146, and those who wished took the parting hand. The convention was dismissed in prayer by Pastor Tony Ivey.

Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Norma Latham Green.

CROSS ROADS BAPTIST CHURCH **North of Tallapoosa, Georgia** **Sunday, July 3, 2005**

The ninety-second session of the annual Sacred Harp singing at Cross Roads Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in July. Louis Hughes brought the class to order leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Cecil Roberts.

Leaders: Louis Hughes 138b (for his father, J.C. Hughes, and grand-father, George Lawson Hughes); Miranel Swafford 399 (for her father, Gilbert Pope); Mary L. Smith 37b, 171; Louis Hughes, Jr. 77b.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Louis Hughes; Vice Chairlady—Miranel Swafford; Secretaries—Belinda Stansbery and Donna Bell; Memorial Committee—Mary L. Smith; Arranging Committee—Louis Hughes, Jr. and Charlene Wallace.

Leaders: Donna Bell 335, 426t; Cecil Roberts 56t, 285t; Henry Guthery 111b, 276, 68b; Duncan MacLeod 131t, 168; Jeannette DePoy 475, 39t; Karen Willard 330b, 440; John Wall 358, 479; Kaley Morris 119, 282.

RECESS

Louis Hughes, Jr. called the class back to order leading 49b. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 312b, 385t; Tom Ivey 86, 290; Allison Dodson 40, 300; Sherrie Edwards 159;

Lonnie Rogers 186, 345t (in memory of his father); Thomas Willard 36b; Bobby Jackson 546, 499; Greg Saue 143, 523.

Mary L. Smith conducted the memorial lesson. She spoke of Mrs. Evelyn Newman, who passed way recently, as being one of the backbones of this church and singing. Cecil Roberts led 499 and 30b for the deceased, including the following: Robert Garner, Kenneth Wheeler, Hannah Ingram, Leon Price, Henry George, Jap Walton, Lois DePoy and Tom DePoy, Essie Fielder Holcombe, and Preston McClendon.

Scott DePoy led 179 and 201 for the following sick and shut-ins: I.V. McWhorter, Gladys McGraw, Alice Edwards, Nancy Allen, Myrtle Smith, Lucy Garner, Lucy McWhorter, Richard DeLong, Sherrie Edwards, Margery Heel, Dale Harris, and Shelbie Sheppard. Mary Smith closed the memorial service with prayer.

Chairman Louis Hughes introduced Pastor Gerald Sloman, who welcomed everyone and thanked those attending for supporting this singing. He then dismissed the congregation for lunch.

LUNCH

Louis Hughes brought the class back to order leading 101t. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 216, 189 (for Shelbie Sheppard); Jenny Willard 546, 565; Aaron Little 448t, 503; Janice Bridges 56b, 448b; Stanley Edwards 122, 129 (for his wife Sherri); Robert Chambliss 225t, 72b; Charlene Wallace 283, 299; Karen Clark 549, 569t; Keith Willard 319, 278b; Oscar McGuire 276, 344; James Newman and Elaine Newman 111t; Charlene Griffin 144, 117; John Plunkett 381, 207; Mildred Patterson 294 (for Katherine Benefield); Teenie Moody 384; Lucinda Saue 163b; James Hughes and Cecil Roberts 45t.

Announcements were made. Chairman Louis Hughes and Miranel Swafford thanked everyone for attending then led 347 as the closing song. James Newman offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Louis Hughes; Vice Chairlady—Miranel Swafford; Secretaries—Melinda Stansberry and Donna Bell.

DUTTON, GREEN, AND JACKSON MEMORIAL **Liberty Grove Primitive Baptist Church, (New Flatwoods Church)** **South of Nauvoo, Alabama** **Sunday, July 3, 2005**

The annual Sacred Harp Memorial Singing was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 47t. The morning prayer was offered by Ronald Gilmore. Travis Keeton 131b.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Tim Gilmore; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 343; Josie Hyde 48t, 129; Tim Gilmore 418, 297, 142 (in memory of Lavada Gilmore), 300; Willodean Barton 63, 101t, 111t, 222; Cecil Wakefield 206, 282, 208; Pam Gilmore 283 (for Garnsey McGough), 171, 192; Mary Ellen Jones 392, 147b, 147t; Wilton Donaldson 348b, 229, 47b.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading 73t. Leaders: Lena Keeton 225t, 497, 546; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 393, 335, 571; Jimmie Gilmore 378t, 288, 146; Lewis Gilmore and Estelle Gilmore 318, 34t, 337.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 189. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 378b, 157, 498 (for the Creel family); Brenda Merritt 76b, 274t, 276;

Nathan Gilmore 124, 454, 100; Clarence McCool 68b, 349, 112; John Hyde 566, 43, 104; Kermit Adams 565, 85, 99; John Merritt 294, 426t; Steve Adams 401, 301, 240; Caleb Allred 312, 196, 45t; Donald Gilmore 49b, 491b (WB); Latrive Bailey and Ottis Sides 384, 480, 322; Seth Allred 47b, 40; Gwen Cornelius 490; Josie Hyde 380 (by request); Susan Allred 399b, 56t; Tim Gilmore 306 (by request).
Travis Keeton and Tim Gilmore led 57 as the closing song. Ronald Gilmore offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—Tim Gilmore; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

INDEPENDENCE DAY SINGING

Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine (Cleburne Co.), Alabama Monday, July 4, 2005

The twenty-second session of the Independence Day Singing was held at Muscadine Methodist Church on Monday, July 4th. The class was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 32t. Louis Hughes offered the morning prayer. Jeff Sheppard led 36b; Keith Willard led 303; and Mary L. Smith led 52t.

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

Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Keith Willard; Secretary—Mary L. Smith; Arranging Committee—Shelbie Sheppard.

Leaders: Tony Hammock 61; Teenie Moody 448b; Bentley McGuire 59; Robert Chambless 145b; Judy Chambless 82t; Jason Hollis 148; Rene Greene 351; Oscar McGuire 573; Faye Hollis 171; Eric Tweedy 385b; Lucinda Saue 49b; Earlis McGraw 284; Jan Bridges 479; Tony Ivey 196; Martha Beverly 464; Andy Anderson 137; Rodney Willard and Barbara Willard 128; Louis Hughes 181; Shirley Figura 84.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Keith Willard leading 34b. Leaders: Lou Cotney 189; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 475; Dana Borrelli 48b; Greg Saue 147t; Lela Crowder and Bud Oliver 42; Ed Thacker 399b; Donna Bell 480; Richard Schmeidler 254; Karen Willard 383; Thomas Willard 106; Debora Grosse 460; Samuel Summers 207; Jenny Willard 316; John Plunkett 346; Ellie Soler 358; Eugene Forbes 340.

RECESS

Keith Willard led 108t to call the class back to order. Leaders: Eunice Webb 318; Bill Beverly 120; Glenda Collins 290; Scott DePoy 277; Floy Wilder 195; James M. Wagner 40; Duncan MacLeod 77t; Charlene Wallace 99; Paul Figura 410t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 155. Leaders: Henry Johnson 230; Nate Green 185; Reba Windom 142; LaMar Schlabach 282; Bridgett Hill 440; Bill Windom 45t; Bud Oliver 328; Daphene Causey 222; Bobby Watkins 76b; Sharon DuPriest 216; Don Bowen 217; Mildred Patterson 108b; Cecil Roberts 335; Pam Nunn 200; Ann Simpson 323b; LaRue Allen 454; Reba Windom and Bill Windom 28b; Jason Hollis and Bentley McGuire 274t; Rodney Willard and Barbara Willard 30t; Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 481; Sam Sommers 522; Karen Willard and Jan Bridges 160; Richard Schmeidler 543; Paul Figura and Shirley Figura 68b (in honor of Charles Derleth); Tom Ivey and Sharon Strong 178; Duncan MacLeod and Bridgett Hill 168; Keith Willard and Jenny Willard 378t; Greg Saue and Lucinda Saue 31t; Shelbie Sheppard, Jeff Sheppard, Rene Greene, and Pam Nunn 269.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and Keith Willard led 46 as the closing song. Eric Tweedy offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Keith Willard; Secretary—Mary L. Smith.

CULLMAN COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION **Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama** **July 9-10, 2005**

Saturday, July 9

The annual Cullman County Singing Convention was held at the Cullman County Courthouse on the second Sunday and Saturday before in July. The Convention was organized in 1893 and this session will be the one hundred-twelfth session. The class was called to order by Danny Creel who welcomed everyone then led 155. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

Leaders: Danny Creel 152; Richard Mauldin 36b, 358; Eldagene Roberson 222, 313t, Clarence McCool 349; Bridgett Hill 129; David Roberson 408; Wilton Donaldson 480; Charles McCravey 154; Jennifer Allred 192; Robert Walker 477; Odem Hawkins 36t; Ann Jett 496; J.C. Rutledge 490; Marlin Beasley 61; Rachel Allred 89; Bud Oliver 145b.

RECESS

Danny Creel called the class back to order leading 269.

A business session was held to elect new officers. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee—Billy Williams; Finance Committee—Jennifer Allred; Memorial Committee—Richard Mauldin. The business session was closed.

Henry Guthery introduced Robert Banks, Circuit Court Clerk, who welcomed the convention and recited an inspirational poem, “The Bridge Builder”. Leaders: Henry Guthery 97; Gertrude Watkins 66; Butch White and Kenny Graves 30b; Reddie Powell 280, 300; Sandie Scott 282; Eugene Forbes 137; John Merritt and David Knight 45t; Tim Reynolds 203; Josie Hyde and John Hyde 43; Elsie Moon 494; Glenn Keeton and Elizabeth Keeton 86, 335; Teddy Creel 87; Judy Caudle 437.

RECESS

Henry Guthery called the class back to order leading 176b. Leaders: Malik Williams 354b; Pam Gilmore 220; Mark Hoover and Gretchen Hoover 436, 82t; Judy Chambless 569b; Don Robertson 200; Marie Guthrie 446; James Wagner 40; Corene White 454; Travis Keeton 566.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Henry Guthery leading 316. Leaders: Beth Branson 338; Gary Smith 365; Wanda Capps 299; Mary Holcomb 319; Bobby Watkins 318; Delone Cobb 73t; Juanita Newman 76b; Oleta Stewart 406; Robert Chambless 68b; Sarah Smith 290; Sonya Sipes 39b; Susan Allred 77b; Parnell Berry 122; Dorothea McCowan 442; Corene White 171; Geraldine Watkins and Essie Hollingsworth 143; Harrison Creel 317; Amanda Denson 276; Butch White and Kenny Graves 159; Arlene Woods 178; Charles Woods 196; John Hyde 104; John Merritt and Amanda Denson “Nothing but the Blood of Jesus”; Billy Williams 54; Josie Hyde 507; Mark Hoover 56b; Charles McCravey 388; Bridgett Hill and Richard Mauldin 168; Judy Caudle 236; Billy Williams 448b; Henry Guthery 475. Announcements were made. Henry Guthery led 521 as the closing song. Harrison Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, July 10

The Sunday session of the Cullman County Singing Convention convened in the second floor courtroom of the Cullman County Courthouse for the second day of singing. Henry Guthery welcomed everyone and led 59. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin.

Leaders: Corene White 314; Wilton Donaldson 30t; Richard Mauldin 178; David Roberson 274t; Don Robertson 215; Clarence McCool 428; Velton Chafin 463; Marlin Beasley 460; Elizabeth Keeton 504; James Wagner 480; Bridgett Hill 209; Travis Keeton 482; Amanda Denson, Betty Shavers, Reecie Powell, and Richard Mauldin 376; Brenda Merritt 440; Max Berueffy 391; Juanita Newman 335; Willodean Barton 498.

RECESS

The class resumed singing. Leaders: Terry Wootten 486; David Light 200; Betty Shaver 87; Gertrude Watkins 276; Wanda Capps 546; John Merritt and Bobby Watkins "Mercy Seat"; Aaron Wootten 270; John Hyde 297; Glenn Keeton 236; Will Allred 454; Caleb Allred 312t; Blake Sisemore 299; Drew Smith 328; Oleta Stewart 313t; Leah Commer and Pamela Rosser 159, 142; Elene Stovall 430; Jennifer Allred 216; Marty Wootten and Hayden Wootten 448t; Bobby Watkins 522; Larry Ballinger 182.

RECESS

Henry Guthery called the singing back to order leading 527.

Richard Mauldin conducted the memorial lesson and quoted from Revelations, and recited the words from the song "Passing Away" in remembrance of all the loved ones who have passed away. Danny Creel read the list of sick and shut-ins: Charles Creel, Charles Fisher, Jean Fisher, Elsie Beasley, Gracie Odine Whitehead, Roland E. White, Jettie White, David Knight, Edith Tate, Nellie Berry, Ruth Aaron, Mike Griffin, Clois Kethy, Bill Stewart, James A. Harper, Sarah Morgan, Dick Morgan, Nettie Elliott, and Aubrey Tyree. Danny Creel, Eddie Creel, and Harrison Creel led 111b.

Danny Creel read the names of the deceased since the last convention: Sherry Guthrie, John Hocutt, Ivalene Donaldson, Hershell King, Mary Kathleen White, Martha Woodard, Emma Barnett, Pete Hendrix, Floyd Peters, Oleta Campbell, Zelda Phillips, Gladys Edison Brock, Helen Brown Freeman, Gladys Talley, A.A. Chandler, Gimble Johnson, Helen Hunt, R.C. Bureson, Willie B. Graves, Archie Williams, Earline Taylor, Lillian Parker, Jap Walton, and Gerstile Nail—Alabama; Austin Burchett and Phil Tabor—Tennessee; Mark Ayers—South Carolina; Kelly Beard—Texas; Allen Fannin—New York; Art Broadus—North Carolina; Tom Gibney—New Jersey. Danny Creel and Richard Mauldin led 122 for the deceased. Danny Creel closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Judy Caudle and David Knight 268, 528; Jared Wootten 29t.

LUNCH

Henry Guthery called the afternoon session to order leading 543. Leaders: Ed Thacker 140; Buell Cobb 68b; Josie Hyde 198; Seth Allred 203; Rachel Allred 186; Guy Bankes 327; Lisa Geist 269; Rodney Ivey and Linda Thomas 47t; Teddy Creel 124; Charlotte McCarn 143; Harrison Creel 530; Marie Guthrie 280; Ann Jett 136; Kenneth Tate 35; Danny Creel 389; Amber Davis 192; Dorothea McCowan 196; Elene Stovall 63; Susan Allred 336; Mary Holcomb 145t; Bud Oliver 42; Butch White 74t; Eldagene Roberson 385b; Gary Smith 31t; Charles McCravey 204; Delone Cobb 37t; Elsie Moon 456; Sonja Sipas 30b; Susan Allred 324; Lisa Geist 304; Billy Williams 334; Betty Shavers 358; Rodney Ivey 564.

Announcements were made. Henry Guthery led 521 as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Henry Guthery; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

QUEBEC SINGING CONVENTION

Waterville, Ways Mills, Quebec

July 15-16, 2005

Friday, July 15

The eleventh annual Quebec Singing Convention was called to order at the Jubilee Hall in Waterville, Quebec on Friday before the third Sunday in July by Chairperson Jackie Hall leading 47t. Chuck Neville offered an opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Jackie Hall; Secretary—Chuck Neville.

Leaders: Pleasance Crawford 34b; Cheryl Stroud 455; Cathy Brochet 86; Guy Banks 350; Bob Parr 228; Pleasance Crawford 338; Cheryl Stroud 107; Joan Brunskill 452; Corrone Bryant 147t; Hal Booth 73b; Phil Dutton 66; Cathy Brochet 523; Bobby Goodell 40; Guy Banks 481; Bob Parr 480; Pleasance Crawford 100; Cheryl Stroud 198.

RECESS

Jackie Hall called the class back to order leading 276. Leaders: Corrone Bryant 171; Howard Katz 99; Hal Booth 569b; Phil Dutton 503; Karen Keller 47b; Bobby Goodell 186; Cathy Brochet 178; Guy Banks 68b; Bob Parr 501; Pleasance Crawford 391; Cheryl Stroud 183; Joan Brunskill 551; Corrone Bryant 515.

Jackie Hall led 212 as the closing song. A closing prayer was offered by Martin Sadler, and the class was dismissed.

Saturday, July 16

The class was called to order at the Town Hall of Ways Mills, Quebec by Chairperson Jackie Hall leading 168. David Dutton offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Bob Parr 128; Pleasance Crawford 270; Diane Holmlund 72b; Chuck Neville 49b; Gloria Thomson 146; Chris Holy 312b; Mary Neville 86; Corrone Bryant 235; Howard Katz 59; Hal Booth 34b; Joan Brunskill 143; Karen Keller 141; Cathy Brochet 452.

RECESS

The class resumed singing. Leaders: Guy Banks 287; Wendy Gilchrist 300; Don Peabody 159; John Brunskill 84; Jim Armstrong 282; Leonard Spencer 250; Bruce Kokerno 344.

Cathy Brochet conducted the memorial lesson and spoke of the comfort to the grieving in the words of the hymns of the Sacred Harp. The following deceased were remembered: Sylvia Levesque Brochet, Edith Duval Brochet, Ian Tait, Erika Schneider, Helen Harrison, Betty Haile, Madeleine Mayrand, David Graham, Susan Goldberg, Frank Conon, Art Broadus, Allen Fannin, Tom Gibney, Phil Tabor, Marguerite Prevost, Elaine Katz, Alice Peabody, Travis Fuller, Lorraine Harrison, Bill Standish, Ruby Elizabeth Wojcik, Katherine Brand, and Gilbert Keller. Cathy Brochet led 32b in memory of those who had passed away.

Cathy Brochet then read the names of the sick and shut-ins and led 163 in their honor: Rhonda Abrams, Andrew Holmlund, Priscilla Baker, Grace Kelley, Nancy and Gene Reid, and Rich Bartlett. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Cheryl Stroud 53; Janet Snyder 50t; Gloria Thomson 551; Pleasance Crawford 524; Chris Holly 475; Mary Neville 497; Coronne Bryant 184; Chuck Neville 217; Cheryl Stroud 180.

LUNCH

Jackie Hall reconvened the convention by leading 203. Leaders: Bob Parr 288; Hal Booth 266; Joan Brunskill 334; Karen Kelley 47b; Bobbie Goodell 549; Cathy Brochet 547; Guy Bankes 365; Wendy Gilchrist 569t; John Brunskill 162; Jim Armstrong 569b; Leonard Spencer 260; Bruce Letorneau 455; Cheryl Stroud 183; Diane Holmlund 332; Janet Snyder 209; Gloria Thomson 178.

RECESS

Chuck Neville brought the class back to order with 68b. Leaders: Pleasance Crawford 335; Chris Holy 267; Elka Schumann 122; Mary Neville 454.

Announcements were made. A count of people from different states and provinces was made and the number of leaders and songs led was also announced. There were six states represented and two provinces. There were fifty-one songs led on Saturday and thirty-three on Friday. There were forty-six registrations, and fifty-four as a head count. All those who took part in making the convention happen were duly thanked, especially Julia Richmond, who put the greatest effort towards the organization of the convention. It was noted that the collection covered all the expenses of the convention and also was enough to cover the food at the subsequent B-B-Q.

Leaders: Chuck Neville 49t; Bob Parr 352; Hal Booth 63; Cheryl Stroud 198; Corronne Bryant 347. The closing song was on page 62, and the closing prayer was led by Corronne Bryant. The class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Jackie Hall; Secretary—Chuck Neville.

SPIVEY HALL SINGING

Clayton State College and University, Morrow, Georgia Saturday, July 16, 2005

The third annual all day Sacred Harp Singing at Spivey Hall was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in July. Gene Pinion called the class to order leading 72b, then offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers and committee members elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Gene Pinion; Vice Chairman—Amber Dimkoff; Secretary—Lela Crowder; Arranging Committee—John Plunkett; Chaplain—Gene Pinion.

Leaders: Gene Pinion 99; Lela Crowder and Amber Dimkoff 171, 32t; John Plunkett 77t, 52t; Malinda Snow 107, 28t; Jeannette DePoy 421, 34t; Faye Hollis 373, 168; Tony Hammock 425, 441; Phillip Langley 270, 222; Morgan Bunch 106; Scott DePoy 410t, 277; Martha Ann Stegar 276, 313t.

RECESS

The class was called together by Gene Pinion leading 312b. Leaders: Andy Morse 209, 540; Liz Bryant and Rebecca Meyers 549, 542; Robert Chambless 143, 68b; Charlene Wallace, Dee Sanders, Sonya Brown, and Carla DeBord 63, 155; Jason Hollis 145b, 36b; Harry Eskew 34b, 40; Hugh McGraw 75, 448b; Judy Chambless 82t, 490; Michael Haverty 208, 183; Susan Firestone 178, 84; Sue Bunch 38b, 569b; Bob Goodman 497, 480; Lee Rogers 479, 220.

LUNCH

Gene Pinion called the class to order for the afternoon session leading 105. Leaders: Connie Stanton 74b, 66; Raymond Hamrick 225t; Lela Crowder 224; John Plunkett 454; Malinda Snow 455; Faye Hollis 186; Phillip Langley 216; Andy Morse 472; Liz Bryant 547; Tony Hammock 348t; Morgan Bunch 218; Martha Ann Stegar 268; Robert Chambless 303; Jason Hollis 30b; Charlene Wallace, Dee Sanders, Sonya Brown, and Carla DeBord 159, 45t.

RECESS

Gene Pinion called the class back together leading 335. Leaders: Hugh McGraw 31b; Lee Rogers 532; Michael Haverly 285b; Susan Firestone 146; Connie Stanton 535; Bob Goodman 551; Sue Bunch 163b; Hugh McGraw 139; Lee Rogers 350; Susan Firestone 474; Connie Stanton 452; Liz Bryant 547; Sue Bunch 31t. Announcements were made. Gene Pinion led 62 as the closing song, and then offered the closing prayer to dismiss the class. Chairman—Gene Pinion; Vice Chairman—Amber Dimkoff; Secretary—Lela Crowder.

MICHIANA SINGING **New Testament Baptist Church, Goshen, Indiana** **Saturday, July 16, 2005**

James Nelson Gingerich opened the eighteenth annual Michiana Singing with 47t. Rachel Miller Jacobs offered an opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Matthew Lind; Treasurer—James Nelson Gingerich; Secretary—Samuel Sommers. Leaders: Matthew Lind 34b; Samuel Sommers 112; Rachel Miller Jacobs 361; Michael Miller 551; Christine Guth 49t; Sam Jacobs 39t; Kent Beck 148; Laura Short 178; John Fink 183; Bob Meek 68b; Mary Oyer 455; Jubal Bayer 388; Jim Helke 332; Nancy Yeager 489; Andrew Kiser 344; Rachel Adelstein 268; Brad Bahler 94; Pat Temple 373; Pauline Childers and Henry Schuman 318.

RECESS

Samuel Sommers brought the class back with 319. Leaders: David Rust 391; Gary Gronau 411; Janet Wright 300; Joe Todd 179; Steve Postellon 453; Sarah Smith 73t; Jim Page 272; Anne Steel 480; Bobby Watkins 522; Regina Bayer 532; Coy Ivey and Regina Bayer 384; Peggy Brayfield 385t; Becky Browne 362.

RECESS

Matthew Lind brought the class in with 127. Leaders: Ben Jacobs 99; Peter Bradley 163b; Katherine Manning 528; John Bayer 86; Connie Karduck 222; Elene Stovall 436.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Samuel Sommers who spoke of the community of singers. Even though some have passed on, we're all one family which dwells in God. The names of the deceased were read: Jap Walton, John Hocutt, Ivalene Donaldson, and Martha Woodard—Alabama; Dean Slaton—Indiana; Ruth White—Illinois; Tom Gibney—New Jersey; Roxanna Mennella and Phyllis Flandreau—New York; Ruth Sutton and Joseph Hohler—Michigan; Darlene McDonough—Minnesota; Philip Alderman—Missouri; Jane L. Heaton—Nevada; Baba Werner—Pennsylvania; Mark Ayers—South Carolina; Austin Burchett—Tennessee; Kelly Beard—Texas; David Van Allen Hotaling and John Pfender—Washington. Syble Adams led 299 for the deceased.

Samuel Sommers read the list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Edith Tate, Harrison Creel, and Flarce Creel—Alabama; Sheila Brown—Delaware; Vi Stark, Al Frank, Grace Scrimgeour, Marcia Johnson, Lisa Grayson, John Stevenson, Mark Graber, and Lori Graber—Illinois; Rudy Martens—Indiana; Judith Herman and Donald Williams—Michigan; Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; Bob Scorgie and Bob Anderson—Wisconsin. Syble Adams and Samuel Sommers led 97 in honor of the sick and shut-ins. Rachel Miller Jacobs closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Ann Miczulski 30t; Sandi Scott 282.

LUNCH

James Nelson Gingerich brought the class back for the afternoon session by leading 29t. Leaders: Cathryn Baker 216; Roger Williams 298; Jenn Dolan 454; Rochelle Lodder 378b; Judy Caudle 540; Jo Schultz and Jeanne Salathiel 47b; Bill Beverly

547; Judy Crawford 203; Rodney Ivey 225t; Joan Aldridge 228; Doug Stapleton 440; Mary Wright 390; Linda Thomas 123t; Lisa Cohen 146; Warren Steel 377; Ted Mercer 302; Syble Adams 448t; Linda Speck and Warren Steel 236.

RECESS

Christine Guth brought the class back to order with 124. Leaders: Molly Williams 128; Hans Bayer 385b; Bill Wiebenga 38b; Mary Postellon 155; Gary Smith 569b; Ginny Landgraf 433; Beth Todd 32t; John Bahler 114; Janet Fraembs 335; Martha Beverly 504; Marta Gossage 63; David Yeager 240; Sue Kessell 365; Sam Farwell 40; Charlotte Wolfe 64; Naomi Frick 350; Kris Richardson 217.

Announcements were made. Matthew Lind led 62 for the closing song as the class took the parting hand. Rachel Miller Jacobs dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Matthew Lind; Secretary—Samuel Sommers.

WALKER COUNTY CONVENTION

New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Walker County, Alabama Saturday, July 16, 2005

The ninety-first session of the Walker County Convention was held at New Hope Primitive Baptist Church in Walker County, Alabama on Saturday before the third Sunday in July. Velton Chafin called the class to order by leading 33b. Richard Mauldin offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Brenda Merritt.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 31b, 30t; Corene White 379; Elizabeth Keeton 34b; Elizabeth Keeton and Ashley Keeton 504; John Hyde 275b, 124; Teddy Creel 63, 146; Wilton Donaldson 75, 100; James M. Wagner and Amanda Denson 480, 490, 65; Tommie Spurlock 84, 273; Amanda Denson and Richard Mauldin 448t, 376; Richard Mauldin 82t; Richard Mauldin and Dick Mauldin 378t; Richard Mauldin, Dick Mauldin, and John Merritt 358.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton brought the class to order leading 67 and 163b. Leaders: Samantha Spiller and Josie Hyde 282, 445; Bridgett Hill 129; Kenny Graves and Butch White 30b, 77t; Pam Bates 306; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Aubrey Barfield 551, 452; Bill Hogan 270; Cindy Tanner and Flarce Creel 475; Cindy Tanner 436.

The memorial lesson was conducted. Richard Mauldin and Josie Hyde led 288 for the following sick and shut-ins: Ruth Aaron, Charles Creel, Clarence McCool, Edith Tate, Alma Clark, Vickie Aplin, and Elsie Beasley.

Richard Mauldin and Josie Hyde led 339 for the following deceased: Burson Crider, John Hocutt, Ivalene Donaldson, Sherry Guthrie, Kelly Beard, Jap Walton, Mary White, Henry George, and Olen Keeton. Harrison Creel closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin called the afternoon session together by leading 76t. Leaders: John Merritt 566; Latriva Bailey 400; Travis Keeton 392; Ashley Keeton 212; Susan Allred 112; Frank Hataway 58; Don Roberson 215; Lisa Geist 349 (for Clarence McCool); Lena Keeton 200; Willodean Barton 460; Wanda Capps 203; Earlene Watkins 299; Seth Allred 72b; Will Allred 87; Danny Creel 196; Caleb Allred 312b; Carol Fannin 503; Rachel Allred 500; Jennifer Allred 426b; Harrison Creel 498; Josie Hyde 477; Emily Creel 542; Kenneth Fannin 31b; Brenda Merritt 319; Dorothea McCowan 361; Lauren Harrison 47b; John Etheridge 338, “Mercy Seat”; Billy Williams 120.

Velton Chafin and Glenn Keeton led 521 as the closing song. Butch White offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Brenda Merritt.

MT. OAK METHODIST CHURCH
Six miles northeast of Arab, Alabama
Saturday, July 16, 2005

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Mt. Oak Methodist Church was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in July. David Light called the class to order leading 274t. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—David Light; Vice Chairman—J.C. Rutledge; Arranging Committee—David Light; Secretary—Eunice Kimbrell.

Leaders: David Light 176t, 101t; J.C. Rutledge 569b, 568; Eunice Kimbrell 129, 42; Robert Walker 145b, 34b, 480; Sandra Light 143, 354b; Ed Thacker 39b, 73b, 498; Delone Cobb 49b, 63.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by David Light leading 100. Leaders: Beth Brauscom 32t, 335, 503; Bud Oliver 73t, 170, 270; Sonya Cobbs Sipes 77t, 30b, 31b; Wilda Holmes 384; Henry Johnson 123t, 138t, 235; Ramona Light 436, 53; Sandra Light and Ramona Light 155, 491b (WB).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called back to order by J.C. Rutledge leading 105.

Leaders: Arvid Holmes 358; Elder J.L. Hopper 291, 417; David Light 110; Eunice Kimbrell and David Light 72b; Robert Walker 510, 452; Delone Cobbs 56t, 378t; Ed Thacker 441; Beth Brauscom 378b, 157; Bud Oliver 47t, 48t; David Light and Ramona Light 192; Henry Johnson 231; Beth Brauscom 460 (by request); Rhoda Norris and David Light 46, 155.

The class was dismissed with prayer led by Elder J.L. Hopper.

Chairman—David Light; Vice Chairman—J.C. Rutledge; Secretary—Eunice Kimbrell.

ELDER BERNARD MOON MEMORIAL (COOPER BOOK)
Dorsey Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Bremen, Alabama
Saturday Night, July 16, 2005

Chairman Harrison Creel called the singing to order leading 355. Randy Moon offered the opening prayer.

Officers for the evening singing are as follows: Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Emily Creel.

Leaders: Brenda Merritt 559; Frank Hattaway 395b; David Roberson 274; Bill Hogan 567; Henry Guthery 38t; Velton Chafin 570; Mike Jones 99; John Merritt 539; Ann Jett 516; Mike Jones and Faye Jones 422b; Milton Oliver 505; Butch White and Kenny Graves 31t, 30b; Dennis George 292; Marie Guthrie 192; Richard Mauldin 31b; Tim Cook 502; Dan Robertson 146; Dorothea McCowan 137; Wilbur Ellison 393t; Tommie Spurlock 574; Travis Keeton 393b; Charlotte McCarn 571; Billy Williams 468; Ernestine Pipkin 171; Emily Creel 98; Aubrey Barfield 522; John Etheridge 133; James Wagner 229; Danny Creel 404; Ms. Crider 54t; Cindy Tanner 486; Cassie Franklin 225; Robert Walker 575; Teddy Creel 268; Lira Ellison 101t; Bridgett Hill 142; Bee Cothran 204; Amanda Denson 183; Elsie Moon 497; John Merritt 484b (by request).

Announcements were made. Harrison Creel and John Etheridge closed the singing by leading 292.

Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Emily Creel.

CHAFIN, HARBINSON, AND HOLLIS MEMORIAL
New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama
Sunday, July 17, 2005

The one hundred thirty-third session of the Chafin, Harbinson, and Hollis Memorial was held at New Prospect Church in Cullman County, Alabama on the third Sunday in July. Velton Chafin led 31b to bring the class to order. Richard Mauldin offered the morning prayer.

Richard Mauldin nominated Velton Chafin as Honorary Chairman of the singing for as long as he may live. The nomination was seconded by Danny Creel. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Brenda Merritt.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 30t, 35; Oleta Stewart 480; Taylor Stewart 119; Corene White 171; Eldagene Roberson 89; S.T. Reed 206; Gordon Wilkinson 475; Aubrey Barfield 269; Frank Hataway 34t; Tommie Spurlock 430; Mike Jones 76b; Ernestine Pipkin 110; John Hyde 297; Donald Roberson 434; Jennifer Allred 142; James Wagner 40; Marie Guthrie 220; Amanda Denson and Aaron Wootten 376.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Brenda Merritt leading 213t. Leaders: Travis Keeton 499b; Chris Ballinger 270; Susan Allred 77t; Tim Reynolds 441; Caleb Allred 82t; Willodean Barton 101t; Clayton Ezell 66; Charlotte McCarn 100; Lucy Heidorn 155; Butch White 460; Seth Allred 186; Emily Creel 276; Bud Oliver 145t; Aaron Wootten 448t; Will Allred 274t.

RECESS

Harrison Creel brought the class to order by leading 317. Leaders: Don Stewart 569b; Rachel Allred 546; Beth O'Dell 200; Shane Wootten 163b; Richard Mauldin 68b; John Etheridge 73t; Josie Hyde 507; Terry Wootten 399t; Earl Ballinger 406; Glenn Keeton 178; Dorothea McCowan 442; Larry Ballinger 349; Danny Creel 182; Wilton Donaldson 490; Geraldine Watkins 299.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Velton Chafin leading 318. Leaders: Donna Wootten 56t; Lisa Geist 377; Ashley Campbell 143; John Merritt 491; Wanda Capps 216; Elsie Moon 436; Velton Chafin 425, 63; Will Allred and John Merritt 358; John Merritt "Nothing But The Blood of Jesus", Linda Sides 454; Josie Hyde 198; Cindy Tanner 532; Ottis Sides 530; Brenda Merritt 341, 457; Ashley Keeton 196; Bee Cothran 64; Terry Wootten 422; Billy Williams 294; Susan Allred and Kayla Allred 312b; Shane Wootten 343; Harrison Creel and Emily Creel 342; Harrison Creel 111b; Lisa Geist 273; Aaron Wootten 282.

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led 521 as the closing song. Harrison Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Brenda Merritt.

HILLABEE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama
Sunday, July 17, 2005

The Hillabee Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in July. Eugene Forbes led 32t to bring the class

to order. The morning prayer was offered by Ed Thacker. Mary Jean Payne led the Introductory Lesson: 45t, 410t, 99.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Jenny Acton; Arranging Committee—Jenny Acton and Nell Estes.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 100; Audress Gurley 36b, 37t; Robert Chambless 72b, 75, 333 (LD); Stanley Edwards 312b, 59; Floy Wilder 313t, 186; Ed Thacker 205, 530; Jeff Sheppard 439, 142 (for Shelbie Sheppard).

RECESS

Eugene Forbes brought the class back to order leading 438 and 566 in memory of his wife, Betty Forbes. Leaders: Jenny Acton 25 (JB), 340; Myrline Redmon 358, 569b; Judy Chambless 31b, 82t; Mary Jean Payne 496, 480; Charlotte Bishop 335, 145b; Eugene Forbes 155, 78 (for M.B. Forbes).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order with Eugene Forbes leading 112.

A business session was held with the class voting and approving the following:

- The Introductory Lesson is to be led by Nell Estes in 2006.
- The singing is to be held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church in 2006.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 203; Wendy Futral 101t, 491; Carla Smith 354b, 143; William Futral 341, 490; Jack Nelson 30b, 148; Robert Chambless 225t; Stanley Edwards 76b; Ed Thacker 303; Nell Estes 40, 192; Virginia Futral 36b, 339; Judy Chambless 81t; Jeff Sheppard 187, 290 (by request, for Leonard Price); Charlotte Bishop “A Light At The River”.

Eugene Forbes led 46 as the closing song. Jack Nelson offered the dismissal prayer.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Jenny Acton.

KALAMAZOO SINGING **Wesley Foundation, Kalamazoo, Michigan** **Sunday, July 17, 2005**

Martha Beverly opened the seventh annual Kalamazoo Singing leading 32t. John Fink offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Martha Beverly; Treasurer—Molly Williams; Secretary—Henry Schuman.

Leaders: Ann Miczulski 145b, 99; David Yeager 64, 148; Molly Williams 40, 479; Cathryn Baker 313b, 114; John Fink 49b, 236; Jennifer Dolan 142, 95; Rodney Ivey 425, 426b; Joan Aldridge 189, 546; Becky Browne 168, 192.

RECESS

Bill Beverly brought the class back to order with 171. Leaders: Katherine Manning 260, 37b; Jan Wright 163t, 472; Peter Bradley 288, 48t; Kris Richardson 29t, 195; Bill Venema 84, 155; Linda Thomas 52t, 131b; Mary List 467, 182; Mathew Lind 198, 87; Roger Williams 515, 106.

RECESS

Samuel Sommers brought the class back to order by leading 477. Leaders: Syble Adams 203; James Nelson Gingerich 34t; Elene Stovall 215; Coy Ivey 137; Ann Missavage 361; David Rust 151; Judy Caudle 306; Joe Todd 65; Martha Beverly 383 (in memory of those singers who have passed this tradition on to us and in thanks to those who sing with us today); Will Fitzgerald 86; Clare Cardy 457; Andrew Kiser 218; Peggy Brayfield 510; James Page 538; Charlotte Wolfe 85; Bob Borcherding 56b. Bill Venema offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Martha Beverly brought the class back for the afternoon session by leading 144.

Leaders: Idy Kiser 122; Brad Bahler 117; Jo Dell Albi 131t; Jim Helke 283; Sue

Kessell 268, 362; Gary Smith 565; Beth Todd 112; Bobby Watkins 398, 76b; Mary Wright 180; Sarah Smith 445; Bill Beverly 297; Janet Fraembs 404; Jo Schultz 120; Gary Gronau 430; Debora Gross 312b; Rachel Adelstein 287; Pat Temple 33t, 473; Samuel Sommers 316; Nancy Yeager 347; Sandie Scott 408; Henry Schuman 434. Announcements were made. Martha Beverly led 46 for the closing song as the class took the parting hand. Samuel Sommers dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Martha Beverly; Secretary—Henry Schuman.

COTACO CONVENTION
Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Morgan County, Alabama
Saturday, July 23, 2005

The one hundred-seventh session of the Cotaco Convention was called to order by Chairman Jonathon Thompson leading 45t. Prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper.

Leaders: Jonathon Thompson 84, 47b, 48t; J.L. Hopper 417, 434; Craig Holmes 496, 111t; Steve Cobbs 285t, 480; Geraldine Watkins 299, 535; Brandon Thompson 335, 39b; Marlin Beasley 40, 39t; Don Robinson 100, 283.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Jonathon Thompson leading 30b. Leaders: Judy Caudle 358 (by request), 91; Robert Walker 490, 477; Lomax Ballinger 29t, 168; Carol Fannin 90, 503; David Ivey 76t, 83b; Eldagene Roberson 89, 300; Tim Cook 176b, 385b; Jonathon Thompson 448t.

LUNCH

The class was reassembled by Jonathon Thompson leading 171.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jonathon Thompson; Vice Chairman—Brandon Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Jonathon Thompson opened the floor and gave an opportunity for anyone desiring to host the next session of the convention to make their request known. None were received, so the one hundred-eighteenth session of the convention will remain with Gum Pond Church for July, 2006. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Jonathon Thompson 384; Kenneth Fannin 378t, 111b; Elene Stovall 217, 441; David Roberson 297, 46; Jennifer Allred 101t, 65; Herby Bailey 34b, 489; Marie Guthrie 31t, 88t; Delone Cobbs 150, 164; Margie Lee 145b, 445; Billy Williams 448b, 323b; Carol Newman 68b, 373; Sandie Scott 317, 117; J.C. Rutledge 546; Sonya Sipes 77t, 192; Nancy Thompson 27; Daniel Hopper 240, 242, 451 (by request).

Following announcements, Jonathon Thompson led 62 as the closing song, and the class took the parting hand. Elder J.L. Hopper dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Jonathon Thompson; Vice Chairman—Brandon Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

“CONNEXION” AND JEREMIAH INGALLS
BICENTENNIAL SINGING
Newbury, Vermont
Saturday, July 23, 2005

Chairman Tom Malone welcomed singers to the Bicentennial celebration of Jeremiah Ingalls' 1805 fasola tune book, *The Christian Harmony*. This singing will be held from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, as well as a new four-shape edition of Ingalls's book edited for this event.

The first session was held from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Chairman Tom Malone called the class to order leading 31t. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 39t; Paul Gauthier 34t; Corrone Bryant 287; Dan Hertzler 171; Robert Dove 66; Ian Smiley 68t; Debbie Moody 300; Chris Noren 217; Joanna Lampert 86; Ishmael Stefanov 277; Jim Armstrong 452; Bob Metz 178; Susan Miller-Coulter 67; Rick Johnston 229; Bill Holt 224; Ann Kazlauskas 118; Jenny Wright 147t; Deirdre Counter 454; Rebecca Edwards 105; Lynette Combs 163b; Neely Bruce 250.

The second morning session was held from a new four-shape edition of *The Christian Harmony* by Jeremiah Ingalls (ICH). Leaders: Tom Malone 2; Matthew Wojcik 106; Don Towle 3; Laura Timmerman 15; Sean Mannion 101; Rania Neocleous 78; Leonard Spencer 117; Susan Jaster 120; Richard Schmeidler 113; Ishmael Stefanov 177; Aldo Ceresa 43; Paul Gauthier 126; Dan Hertzler 32; Dennis O'Brien 119.

Tom Malone conducted the memorial lesson and led 60 in memory of the following deceased: Mary Stamos and Pauline Morganson—Connecticut; Mr. Morecki—Massachusetts; Betty McLellan—New Hampshire; Roxanna Mennella—New York; Corey McFadden and Laurette Elizabeth Wojcik—Vermont.

Joanna Lampert led 67 for the sick and shut-ins, which included Scott McPherson, Gene Reid, Nancy Reid, and Judi Von Dolan—Massachusetts; Leslie Shelby and Leslie Williams—New York; Heidi Willis and Susan Weaver—Vermont; Sally Hintz and Tom Kennedy—Washington. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Robert Dove 7; Ian Smiley 40.

LUNCH

Tom Malone brought the class back to order for the afternoon session leading 5 (ICH). The class agreed to lead tunes from both books for the duration of the afternoon singing. Leaders: Terry Ryan 84; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 189; Dennis O'Brien 304; Ann Johnston 284; Lyra O'Brien 538, Nym Cooke 63 (ICH); Corrone Bryant 515; Debbie Moody 46 (ICH); Rebecca Edwards 440; Jim Armstrong 8 (ICH); Rick Johnston 59 (ICH); Chris Noren 207 (ICH); Bob Metz 479; Susan Miller-Coulter 410t; Jenny Wright 504; Joanna Lampert 45 (ICH); Neely Bruce 209 (ICH); Bill Holt 151 (ICH), Deirdre Counter 38b.

RECESS

Tom Malone called the class to order with 128 (ICH). Leaders: Anne Kazlauskas 198 (ICH); Matthew Wojcik 92 (ICH); Laura Timmerman 318 (ICH); Rania Neocleous 9 (ICH); Leonard Spencer 185 (ICH); Sean Mannion 83 (ICH); Lynette Combs 61 (ICH); Susan Jaster 201 (ICH); Donald Towle 139 (ICH); Laura McCarty 143 (ICH); Richard Schmeidler 173 (ICH); Terry Ryan 312b; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 218 (ICH); Anne Johnston 385t; Lyra O'Brien 114 (ICH); Robert Dove 566; Ian Smiley 81 (ICH); Aldo Ceresa 221 (ICH).

Tom Malone led 57 (ICH) as the closing song. Rev. Don Towle offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tom Malone; Vice Chairman—Don Towle; Secretary—Joanna Lampert.

MARILOU AND DON JOLLY MEMORIAL

Poway, California
Saturday, July 23, 2005

Anitra Kaye opened the ninth annual Marilou and Don Jolly Memorial singing with 31t. Norma Ruptier offered the morning prayer. Anitra Kaye led 34b.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairlady—Susanna Ball; Vice Chairman—Paul Straley; Secretary—Anitra Kaye.

Leaders: Susanna Ball 31b, 34b; Carla Smith 35, 36b; Jane Campbell 209, 474; John Mortenson 66, 268; Margie Neal 58, 406; John Marr 72b, 319; Ron Huss 473, 510; Betty Marvin 460, 157; Jerry Schreiber 369, 532.

RECESS

Carroll Lunsford brought the class back to order with 426t. Leaders: David Olson 354b, 345b; Elizabeth Weiss 377; Marcia Tucker 203, 347; Mary Rose O'Leary 179, 106; Judy Getrich 86, 155; Karen Huss 454, 535; Charles Knecht 448t, 191; Larry Arnstein 228, 492; Duncan MacLeod 32t, 168.

RECESS

Betty Marvin brought the class back to order leading 120. Leaders: Linda Selph 49b, 270; Alexander Knecht 383, 428; Bruce Hayes 550, 91; Carroll Lunsford 176t, 499. A blessing on the noon meal was offered by Norma Ruptier.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Darlene Dalton leading 489. Leaders: Rick Russell 201, 412; Carolyn Deacy 456, 77t; Pat Keating 112, 242; Darlene Dalton 282, 309; Laura Russell 94, 538; Norma Ruptier 333, 480; Maria Knecht 96, 438; Norman Gholson 569b, 515.

RECESS

Jane Campbell brought the class back to order leading 335. Leaders: Mark Halverson 45t, 107; Carol Maas and Karen Hay 159; Jerry Schreiber 48b, 254; Linda Selph 74b; Marcia Tucker 143; Betty Marvin 172; Karen Huss 236; Norma Ruptier 27; Margie Neal 42; Mary Rose O'Leary 528; Darlene Dalton 163t.

Announcements were made. Susanna Ball led 62 as the closing song. Norma Ruptier offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairlady—Susanna Ball; Vice Chairman—Paul Straley; Secretary—Anitra Kaye.

MT. ZION MEMORIAL Mt. Zion, Georgia (off Hwy. 16) July 23-24, 2005 Saturday, July 23

The one hundred-thirteenth 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 30t and 32t. Hugh McGraw offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Phillip Langley 72b, 274t; Judy Henry 225t, 77t; Charlene Wallace 135, 203; Oscar McGuire 336, 441; Jimmie Denney 222, 176t; Danny Griffin 569b, 34t (for Carlene Griffin and Nick Griffin); Felton Denney and Josephine Denney 48t, 68b; Bentley McGuire 101t, 146; Lonnie Rogers 97, 318; Mildred Patterson 100, 319; Robert Chambless 452, 303.

RECESS

The class was called together by Earlis McGraw leading 369. Leaders: S.T. Reed 389, 388; Katie Rice and Sherry Lovvorn 143, 373; Jason Hollis 36b, 145t; Bobby Jackson 290, 499; Judy Chambless 159, 490; Bud Oliver 345t, 343; Martha Ann Stegar 59; Richard Mauldin 29t, 35; Elder Homer Benefield and Katherine Benefield 335, 56t; Faye Hollis 217, 283; Ed Thacker 291, 298; Louise Holland 186, 43.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Earlis McGraw leading 155 and 544.

Leaders: Phillip Langley 299; Hugh McGraw 210; Lela Crowder 89, 495; John Plunkett 420, 483; Jenny Acton 340, 112; Eugene Forbes 438, 208.

A motion was made to go into the business session. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Vice Chairman—Phillip

Langley; Arranging/Memorial Committee—Carolyn Huckeba and Judy Henry; Secretary/Treasurer—Charlene Wallace.

Leaders: Connie Stanton 496, 108b; Matt Hinton 56b, 168; Donna Bell 48b, 282; Erica Hinton 34b, 42; Joyce Lambert 127, 82t; Teenie Moody 40; Carol Chapman 317; Jane Spencer 338, 421; S.T. Reed 425; Ed Thacker 532; Bud Oliver 145t; Oscar McGuire and Bentley McGuire 276, 47b; John Plunkett 47t; Richard Mauldin 129; Connie Stanton 480; Audress Gurley 334, 37t; Lela Crowder 138t; Hugh McGraw 463.

Announcements were made. Earlis McGraw led 235 as the closing song, and Elder Homer Benefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, July 24

The class was called to order by Earlis McGraw leading 32t and 77b. Louis Hughes offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Phillip Langley 151, 475; Charlene Wallace 186, 192; Judy Henry 74b, 117; Hugh McGraw 75; Bentley McGuire 385t, 457; Judy Chambless 531, 102; B.M. Smith 222, 393 (for Margie Smith); Mary L. Smith 283, 276; Bobby Jackson 34t, 408; Faye Hollis 155, 297; John Plunkett 88b, 90; Louise Holland 49b; Myron House 227, 136; Sharon Hamrick 269, 84; Tony Hammock 148, 42.

RECESS

The class was called together by Nick Griffin leading 96 and 551. Leaders: Robert Chambless 503, 72b; Jeannette DePoy 67, 318; Louis Hughes 201, 456; Raymond Hamrick 234, 231; Rita Haley 46, 268.

The memorial lesson was held with Hugh McGraw leading 420 in memory of Gary McGraw, Naomi Sailors, Jap Walton, Kelly Beard, Dot Estes, Marie Tant, Henry George, Preston McClendon, Ivalene Donaldson, John Hocutt, Sherry Guthery, and Robert Garner.

For all the sick and shut-ins, Oscar McGuire led 452. Those remembered were Alice Edwards, Hester Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Hubbard, I.V. McWhorter, Jeff Sheppard, Shelbie Sheppard, Tommy Crawford, Mary Hackney, Sherrie Edwards, George Garner, Brent Coppock, Lucy Garner, and Clarence McCool. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Stanley Edwards 58, 340; B.J. Harris 225t, 303.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Charles Woods leading 213t and 91. Leaders: Brandon Acton 53, 282; Milton Oliver 270, 321; Jenny Acton 112, 143; Bud Oliver 39t, 39b; Reba Windom 460 (in memory of Kelly Beard), 300; Jane Spencer and Mike Spencer 207, 86; Oscar McGuire 573; Henry Guthery, Sr. and Andrew Guthery 543; Lela Crowder 111b; Wesley Haley 45t; Evelyn Harris 47t; Jason Hollis 63, 473; Arlene Woods 147t, 178; Henry Guthery III 319 (for his granddad), 290; John Wall 236; Audress Gurley 145t, 164; Debra Grosse 146; Sheri Taylor 546, 278b; Gene Duke 80b, 87; Lisa Webb 28b, 566; Richard Mauldin 349 (for Clarence McCool), 84; Laura Frey 163b, 133.

Announcements were made. Earlis McGraw, Phillip Langley, and Judy Henry led 62 as the closing song. Henry Guthery offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Earlis McGraw; Vice Chairman—Phillip Langley; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

**JOHN ETHERIDGE SACRED HARP SINGING IN MEMORIAL
TO WINSTON JONES AND DOSS BRYAN (COOPER BOOK)
Valley Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Opp, Alabama
Sunday, July 24, 2005**

The class was called to order by Chairman Mike Jones leading 36b. The opening prayer was offered by Paul King. The introductory lesson was led by Frank Hattaway singing 49b, 73t, and 68t.

Leaders: Eloise Wooten 155, 47t; Shane Wooten 138t, 54t; Rodney Ivey 292b, 497; Michael Jones 450, 384; Kennon Smith 189, 299.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Mike Jones leading 68b.

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

Chairman—John Etheridge; Vice Chairman—Wayne Jones; Secretary—Faye Jones.

Before stepping down, Mike Jones made a motion to the class that many singers of this area and throughout the state wanted this singing to be called the John Etheridge Singing. This was to show the love and appreciation the singers have for John. Immediately after taking the office of Chairman, John Etheridge requested the singing be called the Winston Jones and Doss Bryan Memorial Singing.

Leaders: Wilburn Ellison 31b, 31t; Paul King 133, 32t; Ernestine Pipkin 276, 171; Jewel Roland 143, 341; Joseph Norris 176t, 282; Sylvia Ivey 199.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with John Etheridge leading 145t. Leaders: Gerald Norris 507, 553; Nate Green and Norma Green 30t, 498b; Frank Strickland 511t, 573; Donna Wooten and Hobert Ivey 440b, 511b; Barbara Jones 563, 72.

RECESS

Wayne Jones called the class back to order with 330t. Leaders: Janet King 225, 82; Faye Jones 422b, 47b; Eva Padgett 309; Sam Schofield 288, 58; Rhonda Harrison and Donna Jones 59, 515; Tommie Spurlock 484 (for Mike and Faye Jones' grandson, Brandon, who will be leaving for Iraq this month); Tim Jones 94, 285t; Ford Bulger 355, 491.

LUNCH

John Etheridge led "Mercy Seat" as the session resumed.

Leaders: Merlene Hughes 500, 174; Aubrey Barfield 408, 561; Chrissy Schofield 571, 63; Jenny Whitworth 270, 120; Billy Kelly 108t, 558; Brian Kelly 559; Ashley Kilpatrick 541, 500; Mae Kilpatrick 367.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Wayne Jones leading 76b. Leaders: Bill Farris 111b, 275b; Agnes Farris 378; Stanley Smith 278; Steven Talbert 466, 478; Joe Nall 543; Earnest Cockcroft 77; J.D. Jones 395, 162; Linda Westbrook 336; Bill Aplin 567; Lera Ellison 134, 447b; Paul King 38t (for Thurman Nall).

Announcements were made. John Etheridge led 205 as the closing song, with the last verse being the benediction. The class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Etheridge; Vice Chairman—Wayne Jones; Secretary—Faye Jones.

CHERRY TREE SINGING

**James Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Itawamba County, Mississippi
Sunday, July 24, 2005**

The annual Cherry Tree Singing was held at James Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Itawamba County, Mississippi on the fourth Sunday in July. The class was called to order by John Merritt and Dale Kennedy leading 36b. Dale Kennedy offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Merritt; Vice Chairman—Dale Kennedy; Secretary—Brenda Merritt.

Leaders: Robert Vaughn 67, 70b, 71; John Hyde 124, 73t, 63; Wilton Donaldson 75, 100; Kathy Sartain 100; Betty Baccus 101t, 134, 61; Jon Tyler 108t, 138b, 45t.

RECESS

Dale Kennedy and John Merritt led 31t and 59 to bring the class back to order.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 284, 285t, 176b; Lena Keeton 111t, 120, 123t; Samantha Spiller, Sharon Spiller, and John Hyde 445, 40, 313t; Margaret Keeton 349, 179, 499; Elizabeth Keeton 306, 274t, 335; Larry Ballinger 229, 163b; Earl Ballinger 171, 177, 146; Lisa Geist 84, 131t, 180; John Hyde and Josie Hyde 385t, 97, 55, 150; Robert Vaughn 438, 495, 333; Estes Jackson 341, 426t, 387.

LUNCH

Glenn Keeton brought the class back to order leading 143. Leaders: Glenn Keeton and Kathy Sartain 504; Glenn Keeton and Elizabeth Keeton 178; Travis Keeton 276, 269; John Hyde 43, 104; Wilton Donaldson 490, 480; Betty Baccus 145b; Lena Keeton and Glenn Keeton 192, 186; Samantha Spiller and Sharon Spiller 56t, 400; Margaret Keeton 273, 187; Larry Ballinger 133; Josie Hyde 137, 298; Glenn Keeton 278t; Brenda Merritt 29t; John Merritt and Dale Kennedy 358.

Announcements were made. John Merritt, Dale Kennedy, and Estes Jackson led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman—John Merritt; Vice Chairman—Dale Kennedy; Secretary—Brenda Merritt.

EUGENE SINGING

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Eugene, Oregon Saturday, July 30, 2005

The eighth annual Eugene Singing was held in the sanctuary of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on the last Saturday of July. Martha Johnson called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 34b. Gary Plouff offered the morning prayer.

The slate of officers was announced: Chairperson—Martha Johnson; Secretary—Carolyn Gilkey; Treasurer—Jane Grant; Arrangements—Jim Brock, Martha Sherwood, Tom Payne, Martha Johnson, Steve Helwig, Jean Murphy, and Carolyn Gilkey; Memorial Committee—Karen Stingle and Kathy Vlach; Chaplain—Gary Plouff; Kitchen—Seda Seine, Cobb Breedlove, Jean Murphy, Jane Grant, and Steve Helwig; Registration—Jean Marcotte and Dorothy Antteneave.

Leaders: Kathy Vlach 171; Karen Stingle 85; Pat Nida 79; Meg Larson 270; Karen Willard 198; Susan Helf 61; Tom Payne 86; Steve Helwig 274t; Connie Hendrickson 503; Dan Thoma 128; Erik Schwab 162; Leigh Van Sickle 133; Phil Rempel 267; Ken Cofield 344; Janice Bridges 565; Dave Tobin 385t; Fran Ross 184; Dick Lewis 549; Jack Lofton 328; Molly Whedbee 457; Linda Dorsey Peterson 152; Erica Wilson 332.

RECESS

John Carson brought the class back to order with 312. Leaders: David Landazuri 497; Ann Dhu McLucas 159; Cobb Breedlove 445; David Wright 212; Jessica Beer 436; Thom Farhbach 452; Rachel Foster 335; Suzanne Denker 56t.

Karen Stingle conducted the memorial lesson and led 163b in memory of the deceased. Those remembered were Melvin Thompson, Chris Gum, Tevina Benedict, Diane Lewis-Moles, Catherine Vandertuin, Robert Gault, Marvin Harrison, Robert Clark—Oregon; Leslie Close, Jane Perry—New York; Aikinn Connor and Jean Kaufman—California; Ruth Recher—Indiana; John Rupp—Michigan; Elizabeth Jones—Colorado; Martin Mauer and Bob Eastman—Washington.

Kathy Vlach led 340 for the sick and shut-ins. Those remembered were David Hendricks—Washington; Peggy Dearborn—California; Everen Lacy Miller—Wisconsin; Rose Normand and Laura Jimenez—Ecuador; Didie Kenna—Texas; Marjorie Cooney, Jeanette Denke, Doug Ebbitt, and River Kennedy—Oregon; Beauler Dyoko and Forward Kwenda—Zimbabwe. The memorial lesson was concluded.

Leaders: Cindy Reuter 138t; Jenn Dolan 53; Tom Gerber 47b; Gary Plouff 318; Jim Brock 100; Sarah Hauser 106; Erik Hold 48t; Carolyn Gilkey 528. Chaplain Gary Plouff asked a blessing on the food.

LUNCH

Jessica Beer brought the afternoon session to order leading 82t. Leaders: Audrey Karabinus 369; Jayne Mondello 65; Kathy Vlach 143; Pat Nida 496; Karen Stingle 569b; Karen Willard 456; Scott Kennedy 146; Susan Helf 112; Tom Payne 504; Tom Adams 277; Martha Johnson 442; Dan Thoma 276; Marcia Cutler 361; Erik Schwab 84; Leigh Van Sickle 40.

RECESS

Karen Willard brought the class back to order with 30t. Leaders: Jean Murphy 189; Ken Cofield 28b; Janice Bridges 268; Dorothy Atteneve 126; Fran Ross 236; Jack Lofton 362; Cindy Zarzycki 350; Molly Wedbee 102; John Carson 38b; Jessica Beer 163t; David Landazuri 454; Anne Dhu McLucas 479; Martha Sherwood 117; Cobb Breedlove 384; David Wright 203; Thom Farhbach 448t; Tamara Harris 179; Rachel Foster 532; Suzanne Denker 180; Cindy Reuter 282; Gary Plouff 330; Erika Wilson 178.

Reports from Committees were given. Jane Grant gave the Treasurer's Report. Carolyn Gilkey reported that seventy-five were registered for the singing. Cobb Breedlove and Jessica Beer offered the Resolutions Report. John Dinsmore, pastor of Good Shepherd, was thanked for the use of the church and all were invited to sing at the Sunday morning service. Fran Ross and John Bredesen were thanked for hosting the Friday night party, and the class was invited to a salmon bake Saturday night at Tom Payne's house.

Martha Johnson led 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Martha Johnson; Secretary—Carolyn Gilkey.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SINGING **Shady Grove Church, Dutton, Alabama** **Saturday, July 30, 2005**

Chairman Jackson Harcrow opened the singing leading 32t and 82t. The morning prayer was offered by Dennis Hall. Vice Chairman Blake Sisemore led 30b. Laura Clawson was appointed to the arranging committee and led 29t.

Leaders: Mark Brown 75; Robert Walker 63; Dana Borrelli 42; Susan Allred 112; Bud Oliver 39t; Paul King 384; Syble Adams 45t; Rachel Allred 377; Marlin Beasley 349; Sandie Scott 408; James Wagner 480; Betty Wright 565; Scott Ivey 528; David Carlton 133; Myra Dalton 332.

RECESS

Jackson Harcrow and Blake Sisemore brought the class back together leading 101t. A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Matthew Brown; Vice Chair—Jennifer Allred; Secretary—Rachel Shavers.

Leaders: Dorothea McCowan 361; Ed Thacker and Blake Sisemore 202; Jim Helke 198; Elise Eskew 319; Will Allred 87; Mary Holcombe 343; Brad Bahler and John Bahler 117; Scott DePoy 179; Brittany Lea 59; Amy Finlay 217; Henry Johnson 418; Sharon DuPriest 189; John Plunkett 446; Victoria Eastland 344; Jewel Wootten 503.

RECESS

Matthew Brown brought the class back to order leading 145b. Leaders: Cheyenne Ivey and Jessica Ivey 47b; Jeannette DePoy 306; Nate Green and Norma Green 513; Rachel Shavers and Rachel Ivey 106; LaRue Allen 215; Reba Windom 436; Louis Hughes 498; Rodney Ivey 500; Jerry Enright 458; Daphene Causey 391; Dennis George 564; Karen Freund 224; David Ivey 540; Cindy Tanner 220; Judy Caudle 26; Karen Ivey 222; Elene Stovall 142. Louis Hughes offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Matthew Brown brought the class back to order for the afternoon session leading 312b. Leaders: Jennifer Allred 269; Jenna Strizak 192; Ashley Brown and Andrew Brown 448t; Lauren Hall 376; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 430; Allison Ivey 475; Kelsey Wessels 99; Aaron Wootten 421; Drew Smith 328; Shane Wootten 203; Alex Makris 77b; Bradford West 426b; Bridgett Hill 209; Caleb Allred 196; Chris Carnell 300; Sheldon Finlay 168; John Bahler 128; Lela Crowder 272; Seth Allred 72b; Allison Schofield 277; Tim Dalton and Rodney Dalton 33b; Bobby Watkins 225t; Willie Mae Moon 460; Mike Thompson 532; Deborah Jones 454; DeVan Jackson 159; Kerrienne Wilkerson 39t.

RECESS

Mark Brown brought the class back leading 345b. Leaders: Ashley Brown, Andrew Brown, Tim Dalton, and Rodney Dalton 59; Dana Borrelli, Brittany Lea, and Allison Ivey 76b; Chris Carnell, Deborah Jones, and Victoria Eastland 68t; Kelsey Wessels, Allison Schofield, and Jenna Strizak 276; Jerry Enright, Karen Freund, and Jim Helke 101b; Amy Finlay and Sheldon Finlay 228; Laura Clawson, Bradford West, and Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 362; Coy Ivey, Elene Stovall, and Linda Thomas 137; Jennifer Allred, Reba Windom, and Betty Shepherd 216; David Carlton, Dorothea McCowan, and Sandie Scott 64.

Following announcements, Matthew Brown and Jennifer Allred led 146, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Henry Johnson.

Chairman—Matthew Brown; Vice Chairman—Jennifer Allred; Secretary—Rachel Shavers.

LACY MEMORIAL SINGING **Fuller Cemetery, Ider, Alabama** **Sunday, July 31, 2005**

The annual Lacy Memorial Singing held on the first fifth Sunday following July 4th was called to order with Reba Windom leading 32t. The morning prayer was led by Joel Jenkins. Reba Windom led 57.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chair—Reba Windom; Vice Chair—Betty Shepherd; Secretaries—Norma Latham Green and Laura Clawson; Arranging Committee—Elene Stovall.

Leaders: Betty Shepherd 101t; Norma Green 43; Elene Stovall 99; S.T. Reed 101b; Kathy James 30b; Earlis McGraw 284 (for all the Lacy family); Blake Sisemore 97; Loyd Ivey 89; Charlene Wallace 122; Wayne Wootten 74b; Milton Oliver 403; Louis Hughes 546; Gaston White 186; John Plunkett 467; Jeannette DePoy 392; Henry Johnson 570; Scott DePoy 201.

RECESS

Shane Wootten brought the class back together leading 36b. Leaders: Scott Ivey 283; Sandra Wilkinson 270; Caleb Allred 312b; Alexandra Makris 178; Rachel Allred 273; Jackson Harcrow 278b; Lauren Hall 277; Will Allred 454; Rachel Ivey and Lauren Hall 59; Seth Allred 542; Aaron Wootten 448t (for the Gerald Wootten

family); Laura Clawson 442; Drew Smith and Jackson Harcrow 385b; Dana Borrelli 335; Joel Jenkins 142; Allison Schofield 440; Sheldon Finlay 385t; Lela Crowder 334.
RECESS

The singing resumed with Tony Ivey leading 88t. Leaders: Susan Allred 324; Delone Cobbs 64; Jessica Ivey and Cheyenne Ivey 354b; Linda Sides 328; Jim Cauthen 274t; Sonya Sipes 192; Joyce Cauthen 384; Judy Caudle 236; David Ivey 120 (in memory of Billy Beaty); Dennis George 507; Jackie Tanner 172. Phil Summerlin asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd brought the afternoon session together leading 299. Leaders: Bud Oliver 145t; Jerry Enright 77t; Daphene Causey 394; Ted Mercer 216; Kelsey Wessels 29t; Bradford West 383; Lynne deBenedette 426b; LaRue Allen 200; Jesse Pearlman Karlsburg 203; Amy Finlay 146; Richard DeLong 411; Karen Freund 434; Jenna Strizak 319; Sharon DuPriest 217; Phil Summerlin 475; Coy Ivey 222; Jennifer Allred 336; Susan Harcrow 430; Rodney Ivey 170; Cindy Tanner 436; Bobby Watkins 504; Ed Thacker and Will Allred 556; Hobert Ivey and Jessica Finley 47t; Marian Biddle and Ivey Biddle 144; Mike Thompson 56b; Betty Wright 569b; Nate Green and Norma Green 171; Loretta Smith and Amy Smith 551; Sandy Ivey 39t; Daniel Sears and Blake Sisemore 282; Charles Stiefel 445; Bradford West, Kelsey Wessels, Jenna Strizak, Allison Schofield, and Amy Finlay 202; Lynne deBenedette 300.

Following announcements, Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd led 159 as a closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Henry Johnson.

Chair—Reba Windom; Vice Chair—Betty Shepherd; Secretaries—Norma Latham Green and Laura Clawson.

MOON AND GUTHRIE MEMORIAL SINGING **Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama** **Sunday, July 31, 2005**

The twenty-seventh session (corrected from previous submissions) of the Moon and Guthrie Memorial Singing was held at Liberty Church on the fifth Sunday in July. Velton Chafin called the class to order leading 31b. The morning prayer was offered by Harrison Creel.

The class was organized with the following officers elected to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 32t, 30t; Willodean Barton 322; Eldagene Roberson 100, 313t; Eugene Forbes 328, 208; John Hyde 124, 275b; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 225t, 569b; Amanda Denson and Richard Mauldin 31t, 47t; Stanley Edwards 42, 406; James Wagner 40, 145b; Teddy Creel 87, 335; Kermit Adams 85, 99; Elizabeth Keeton and Glenn Keeton 163b.

RECESS

Velton Chafin called the class back to order leading 230. Leaders: Ann Jett and Flarce Creel 475, 536; Lena Keeton 270, 487; Marie Guthrie 218, 215; Lisa Geist 528; Butch White 162, 206; Janet Shipp 268, 408; Wilton Donaldson 290, 47b; Earl Ballinger 125, 148; David Roberson 146, 274t; Connie Stanton 196, 535; Charlotte McCann 84, 345t (in memory of her brother, Tommy Creel); Bill Hogan 135, 388; Larry Ballinger 544, 112; Josie Hyde 507, 389; Marlin Beasley 39b, 565.

LUNCH

Harrison Creel called the afternoon session to order leading 69. Leaders: Julianna Jett 108b, 59; Elsie Moon 74b, 202; Travis Keeton 58, 129; Larry Ballinger 277, 75; Juanita Beasley and Danny Creel 503, 142; Glenn Keeton 378t, 349; Jim Helke 26,

77t; Richard Maudlin 145t, 144; Henry Guthery 549, 517; Wanda Capps 448t; Billy Williams 438, 334; Ann Jett 37b, 88; Julie Poston 30t, 45t; Nancy Banks 299, 37t; Deborah Ritch 286, 220; Harrison Creel 512, 111b; Steve Johnson 401, 101t; Velton Chafin 449.

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led 494 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Richard Maudlin, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

COASTAL MAINE ALL-DAY SINGING **Friends Meeting House, Damariscotta, Maine** **Saturday, August 6, 2004**

The third Coastal Maine All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in August at the Friends Meeting House in Damariscotta, Maine.

Chairman Corrone Bryant brought the class to order, welcomed everyone, led 59, and offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Sumner Roberts 107; Paul Gauthier 49b; Celia Devine 362; Katherine Thompson 162; George Pomfret 171; Francis Bliss 178; Leonard Spencer 218; Victoria Bolles 66; Anne Kazlauskas 173; Edith Berger 319; Bill Holt 148; Corrone Bryant 34b (joined by the people who were celebrating an August birthday); Bobbie Goodell 198.

RECESS

The class was called together by Edith Berger leading 384. Leaders: Paul Gauthier 235; Celia Devine 280; Sumner Roberts 141; George Pomfret 282; Katherine Thompson 31b; Anne Kazlauskas 36b; Chris Holley 268; Francis Bliss 84; Victoria Bolles 474.

Chris Holley conducted the memorial lesson. He read the names of the deceased and sick and shut-in, then led 30b in their memory and honor. The following deceased were remembered: Frank Connor—New Hampshire/Maine; 1st Lt. Travis Fullder, Richard Goddard, Merton Pomfret—Massachusetts; Joseph Kazlauskas—Connecticut; Adolph Kazlauskas—New York; Glenn Devine—Rhode Island. The sick and shut-in remembered was: Susan Baker. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Edith Berger 203; Marj Awalt and Edith Berger 569b. Marj Awalt offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Bobbie Goodell leading 168.

Leaders: Bill Holt 217; Anne Johnston 284; Sumner Roberts 51; Anne Kazlauskas 118; Leonard Spencer 254; George Pomfret 155; Edith Berger 312b; Paul Gauthier 513; Katherine Thompson and Chris Holley 99; Corrone Bryant and Ruth Ann Bryant 147t; Bill Holt 47b (for Phil Devine); Victoria Bolles 228; Edith Berger 327 (for Dorothy Connor); Anne Johnston 385t; Celia Devine 106; Victoria Bolles 352 (for Katherine Nugent); Paul Gauthier 531; Corrone Bryant 452; George Pomfret 33t (for John van Sorosin); Bobbie Goodell 503 (for Katherine Thompson); Leonard Spencer 524.

RECESS

Paul Gauthier called the class together with 72b. Leaders: Edith Berger 344 (for Joanne Fuller); Leonard Spencer 227 (for Emily Tocci); Bill Holt 457 (for Dan Purdy); George Pomfret 288 (for Emily Tocci); Celia Devine 326; Victoria Bolles 146; Anne Johnston 76b; Katherine Thompson 504; Corrone Bryant 515; Anne Kazlauskas 142; Bill Holt 335; Edith Berger 270; Paul Gauthier 400; Joan Sheldon 523; Barbara Ames 354b; Paul Gauthier 470 (for Christine Quiry); Corrone Bryant 410.

The Treasurer expressed thanks for the financial support that enabled the convention to meet its expenses.

Corrone Bryant gave the Resolutions Report, thanking all of those without whom the convention would not have been a success: all officers and committees; those who cooked, brought food and worked in the kitchen; those who handled the registration table, press and fliers; and those who opened their homes to visitors. Thanks were given to all those who traveled to support their fellow singers.

Edith Berger led 62 as the closing song while the class took the parting hand. Edith Berger offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

The Coastal Maine All-Day Singing will meet next year on Saturday before the first Sunday in August, August 5, 2006.

Chairman—Corrone Bryant; Secretary—Edith Berger.

CHATTAHOOCHEE CONVENTION **Wilson's Chapel, Carrollton, Georgia** **August 6-7, 2005**

Saturday, August 6

The one hundred fifty-third session of the Chattahoochee Convention was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in August at Wilson's Chapel, near Carrollton, Georgia. Chairman Sheri Taylor led 67 and 29t to open the convention. Lonnie Rogers offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 52t; Donna Duke 503; Lonnie Rogers 101t; Laura Frey 178; Lela Crowder 157; Richard Mauldin 43; Jeannette DePoy 99; Charlene Wallace 283; Lisa Webb 528 (in memory of Naomi Sailors); Phillip Langley 99; Karen Rollins 34b; Henry Johnson 138t; Helen Bryson 546; Stanley Edwards 42; Lee Rogers 34t; Kevin Moreno 501; Jimmie Denney 143.

RECESS

The class resumed singing. Leaders: Eric Tweedy 479; Bridgett Hill 276; Bobby Jackson 568; B.M. Smith 475; Claire Singleton 270.

A business session was held for the purpose of electing officers. The following were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Donna Duke; Chaplain—Lonnie Rogers; Arranging Committee—Saturday session—Judy Mincey and Charlene Wallace, Sunday session—Laura Frey and Scott DePoy; Finance Committee—Phillip Langley and Diane Smith; Resolutions Committee—Richard DeLong; Memorial Committee—Jeannette DePoy and Lisa Webb.

Leaders: Sandra Wilkinson 300; Andy Morse 542; Aldo Ceresa 279; Judy Mincey 510; Scott DePoy 277; John Hollingsworth 176t; Sandy Scott 288; David Fletcho 296; Jason Hollis 40; Lori Goode 45t; Eric Tweedy 200; Nora Dunn 102; George Burdett 128; Frances D'Andrea 318; Daniel Davis 480; Brigita Sebald 31t; Debora Grosse 222; Oscar McGuire 485; Susan Fletcho 70t; Bernard Denney 299; Carly Goss 197; Faye Hollis 460; Hubert Nall 196; and Judy Chandler 159.

LUNCH

John Plunkett opened the afternoon session by leading 142. Leaders: Billy Hollingsworth 250; John Shipley 354t; Robert Chambless 68b; Tim Brannon 492; Amanda Denson 269; Martha Ann Stegar 268; Judy Chambless 148; Bentley McGuire 319; Mark Plunkett 454; Matt Hinton 146; Richard DeLong 399b; Lou Cotney 384; Donna Bell 75; Joan Durdin 192; David Fletcho 481; Stanley Edwards 47b.

RECESS

Sheri Taylor brought the class back to order leading 84. Leaders: Lee Denney 145b; Gene Duke 278b; Susan Fletcho 315; Daniel Davis 312t; Carly Goss 70b; Bridgett Hill 168; Nora Dunn 112; Sandie Scott 284; Brigita Sebald 32t; Aldo Ceresa 522. Sheri Taylor and John Plunkett led 323t as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer to end the Saturday session.

Sunday, August 7

The Sunday morning session was brought to order by Chairman Sheri Taylor leading 77t and 171. Chaplain Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Donna Duke 100, 101t; Myron House 102, 105; Josephine Denney and Felton Denney 73t, 73b, 72t; Tony Hammock 148, 42; Judy Chambless 47t, 490; John Plunkett 41, 90; Lisa Webb 408, 566; Bobby Jackson 290, 499.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 467. Leader: Aldo Ceresa 39t, 215; Nora Dunn 29b, 448b; David Fletcho 29t, 172; Claire Singleton 163t, 350; Kevin Moreno 344, 327; Brigita Sebald 65, 82t; Susan Fletcho 274t, 569b; Daniel Davis 497, 216; Carly Goss 228, 229.

The memorial lesson was held at 11:15 a.m. by Jeanette DePoy and Lisa Webb. Lisa Webb read the following list of deceased and led song 454 in their memory: Kelly Beard, Dawn Culbertson, Lois DePoy, Tom DePoy, Ivalene Donaldson, Henry George, Sherry Guthery, John Hocutt, Preston McClendon, Gladys Willingham McCoy, Roxanna Mennella, Naomi Wilson Sailors, Phil Tabor, Frank Wilson, Marissa Wilson, and Laurette Elizabeth Wojcik. Jacob Griffith led 492 (WB) for his mother, Marissa Wilson.

Jeanette DePoy read the list of the sick and shut-ins: Sarah Dodson, Beau Caldwell, Alice Edwards, Hester Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Hubbard, Clarence McCool, I.V. McWhorter, Myra Palmer, Mary Smith, and Violet Thomason. Richard DeLong led 400 for the sick and shut-ins. Lonnie Rogers closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Robert Chambless 145b; Charles Woods 399b; Jan House 284; Earlis McGraw 389.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by John Plunkett leading 207. Leaders: Hubert Nall 340; Paul Robertson 45t; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Karen Clarke 569t; David Carlton 421; Charlene Wallace 455; Raymond Hamrick 354t; Lori Goode 358; Oscar McGuire 573; Arlene Woods 503; Phillip Langley 440; Laura Frey 178; Lauren Harrison 47b; B.J. Harris 303; Karen Rollins 136; George Robinson, Jr. 68b; Melinda Snow 378t; Gene Duke 80t; Jeanette DePoy and Richard DeLong 411; Scott DePoy 201; Jimmie Denney 276; Evelyn Harris 155; Butch White 85; Sharon Hamrick 269; Richard DeLong 224; Aldo Ceresa 245; Carly Goss 69t; Kevin Moreno 220; Susan Fletcho 217; Claire Singleton 299; Daniel Davis 300; Brigita Sebald 86; David Fletcho 543; Nora Dunn 339; David Carlton 501; Sheri Taylor, Lisa Webb, and Laura Frey 524.

The convention went into a business session for the purpose of hearing committee reports.

The Finance Committee reported a collection of \$481; expenses of \$60.00 for minutes will be paid, and the remaining funds will be given to Wilson's Chapel. The Resolutions Committee Report was given by Richard DeLong as follows: "We thank God that we have been able to meet and carry on the Chattahoochee Convention another year. We thank the Wilson family and their relatives for their hospitality and the delicious spread of food. We especially want to extend a warm heart-felt welcome from this convention to all the visitors, for this convention could not have been as successful without you. And finally, we thank everyone for attending."

A motion was made and carried that the reports be accepted as read, and added to the minutes. The business was closed.

Announcements were made. Sheri Taylor and John Plunkett led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Lonnie Rogers.

Chairman—Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—Donna Duke.

FAYETTE COUNTY CONVENTION Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Fayette, Alabama Sunday, August 7, 2005

The one hundred-sixth session of the Fayette County Convention was held at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church in Fayette County, Alabama on the first Sunday in August. Gravis Ballinger called the class to order leading 30t. Buddy Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

Following welcoming comments, the class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Gravis Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Johnny Humber; Secretary—Amanda Ballinger; Arranging Committee—Linton Ballinger and Earl Ballinger.

Leaders: Gravis Ballinger 99; Earl Ballinger 59; Amanda Ballinger 155, 47t; Emily West 477, 222; Lomax Ballinger 32t, 67; Leslie Brady 36b, 31b; Wilton Donaldson 480, 490; Teresa Hope 110, 335; Sharon Spiller and Josie Hyde 68b, 445; Robert Walker 569b, 143; Albert Humber 565, 176b.

RECESS

The class was called back together with Jimmy Ballinger leading 426t and 410t.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 499, 349; Teddy Creel 87, 124; Bickett Howton 373, 436; Willodean Barton 454; Henry Guthery III 39b, 144; John Hyde 297, 104; Bridgett Hill 277, 426b; Amber Ballinger, Tory O'Dell, and Jill Porter 405, 108t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Johnny Humber leading 200. Leaders: Buddy Ballinger 354b; Cassie Franklin 336; Billy Williams 310; Samantha Spiller 282; Jon Tyler Baccus 45t; J.C. Rutledge 560, 568; S.T. Reed 220; Bobby Watkins 448t; Debra Wakefield 475, 546; James Wagner 384, 276; Amanda Denson-Brady and Lisa Geist 377, 196; Lisa Geist 304.

LUNCH

The class was called back together by Leon Ballinger leading 313b. Leaders: Danny Creel 389; John Merritt 240; Elene Stovall 558; David Ivey 472; Brenda Merritt 542; James Wagner, Jr. 455; Josie Hyde 236; Richard Mauldin 129; Bud Oliver 332; Henry Guthery 549; Michel Thompson 170; Rodney Ivey 230; Harrison Creel 498, 111b; Betty Baccus and Mathew Baccus 388; Max Berueffy 386; Steve Adams and Beth O'Dell 401, 101t; Chuck Howe 162; Marlin Beasley 137; Chris Ballinger and Lisa Geist "Ashley"; Tobi Peterson 127; Cecil Wakefield 208; Beth O'Dell 224, 442; Kermit Adams 89; Tim Cook 101b; Wayne Bain 100; Larry Ballinger and Linton Ballinger 215; Earl Ballinger 177.

Announcements were made. Gravis Ballinger led 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.

MT. ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING

Ashland, Alabama

Saturday, August 13, 2005

Eugene Forbes called the class to order by leading 31b. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Jenny Acton; Arranging Committee—Edna Ruth Phillips and Myrline Redmon.

Leaders: Eugene Forbes 32t, 168; Gary Smith 565; Ann Reeves and Marvin Reeves 551, 503; Charlene Wallace 99; Richard Mauldin and Dick Mauldin 378t, 358; Stanley Edwards 288; Max Berueffy 569t; Robert Chambless 569b; Brandon Acton 53; Judy Caudle 107; Herby Bailey 489; Jenny Acton 340; Elder J.L. Hopper 304; Shirley Hardy 452; Lou Cotney 143; LaRue Allen 392; Bridgett Hill 203.

RECESS

Eugene Forbes called the class back together with 354b. Lena Keeton 349; Pam Anderson 480; Judy Chambless 159; Sarah Smith 129; Floy Wilder 389; Ashley Keeton 112; Lena Keeton 436; Audress Gurley 36b; Vernelle Amason 189; B.J. Harris 303; Edna Ruth Phillips 282; Myrline Redmon 147t; Evelyn Harris 47t; Jeff Sheppard 440 (for his wife, Shelbie Sheppard); Lori Hinesley 172; Shirley Berry 373; Margaret Ray 100; Don Clark 171; Karen Clark 157; Connie Stanton 318; Hugh McGraw 278t.

LUNCH

Eugene Forbes brought the class to order leading 438. Leaders: Denise Bursleson 196; Elene Stovall 548; Eugene Forbes 208; Bobby Jackson 499; Ann Webb 142; Ann Reeves and Marvin Reeves 76b; Gary Smith 225t; Cecil Roberts 30b; Bufrey Dean 45t; Roy Nelson 283; Edna Faye Walker 27 (for her parents, Ted and Pauline White); Charlene Wallace and Elene Stovall 217; Richard Mauldin 145t; Stanley Edwards 425; Eugene Forbes and Mary Frances Forbes 59; Robert Chambless 72b; Brandon Acton 40.

Eugene Forbes led 46 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Eugene Forbes; Secretary—Jenny Acton.

MANHATTAN ALL DAY SINGING

Holy Trinity Church, New York, New York

Saturday, August 13, 2005

The first annual Manhattan All Day Singing was called to order by Chairman Bradford West leading 410b. Jenna Strizak offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bradford West; Secretary—Kelsey Wessels; Treasurer—Sue Hanson; Resolutions—Aldo Ceresa.

Leaders: Lauralee Thompson 49b; Mary Ellen Schrock 171; Sue Hanson 142; Violet Krumbein 480; Diane Mennella 270; Michael Kaye 147t; Elizabeth Cusick 178; Ronald Bornick 454; Melissa Myers 146; Inga Knets 318; Kelly Macklin 362; Roland Hutchinson 250; Holly Laws 315; Bill Dunn 300; Kelsey Wessels 29t; Chris Noren 268; Katherine Warren 282; Laura Densmore 528; John Taylor 38b; Lauren Bock 40; Barbara Swetman 145b; Den Jens 117; Gina Balestracci 112.

RECESS

Jenna Strizak called the class back to order with 81t. Leaders: Leyland delRe 564; Aldo Ceresa 522; Terry Ryan 84; Charlotte Ehrman 340; Paula Picton 446; Nancy Levy and Inga Knets 448b; Kelly House 72b; Brenda Peña 73b; Doron Henkin 392;

Karen Freund 421; Richard Schmeidler 254; Lynne deBenedette 496 (in memory of Karen House); Jerry Enright 383; John delRe 30b; Margaret Conover 47b; Cindy Sadler 542; Lauren Weintraub 186; Margaret Bornick 162; Mary Ellen Schrock 163b; Kelly Macklin 473; Diane Mennella 335; Bradford West 312b; Violet Krumbein 229. Kelly House offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Kelsey Wessels recalled the class to order for the afternoon session with 87. Leaders: Aldo Ceresa 215; Paula Picton 377; Lynne deBenedette 203; Chris Noren 189; Leyland delRe 71; Karen Freund 442; Dean Jens 504; Lauralee Thompson 278t; Matthew Wojcik 532; Barbara Swetman 448t; Cindy Sadler 304; Jerry Enright 216; Doron Henkin and Ina Henkin 160b; Lauren Bock 89; Kelly House and Bradford West 76b; Laura Densmore 163t; Charlotte Ehrman 569b; Gina Balestracci 387; Ronald Bornick 334; Holly Laws 328; John Taylor 159; John delRe 272; Bradford West 196; Inga Knets 475; Elizabeth Cusick 277; Michael Kaye 501; Sue Hanson 452.

RECESS

Leaders: Margaret Bornick 157; Margaret Conover 479; Gail Harper 105; Leyland delRe, John delRe, and Kelly Macklin 212; Lauren Weintraub 323b; Roland Hutchinson 351; Bill Dunn 155; Brenda Peña 156; Richard Schmeidler 543; Jenna Strizak 111b; Matthew Wojcik 182; Lynne deBenedette 426b; Terry Ryan 198; Jerry Enright 101b; Chris Noren 177; Katherine Warren 122; Paula Picton 326; Karen Freund 77t; Kelly House 503 (for those who have passed away in the previous year). Treasurer Sue Hanson announced that the singing had met expenses. Aldo Ceresa delivered the Resolutions.

Bradford West led 62 as the closing song. Diane Mennella offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bradford West; Secretary—Kelsey Wessels.

EAST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Henderson Community Center, Henderson, Texas

August 13-14, 2005

Saturday, August 13

The one hundred thirty-seventh session of the East Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the Henderson Community Center in Henderson, Texas on the second Sunday and Saturday before in August. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by John Morris leading 528b.

This year marks the one hundred-fiftieth anniversary since the singing's inception in 1855. The convention disbanded for a few years during the Civil War and regrouped in 1868 and has met continuously since that time. The morning prayer was offered by Robert Vaughn.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Sam Craig; Vice Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Treasurer—David Rousseau; Secretaries—Sherry Vaughn and Carole Watts.

Leaders: Emmie Morris 171; Terre Schill 112; John Plunkett 477; Baron Powers 239; Liz Owen 212; Kay Weidner 572; Sandra Wilkinson 217; Tom Owen 434; James Mason 574; Myrl Jones 142; Nate Green and Norma Green 301.

RECESS

Buzz Fullen, mayor of Henderson, gave welcoming remarks then announcements were made. The class was called to order by Diane Ross leading 300.

Leaders: Tommie Spurlock 140; Esther Huckaby 270; Katie Moseley 99; Aubrey Barfield 220; Chris Adams 508; Rodney Ivey 559; A.A. Smith, Jr. 53; Joan Aldridge 511t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by John Morris leading 558. Leaders: Owen Ross 214; Crystal Meadows 522; Neil Vaughn 47b; Vivian Rogan 282; Joshua McClain 567; Donald Ross 148; Gary Rogan 166; Grant Howard 72; Doris Hanks 450; Tim McClain 440b; Beverly Coates 416b; Catherine Rogan 218; Lynnette Howard 133; Shane Wootten 98; Mike Hinton 146; Ernestine Pipkin 497; John Etheridge 156; Ryan Ross 470; Syd Caldwell 414; Al Rogers 63; Gaylon Powell 524; Troxel Ballou 268t. Donald Ross offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was brought to order by John Morris leading 345t. Leaders: Trevor Howard 58; Nancy Powell 397; Seth Howard 39; Melanie Parker 159; Barbara Newell 277; Sonny Erwin 505; Frank Hataway 395b; Dale Redmon, Jr. 514; Josh Rogan 478; Stanley Smith 512; Linda Booker 410; Leon Ballinger 137; John Beard 288; Bruce Coates 571; Kevin Powell 383; Ray Quigley 293b; Amanda Blevins 128; Charlie Vaughn 549.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Reed Coates leading 198. Leaders: Kevin Lee 183; James Mason 299; H.P. O'Mary 449; Mickie Sheppard 365; Jeb Owen 544; Shera Parker 100; Dennis George 561; Amanda Owen 442t; Bob McLemore 358; Scott Curran 543; Billy Huckaby 424; Ben Brown 132; Jo Pendleton and Jonathan Taft 348t; Donn Howard 484; Charles Walthall 493.

Stanley Smith lead 361 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed in prayer led by Gary Rogan.

Saturday Night, August 13

The one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the East Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the Depot Museum in Henderson, Texas at 6:00 p.m. for the Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony.

Between sixty and seventy followers and supporters met for the unveiling of the marker granted by the State of Texas to commemorate this historical event.

Members and visitors were welcomed by Rusk County Judge, Honorable Sandra Hodges. David Rousseau introduced speakers John Plunkett, Mike Hinton, and Judge Donald Ross. John Plunkett led 422t and Donald Ross led 168. All gave moving accounts of what Sacred Harp meant to them.

Susan Weaver invited Mr. Charlie Vaughn to help her unveil the marker. Because of a grammatical error that had to be corrected, the actual marker did not arrive until after the convention. Susan had the text printed so all could read what it would say. It has since been installed on the Depot Grounds. Refreshments were served and the evening was enjoyed by all.

Sunday, August 14

The Sunday session was opened at 9:15 a.m. by John Morris leading 174. The morning prayer was offered by Tom Owen. Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 75; Joan Smith 127; Monnie Ross 335; David Rousseau 341; Don Howard 283t; Pete Mathewson 32t; Shane Wootten 54t; Billy Huckaby 68t; Ryan Ross 402; Kay Weidner 491; John Etheridge 469; Gaylon Powell 224; Sandra Wilkinson 563; Amanda Owen 84; Rodney Ivey 319; Leon Ballinger 195; Diane Ross 40; Tim McClain 47t; Doris Hanks 427; Frank Hataway 138t; Jacob McClain 283b; Catherine Rogan 155.

RECESS

John Morris brought the class to order by leading 395b. Leaders: Dennis George 392; John Beard 290; Owen Ross 111b; Nancy Powell 500; Gary Rogan 384; Tommie Spurlock 183; Seth Howard 395b; Robert Vaughn 282; Larry Hall 47b; Sarah Huckaby 196; John Plunkett 411; Trevor Howard 505; Bruce Coates 336t; Lynnette Howard 393t; Stanley Smith 181; Grant Howard 101t.

The memorial lesson was conducted. Owen Ross gave a moving devotional reading from the Scriptures in Hebrews 12. Diane Ross led 176t. Tom Owen read names of the sick and shut-ins and led 68b in their honor. Owen Ross read the list of names of those who had passed away since last year's convention. The following were remembered: Mamie Riley—Florida; Preston McClendon, Naomi Sailors, and Gary McGraw—Georgia; John Hocutt, Ivalene Donaldson, Sherry Guthery, and Hershell King—Alabama; Elizabeth Hawkins, Louise Barber, Joe Owen, Frances Daniels, Robbie Nowlin, Ammon Reeves, Billie Beard, and Kelly Beard—Texas. Robert Vaughn led 496t in their memory. Owen Ross closed the memorial with prayer. Leaders: Joan Aldridge 515; Aubrey Barfield 192; Josh Rogan 240. Bruce Coates offered prayer to bless the food for the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Morris brought the class back to order by leading 444t. Leaders: Charles Whitmer 218; Gaylon Powell 232, 235 (by request); Katie Moseley 65; Nate Green and Norma Green 418; Charlie Vaughn 387; Kevin Powell 563; A.A. Smith, Jr. 67; Ernestine Pipkin 110; Donald Ross 373; Joshua McClain 139; Mike Hinton and John Etheridge 434; Tom Owen 416t; Amanda Blevins 36b; Reed Coates 30b; Myrl Jones 189; Scott Curran 182; Beverly Coates 532; Crystal Meadows 38b; Vivian Rogan 49t; Chris Adams 148; Dale Redmon, Jr. 540; Sonny Erwin 339; Syd Caldwell and Stanley Smith 216; Linda Booker 572; Ray Quigley 82.

Gaylon Powell led 69 as the closing song. The class was dismissed in prayer led by Don Howard.

Chairman—Sam Craig; Vice Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretaries—Sherry Vaughn and Carole Watts.

LAMAR AND PICKENS COUNTY CONVENTION **Zion Church, Eight Miles North of Gordo, Alabama** **Sunday, August 14, 2005**

The eighty-eighth session of the Lamar and Pickens County Convention was held at Zion Church on the second Sunday in August. Amber Davis brought the class to order leading 36b. The morning prayer was offered by Harrison Creel.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Clarence McCool; Vice Chairlady—Amber Davis; Arranging Committee—Wayne Baines; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

Due to illness, Clarence McCool was unable to act as Chairman. Amber Davis served in his place. Leaders: Amber Davis 349; Lena Keeton 200, 222; Ken Tate 389, 532 (for Edith Tate); Glenn Keeton 361, 365; Elsie Moon 234, 292; Billy Williams 154, 310; Wilton Donaldson 229, 348b; Juanita Beasley 31b, 61; Chris Ballinger 84, 270; Debra Wakefield 426b, 432; Richard Mauldin 66, 35 (for Dick Mauldin); Lisa Geist 428; John Hyde 73t, 297; Gary Smith 225t.

RECESS

Wayne Baines called the class back to order by leading 155. Leaders: Max Berueffy 189; Rachel Allred 477; Bill Stewart 68b; Travis Keeton 179; Tim Cook 344, 515; Marlin Beasley 163t; Beth O'Dell 110; Harrison Creel 512; Paula Springfield 380; Bridgett Hill 133; Eugene Forbes 168; Sara Smith 406 (in memory of Emma Beasley, Murray Livingston, and Lois Livingston); Ashley Keeton 215; Gravis Ballinger 300; Margaret Keeton 490; Willodean Barton 498; Toney Smith 535

(requested by Clarence McCool, who was able to attend for a while), 444 (requested).

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Amber Davis leading 192. Leaders: Will Allred 45t; Elizabeth Keeton “Ashley”; John Merritt 358; Samantha Spiller 282; Henry Guthery 505; Susan Allred 324; Max Berueffy and Elene Stovall 203 (requested by Clarence McCool), 183 (in memory of A.A. Malone); Brenda Merritt 137; Dorothea McCowan 442; Danny Creel 269; Earl Ballinger 306; James Wagner 268; Jennifer Allred 436; Seth Allred 99; Wanda Capps 475; Jon Wagner 340; Teddy Creel 124; Caleb Allred 312b; Larry Ballinger 151; Earlene Ellis 100; Josie Hyde 198; Amber Davis 294 (by request).

After announcements were made, Amber Davis led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Danny Creel, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Clarence McCool; Vice Chairlady—Amber Davis; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

ELMORE CENTER SINGING

Elmore Center United Methodist Church, Near Gordo, Alabama Wednesday, August 17, 2005

The one hundred sixty-first annual session of the Elmore Center Sacred Harp Singing was held at Elmore Center United Methodist Church near Gordo, Alabama on Wednesday before the third Sunday in August. Earlene Ellis called the class to order leading 145b. The morning prayer was offered by Dan Farley.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairlady—Earlene Ellis; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Josie Hyde 137,183; Toney Smith 229; Lisa Ballinger 173, 546; Billy Williams 39b, 339; John Van Horn 106, 300; Velton Chaffin 225t, 155; Amber Davis 224, 142; Tim Reynolds 39t, 117; Lena Keeton 34b, 213b; Travis Keeton 566, 482.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Earlene Ellis leading 318. Leaders: John Hyde 124, 297; Margaret Keeton 349 (for Clarence McCool), 209; Bill Stewart 452, 68b; Glenn Keeton 278t, 217; Faye Donaldson 430, 406; Lisa Geist, Katie Allison, and Clint Moss 45t; Dan Farley 45t as a solo, and played on a harp; Dorothy Elmore 480, 490; Wayne Baines 89, 278b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Earlene Ellis leading 358. Leaders: Glenn Keeton “Ashley”; Tim Reynolds 200; John Van Horn 410t; Josie Hyde 43; John Hyde 313t; Lisa Geist and Katie Allison 47t, 59; Bill Stewart 33b; Lena Keeton 294 (by request); Travis Keeton 388; Velton Chaffin 108t; Amber Davis 440; Billy Williams 147t; Margaret Keeton 147b; Toney Smith 524; Dorothy Elmore 323b; Faye Donaldson 270; Clint Moss 282; Dan Farley 81t; Wayne Baines 146, 535 (requested by Nellie Brown).

Earlene Ellis led 46 as the closing song. David Allison offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairlady—Earlene Ellis; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

**ROCK CREEK-MOUNTAIN HOME AND
RYAN CREEK CONVENTION**
New Hope Church, Cullman County, Alabama
Saturday, August 20, 2005

The one hundred and ninth session of the Rock Creek-Mountain Home and the one hundred thirty-second session of the Ryan Creek Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Billy Williams leading 56t. The morning prayer was offered by Elder J.L. Hopper.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Billy Williams; Vice Chairman—David Roberson; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson. Leaders: Billy Williams 33b; Corene White 37b; Kenneth Fannin 176t, 405, 172; David Roberson 40, 146; Wilton Donaldson 30t, 32t, 75; Don Robinson 278b, 99, 111t, 111b; John Hyde 275b, 313t, 73t; Henry Guthery 225t, 100, 112; Eldagene Roberson 81t, 457.

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order leading 300, 203, and 161. Leaders: Velton Chafin 230, 303, 494; Elder J.L. Hopper 174, 522, 450; Stella Platt 137, 40; Geraldine Watkins 178, 481, 480; Richard Mauldin and Dick Mauldin 43, 145t; Henry Guthery 543, 189, 30b.

LUNCH

Brenda Merritt called the afternoon session to order leading 172, 426b, and 32b. Elder J.L. Hopper addressed the class about the tradition of praising the Lord through singing and read from Psalm 100. He concluded his remarks with prayer then led 417. Leaders: John Merritt 337, 274b, 74b; Margie Lee Burleson and Ruth Burleson 452, 72b; Marie Guthrie 192, 402; Josie Hyde 55, 359, 271b; James Wagner 268, 455, 59; Jim Wagner 490, 542, 145t; Nancy Banks 63, 39t, 36b; John Merritt 517 (WB), "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus".

Announcements were made. Bill Williams lead 62 as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Billy Williams; Vice Chairman—David Roberson; Secretary—Eldagene Roberson.

CENTRAL ONTARIO ALL-DAY SINGING
Church of St. Stephen-In-the-Fields, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Saturday, August 20, 2005

The second annual Central Ontario All-Day Singing was held at the Church of St. Stephen-in-the-Fields (Anglican), Toronto. Pleasance Crawford called the class to order at 10:00 a.m., extended a welcome to everyone, and led 47t. Sarah Shepherd offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chair—Pleasance Crawford; Co-Chair—Charles Crawford; Treasurer—Thomas Evers; Chaplain—Diane Holmlund; Secretary—Anne Evers.

Leaders: Pleasance Crawford 448b; Jo Schultz 34b; Hugh Thomas 72b; Anne Evers 178; Laurie Dempsey 146; Christina Ronzio 59; Charles Crawford 63; Tom Schultz 117; Gloria Thomson 276; Roger Geroux 40; Frank Griggs 203; Diane Holmlund 145t; Jan May 99; Pleasance Crawford 270; Jo Schultz 299; Hugh Thomas 64; Anne Evers 29t; Laurie Dempsey 268; Sue Hengelsberg 294.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Pleasance Crawford leading 335. Leaders: Christina Ronzio 300; Lois Hurt 551; Tom Schultz 47b; Roger Geroux 66; Frank Griggs 31t; Gloria Thomson 86; Diane Holmlund 567; Jan May 49b; Pleasance Crawford 391.

Diane Holmlund conducted the memorial lesson, and led 122 and 547 for the following: Dean Slayton—Indiana; Vi Stark—Illinois; Brother Roger of Taize-France; Philip Alderman—Missouri; Frank Connor—New Hampshire; John Meagher, Susan Goldberg, Carl Ray, David Graham, Elizabeth Lebrett, J.R. McKinney, Stu Allen, Gail, Helen Harrison, Sheila Nesbitt, Bettle Massett, Marlene Priesse, Mary Ronzio, Rhonda Abrams, Zoya Ossipova, Denis Chenko, Lola, and Aunt Char Logan—Ontario. The memorial was closed. Anna Gruda offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Pleasant Crawford brought the afternoon session to order leading 481. Leaders: Jo Schultz 107; Chris Haller 351; Hugh Thomas 344; Laurie Dempsey 155; Anne Evers 147t; Thomas Evers 36b; Sue Hengelsberg 504; Christina Ronzio 85; Lois Hurt 49t; Tom Schultz 168; Roger Geroux 334; Harlin Knowles 84; Frank Griggs 189; Diane Holmlund 479; Jan May 503; Pleasant Crawford and Tony Laviola 282.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Gloria Thomson leading 454. Leaders: Chuck Crawford 569b; Jo Schultz 198; Chris Haller 87; Hugh Thomas 302; Anne Evers 186; Thomas Evers 135; Sue Hengelsberg 175; Lois Hurt 452; Tom Schultz 39t; Roger Geroux 145b; Harlin Knowles 124; Frank Griggs 324; Diane Holmlund 332; Jan May 171; Pleasant Crawford 524; Gloria Thomson 183; Chuck Crawford 378t; Jo Shultz 489.

Announcements were made. Pleasant Crawford led 347 as the closing song. Sarah Shepherd offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Pleasant Crawford; Co-Chair—Charles Crawford; Secretary—Anne Evers.

CHATTANOOGA AREA SACRED HARP SINGING **New Salem Baptist Church, Soddy Daisy, Tennessee** **Saturday, August 20, 2005**

The ninth annual Chattanooga Area Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in August. The class was welcomed and called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Phil Summerlin leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Linton Ballinger.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Phil Summerlin; Arranging—Michael Thompson; Secretaries—Daryl Chesney and Linda Sides.

Leaders: Phil Summerlin 171; Linda Sides 59, 32t; Henry Johnson 123t, 129; Ed Thacker 331, 314; Daryl Chesney 569b; Daryl Chesney, Krista Risen, and Keara Risen 128; Linton Ballinger 224, 217; S.T. Reed 495, 567; Bud Oliver 73t, 39b; Bill McGhee 143, 312b; Alice Watkin 338, 415; Rod Ivey 186, 108b; Mel Kersey 566, 565; Duane Chesney 84, 87.

RECESS

Phil Summerlin brought the class back to order leading 405.

Leaders: Michael Thompson 384, 424; Tim Reynolds 86, 148; David Ivey 70t, 410t; Milton Oliver 176t, 403; Henry Johnson 70b; Ed Thacker 498; Daryl Chesney 283; Linton Ballinger 285t; S.T. Reed 60; Bud Oliver 61; Bill McGhee 76b; Alice Watkin 145t, 159; Rod Ivey 81t; Mel Kersey 47t; Duane Chesney 146; Tim Reynolds 278b, 442; Milton Oliver 321, 318.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Phil Summerlin leading 68b (in memory of Floyd Peters). Leaders: Michael Thompson 448b; David Ivey 201; Linda Sides 328, 168 (for Bill and Delene Thomas); Henry Johnson 375; Ed Thacker 68t; Daryl Chesney 373; Linton Ballinger 354b; S.T. Reed 271b; Bud Oliver 270, 42; Bill

McGhee 335; Alice Watkin 71, 457; Mel Kersey 515; Duane Chesney 155, 85; Tim Reynolds 344, 163b; Milton Oliver 282.

Following announcements, Linda Sides led 225t as the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Please note that the location for the 2006 singing is yet to be determined, and will be announced later both online and at area singings.

Chairman—Phil Summerlin; Secretaries—Daryl Chesney and Linda Sides.

BELTON AND EMMA BEASLEY AND PHILLIP LEE III MEMORIAL SINGING

Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama

Sunday, August 21, 2005

The thirty-seventh annual Belton and Emma Beasley and Phillip Lee III Memorial Singing was called to order by Chairman Marlin Beasley leading 82t. Danny Creel offered the opening prayer. Marlin Beasley then led 63t.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman -Travis Keeton; Secretary—Sandie Scott; Arranging Committee—Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 129; Sandie Scott 408; Josie Hyde 224; Cora Beasley Sweatt, Corissa Sweatt, and Jonathan Sweatt 145b; James M. Wagner 480; Robert Walker 477; Becky Beasley Briggs 234; Teddy Creel 124; Samantha Spiller (granddaughter of John and Josie Hyde) 282; James S. Wagner 40; Brenda Merritt 455; Arthur Gilmore 306; Elizabeth Keeton 30t; Henry Guthery III 99; Beatrice Carnathan 568.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Marlin Beasley leading 317. Leaders: Wilton Donaldson 285t; Emily Creel 475; Bill Stewart 49b; Jimmie Lou Gilmore 276; Ken Tate 53t; Lena Keeton 454; John Beasley 335; Amber Davis and Hannah Tate 142; Richard Mauldin 143; Wanda Capps and Flarce Creel 546; Ricky Beasley 235; Bridgett Hill 383; John Hyde and Richard Mauldin 43; Lisa Beasley Close 77t; Glenn Keeton “Joshua” (his own composition, in honor of Bill Hogan); Gary Smith 225t (in honor of Dr. William Reynolds); Danny Creel 112; Elene Stovall 273; Tommy Beasley 348b, 47b; Henry Guthery 380; Ann Beasley Ballard 57; Earl Ballinger 56t; David Beasley 47t; Juanita Beasley 61; John Merritt 515. The blessing was offered by Ken Tate for the lunch which was prepared and served by the young people.

LUNCH

The class was called back by Marlin Beasley leading 137. Leaders: Jacob Morton 177; Tina Beasley Marquez 64; Harrison Creel 530; Lisa Geist 269; Bunk Beasley and Beverly Beasley Conklin 81t; Seth Holloway and more than twenty first cousins 45t (in memory of Aunt Martha and Uncle Franklin Hallmark); Larry Ballinger 398; Max Berueffy 51; Dorothea McCowan and Ann Beasley Ballard 340; Kermit Adams 28b; Gravis Ballinger 203; Steve Adams 401; Cecil Wakefield 146; Margaret Keeton 78; Chug Beasley and Ruby Beasley 354t; Glenn Keeton “Ashley” (his own composition); Ruby Mauldin and Richard Mauldin 145t; Marlin Beasley and Robin Hallmark 373 (for the Hallmark family); Marlin Beasley and John Merritt “There Is A Home”, “Mercy Seat”; Ken Tate 73t (by request, for Edith Tate); Marlin Beasley and Harrison Creel 498 (for new visitors).

Marlin Beasley and Travis Keeton led 323t as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Sandie Scott.

CLEBURNE COUNTY CONVENTION
Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church, near Heflin, Alabama
Sunday, August 21, 2005

The one hundred-sixteenth session of the Cleburne County Convention met at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church near Heflin, Alabama on the third Sunday in August. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Eunice Webb leading 59. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer. Eunice Webb led 146; Cecil Roberts 277, 30b. Hugh McGraw led the introductory lesson from a book which was given to the Cleburne County Convention by the family and friends of J.W. Laminack. The book is a 1936 edition of *The Sacred Harp*, and is only used one time a year at this convention for the introductory lesson. The wishes of the family were explicit about when the book could be used. The songs chosen were 37b, 314, and 317 to complete the lesson. Pearl Guier led 81t, 63; Mary L. Smith 135.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Eunice Webb; Secretary—Hester Edwards; Arranging Committee—Pearl Guier; Chaplain—Cecil Roberts; Memorial Committee—Mary L. Smith.

Leaders: Eunice Webb 45t; Stanley Edwards 179; Judy Chambless 83t, 531; Bud Oliver 145t, 170; Floy Wilder 142, 247; Ed Thacker 208, 88b; Glenda Collins 282, 124; S.T. Reed 125, 109.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Stanley Edwards leading 76b. Leaders: Milton Oliver 270, 405; Jeannette DePoy 462, 274t; Lonnie Rogers 225t, 298; Mildred McElroy 192, 436; Brandon Acton 53, 40; Judith Green 384, 117; George Garner 155; Audress Gurley 36b, 108t; Jimmie Denney 101t, 46; Karen Reaves 410t, 457; Tony Hammock 42, 28b.

Mary L. Smith conducted the memorial lesson. The following deceased were remembered: Louise Jones Brown Allen, Jap Walton, and all those who have passed away in previous years. Jeff Sheppard led 212, especially for Louise Allen, and 420 for Jap Walton and other deceased. Karleen Williams led 340 for the sick and shut-ins, and Cecil Roberts closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Stanley Edwards leading 129. Leaders: Henry Johnson 73b (for Alice Edwards), 166; Donna Bell 71, 168; Jenny Acton 112, 108b; Robert Chambless 145b; Charlene Wallace and Carlene Griffin 276, 345t; Myrline Redmon 358, 569b; Eugene Forbes 186, 203; Joan Aldridge 309, 385b; Teenie Moody 171, 47b; B.J. Harris 452, 503; Lou Cotney 222, 218; Pam Nunn 448t, 216; Richard DeLong 511, 214; Evelyn Harris 39b, 47t; Roy Nelson 111b; Lewis Norton 292; Ann Simpson 445, 323b; Shirley Hardy 312b; Sherrell Cleino 335; Stanley Edwards 143.

After announcements were made, the class was dismissed with prayer by Henry Johnson.

Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Vice Chairman—Eunice Webb; Secretary—Hester Edwards.

COOPER BOOK SINGING
Ramah Primitive Baptist Church, Lenox, Alabama
Sunday, August 21, 2005

The annual *Cooper Book* Sacred Harp Singing at Ramah Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in August. Hubert Nall called the class to order leading 31b. Bill Aplin offered the opening prayer. Bill Hogan led 432; Bill Aplin led 155.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Hubert Nall; Vice Chairman—Bill Hogan; Arranging Committee—Alice Mosley; Secretary—Christine Gandy.

Leaders: Joe Nall 43t; Bill Aplin 138, 267t; Frank Hataway 32t, 49b; Victoria Aplin 330t, 330b; Nancy Hogan 133, 143; Ford Bulger 225t, 285t; Christine Gandy 348t, 360.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Bill Hogan leading 36b. Leaders: Lera Ellison 73t, 104; Wilburn Ellison 31t, 283; Voncille Graves 47t, 47b; Hubert Nall 40, 168; Edd Bass 64, 114b; Learvene Bass 74b, 108t; Billy Kelly 405, 491.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Bill Hogan leading 30b. Leaders: Ken Kelly 505, 573; Sambo Patrick 452, 568; Paul King 319, 466; Joe Nall 171, 542; Ernestine Pipkin 27b, 497; Stanley Smith 360, 207b; Eva Padgett 478, 242. The blessing for the food was given by Bill Aplin.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order. Leaders: Loretta Jones 63, 54; Ernest Cockcroft 391, 401; Judy Cutts 573, 500; Marion Patrick 424, 358; Bill Aplin 503; Frank Hataway 59; Victoria Aplin 270; Nancy Hogan 410; Ford Bulger 119; Lera Ellison 61; Wilburn Ellison 447; Voncille Graves 356; Hubert Nall 107; Edd Bass 300; Learvene Bass 72; Billy Kelly 442; Stanley Smith 511, 528b (for Thurman Nall); Paul King 45; Joe Nall 574; Ernestine Pipkin 205; Eva Padgett 282; the class sang “Happy Birthday” to Lou Nall.

Announcements were made. Hubert Nall led 451 as the closing song. Bill Aplin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Hubert Nall; Vice Chairman—Bill Hogan; Secretary—Christine Gandy.

BEAR CREEK CONVENTION

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama Saturday, August 27, 2005

The one hundred-seventh session of the Bear Creek Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Winston County, Alabama on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August. Kermit Adams called the class to order leading 39b. Richard Mauldin offered the morning prayer.

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

Leaders: Kermit Adams 46; Gary Smith 523, 225t; Erin Cole 54, 58, 60; Roma Rice 104, 475; Corene White 146, 379; John Hyde 124, 566; Cecil Wakefield 290, 480; Juanita Beasley 32t, 63; Joan Gilbreath 68b (in memory of her father).

RECESS

Travis Keeton called the class back to order with 73t, 278b, and 179. Leaders: Wilton Donaldson 43, 426t; Sarah Smith 384, 385b; Don Roberson 172, 192; Amber Davis 76b, 448b; Steve Adams 401, 101t; Ken Tate 75, 159, 532.

LUNCH

Kermit Adams called the class back to order with 99. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 270, 153, 448t; Richard Mauldin 72b, 288; Dick Mauldin and Richard Mauldin 358, 378t; Billy Williams 84, 268, 89; Erin Cole 294, 296; Josie Hyde 88t, 167, 166; Emily Jones 212 (for Ora Lee Fannin), 74b, 74t; Dawson Adams 77t, 39t; Nellie Alexander 81t, 176b; Margaret Keeton 138t, 138b.

Kermit Adams led 78 as closing song. Gary Pelfrey offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

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

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONVENTION
Pine Grove Church, near Collinsville, Alabama
August 27-28, 2005

Saturday, August 27

The one hundred-second 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 32t. Wayne Reed offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 82t; S.T. Reed 85; Milton Oliver 314; Randall Smith and Ansley Whitaker 76b; Wayne Reed 59; Henry Johnson 390; Boyd Scott 58; Robert Chambless 452; Mary Wright 154; Stanley Edwards 42; Ernestine Pipkin 171; Jerry Enright 300; Nate Green and Norma Green 176b; James S. Wagner 124.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Bud Oliver leading 145b; Shane Wootten 345b.

A business session was held for the purpose of electing officers. The following were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—S.T. Reed; Secretary—Randall Smith; Arranging Committee—Bud Oliver and Wayne Reed; Memorial Committee—Henry Johnson.

Leaders: Hubert Nall 212; Sandra Wilkinson 186; Becky Browne 362; David Carlton 272; Martha Johnson 532; Dave Richardson 473; Ron Harper 77t; Liz Meitzler 148; Richard Ivey 411; Aubrey Barfield 200; Bob Parr 224; Drew Smith 56b; Karen Freund 440; Eunice Webb 436; Jennifer Allred 426b; Daphene Causey, April DuPriest, and Sharon DuPriest 434; Rebecca Edwards 105.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Rodney Ivey leading 67. Leaders: Laura Clawson 542; Sharon DuPriest 189; Karen Swenson 442; Syble Adams 448t; Jackson Harcrow 47b; Flarce Creel, Wanda Capps, and Cindy Tanner 475; James M. Wagner 101t; Linda Shea 168; Buell Cobb 69b; J.C. Smith and Bud Oliver 282; Blake Sisemore 113; Glenn Keeton “Joshua”; Linton Ballinger, Lomax Ballinger, and Jimmy Ballinger 142; LaRue Allen 328; Marlon Wootten 201; Loyd Ivey 340; Evelyn Harris 47t; the class sang “Happy Birthday” to Evelyn Harris.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Bud Oliver leading 170. Leaders: Stuart Ivey 183; John Plunkett 131b; Judith Green 384; Betty Wright 410t; Samuel Sommers 386; Cheyenne Ivey and Jessica Ivey 354b; Judy Caudle 94; Andy Anderson 137; Mel Kersey 354t; Jenna Strizak 335; Brittany Lea 63; Charlene Wallace 392; Bob Simmons 229; Allison Ivey 215; Wayne Jones 36b; Lynne deBenedette 430; Judy Chambless 157; Dana Borrelli 29t; Doug Conn 35.

RECESS

Henry Johnson led 406 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Sand Mountain boys—Blake Sisemore, Jackson Harcrow, Drew Smith, Aaron Wootten, and Travis Peek 74b; Andy Morse 280; Jeff Adcock 72b; J.L. Hopper 187; Elene Stovall 182; Reba Windom and Pam Nunn 192; Jeannette DePoy 101b; Tim Jones 565; Gary Gronau 112; David Ivey 298; Paul Figura 501; Jeff Sheppard 468; Pat Temple 195; Michael Thompson 424; Martha Johnson and Johnny Johnson 270.

Announcements were made. Bud Oliver led 46 as the closing song. Wayne Reed offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, August 28

Bud Oliver called the class to order leading 32t. Wayne Reed offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Bud Oliver 36b; S.T. Reed 82t; Alanna Blanks and Milton Oliver 176t; Amber Davis 142; Michael Thompson 163b; LaRue Allen 222; Hubert Nall 217; Linda Sides 277; Chris Ballinger 339; Liz Meitzler 319; Blake Sisemore 230; Bridgett Hill 133; Robert Walker 510; Rex Wilks 480; Gravis Ballinger 112; Eloise Wootten 186; Bobby Watkins 448t; Jackie Tanner 101t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Bud Oliver leading 73t. Leaders: Dennis George 318; Larry Brasher 332; Joan Aldridge 228; Ed Thacker 556; Scott Ivey 460; Pam Wilkerson and Carie Ann Wilkerson 159; Berk Meitzler, Liz Meitzler, and Aliva Taylor 496; Brittany Lea 313t; Jackson Harcrow 76b; Phil Summerlin 270; David Light 200; Mary Wright 180.

RECESS

Milton Oliver brought the class to order leading 48t. Leaders: Earlis McGraw 568; Alanna Blanks, Paula Oliver, Bryant Beard, and Arleigh Beard 405; Randall Smith and Ansley Whitaker 501 (CB); Mark Carroll 282; Pat Temple 373; Stanley Edwards 129; Judy Chambless 490; Nate Green and Norma Green 84; Mel Kersey 523; Brenda Carroll 299; Paul Figura 146; Daphne Causey and April DuPriest 269; Karen Swenson 344; Jennifer Allred 500; Larry Ballinger 215; Henry Johnson 111t.

LUNCH

Bud Oliver led 39t to bring the afternoon session to order. Leaders: Jessica Ivey and Cheyenne Ivey 354b; Jackson Harcrow and Blake Sisemore 59; Lela Crowder 542; Samuel Sommers 528.

Henry Johnson conducted the memorial lesson and led 425 for the deceased and sick and shut-ins. The following deceased were remembered: Kelly Beard—Texas; Jap Walton, Ivalene Donaldson, John Hocutt, Hershell King, Ronnie Meadows, Gerald Wootten, Floyd Peters, and Russell Smith—Alabama; Dean Slaton—Indiana; Al Frank—Illinois; Phil Alderman—Missouri; Laurette Elizabeth Wojcik—Vermont; Bill Jordan and Effie Windom—Michigan; Darlene McDonough—Minnesota; Tom Gibney—New Jersey; Burkhardt Josh—Germany.

The following sick and shut-ins were remembered: Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; Sherrie Edwards and Janice Hughes—Georgia; Kat Kincaid—Virginia; Bill Thomas and Delene Thomas—Tennessee; Regina Pigeon—Massachusetts; Homer Whitworth, Bill Green, Beufa Green, Sharon Wootten, Edith Tate, Shelbie Sheppard, Lam Townson, and Aunt Bob Greeson—Alabama. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Jerry Enright 77t; Rebecca Edwards 114; Rodney Ivey and Jackie Tanner 30b; Jenna Strizak 564; Cindy Tanner 436; Lynne deBenedette 220; Ken Tate 56t; Laura Clawson 203; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 273; Reba Windom 216; Karen Freund 302; Coy Ivey 486t (WB); Judy Caudle 456; Elene Stovall and Coy Ivey 384; Gary Gronau 163t; Bob Parr 304; Becky Browne 99; Linda Shea 274t; Dave Richardson 278t; Dana Borrelli 87.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jerry Enright leading 312b. Leaders: Allison Ivey 495; Lisa Geist 532; Wilton Donaldson 30t; Chita Blakeley 378t; Kyle Blakeley and Waylon Blakeley 37t; Charles Stiefel and Melvin Stiefel 47b; Hobert Ivey and Jessica Ivey 47t; Verlon Stiefel and Mary Ruth Stiefel 288.

Announcements were made. The convention wishes to thank all who helped in any way to make the singing possible, and extended an invitation to come back again next year. Bud Oliver, S.T. Reed, Wayne Reed, Milton Oliver, Scot Oliver, and Randall

Smith led 146 as the closing song while those who wished took the parting hand. Wayne Reed offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Bud Oliver; Vice Chairman—S.T. Reed; Secretary—Randall Smith.

MISSISSIPPI STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Enon Primitive Baptist Church, Houston

Chickasaw County, Mississippi

August 27-28, 2005

Saturday, August 27

The Mississippi State Sacred Harp Singing Convention convened at Enon Primitive Baptist Church in its seventy-seventh annual session on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August for two days of worship in song service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, when and where the following proceedings were had, to wit: The seventy-seventh session of the Mississippi State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by President Mark Davis with 30t. Chaplin W.M. Allen offered prayer. Brother Charles Porter, Pastor of Enon Primitive Baptist Church, welcomed everyone with remarks of memories.

Leaders: President Davis 37b, 47b; Vice President John Van Horn 111b, 373, Secretary Jean Gray 63, 418; Chaplain W.M. Allen 59, 108t.

The Business and Credentials Committee was appointed: Hugh McGuire, George Easley, and Colbert Mann.

Leaders: John Hollingsworth 109, 354t; Andrew Albers 292b (CB), 515 (CB); Chuck Howell 68b, 40; Tim Reynolds 39t, 107; Anne Steele 318, 209.

RECESS

Mike McNeil brought the class to order leading 573 (CB) and 522 (CB) (in memory of Mrs. Tom May). Leaders: Joe Cobb 28b, 38b; Connie Stanton 448b, 171; Bobby Caldwell 216t (CH), 201; Hugh McGuire 452, 134 (in memory of S.T. Hawkins); Natalie Davis 45t, 354b; Billy Hollingsworth 163t (CH), 60.

The following committees were appointed: Memorial Committee—John Hollingsworth and Ester Mann; Location Committee—Henry McGuire, John Van Horn, and Bobby Caldwell; Arranging Committee—Junie McNeil and John Lee Van Horn. Mr. Alfred made a request for the singing at Antioch. Chaplain W.M. Allen returned thanks.

LUNCH

The singing resumed for the afternoon session with President Mark Davis leading 200. Leaders: George Easley 299, 313t; Warren Steele 436t (CB), 422t (CB); Charles Porter 137, 155; T.J. Funderburk 61, 569b; Darlene Reynolds 184 (CH); Darlene Reynolds and John Hollingsworth 117; Hugh Bill McGuire and sons (Hugh and Henry, and grandson, Drew) 36b, 460; Kurt Davis 457, 274t; Linda Funderburk 288, 143; Junie McNeil 43, 64 (CH); Andy Davis 198, 254.

President Mark Davis called for a motion to open the convention for business.

Election of officers: A motion was made and seconded to elect the following officers: President—Mark Davis; Vice President—John Van Horn; Secretary—Jean Gray; Assistant Secretary—Darlene Reynolds; Chaplains W.M. Allen and Arlon Gardner. Billy Hollingsworth led 236.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Henry McGuire leading 408 and 320. Leaders: Lucy Sandidg 51 (CH), 85b (CH); Mark Tew 406, 139; Drew McGuire 128, 282; Robert Earl Alexander 124, 253 (CH); Ester Mann 258 (CH), 127 (in memory of loved ones who enjoyed singings).

Announcements were made. President Mark Davis led 348b as the closing song. W.M. Allen dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, August 28

President Mark Davis opened the Sunday morning session with 101t, and welcomed everyone. Chaplain W.M. Allen offered the opening prayer. Leaders: President Mark Davis 126, 123t; Vice President John Van Horn 125, 129, 410t; Chaplain W.M. Allen 104, 75; John Hollingsworth 138t, 230, 250 (CH); Billy Hollingsworth 225 (CB), 507b (CB), 484 (CB); Andrew Albers 378b (CB), 178 (CB), 174 (CB); Hanna Albers 514 (CB).

RECESS

The class resumed singing. Leaders: W.M. Allen and family 494; George Easley 34b, 523, 527; Chuck Howell 426b, 63, 127; Colvin Mann 155, 159, 147t; Natalie Davis 345t, 345b, 388; Rhoda Albers 393t (CB).

LUNCH

President Mark Davis brought the afternoon session to order leading 146. Leaders: Warren Steele 326, 355, 438 (CB); Andy Davis 434, 269, 383; Lucy Sandidg 575 (CB), 392 (CB), 572 (CB); Ester Mann 168, 143, 475; Kurt Davis 87, 268; Hugh McGuire 216, 82t (CB), 90; Mark Tew 46, 338, 339.

2:00 p.m. committee reports—Memorial Committee led 347. Business and Resolution Committee reported. It was moved and second to accept all reports.

RECESS

President Davis reconvened the class leading 111t. Leaders: Charles Porter 136, 460, 379; Bryan Harrison 457, 139; Hugh Bill McGuire 563 (CB), 503; Mark Davis 438, 571 (CB); Lucy Sandidg 480.

A motion was made to adjourn. Announcements were made. President Mark Davis led 62 as the closing song. Chaplain W.M. Allen dismissed the class with prayer. President—Mark Davis; Vice President—John Van Horn; Secretary—Jean Gray.

MAIDENCREEK ALL DAY SINGING

Maidencreek Meeting House, near Leesport, Pennsylvania Saturday, September 3, 2005

The Berks County Sacred Harp Singings hosted the tenth annual Maidencreek All Day Singing on Saturday before Labor Day at Maidencreek Meeting House near Leesport, Pennsylvania. Guy Banks called the class to order leading 34b. Lamar Matthew offered the opening prayer.

The following officers for the singing were elected or appointed to serve:

Chairman—Guy Banks; Treasurer—Ruth Shaffer; Secretary—Doron Henkin; Arranging Committee—Laura Densmore; Chaplains—Lamar Matthew and Karen Wilcox; Keying—Dennis Leipold, Paula Picton, Jean Seiler, and Blake Morris.

Leaders: Guy Banks 173; Laura Densmore 142; Doron Henkin 215; Susan Munch 77t; Lamar Matthew 35; Ted Stokes 377; Betty Hanf 353; Lynn Hoyt 39t; Gerry Hoffman 314; Laura Parrish 178; Kevin Moreno 121; Ina Henkin 125; Cindy Sadler 456; Victoria Bolles 426b; Terry Ryan 299; Martha Beverly 504.

RECESS

Guy Banks called the class back to order by leading 120. Leaders: Merv Horst 350; Molly Sayvetz 99; Nancy Trout 430; George Pomfret 542; Jim Wantland 344; Elizabeth Stokes 203; Joan Trout 476; Gerry Hoffman 68b; Inga Knets 319; Gina Balestracci 214; Jim Ulrich 273; Claire Simon 107; Dennis Leipold 416; Steve Hoyt 445b.

RECESS

Bill Beverly called the class back to order with 376. Leaders: Erin Kelley 290; John Pushkar 361; Nancy Tkacs 497.

Kevin Moreno conducted the memorial lesson, spoke and led 318 for the sick and shut-ins. The following sick were remembered: Marian Ryan—New York; Lindsay Kunkel—Pennsylvania; Ilmars Knets—Connecticut; those affected by hurricane Katrina, particularly in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. Information was shared about singers and their families from those states.

Aldo Ceresa spoke and led 285t for the deceased. The class remembered the following: Allen Fannin, Nancy Levy, Marie Hanss, Adolph Kauzlsankas, Roxanne Mennella, and Frank Dumin—New York; Tom Gibney—New Jersey; Phil Tabor—Tennessee; Al Frank and Vi Stark—Illinois; John Hocutt and Ivalene Donaldson—Alabama; Walter Manning—Virginia; Laurette Elizabeth Wojcik and Elsie Balestracci—Massachusetts; Dean Slaton—Indiana; Dawn Culbertson, Julian Stanley, and Harry Stallings—Maryland; Georgio Garelli—Italy; Vicky Betts, Kevin Jesteadt, and Russell Smith—Pennsylvania; Art Broadus—North Carolina. Lamar Matthew closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: George Seiler 31t; Nora Dunn 381; John Hewes 358. The blessing for the midday meal was offered by Karen Wilcox.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jean Seiler leading 106. Leaders: Ruth Shaffer “Harrisburg” (German-language shape note tune); Violet Crumbein 547; Aldo Ceresa 245; Mary Ellen Shrock 171; Thom Metzger 269; Liz Cusick 324; Bill Beverly 297; Cathy Tucker, 385b; Mairi Quodomine 339; Ina Henkin 124; Kathryn Larma 282; Tom Tucker 274; Jean Seiler 236; Dean Jens 117; Susan Bingham 362; Roland Hutchinson 260.

RECESS

Guy Bankes called the class back to order with 276. Leaders: Laura Lee Thompson 270; Blake Morris 179; Paula Picton 32t; Eileen Metzger 101t; Gabriel Kastle 70b; Carly Goss 42; Carol Myers 287; Victoria Bolles 473; Gerry Hoffman 272; Cathy Tucker 480; Jim Ulrich 474; Martha Beverly 368; George Pomfret 535; Bill Beverly 515; Dennis Leopold 286; Jean Seiler 217; Blake Morris 216; Paula Picton 432; Thom Metzger 89; Gabriel Kastle 33t; John Hewes 38t; Thom Tucker 384; Eileen Metzger 326; Violet Crumbein 455; George Seiler and Jean Seiler 146.

Resolutions were offered, and the closing prayer was offered by Karen Wilcox. The class was dismissed.

Chairman—Guy Bankes; Secretary—Doron Henkin.

MULBERRY RIVER CONVENTION

Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama Saturday, September 3, 2005

The one hundredth session of the Mulberry River Convention was held at Liberty Church (McCormick) in Jefferson County, Alabama on Saturday before the first Sunday in September. Velton Chafin called the class to order leading 34b. Harrison Creel offered the morning prayer. Velton Chafin led 30t and 106.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Willodean Barton; Arranging Committee—Richard Mauldin for John Hyde.

Leaders: Willodean Barton 101t, 63; Ozella Blackmon 460, 35; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 569b, 380; Eldagene Roberson 67, 138t; Bill Stewart 36b, 68b; Wilton Donaldson 138b, 566; Sarah Smith 340, 213b; David Roberson 212, 222; Nancy Banks 565, 111b.

RECESS

Harrison Creel brought the class back to order by leading 317. Leaders: Teddy Creel 477, 124; Bridgett Hill 129, 276; Juanita Beasley 61, 32t; Ken Tate 73t, 148; Flarce Creel and Harrison Creel 475; Gary Smith 73b, 225t; Marlin Beasley 393, 144; Marie Guthrie 402, 446; Elene Stovall 297, 440. Danny Creel offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Velton Chafin brought the class back to order for the afternoon session by leading 130. Leaders: Travis Keeton 205, 162; Lucy Heidorn 145b, 155; Danny Creel 112, 76b; Glenn Keeton "Joshua", "Ashley"; Amber Davis 391, 192; Wilton Donaldson and Richard Mauldin 43 (for John Hyde and Josie Hyde); Richard Mauldin, Robert Mauldin, and Mrs. Richard Mauldin 145t; Teddy Creel 146; David Roberson 99; Bridgett Hill 142; Marie Guthrie 189; Kenneth Tate 343; Marlin Beasley 426t; Ozella Blackmon 159; Glenn Keeton 267; Sarah Smith 400; Travis Keeton 349 (for Clarence McCool); Gary Smith 46; Nancy Banks 274t; Richard Mauldin and Danny Creel 313t.

Announcements were made. Velton Chafin led 521 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Vice Chairman—Harrison Creel; Secretary—Willodean Barton.

SHILOH-LITTLE VINE SINGING **Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church** **South of Tallapoosa, Georgia (off Hwy. 100)** **Sunday, September 4, 2005**

The annual all day Shiloh-Little Vine Sacred Harp Singing was held at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church near Tallapoosa, Georgia on the first Sunday in September. Charles Woods called the class together leading 52t then offered the opening prayer. Charles Woods led 168; Stanley Edwards 321, 317; Charlene Wallace 63, 81t.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Charles Woods; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Memorial Committee—Charles Woods.

Leaders: Nick Griffin 139, 551; Hugh McGraw 550, 530; Robert Chambless 72b, 68b; Miranel Swafford 155, 32t; Mary L. Smith 58, 126; Earlis McGraw 201, 445; Jeff Sheppard 142 (for Shelbie Sheppard), 208; Judy Chambless 159, 157.

RECESS

Stanley Edwards brought the class back to order leading 42. Leaders: Johnny Wright 40, 145t; Cecil Roberts 335, 312b; Arlene Woods 178, 49b; Lonnie Rogers 186, 225t; Eunice Webb 61, 373; Ruth Daniel 47t, 378t; Mildred Paterson 167, 146.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Charles Woods who led 430 in memory of the following deceased: Preston McClendon, Naomi Sailors, Kelly Beard, Evelyn Newman, and Louise Allen.

The sick and shut-ins remembered included the following: Alice Edwards, I.V. McWhorter, Shelbie Sheppard, Lois Stanson, Jim Parrish, Evelyn Harris, Elder Lewis Norton, Gertrude Norton, Alma Owen, Ledus Owen, Sherrie Edwards, Gladys McGraw, Reby Stanford, Irvin Roberts, Bernice Jackson, and Bobby Jackson. The memorial was concluded with prayer by Lonnie Rogers. Charles Woods led 274t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Charles Woods leading 430. Leaders: Karleen Williams 136, 137; Joyce Lambert 127, 111t; Sherry Lovvorn 143; Ellen

Waters and Charlene Wallace 75, 87; Mildred Johnson and Daphene Ray 335, 208; Eric Robinson 101t; Junior Robinson 569b; Daphene Ray and Mildred Johnson 358, 453, 455; Elder Homer Benefield 56t; Louise Holland 43, 100; Nick Griffin 164; Robert Chambless 503 (for B.J. and Evelyn Harris's son, Dale Harris); Lonnie Rogers and Karleen Williams 340; Charlene Wallace 565 (for Bernice Jackson and Bobby Jackson), 282 (for Sherrie Edwards); Hugh McGraw 569t; Stanley Edwards 85; Jeff Sheppard 122; Arlene Woods 479; Cecil Roberts 37b; Judy Chambless 490. Announcements were made. Charles Woods, Stanley Edwards, and Charlene Wallace led 46 as the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Charles Woods; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

CLEAR CREEK CONVENTION WEST
Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse)
Fayette County, Alabama
Sunday, September 4, 2005

The Clear Creek Convention West Sacred Harp Singing was held at Pleasant Hill Church (Johnson Schoolhouse) on the first Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 48t. The morning prayer was offered by Glenn Keeton. Travis Keeton led 44.

The class was organized for the day by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairlady—Elene Stovall; Arranging Committee—Bridgett Hill; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 157; Elene Stovall 217, 200, 224; Josie Hyde 234, 197, 183; Bridgett Hill 73t, 203, 426t; Wilton Donaldson 32t, 75, 100; Elizabeth Keeton 101t, 274t, 335; Gary Smith 73b, 225t, 565; Sarah Smith 445, 343, 129.

RECESS

Elene Stovall called the class back to order leading 33b. Leaders: Amber Davis 29t, 74b, 85; Donna Broumbach 571 (for Nadine Willis), 45t, 457 (for Fred Killingsworth, Jr.); Juanita Beasley 313t, 36b, 270; Marlin Beasley 316 (in memory of D.M. Aldridge), 285t, 63; Earl Ballinger 80b, 82t, 84.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Bridgett Hill leading 276. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 222, 220, 50b; Glenn Keeton 86, 178, "Joshua"; Richard Mauldin 143 (in memory of his mother), 43 (for John Hyde), 146 (in memory of his grandmother); Lisa Geist 436, 171, "Ashley"; Josie Hyde 434, 104; Marlin Beasley 318; Glenn Keeton and Elizabeth Keeton 163b; Sarah Smith and Gary Smith 317 (in memory of her grandmother); Wilton Donaldson 490; Amber Davis 186; Lisa Geist 120; Juanita Beasley 141; Richard Mauldin 168 (in memory of his aunt); Larry Ballinger 300.

This convention will be held here at Pleasant Hill again in 2006.

Travis Keeton and Elene Stovall led 348b as the closing song. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairlady—Elene Stovall; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

FOX VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL SINGING
Island Park, Geneva, Illinois
Sunday, September 4, 2005

The Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing was opened with prayer at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday before the Labor Day Holiday. Marcia Johnson called the class to order leading 34b.

Leaders: James Page 216; Debbie Barford 142; Lisa Cohen 148; Ted Mercer presented a brief explanation of Sacred Harp singing for newcomers and led 28b; Jim Helke 66; Herb Schroeder 36b; Jerry Enright 52t; Julie Veal 430; Johanna Fabke 32b; John Seaton 37b; Connie Karduck 299; Beverley Enright 224 (in memory of the victims of hurricane Katrina); Grace Scrimgeour 33b; Ted Johnson 222; Jim Lawrie 461; Janet Newton 49t.

LUNCH

Marcia Johnson led 97 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Marta Gossage 551; Rochelle Lodder 84; Bruce Holmes 146; Karen Freund 171.

Marcia Johnson conducted another brief singing school for afternoon newcomers to the Folk Festival and led the class in singing 28b.

Leaders: James Page 272; David Barford 273; John Seaton 47t; Debbie Barford 304; Herb Schroeder 332; Sue Kessell 485; Johanna Fabke 335; Ted Mercer 217; Kris Richardson 155; Connie Karduck 565; Karen Freund 45t; Ted Johnson 215; Aaron Peterson and Ted Mercer 159; Beverley Enright 344; Sue Kessell, Anna Lindval, and Julie Allen 178; Lisa Cohen 504; Jerry Enright 47b; Jim Lawrie 225b; Julie Veal 436; Wally Bloch 133 (in memory of Al Frank, who died on August 22, 2005); David Barford 547; Jim Helke 30b.

Announcements were made. The class was dismissed with prayer.

Secretary—Connie Karduck.

LABOR DAY SINGING
Shoal Creek Church, Cleburne County, Alabama
Monday, September 5, 2005

The annual Labor Day Singing was held at Shoal Creek Church in the Talladega National Forest, Cleburne County, near Heflin, Alabama on the first Monday in September. Jeff Sheppard called the class to order leading 32t. Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong; Secretary—LaRue Allen; Arranging Committee—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 57; Richard DeLong 60, 74t; Ed Thacker 385t, 181; Eunice Webb 146, 283; Stanley Edwards 321, 77t; LaRue Allen 316, 36b; Winfred Kerr 89, 282; Robert Chambless 225t, 452; Donna Bell 48b, 77b; Jeannette DePoy 567, 498; B.M. Smith 318, 28b; Charlene Wallace 276, 392.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Richard DeLong leading 333. Leaders: John Plunkett 501, 417; Henry Johnson 409, 425; Bridgett Hill, Christopher Hill, and Cynthia Pantazez 203, 209; Rodney Ivey 101b, 56b; Floy Wilder 142, 183; Les Scott 461, 155; Olivia Hill 335; Joan Durdin 148, 47t; Evelyn Harris 30t; Lonnie Rogers 33b, 348b; Bethanne Hill 101t, 39t; Phillip Langley 182, 436; Glenda Collins, Ashleigh Ratcliff, and Blake Ratcliff 45t, 81t.

Jeff Sheppard acknowledged members of the Jones family present. He called on Sonja Randle, a member of the Jones family, who spoke of all the members of the George O. Jones family who erected the present church. She gave names of many

families who lived nearby and sang regularly in the church, and gave a history of the church. It was built on land bought by treaty from the Indians in 1832; in 1845 a church building was erected of logs and had a dirt floor. This building burned, and in 1889 a new church was built. Services at the church were discontinued in 1914, and the only regularly scheduled service at the church is the Sacred Harp Singing, held annually on Labor Day for the past half century. Sonja Randle closed her remarks by leading 82t.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Jeff Sheppard leading 176t. Leaders: Tony Hammock 83b, 441; Judy Green 317, 147t; Max Berueffy 325, 189; Louise Holland 437, 186; B.J. Harris 303, 503; Sandra Wilkinson 277, 67; Matt Hinton 42, 63; Lou Cotney 329, 401; Erica Hinton 68b, 34b; Mildred McElroy 192, 384; Scott DePoy 358, 74b; Joan Durdin 178; Bethanne Hill 76b; Les Scott 49b; Bridgett Hill 440. Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and Richard DeLong led 46 as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Richard DeLong; Secretary—LaRue Allen.

OBERLIN SACRED HARP SINGING **Grace Episcopal Church, Oberlin, Ohio** **Saturday, September 10, 2005**

The eighth annual Sacred Harp singing in Oberlin, Ohio was held at Christ Episcopal Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in September was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Songs listed by name are from *Oberlin Harmony*.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Treasurer—Joe Todd; Chaplain—Jane Wells; Food—Jane Wells and Beth Todd; Secretary—Charles Wells.

Because most of the early arrivals had never sung Sacred Harp music before, we began with several songs for discussion and practice: 49t, 159, 49b, 34b, 128, 107, 569.

Leaders: Jane Wells 503, 171; Beth Todd 327, 146; Gerry Hoffman 47t, 42.

RECESS

Joe Todd called the class to order with 40. Leaders: Joe Todd 65, 133; Charles Wells “Ten Thousand Charms”, 52; Jane Wells “Bosold”, 80; Beth Todd 501, 112; Gerry Hoffman 39t, 142; Brian How 106, 114.

RECESS

Charles Wells called the class to order leading 155. Leaders: Joe Todd 312b, 163b; Charles Wells “New Orleans”, “Muhaiyadeen”; Jane Wells “Captain Kidd”, “Millbrook”; Beth Todd 284, 231 (by request). Jane Wells led the class in thanksgiving for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Beth Todd called the class to order with 68. Leaders: Avery Book 47b, “Lisbon”; Gerry Hoffman “Mount Hope”, 36b; Brian How 66, 504; Charles Wells “Harkness”, “Garvin”; Jane Wells 313b, 179; Beth Todd “I Won’t Turn Back”, 388.

RECESS

The class was called to order. Leaders: Avery Book 410t, 181; Gerry Hoffman “Consolation”, 209; Brian How 147t, 148; Joe Todd 35, 124; the class sang the following songs by request: Beth Todd 178, 168; Avery Book 203.

Announcements were made. Charles Wells led 347 as the closing song, and Jane Wells offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed. Secretary—Charles Wells.

UNITED SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION
Neely Dining Room, Belmont University; Nashville, Tennessee
September 10-11, 2005
Saturday, September 10

The one hundred-second session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association met at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in September. Richard DeLong brought the class to order leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Ron Harper.

Leaders: Richard DeLong 60; John Plunkett 52t; Nora Parker 317; Lynn deBenedette and Karen Freund 171; Henry Johnson 230; Judy Mincey 538; David Carlton 142; Rodney Ivey 564; Don Bowen 350; Ed Thacker 403; Sandie Scott 408; Bob Meek 198; Bridgett Hill 276; Ron Harper 379; Gary Smith 569b; Nate Green and Norma Green 568; Lauren Blankers 147t.

Dr. Dan McAlexander, Provost of Belmont University, welcomed everyone to the University for the two days of Sacred Harp singing.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with John Plunkett leading 79. Leaders: Mike Hinton 480; Ray Turrentine 378t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Honorary Chairmen—Dr. Bill Reynolds and Hugh McGraw; Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—David Carlton; Secretary (permanent)—Nora Parker; Assistant Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Chaplains—Ron Harper and John Plunkett; Arranging Committee—Henry Schuman, Sandie Scott, and Jeannette DePoy; Memorial Committee—Richard DeLong, Mike Hinton, Alicia Williams, and Ted Mercer; Resolutions Committee—Bob Simmons, Sarah Smith, and Heidi Nolan; Finance Committee—Ray Turrentine, Don Bowen, Seth Holloway, and Lewis Frost; Locating Committee—David Ivey and Gary Gronau. End of business session.

Tim Reynolds commented as follows: “It is very appropriate that I am following in the steps of Richard DeLong as chairman of this convention. When I began singing regularly, in the late 1960’s and early 1970’s, we had gotten to the point where we could not have a singing without the help of the van load of singers that Hugh McGraw would bring up here. Among those singers were Charlene Wallace, Carlene Griffin, Buford McGraw, Lloyd Redding, Jim Ayers, and Richard DeLong. I want to thank Richard DeLong and those other singers for their support. They are, in part, responsible for our being here today.

Yesterday in the Conference on American Hymnody, Ron Pen referred to George Pullen Jackson as the “patriarch of Sacred Harp research.” Here in Nashville Dr. Jackson is our patriarch because he started the Sacred Harp singing here. The group of singers here has never been very large, but it has always had an academic flavor because of those early beginnings. So, it is very appropriate that we are meeting here on a college campus.

In the tribute to Dr. Jackson in the minutes of the 1965 United Convention, also held in Nashville, Dr. Irving Wolfe told how Dr. Jackson had taken him to his first Sacred Harp singing. In 1955, when my parents moved to Nashville, Dr. Wolfe took my father, William J. Reynolds, to his first singing at Peabody College. In the early 1960’s, my father took me to my first singing, the Mattox Memorial, in Lawrenceburg. That is my Sacred Harp heritage.

Now, I want to introduce some descendants of the members of that heritage. Jo Jackson Pendleton, of Waco, Texas, is the granddaughter of George Pullen Jackson. Charlotte Wolfe and Virginia Wolfe Stuart are the daughters of Irving Wolfe.

In 1965, when the United Convention was held at the Ellington Agricultural Center here in Nashville, the chairman was the Rev. Priestly Miller, pastor of Harpeth Presbyterian Church. It is also appropriate that we are meeting in Nashville this year, because 2005 is the centennial of Rev. Miller's birth. We are pleased to have Mary Evelyn Miller and Mrs. Priestley Miller with us today. Finally, I want to introduce Dr. Cynthia Curtis, Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts here at Belmont University. She is going to help me to lead 64, "Nashville."

The following people, whose names appear in the minutes of the 1965 United Convention, were present at this year's convention: Reba Dell Lacy Windom, Hugh McGraw, Nora Parker, Dr. William J. Reynolds, Fay Thompson, Dr. J. William Thompson, and Charlene Wallace.

Leaders: LaRue Allen 492; Linton Ballinger 306; Joan Aldridge 473; Heidi Nolan 448t; Tim Cook 174; Ginny Landgraf 328; David Music 99; Harry Eskew 128; Brad Bahler 117.

RECESS

The class reassembled with Tim Reynolds leading 85. Leaders: Randy Neufeld 102; Matt Hinton 42; Kristin Richardson 186; David Rust 477; Clayton Ezell 300; Fay Thompson 159; Gordon Wilkinson 380; Richard Mauldin 129; Jessica Findley and Coy Ivey 282, 384; Carroll Lunsford 103; Mary Wright 290; James Wagner 268.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by David Carlton leading 101t. Leaders: Bobby Watkins 30b; Linda Sides 225t; Kiri Miller 224; Elene Stovall 215; Ted Mercer 352; Drew Smith 385b; Reba Windom 542; Ron Pen 209; Cora Sweatt 81t; Carolyn Deacy 77t; Daphene Causey 442; Jackson Harcrow 76b; Jerry Enright 330t.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Henry Schuman leading 270. Leaders: David Ivey 112; Susan Harcrow 269; Terry Wootten 345b; Judy Caudle 188; Donald Ross 419; Sarah Jenkins 29t; Pattie Doss 39b; Gary Gronau 430; Marcia Johnson 216; Chris Noren 236; Donna Bell 97; John Bahler 454; Rochelle Lodder 148; Marilyn Burchett 294; Jim Glaser 207; Charlotte Wolfe Stuart and Charlene Wallace 192; Warren Steel 418; Stephanie Fida 86.

RECESS

Sandie Scott brought the class to order by leading 74b. Leaders: Susan Posey 178; Jeanette Mattox Dewberry 217 (Jeanette is the daughter of George M. Mattox, who was a member of the Music Committee for the first edition of the *Denson Revision*, published in 1936, and he was a member of the Arranging Committee for the 1965 United Convention); Lewis Frost 452; Doris Littrell 358; James M. Wagner 268; Fayrene Box 146; Ted Johnson 383; Vella Dailey 47b; Mike Thompson 121; Mary Harrison 457; Chris Nolan 236; Nick Pasqual 313b; Rose Mary Schuman 107; Amanda Denson, Beth Branscome, Mary Harrison, and Rose Mary Schuman 260. Tim Reynolds led 312b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Ron Harper.

Sunday, September 11

The Sunday session was brought to order at 9:30 a.m. by Tim Reynolds leading 34b. The morning prayer was offered by John Plunkett. Dr. Rick Hoffman, Associate Professor of Music at Belmont University, was introduced. He welcomed everyone to the University.

Leaders: David Carlton 27; Flarce Creel and Emily Creel 475; Charlene Wallace 218; Danny Creel 222; Martha Beverly 56b; Jim Helke 77b; Paul Figura 32t; Jackson Pendleton 72t; Teddy Creel 124; Bill Beverly 297; Shirley Figura 565; Marlin

Beasley and Joey Findley 460; Cathy White 146; Harrison Creel 111b; Virginia Douglas 49b; Sarah Smith 385b.

RECESS

The class was reassembled with Sandie Scott leading 287. Leaders: Megan Jennings 504; Steve Cobb 285t; Kay Huener 148; Mike Grimes 498; Marta Gossage 333; Diane Ross 543; Barbara Swetman 542; Pat Temple 232; Beth Branscome 277; Paula Springfield 380; Erin Cole 131t.

Richard DeLong, Mike Hinton, Alicia Williams, and Ted Mercer conducted the memorial lesson. The names of the deceased were read by Alicia Williams as follows: Ruth Aaron, Gerald Wootten, Maxine Lacy, Ivalene Donaldson, Jap Walton, John Hocutt, Hershell King, Sherry Guthery, Johnnie Blakeley, and Vera Blakeley—Alabama; Naomi Sailors, Preston McClendon, Berta Hanson, and Floyd Peters—Georgia; Phillip Alderman—Missouri; Kelly Beard—Texas; Alan Frank and Vi Stark—Illinois; Dean Slaton—Indiana; Allen Fannin and Phyllis Flandreau—New York; Tom Gibney—New Jersey; Darlene McDonough—Minnesota; Carl Ford—Tennessee; Graham Pugh—United Kingdom. Richard DeLong led 566 in memory of the deceased. Ted Mercer led 179 for the Illinois and Indiana deceased.

The sick and shut-ins were Oscar McGuire, Jerry Holbrook, Carlene Griffin, Bill Green, Homer Whitworth, Edith Tate, Clarence McCool, John Hyde, Josie Hyde, Charles Creel, Shelbie Sheppard, Julietta Haynes, Dick Mauldin, Denson Hinton, Beau Caldwell, Emily Boswell, Jeanette Lowry, Ophelia Matthews, Edith Owens, Myra Palmer, Jane Harrison, Libby Riordan, Brian Riordan, Sonia Matlick Jones, Pauline Childers, Bill Thomas, Darlene Thomas, Clayton Ezell, Thelma Ezell, and Larry Olszewski. Mike Hinton led 546 in honor of the sick and shut-ins. Tim Reynolds led 551 in memory of Margaret Wright. Mike Hinton closed the memorial with prayer.

Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 567; Carroll Lunsford 319; Dorothea McCowan 304; Warren Steel 396; Melanie Hardy 143; Matt Hinton 503; Sharon DuPriest 434; Lynn deBenedette and Karen Freund 182, 430; Kaylee Duncan and Bob Meeks 55; Jerry Enright 77t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by David Carlton leading 501. Leaders: Linda Sides 454; Mark Brown 448t; Becky Browne 270; Emily Creel 269; Barrett Patton and Rodney Ivey 101t; Jonathan Pendleton 354b; Jo Schultz 532; Aaron Wootten 480; Jeff Adcock 35; Carolyn Deacy and Masil Robbins 128; Shane Wootten 500; Max Berueffy 436; Reba Windom 196; Joel Jenkins and Sarah Jenkins 208; LaRue Allen 220; Ted Mercer 421; Alice Ann Vaughan Borge (granddaughter of Will Vaughan and niece of James Vaughn, members of Vaughan Quartet) and David Ivey 392.

A business session was held to hear reports from various committees. The following Finance Committee Report was given by Nora Parker: Balance brought forward, \$1,336.72; Collection, \$708.00; Total, \$2,044.72; Expenses for minutes, paper goods, and food, \$757.03; a balance of \$1,287.69 is carried forward.

The Secretary, Nora Parker, reported that a total of eighteen states were represented during the two days of singing.

The Resolutions Committee Report was presented by Bob Simmons. Remembering the report of the Committee at last year's meeting expressing concern that Sacred Harp singing seemed to be "endangered", we note with pleasure and encouragement a resurgent enthusiasm for this honored tradition, and we resolve to further this spirit of vigorous support welling up in both the young and older among us. We continue our resolve to honor the memory of those singers of the past by keeping alive the traditions they have left us.

Remembering their lifelong dedication to the cause of Sacred Harp singing and their warm affection for these singers, we resolve to honor the work of our Co-Chairmen, Hugh McGraw and William Reynolds.

Remembering the sad and horrifying events in our national experience four years ago, on this day, we resolve to honor the memories of our fellow citizens who have given their last full measure of devotion in service to our country in the intervening years.

Remembering the more recent hurricanes along our Gulf Coast, the greatest disaster in our nation's history, we resolve to make the words of our songs about love and compassion come to life as we seek to serve those who have lost so much.

Be it resolved that the Association thanks Belmont University for the kind invitation to meet on the University campus this year, and that we express our particular gratitude to Dr. Dan McAlexander, Provost, and to Dr. Cynthia Curtis, Dean of the School of Music, for their courtesies. Our special appreciation goes to Dr. Rick Hoffmann, Associate Professor of Music, for yeoman service in handling and settling many of the details involved.

For the mercies of God upon those of us here, and for the generosity of those who have prepared food and other amenities for our meeting, we resolve to be a more thankful folk and to grow in the grace of giving until we meet again as an Association of loved ones when God shall provide.

Respectfully submitted by: Bob Simmons, Sarah Smith, and Heidi Nolan.

The Locating Committee reported the one-hundred third session of the United Sacred Harp Association will meet in Birmingham, Alabama in 2006.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the reports and to adjourn the business session.

Charlene Wallace and Nora Parker were recognized for the work they have done for the convention for a number of years, and were presented a tote bag from the state of Tennessee.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Heidi Nolan leading 278t. Leaders: Linda Thomas 303 (for Jeff Sheppard, whose birthday is today); Jackson Harcrow and Drew Smith 376; Mark Brown "Sweet Beulah Land"; John Plunkett 383; Ted Johnson and Marsha Johnson 440; Seth Holloway 388; Bridgett Hill 168; Michele Cull 155; Terry Wootten 39t; Susan Harcrow 426b; Ed Thacker 486; Henry Johnson 70b; Elene Stovall and Jessica Findley 430; Judy Caudle 343; Henry Schuman 318 (for Pauline Childers, who was unable to attend).

Announcements were made. Tim Reynolds led 142 as the closing song. The convention was closed with prayer offered by John Plunkett.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—David Carlton; Secretary—Nora Parker; Assistant Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

UNITED KINGDOM SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Letchworth Free Church, Norton Way South
Letchworth Garden City, United Kingdom
September 10-11, 2005

Saturday, September 10

The tenth United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Ken Baddley leading 49t. Chaplain Alan Weeks offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ken Baddley; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders and Judy Whiting; Chaplain—Alan Weeks;

Arranging Committee—Cath Tyler, Phil Tyler, Helen Brown, and Judy Whiting; Memorial Committee—Steve Fletcher.

Leaders: Cath Tyler 59; Margaret Gillanders 203; Sheila Girling Macadam 535; Rachel Jordan 474; Chris Brown 441; Cheryl Foreman 492; Ian West 32t; Gary Rogan 299; Judy Whiting 171; Ronald Bornick 454; Meg Larson 452; Beverly Coates 481; Emily Verrier 146; Andrew Snyder 163b; Vivian Rogan 282; Phil Tyler 300; Mandy Townsend 318; Margaret Bornick 162; Nick Hall 515; Bruce Coates 565; Steve Fletcher 29t; Paul Setford 495; Bobbie Goodell 473; Edwin Macadam 547; Helen Brown 99.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Cath Tyler leading 228. Leaders: Bernard Collard 217; Mick Verrier 95; Dave Townsend 148; Ken Baddley 147t; Margaret Gillanders 142; Rachel Jordan 501; Chris Brown 29b; Cheryl Foreman 430; Ian West 566; Gary Rogan 319; Ronald Bornick 448b; Meg Larson 200; Beverly Coates 448t; Andrew Snyder 216; Vivian Rogan 178; Phil Tyler 332; Mandy Townsend 480; Margaret Bornick 268; Nick Hall 497. Alan Weeks returned grace for the noon meal.

During the lunch recess an alternative sing was held. New and recent compositions by Paul Setford, Tony Singleton, and Mick Verrier were sung, and earlier editions of songs by New England composers were introduced by Sheila Girling Macadam and Paul Setford.

LUNCH

The class was brought back to order by Edwin Macadam, leading 350. Leaders: Helen Brown 352; Bruce Coates 34t; Steve Fletcher 150; Paul Setford 101t; Bobbie Goodell 123t; Bernard Collard 362; Mick Verrier 383; Judy Whiting 212; Dave Townsend 117; Sheila Girling Macadam 198; Alan Weeks 151; Ken Baddley 34b; Margaret Gillanders 186; Cath Tyler 155; Rachel Jordan 528; Adrian Bolge 72b; Chris Brown 31b; Cheryl Foreman 475; Ian West 312b; Gary Rogan 129; Ronald Bornick 334; Meg Larson 147b; Beverly Coates 176b; Andrew Snyder 504; Vivian Rogan 56t.

RECESS

The class reassembled with Mandy Townsend leading 40. Leaders: Phil Tyler 338; Margaret Bornick 236; Nick Hall 143; Edwin Macadam 538; Helen Brown 556; Bruce Coates 46; Steve Fletcher 85; Dave Townsend 551; Paul Setford 273; Judy Whiting 68b; Bernard Collard 128; Bobbie Goodell 410t; Mick Verrier 209; Alan Weeks 73b; Sheila Girling Macadam 183.

Announcements were made. Ken Baddley led 347 as the closing song. Chaplain Alan Weeks offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 11

The Sunday session was called to order by Chairman Ken Baddley leading 34b. Chaplain Alan Weeks offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Judy Whiting 33b; Cath Tyler 477; Alan Weeks 40; Helen Brown 283; Chris Brown 267; Rachel Jordan 287; Cheryl Foreman 354t; Ros Clements 192; Ronald Bornick 178; Bob Lilley 133; Ruth Steggles 452; Gary Rogan 384; Mandy Townsend 82t; Beverly Coates 532; Phil Tyler 428; Margaret Bornick 182; Andrew Snyder 542.

A business session addressing the topic of the formation of a steering group for the United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention was held.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ros Clements leading 84. Leaders: Alan Weeks 352; Sheila Girling Macadam 112; Nick Hall 127; Vivian Rogan 32t; Edwin Macadam 528; Cath Tyler 47t; Hannah Land 147t; Bruce Coates 361; Steve Fletcher 126; Meg Larson 330b; Dave Townsend 31t; Paul Setford 120; Bobbie Goodell 358;

Mick Verrier 201; Adrian Bolge 370; Bernard Collard 42; Chris Brown 38b; Ruth Steggles 200; Helen Brown 278t.

Steve Fletcher and Nick Hall conducted the memorial lesson. Rachel Jordan led 288 in memory of those who have gone before.

Ken Baddley gave the sick and housebound lesson. Judy Whiting led 72b in their honor. Alan Weeks gave the celebration lesson. Ted Brown offered grace for the noon meal.

During the lunch recess an alternative sing was again held. New and recent compositions by Paul Setford, Tony Singleton, and Mick Verrier were sung, and earlier editions of songs by New England composers were introduced by Sheila Girling Macadam and Paul Setford.

LUNCH

Edwin Macadam called the class back to order leading 497. Leaders: Cheryl Foreman 107; Ronald Bornick 117; Ros Clements 510; Gary Rogan 276; Emily Verrier, the newly-married Anna Baldini, Hannah Land, and Sally Sumner 146; Hannah Land 454; Bruce Coates 39b; Mandy Townsend 106; Phil Tyler 105; Jenny Ellis 86; Beverley Coates 472; Andrew Snyder 313b; Vivian Rogan 235; Bob Lilley 551; Margaret Bornick 455; Nick Hall 496; Anna Baldini 272; Sheila Girling Macadam 365.

RECESS

The class took a recess in order to bid farewell to six of our twelve visitors from the USA, who had to leave to catch their plane home to Texas. Ken Baddley spoke of their charm, courtesy and warmth, and how much the class had appreciated the spirit in which they had joined in our convention. Beverley Coates responded on their behalf, saying that it was easy to love the songs, and the people who sing them.

The class was reconvened by Ruth Steggles leading 299. Leaders: Mick Verrier 367; Paul Setford 45; Steve Fletcher 269; Dave Townsend 434; Bobbie Goodell 196; Adrian Bolge 491; Meg Larson 549; Bernard Collard 63; Helen Brown 436; Rachel Jordan 189; Cath Tyler 499; Judy Whiting 373.

Ken Baddley thanked the Arranging Committee, Secretaries, Chaplain, the Memorial Committee, and all officers who made the convention run smoothly; the Kitchen Brigade under Jenny Ellis, Ann Weeks, and Ros Clements for their unstinting efforts, pointing out that Ros had also spent the day before the convention in cleaning the venue. Ken further thanked Helen Brown, Rachel Jordan, Dave Townsend, and Mick Verrier for providing such accurate pitching over the two days of the convention; Mick Verrier for providing music for the alternative sings; and those who had provided food in the usual generous way.

Ken Baddley led 347 as the closing song then offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ken Baddley; Secretaries—Margaret Gillanders and Judy Whiting.

CALHOUN COUNTY CONVENTION

Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church, Four Mile Community Between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama Saturday, September 17, 2005

The ninety-first session of the Calhoun County Convention met at Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church in the Four Mile Community, between Anniston and Jacksonville, Alabama on Saturday before the third Sunday in September. The class was called to order by B.J. Harris leading 32t. Henry Johnson offered the morning prayer. B.J. Harris led 303; B.M. Smith 101t, 122 (in memory of Ruth Brown); Pearl Guier 40, 49b.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—B.J. Harris; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee—Pearl Guier; Memorial Committee—Teenie Moody. Leaders: B.J. Harris 503; S.T. Reed 101b, 102; Pam Nunn 168, 155; Eugene Forbes 208, 317; Reba Norton 441, 177; Ed Thacker 298, 301; Daphene Causey 222; Bud Oliver 145b, 274t; Teenie Moody 171, 203; Judy Chambless 570, 82t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by B.M. Smith leading 318. Leaders: Eunice Webb 480, 392; Jeremy Shipp 495, 354t; Judy Caudle 187, 76t; Audress Gurley 36b, 339; LaRue Allen 314, 349; Robert Walker 490, 401.

Teenie Moody conducted the memorial lesson. Mary L. Smith led 499 for the sick and shut-ins. Teenie Moody led 30b for the deceased, and closed the memorial with prayer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by B.M. Smith leading 475. Leaders: Floy Wilder 327, 350; Robert Chambless 175, 49t; Myrline Redmon 358, 569b; Sharon DuPriest 460, 212; Henry Johnson 86, 375; Lou Cotney 300, 189; Margie Smith 225t, 494; Jarrod Ball 543, 432; Kenneith Calvert 120, 143; Betty Wright 348b, 68b; Richard Mauldin 100; Richard Mauldin and Dick Mauldin 378t; Charlene Wallace 347, 446; James Wagner 384, 282; Evelyn Harris 45t, 47t; Jeff Sheppard 211, 556; Nellie Mae White 47b, 159; John Plunkett 158, 414.

Announcements were made. B.M. Smith and B.J. Harris led 46 as the closing song. Ed Thacker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—B.J. Harris; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard.

ILLINOIS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Old State Capitol, Springfield, Illinois

September 17-18, 2005

Saturday, September 17

The twenty-first annual session of the Illinois State Sacred Harp Convention was opened by Lori Graber leading 49t. Terry Hogg offered the morning prayer. Lori Graber welcomed singers to the Old State Capitol. The books used were *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, and the *Missouri Harmony, 2005 Revision* (MH).

The following officers and committees were previously elected and appointed:

Chair—Lori Graber; Co-Chair—Janet Fraembs; Secretary/Treasurer—Barbara A. Moore; Arranging Committee—Berkley Moore and Barbara A. Moore; Finance—Mark Graber; Memorial Committee—Berkley Moore and Janet Fraembs.

Leaders: Janet Fraembs 4 (MH); Terry Hogg 51 (MH); Berkley Moore 142 (MH); Paul Figura 127 (MH); Jim Page “Berkley”; Jan Ketelle 168; Amy Miczulski 312b; David Rust 291; Doug Stapleton 178; Martha Beverly 137; Joan Aldridge 155; Shirley Figura 84; Joanne Bowman 542; Peter Bradley 163b; Lissa Blood 141; Penny Kujawinski 128; Lou Kujawinski 53; Dick Dunagan 109 (MH); Val Dunagan 157 (MH).

RECESS

Ted Mercer brought the class back to order leading 87. Leaders: Peggy Brayfield 350; Richard Popp 441; Becky Browne 142; Don Baker 74b; Karen Swenson 99; Grace Scrimgeour 33b; Wally Bloch 146; Lori Graber 373; Pete Ellertsen 32t; Janet Fraembs 172 (MH); Berkley Moore 33 (MH); Paul Figura 19 (MH); Jim Page 45 (MH); Jan Ketelle 113 (MH); Ann Miczulski 30t; David Rust 378b; Doug Stapleton 171. Don Baker asked the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Lori Graber brought the class back together for the afternoon session leading 354b. Leaders: Martha Beverly 475; Clare Cardy 504; Joan Aldridge 150; Shirley Figura 145b; Joanne Bowman 306; Peter Bradley 365; Terry Hogg 13 (MH); Lissa Blood 290; Penny Kujawinski 217; Lou Kujawinski 297; Dick Dunagan 22 (MH); Val Dunagan 151 (MH); Ted Mercer 23 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 104 (MH); Richard Popp 361; Becky Browne 203; Don Baker 56b; Karen Swenson 89 (MH); Grace Scrimgeour 287; Wally Bloch 159.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Berkley Moore leading 229. Leaders: Lori Graber 480; Janet Fraembs 335; Ted Mercer 75 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 48b; Richard Popp 240; Becky Browne 121 (MH); Don Baker 288; Pete Ellertsen 510; Paul Figura 501; James Page 67 (MH); Jan Ketelle 36 (MH); Ann Miczulski 569b; David Rust 391; Martha Beverly 496; Clare Cardy 505; Joan Aldridge 270; Shirley Figura 59; Joanne Bowman 101t; Peter Bradley 40; Dick Dunagan 160 (MH); Val Dunagan 344. Lori Graber led 347 as the closing song. Martha Beverly offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 18

The Sunday session was called to order by Lori Graber leading 34b. Dick Dunagan offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Janet Fraembs 59; Peggy Brayfield 556; Don Baker 284; Emily Gruber 28t; Terry Hogg 8 (MH); LaMar Schlabach 282; Penny Kujawinski 157; Lou Kujawinski 272; Julie Vea 171; Richard Popp 436; Paul Figura 77 (MH); Joan Aldridge 276; James Page 32 (MH); Shirley Figura 68b; Joanne Bowman 368; David Rust 299; Wally Bloch 148; Dick Dunagan 36b; Val Dunagan 43 (MH).

RECESS

Lori Graber brought the class back to order with 76b. Leaders: Emily Gruber 51 (MH); LaMar Schlabach 47t; Penny Kujawinski 56 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 212; Julie Vea 352; Richard Popp 218; Paul Figura 457; Joan Aldridge 297; Jim Page 98 (MH). Berkley Moore conducted the memorial lesson and then led 285t for the deceased.

Many of the Sacred Harp songs are about death and dying and the Sacred Harp tradition emphasizes both the bad and the good in life. The memorial singing tradition helps us deal with all disasters as well as with our own death when it is our time. It also reminds us of the religious ties that bind people in our community together, even though we represent many religious faiths. Sharing our remembrance with our community helps take away the sting of death. Those remembered were John Craig, Pat Craig, Al Frank, June Porter, Vi Stark, and Ruth White—Illinois; Dean Slaton—Indiana; Ivalene Donaldson—Alabama; Darlene McDonough—Minnesota; Philip Alderman—Missouri; and the hurricane victims.

Janet Fraembs spoke for the sick and shut-ins, and noted that we want to keep these people in our prayers and thoughts. We are sad to think about the devastation on the Gulf Coast, and we need to think about those we know, too. We are all one community. She led 490 for people on our memorial list and all others who need our thoughts. The following sick and shut-ins were remembered: Edie Malehorn, Dennis Miller, and Lee Steinmetz—Illinois; Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; Bob Anderson and Bob Scorgie—Wisconsin. Berkley Moore closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Joanne Bowman led 565. Terry Hogg led a prayer asking a blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Peggy Brayfield leading 277. Leaders: Pete Ellertsen 207; Peggy Peryam 178; David Rust 268; Shirley Figura 349; Lori Graber 454; Dick Dunagan 149 (MH); Val Dunagan 473; Janet Fraembs 178 (MH); Don

Baker 267; Berkley Moore 158 (MH); Terry Hogg 55 (MH); Peggy Brayfield 92 (MH); Adrian Eldridge and Virginia Eldridge 61; Emily Gruber 89 (MH); Peggy Peryam 83 (MH); LaMar Schlabach 32t.

RECESS

The class resumed with Paul Figura leading 73t. Leaders: Penny Kujawinski 215; Lou Kujawinski 352; Julie Vea 208; Richard Popp 175; Paul Figura 130 (MH); Joanne Bowman 448b; Jim Page 111 (MH); Pete Ellertsen 135; David Rust 481; Shirley Figura 348b; Dick Dunagan 106; Joan Aldridge 71; Val Dunagan 475; Adrian Eldridge and Virginia Eldridge 58; Janet Fraembs 385b; Don Baker 49t; Terry Hogg 27; Berkley Moore 62.

After announcements were made, Lori Graber led 347 as the closing song. Berkley Moore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair—Lori Graber; Co-Chair—Janet Fraembs; Secretary—Barbara A. Moore.

CORNELIUS BENJAMIN (BENNIE) KEETON MEMORIAL Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery), Walker County, Alabama Sunday, September 18, 2005

The thirty-fourth annual session of the Cornelius Benjamin (Bennie) Keeton Memorial was held at Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery) in Walker County, Alabama on the third Sunday in September. This singing has been a memorial to Bennie Keeton since 1996. The class was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 59. Richard Mauldin offered the morning prayer. Glenn Keeton led 491.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Lena Keeton; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 155, 112; James S. Wagner 300, 388; Elizabeth Keeton 72b, 30t; Sarah Smith 161, 61; Samantha Spiller 445, 282; James Wagner 384, 354b; Ashley Keeton 299, 317; Kermit Adams 277, 157; Roma Rice 336, 496; Juanita Beasley 31b, 270.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton brought the class back to order by leading 290. Leaders: the class sang “Happy Birthday” to Bridgett Hill; Faye Donaldson 138t, 284; Lena Keeton 200, 276; Clarence McCool 68b, 349; Amber Davis 392, 212; Richard Mauldin 66 (for his father, Dick Mauldin), 63 (for John Hyde); Lisa Geist 528, 273; Ottis Sides 460, 530; Linda Sides 196, 203; Wilton Donaldson 75, 100; Bridgett Hill and Melinda Alexander 101t, 209; Gravis Ballinger 105, 91; Danny Creel 389, 76b; Glenn Keeton and Joshua Keeton “Joshua”.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Glenn Keeton leading 46. Leaders: Willodean Barton 480; Gary Smith 225t, 565; Beth O’Dell 189, 546; Harrison Creel 498, 512; Elene Stovall 302, 216; Larry Ballinger 215, 220; Max Berueffy 213t, 193; Flarce Creel and Harrison Creel 475; Sharon Spiller 339, 338; Marlin Beasley 137, 141; David (Chug) Beasley and Ruby Beasley 235, 457; Joshua Keeton 268, 408; Velton Chafin 521, 463; Ken Tate 35 (for his grandmother, Edith Tate), 144 (for Ozella Grimes and Pat Kanady); Josie Hyde 150, 198; Steve Adams and Sandra Williams 401, 101t; Margaret Keeton 285t; Latrive Bailey 358, 318; Christy Allen 321, 426t; Ronald Gilmore and Hazel Gilmore 127; Gwen Cornelius and Elizabeth Keeton 45t, 143 (for Ozella Grimes and Pat Kanady, who are in the hospital, aunts of Gwen Cornelius); Sandra Williams 391, 477; Alvin (Bunk) Beasley and Linda Beasley 81t.

Announcements were made. Glenn Keeton thanked everyone who came to make this a great singing. Glenn Keeton and Travis Keeton led 267 as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Lena Keeton.

SMYRNA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING
Goodwater, Alabama
Sunday, September 18, 2005

The annual singing at Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in September was called to order by Chairman Jack Nelson leading 59.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretary—Jenny Acton; Arranging Committee—Virginia Futral.

Leaders: Jack Nelson 481; Eugene Forbes 32t, 75; Myrline Redmon 452, 358; LaRue Allen 317, 99; Wendy Futral 100, 491; Floy Wilder 313t, 318; Denise Burleson 300, 383; William Futral 341, 490; Jenny Acton 340, 25 (JB).

RECESS

Jack Nelson brought the class to order leading 30b. Leaders: Brandon Acton 53, 388; Larry Acton 72b, 73b; Audress Gurley 517 (WB), 36b; Virginia Futral 566, 145b; Debbie Rich 108b, 274t; Richard Burleson 67, 63; Jack Nelson “What A Day That Will Be”, “A Light at the River”. Prayer for the noon meal was offered by Richard Burleson.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jack Nelson leading 438. Leaders: Eugene Forbes 112, 39b; Myrline Redmon 569b, 282; LaRue Allen 155, 186; Wendy Futral 101t, 218; Floy Wilder 40, 187; Myra Goss 288, 170; Sylvia Wesson 164, 460; Denise Burleson 73t, 196; William Futral 98, 147t.

Jack Nelson led 45t as the closing song, and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Secretary—Jenny Acton.

THE ORIGINAL B.F. WHITE SACRED HARP SINGING
CONVENTION (J.L. WHITE 1911 EDITION)
Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia
Sunday, September 18, 2005

The annual singing of the Original B.F. White Sacred Harp Convention was held at Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia on the third Sunday in September. John Plunkett called the class to order leading 59. Ed Thacker offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary/Treasurer—Sandra Wilkinson.

Leaders: John Plunkett 49t; Rodney Ivey 99; Sandra Wilkinson 316; Phillip Langley 217; Malinda Snow 191; Rita Haley 168; Annie Reeves 478t; Andy Anderson 137; Sharon Hamrick 276; Bob Goodman 293b; Russ Hanson 186; Martha Harrell 540; Judy Chambless 82t; Lela Crowder 222; Charles Woods 213; Don Clark 512; Ed Thacker 65; Helen Bryson 215; Bobby Jackson 517; John Hollingsworth 291.

RECESS

John Plunkett reassembled the class leading 481b. Leaders: Wesley Haley 45t; Mike Spencer 283b; Shane Wootten 526; Bud Oliver 73t; Joan Durdin 148; Karen Clark 173; Robert Chambless 519; Oscar McGuire 177; Timothy Haley 384; Judy Caudle 317b; Marvin Reeves 491b; Henry Johnson 111t; Violet Thomason 189; Tony

Hammock 101b; Vaudie Sherer 143; Jane Spencer 495. Prayer was offered at the lunch table by John Hollingsworth.

LUNCH

Rodney Ivey brought the class back in session leading 81t. Leaders: Mary Brownlee 496b; Tom Hanson 299; Judy Mincey 54t; Kelly Morris 447t; Raymond Hamrick 490b; Laura Akerman 475; Leslie Hanson 274t; David Grant 500t; Andy Morse 492; Carol Hanson 389t; Richard DeLong 286b; Rebecca Higgins 408; Alice West 277. Helen Bryson conducted the memorial lesson and led 49b, 36b, and 26 in the back of the book for the deceased, as well as the sick and shut-ins.

The deceased remembered were Quentin Watts, Douglas Faith, Berta Hanson, Robert Collier, Mae Ragsdale, Beulah Robertson, Preston McClendon, Naomi Sailors, and Elvera Lee—Georgia; Ivalene Donaldson—Alabama; Kelly Beard—Texas.

The sick and shut-ins included Carroll Lunsford, Hillman Ryan, Zola Ryan, Bill Green, Beufa Green, and Cora Lou Wagner. The memorial was closed with prayer by John Plunkett.

RECESS

John Plunkett brought the class to order leading 487t. Leaders: Henry Johnson 70b; Ellie Soler 300; Don Clark 348; Judy Caudle 544t; Marvin Reeves 509; Karen Clark 504; Shane Wootten 505; Ed Thacker 110; Annie Reeves 328; Bobby Jackson 341; Violet Thomason 192; Rodney Ivey 486t (for Billy Hollingsworth); Russ Hanson 511; Oscar McGuire 522; Mary Brownlee 151; Tom Hanson 387.

Following announcements, John Plunkett led 60 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer by Henry Johnson.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary/Treasurer—Sandra Wilkinson.

MULE DAY SINGING

Pastime Theatre, Winfield, Alabama

Saturday, September 24, 2005

The second Mule Day Singing was held at the Pastime Theatre in Winfield, Alabama on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September. Chairman Marlin Beasley, Sarah Beasley Smith, Becky Beasley Briggs, and Alvin (Bunk) Beasley led 59 to bring the class to order. Marlin Beasley welcomed everyone and made several comments concerning the singing.

Leaders: Lisa Geist “Joshua”; Will Allred 87; Travis Keeton 129; Samantha Spiller 282; Bethanne Hill, Esme Hill, and Atticus Hill 101t; Richard Mauldin 143; Nancy Banks 68b; Gravis Ballinger 300; Amber Davis 440; Olivia Hill 335; Lena Keeton 546; Lative Bailey 517 (WB); Danny Creel 383; Seth Allred 542; Ken Tate 532; Teddy Creel 124; James M. Wagner 457; Gary Smith 565.

RECESS

Caleb Allred led 312b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Jennifer Allred 391; Harrison Creel and Flarce Creel 512; Rachel Allred 411; Kermit Adams 99; Susan Allred 56b; Becky Briggs 408; James S. Wagner 455; Josie Hyde and John Hyde 236; Dorothea McCowan 196; Wilton Donaldson 229; Bridgett Hill 556; Lisa Geist “Ashley”; Ann Jett 136; Steve Adams 401; Larry Ballinger 151; Elsie Moon 434; Wanda Capps 146.

After remarks by Marlin Beasley, Will Allred led 45t, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Secretaries—Seth Holloway and Ross Beasley.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Boulder, Colorado
September 24-25, 2005
Saturday, September 24

The sixteenth session of the Rocky Mountain High Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Sharon Kermiet leading 276. The opening prayer was given by Russ Nye.

Leaders: Ed Stevens 384; Toby Tenenbaum 38b; Ginnie Ely 313t; Pam Carson 146; Chris Kermiet 540; Marilyn Murata 208; Karl Dise 269; Leon Ballinger 490; Hill Grimmet 497; Deborah Johnson 147t; Alice Barry 268; Earl Ballinger 371; Rex Armstrong 101b; John Schaffer 150; Kay Sirco 143; Mary Lou Van Laanen 477; Alfred Sausotte 112; Nancy Nortz 39t; Gaylon Powell 442; Kathryn Eastburn 159; Paul Lindholm 411; Claire Singleton 178; Mallie Kermiet 534; Daniel Davis 171; Bonnie Dolan 297.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Russ Nye leading 34b. Leaders: Carol Selleck 39b; Anita Landess 569t; Bill Howe 49b; Pete Mathewson 145b; Margaret Sayvetz 501; Sally Guylan 61; Jeanne Schaffer 198; Sharon Kermiet 163b; Sandy Klein 455; Ed Stevens 235; Toby Tenenbaum 299; Ginnie Ely 546; Pam Carson 361; Chris Kermiet 547; Marilyn Murata 492; Karl Dise 368; Alyce Barry 228; Leon Ballinger 313b; Deborah Johnson 86; Hill Grimmet 195; Earl Ballinger 331. Chaplain Russ Nye offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called together by Gaylon Powell leading 445. Leaders: Daniel Davis 312b; Bonnie Dolan 297; Marilyn Murata 274t; Carol Selleck 380; Pete Mathewson 569b; Russ Nye 107; Ila Jean Nye 452; Lindsey Wiggins 99; Chris Kermiet 324; Anita Landess 314; Earl Ballinger 317; Margaret Sayvetz 566; Sally Guylan 102; Rex Armstrong 352; Loraine Burger 84; Hill Grimmet 291; John Schaffer 515; Mallie Kermiet 282; Kay Sirco 480; Mary Lou Van Laanen 73b; Alfred Sausotte 344; Nancy Nortz 288; Sandy Klein 37t.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Gaylon Powell leading 142. Leaders: Kathryn Eastburn 45t; Karl Dise 218; Paul Lindholm 532; Claire Singleton 270; Deborah Johnson 207; Jeanne Schaffer 454; Sharon Kermiet 37b; Ed Stevens 294; Ginnie Ely 475; Pam Carson 551; Leon Ballinger 217; Daniel Davis 216; Bonnie Dolan 47t; Marilyn Murata 277; Carol Selleck 73t; Pete Mathewson and Susie Mathewson 32t. Russ Nye offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 25

The Sunday session was called to order by Sandy Klein leading 40. The opening prayer was given by Russ Nye.

Leaders: Sharon Kermiet 203; Ginnie Ely 66; Ed Stevens 369; Toby Tenenbaum 131t; Gaylon Powell 328; Mallie Kermiet 189; Kay Sirco 99; Mary Lou Van Laanen 564; Leon Ballinger 426b; Rex Armstrong 417; Nancy Nortz 71; John Schaffer 350; Daniel Davis 34b; Alfred Sausotte 210; Sally Guylan 421; Marilyn Murata 378b; Paul Lindholm 183; Lindsey Wiggins 383; Earl Ballinger 389; Anita Landess 333; Hill Grimmet 260; Bonnie Dolan 47b; Karl Dise 122; Mary Lou Van Laanen 29t.

RECESS

Ginnie Ely and John Schaffer conducted the memorial lesson. Ginnie Ely remarked about the purpose of the service and how the close family of park rangers mourned the death of a fellow ranger. Those who have passed away were Herbert Sprong and Louis Tenebaum—Colorado; Joe Owen, Kelley Beard, Billie Beard, and Robbie

Nowlen—Texas; Rayburn Humber and John Hocutt—Alabama; May Teagle—Oxford, United Kingdom; Aggie Trickett and Nik Nickelson—California; Jeff Christensen—Minnesota; all of the hurricane victims. In memory of these people, we sang 159.

John Schaffer commented on how many of the sick and shut in people may be facing death and how we should regard the words of song 340, which we sang for them. Those remembered were Howard Grimmet, Thea Tenenbaum, and David Eifler—Iowa; Verna Powell, Ophelia Matthews, and Myra Palmer—Texas; Judy Hauff—Chicago; Oneita Smucker—Washington; Julie Brunner Whitten—California. The memorial was closed.

Leaders: Carol Selleck 339; Kathryn Eastburn 319; Mary Ann Sausotte 137; Rhonda Griswold 146; Pete Mathewson 335; Claire Singleton 448b; Russ Nye 535; Jeanne Schaffer 87; Charles Ferenbaugh 64; Sandy Klein 209; Kris Wiggins 192; Ed Stevens 510; Sally Guylan 65; Earl Ballinger 82; Ginnie Ely 391. Russ Nye offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing was resumed by Claire Singleton leading 148. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 236; Rex Armstrong 385t; Mallie Kermiet 532; Kay Sirco 551; Loraine Burger 344; John Schaffer 543; Leon Ballinger 49t; Mary Ann Sausotte 171; Paul Lindholm 424; Toby Tenenbaum 95; Mary Lou Van Laanen 466; Lindsey Wiggins 448t; Anita Landess 170; Karl Dise 430; Bonnie Dolan 228; Chris Kermiet 74b; Carol Selleck 30t.

RECESS

Kathryn Eastburn led 496 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Pete Mathewson 388; Dani Lindholm 315; Sharon Kermiet 279; Claire Singleton 35; Charles Ferenbaugh 155; Russ Nye 106; Kris Wiggins 318; Daniel Davis 168; Alfred Sausotte 232; Marilyn Murata 200; Hill Grimmet 191; Nancy Nortz 46; Jeanne Schaffer 358; Sally Guylan 385b.

Earl Ballinger and Leon Ballinger led 75 as the closing song. Chaplain Russ Nye offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Secretaries—Jeanne Schaffer and John Schaffer.

MINNESOTA STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **St. Sahag Armenian Orthodox Church, St. Paul, Minnesota** **September 24-25, 2005** **Saturday, September 24**

The Saturday session of the sixteenth Minnesota State Sacred Harp Convention was held at St. Sahag Armenian Orthodox Church in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The class was called to order by Co-Chairs Donna Gunderson and Paul Wilson leading 47t. Jim Pfau offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-Chairs—Donna Gunderson and Paul Wilson; Secretary—Paul Wyatt; Arranging Committee—Denise Kania and Matt Wells; Finance Committee—Matt Wells; Memorial Committee—Christine Stevens and Jim Helke.

Leaders: Paul Wyatt 76t; Stacey Berkheimer 114; Cathy Lutz 441; Steve Luttinen 278b; Steven Schmidgall 369; Eleanor Haase 32t; Martha Henderson 368; Christine Stevens 542; Paul Landskroener 150; Kit Canright Pfau 47b; Jim Goetz 312b; Jessica Beer 455; James Page 296; Denise Kania 500; Gordon Olsen 344.

RECESS

Matt Wells called the class back by leading 52t. Leaders: Val Eng 528; Jim Helke 123t; Shirley Figura 67; Bill Waddington 218; Linda Booker 490; Walter Graff 68b; Kathy Tucker 189; Michael Moore 232; Claudia Egelhoff 210; Dick Levine 300;

Colette Miller 436; Peter Bradley 163b; Midge Olsen 454; Guy Bankes 327; Julie Ve a 411.

RECESS

Steven Schmidgall called the class back with 473. Leaders: Kim Bahmer 155; Karen Swenson 268; Robin Fox 215; Carol Buche 499; Francis Gurtz 501; Jen Blair 186. A business session was held in which Kim Bahmer and Christine Stevens were elected as Co-Chairs of the 2006 fall convention, and Steven Levine was elected as the Chair of the February, 2006 *Cooper Book* Singing. Jim Pfau offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Denise Kania brought the afternoon session to order leading 63. Leaders: Matt Wells 39t; Chandler York-Hall 547; Lisa Grayson 419; Paul Figura, Ann Drexler, and Roberta Strauss 310; Jenna Strizak 384; Keith Willard 144; Kathy Wallace 29t; Jim Crawford 351; Laura Densmore 328; Jim Parsons 504; Fran Ross 496; Tom Tucker 102; Carol Crawford 70t; Jenny Willard 392; Mike Hinton 373; Margo McCreary 313b; Jim Pfau 474; Johanna Fabke 378b; Scott Schroeder 335; Shelley Robbins 299; Cassie Lang 497; Steven Levine 350.

RECESS

The class was called back by Paul Wyatt leading 36b. Leaders: Stacey Berkheimer 297; Guy Banks 365; Julie Ve a 385t; Doug Donley 424; Jessica Beer 400; Jenna Strizak 277; Mike Hinton 146; Lisa Grayson 421; Paul Figura 457; Laura Densmore 196.

Donna Gunderson and Paul Wilson led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jim Pfau, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, September 25

The Sunday session of the Minnesota State Sacred Harp Convention was held in the historic Town Hall at Murphy's Landing in Shakopee, Minnesota.

The class was called to order by co-chairs Donna Gunderson and Paul Wilson leading 171. The opening prayer was offered by Nancy Koester.

Leaders: Jim Pfau 59; Eleanor Haase 40; Martha Henderson 313t; Christine Stevens 101t; Steve Luttinen 409; Nancy Koester 33t; Walter Graff 137; Karen Swenson 38b; Lars Christiansen 504; Midge Olsen 198; Michael Moore 487; Anna Pfau 300; Jim Helke 538; Lisa Cohen 148; David Moore 455; Stacey Berkheimer 566; Mike Hinton 340; Claudia Egelhoff 77.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Kim Bahmer leading 34t. Leaders: Paul Wyatt and Nancy Wyatt 347; Kit Canright Pfau 129; Steven Schmidgall "Windgate" (by Tom Tucker); Laura Densmore 157; Paul Figura 334; Jenna Strizak 440; Todd Mitchell 86; Joan Yeatman 503; Peter Bradley 112; Heidi Hackbarth 107; James Page 411; Fran Ross 85; Bill Waddington and Maggie Waddington 209; Carol Crawford 370.

RECESS

Jim Pfau called the class back to order with 32t. Leaders: Jessica Beer 200; Jim Parsons 191; Cathy Lutz 472.

Christine Stevens conducted the memorial lesson and commented about the effects and emotions hurricane Katrina had on her. She stated that she had felt at times that singing was a luxury, but had come to realize that was not the case. A Sacred Harp Singing Convention is not a luxury. It is almost an obligation; it is worship; it is honoring God's gift of singing. Sacred Harp is given to us so we may cry out our pain in songs and express the hope we still have. Singing is our way of lifting ourselves and each other up; and, we should always offer praise and gratitude for Blessings Past, for Peace and Joy, and for Amazing Grace.

We sing and draw nearer to one another and to our God through song. In singing, we draw strength from each other and form bonds that last for a lifetime. We need to sing for the love of God. We need it, this country needs it, and the world needs it. Jim Helke read the names of the sick and shut-ins and led 143 in their honor: Marilyn Darch, Sarah Curry, and Carroll Lunsford—California; Jeanette Lowry and Callie Webb—Missouri; Helen Stevens, David Horstmann, and Kate Denucci—Minnesota; Lewis Wilson—British Columbia; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Irene Anderson—Iowa; Myra Palmer, Edith Owen, and Ophelia Matthews—Texas; Janice Hughes—Georgia; Marcia Johnson—Illinois; Bob Scorgie, Bob Anderson, R.J. Crawford, and Roxanne Crawford—Wisconsin; Mary Vimmerstedt—Ohio; Orville Senger—Oregon.

Christine Stevens read the names of the deceased and led 330b in their memory: Tom Gibney—New Jersey; Helen Schneyer and Laurette Elizabeth Wojcik—Vermont; Winnie Winston—New Zealand; Hedy West—Pennsylvania; Phil Tabor—Tennessee; Jesse Stanaland, Dottie Jones, and Jay Vest—Florida; Lewis Brown—Iowa; Diane Lewis-Moles—Oregon; Dale Eddington, Alan Frank, and Violet Stark—Illinois; Vern Harman, Lou Ann Lewis, Thomas Hansmeyer, Brad Horras, Harrison Wojcik, Ann Bronson, Regina Kania, John Storm, Greg Albiny, Stephanie Claussen, and Carl Swenson—Minnesota; Dean Slayton—Indiana; Josephine Henderson—Nebraska; Allen Fannin and Roxanne Mennella—New York; Phil Alderman—Missouri; Kelly Beard—Texas; Meg Sanders—Massachusetts; Adrian Karsten and Bill Kepner—Wisconsin; John Hocutt—Alabama; Ed Davis—Connecticut; Catherine Ashendin—New Hampshire; Melva Neal; Seth Garwood; Steven Linsner; Erwin Moore; James Paquin.

Keith Willard led 303. Nancy Koester offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was brought to order by Matt Wells leading 106. Leaders: Denise Kania 203; Paul Wilson 77t; Lynn Dixon 277; Julie Vea 142; Ted Mercer 434; Cathy Tucker 480; Dick Levine 228; Kim Bahmer 47b; Guy Bankes 352; Carol Buche 178; Shirley Figura 348b; Tom Tucker 339; Robin Fox and Mary Rose O'Reilly 532; Lisa Grayson 448t; Gordon Olsen 547; Cassie Lang 68b; Linda Booker 354t. Eloise Jerome has been a long-standing friend and supporter of singing in Minnesota. A quilt made by her was given in a fundraising raffle and won by Julie Vea.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Martha Henderson leading 71. Leaders: Paul Landskroener 87; Johanna Fabke 114; Aubrey Hemminger 84; Shelley Robbins 192; Bob Dixon 417; Charlotte Baldwin 383; Matt Wells 481; Laura Densmore 29t; Cathy Tucker 385b; Midge Olsen 99; Chandler York-Hall 501; Mike Hinton 543. Announcements were made. The Resolutions committee, on behalf of the convention, thanked all the people who made the convention possible by attending singing, cooking, and working. Gratitude was also expressed to all the singers who had gone before us, who had worked so hard to hand this singing and this tradition down to us. Finally, the committee thanked God, without whom none of this would have been possible.

Chairs Donna Gunderson and Paul Wilson led 62 as the closing song while those who wished took the parting hand. Nancy Koester offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairs—Donna Gunderson and Paul Wilson; Secretary—Paul Wyatt.

GUM POND PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Eva, Morgan County, Alabama

Sunday, September 25, 2005

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 75. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman—Arvid Holmes; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

Leaders: Judy Caudle 540, 33b; Jonathon Thompson 84, 171; Clayton Ezell 44, 119; Malik Williams 354b, 128; Nancy Thompson 101t, 30t; Robert Walker 523; 452; Wilda Holmes 441; Eugene Forbes 317, 378t; Carol Newman 68b, 358; Gordon Wilkinson 434, 436.

RECESS

The class was reassembled by Milford Cobbs leading 127 in memory of Christine Leeth. Leaders: Brandon Thompson 335, 274t; Bobby Watkins 480, 30b; Sonya Sikes 77t, 39t; S.T. Reed 123b, 379; David Light 318, 340 (in memory of Hershell King); Ed Thacker 234; 39b; Bud Oliver 29t, 145b; Bridgett Hill 73t (for Edith Tate), 276; Nathan Blackwood 144, 270; Rodney Ivey 129, 208; Gerald Holmes 203, 268, 49t. Prayer for the noon day meal was offered by Milford Cobbs.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order for the afternoon session by Milford Cobbs leading 381. Leaders: Delone Cobbs 150, 288; Max Berueffy 57, 391; Malik Williams 37b; J.C. Rutledge 294, 295; Althea Gibbs 569b; Daniel Hopper 413, 174; Ron Crocker 49b; Eugene Forbes 168; J.L. Hopper 187, 402; Bridgett Hill 426b; Ed Thacker 498; S.T. Reed 421; Bobby Watkins 448t; Rodney Ivey 410t (in memory of Hershell King); Max Berueffy 155; Judy Caudle 358 (for Martha Davis), 291. Following announcements, Milford Cobbs led 62 for the closing song as the class took the parting hand. Elder Daniel Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Milford Cobbs; Vice Chairman—Arvid Holmes; Secretary—Judy Caudle.

WINSTON COUNTY CONVENTION

Shady Groove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama

Sunday, September 25, 2005

The Winston County Convention was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Double Springs, Alabama on the fourth Sunday in September. Kermit Adams brought the class to order by welcoming everyone then led 37b. Richard Mauldin offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Dawson Adams; Secretary—Margaret Keeton; Arranging Committee—Travis Keeton.

Leaders: Kermit Adams 43; Dawson Adams 328, 68b; Roma Rice 136, 297; Wilton Donaldson 480, 30t; James M. Wagner 457, 490; Marlin Beasley 426t, 336; Sarah Smith 340, 323b; James S. Wagner 146, 358; Amber Davis 332, 53.

RECESS

Kermit Adams led 78 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Samantha Spillers 101t, 445; Carla Morris 145t, 183; Sharon Spillers and Josie Hyde 108t, 63; Parnell Berry 283, 306; Wanda Capps 546, 144; Clarence McCool 565, 349; Ken Tate 73t, 73b; Josie Hyde 236; Richard Mauldin 72b, 378t; Harrison Creel 317, 111b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Dawson Adams leading 147t. Leaders: Gary Smith 506, 225t; Margaret Keeton 29t, 83t (in memory of Ora Lee Fannin, who was buried at Shady Grove on Wednesday, September 21, 2005); Henry Guthery 212, 460; Julia Poston 100 (in memory of Kitty Foster); Steve Adams 401, 309; Ruby Mauldin and Richard Mauldin 145b, 35; Cecil Wakefield 290, 133, 159; Travis Keeton 475, 496, 143; Henry Guthery 572, 522; James M. Wagner and James S. Wagner 470; Henry Guthery 503; James S. Wagner 47b; Samantha Spiller 282 (for her grandfather, John Hyde); Travis Keeton 235.

Announcements were made. Kermit Adams led 157 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kermit Adams; Vice Chairman—Dawson Adams; Secretary—Margaret Keeton.

NEW ENGLAND SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **The Windsor Club, Waban, Massachusetts** **September 30-October 1, 2005**

Friday Night, September 30

The convention was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening by Chairman Bill Holt who welcomed everyone and led 52t. Robert Dove offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Bill Holt 59; Dennis O'Brien 287; George Pomfret 171; Ed White 268; Jesse Pearlman Karlsburg 82t; Duncan Vincent 100; David Bliss 66; Ginnie Ely 228; Tom Padua 159; Ronald Bornick 178; Steve Marini 250; Anne Kazlauskas 180; Joanne Bowman 203; Dave Eckerson 480; Victoria Bolles 35; Robert Stoddard 270; Francis Bliss 300; Sheila Girling Macadam 186; Bob Parr 542; Michael Kay 198.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Tom Malone leading 99. Leaders: Ben Bath 139; Guy Banks 297; Susan Jaster 486; Glen Wright 48t; Margaret Bornick 477; Bruce Randall 142; Patty Cuyler 173; Edwin Macadam 528; Susan Loucks 31t; Richard Schmeidler 543; Ishmael Stefanov 183; Lyra O'Brien 313t; Joanne DeVoe 327; Ian Smiley 229; Bobbie Goodell 280; Eric Hildebrandt 236; L.H. Spencer 260; Eric Fellingner 189; Gregory Mulkern 331; Ken Matteson 86; Dean Jens 504; Cindy Bean 163b; Joanna Lampert 47b; Anayis Mampre Wright 155.

Following announcements, Bill Holt led 69t as the closing song, and the Friday evening session was dismissed with prayer led by Victoria Bolles.

Saturday, October 1

Chairman Bill Holt called the class into session with 34b. Laura Timmerman offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Bill Holt 47t; Dennis O'Brien 73t; George Pomfret 68b; Robert Dove 344; Ann Johnston 294; Paul Gauthier 455; Anayis Mampre Wright 299; Aldo Ceresa 215; Laura Timmerman 515; Rick Johnston 274b; Susan Mampre 372; Berk Meitzler 496; June Matthews 269; Chris Holly 448t; Dana Borrelli 76b; Jim Armstrong 452.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Bill Holt leading 148. Leaders: Linda Shea 300; Michael Truelson 217; Jane Zanichkowsky 86; John Holbrook 339; Jessica Holland 133; Terry Ryan 171; Edwin Macadam 504; Bobbie Goodell 71; Ian Smiley 32b; Tom Malone 288; Susan Louckes 497; Lyra O'Brien 94; Gregory Mulkern 440; Dean Jens 38b; Richard Schmeidler 254.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Bill Holt leading 107. Leaders: Patty Cuyler 383; Victoria Bolles 40; Bruce Randall 209.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Ginnie Ely, who spoke of the ties of family and community which bind us together, with our common love of the music, and our sharing of our joys and sorrows. We celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us.

Tears of joy and sorrow are mingled as we remember those who have gone ahead of us. Ginnie Ely led 146 in memory of the following deceased: Bob Wood, Lt. Travis Fuller, Cornelia Wheeler, Helen Holland, Sheila MacLean, Jennie Long, Jerry Howard, and Walter Holmann—Massachusetts; Kimberly Krans, Etta Eckart, Jonathan Keith, and Laurette Elizabeth Wojcik—Vermont; Joseph Kazlauskas and Ed Davis—Connecticut; Emmanuel Fomtana—Maine; Joseph Pollock, Sr., and Harold Melcher—New Hampshire; John Hocutt—Alabama; Millie Golden and Dot Clayton—Florida; Adolph Kazlauskas, Abraham Waintrob, Irv Kass, Dean Wallace, Sr., John Kagay, Roxanna Mennella, and Nancy Levy—New York; Steve Gordon—Texas; Tom Gibney—New Jersey; Phil Tabor—Tennessee; William Reynolds—Colorado; Jeff Christensen—Minnesota; Robert Kanner—California; Jost Burkhard—Munich, Germany.

Sheila Girling MacAdam read the names of the sick and shut-ins and led 475 in their honor. As we travel through life, we often look for a sign that the troubles and dangers which sometimes beset us will pass, or may be endured. Let us be beacons to those who are in darkness today. The following sick and shut-ins were included: Richard Abrahams, Karen Rajevitz, Marian Ryan, Alison Truelsen—New York; Heidi Willis, Priscilla Baker, Grace Kelley—Vermont; Damon Cook, German Campos, Sheila Kell—Massachusetts; Edna Graf, Gloria Klee, June Behuniak—Connecticut; Hazel Walker—United Kingdom; Marian Bingley, Rita Zanichkowsky—Maine; Julie Bruner Whitten, Marianne Kaye, Catherine Donald—California; Kate Galloway—North Carolina; Thomas Shuford—Texas; Dan Lichtenwalner—Pennsylvania. Laura Timmerman offered prayer to conclude the memorial.

Leaders: Martha Long 551; Joanne DeVoe 77t. Jessica Holland offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Bill Holt leading 128. Leaders: Bob Parr 430; Linda Shea 203; Neely Bruce 350; Lynne deBenedette 168; Matthew Wojcik 216; Steve Marini 245; Ginnie Ely 196; Guy Banks 327; Robert Stoddard 442; Sheila Girling Macadam 112; Ronald Bornick 334; Glen Wright 474; Bill Boykin-Morns 178; Dennis O'Brien 454; Laura Timmerman 302; Jesse Pearlman Karlsburg 110.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Bill Holt leading 209. Leaders: Margaret Bornick 162; Michael Kaye 553; Celia Devine 362; Ken Mattson 547; Nate Eckerson 195; L.H. Spencer 70t; Anne Kazlauskas 179; Tom Padua 145b; Eric Hildebrandt 532. A business session was held to hear committee reports and announcements of future singings. It was noted that next year's New England Convention will be held for the first time in Rhode Island, and will occur on Saturday, September 30, and Sunday October 1.

Leaders: Ishmael Stefanov 273; Francis Bliss 193; Joanne Bowman 434; George Pomfret 163b; David Bliss 473; Sam Amidon 122; Laura Conrad 117; Joanna Lampert 147t; Robert Dove 267; Edwin Macadam and Sheila Girling Macadam 347. Bill Holt led 62 as the closing song while those who wished took the parting hand. Robert Dove offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Holt; Treasurer—George Pomfret; Secretary—Dennis O'Brien.

CHURCH MUSIC HERITAGE AND FALL FESTIVAL
1859 USA Presbyterian Church, Petersburg, Tennessee
Saturday, October 1, 2005

The second annual singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by John Edmondson leading 49t. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the opening prayer.

Officers for the day were Chairman—John Edmondson and Secretary—Heidi Nolen.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 63, 159; Roy Turrentine 49b, 68b; Sandie Scott 145b, 128; Gordon Wilkinson 145t, 42; Marcia Edmondson and John Edmondson 174; Marcia Edmondson 45t; Marilyn Burchett 59, 335; Elder J.L. Hopper 81t, 33t; Heidi Nolen 569, 278t.

RECESS

David Carlton brought the class back together leading 171 and 278b. Leaders: Lewis Frost 178, 346; Laurens Blankers 40, 334; Glenda Hopper 66, 120; Hibbard Thatcher 146, 479; John Edmondson 85. Tim Reynolds offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with John Edmondson leading 119. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 84, 107; Sandie Scott 288, 61; Gordon Wilkinson 318; Roy Turrentine 101t, 99; Charlene Misner and Marilyn Burchett 72b, 294; Marcia Edmondson and Henry Cobb 457; Lewis Frost 515, 452; Heidi Nolen 148, 47b; Hibbard Thatcher 503, 64.

RECESS

Elder Hopper called the session back to order leading 91 and 187. Leaders: Laurens Blankers 155, 551; Glenda Hopper 276, 310; David Carlton 421, 496; Tim Reynolds 277 (by request).

Announcements were made. Elder J.L. Hopper presented a computer program he had developed for a singing school. John Edmondson led 133 as the closing song. Elder Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—John Edmondson; Secretary—Heidi Nolen.

B.F. WHITE MEMORIAL SINGING
Harris County Courthouse, Hamilton, Georgia
Saturday, October 1, 2005

The first session of the B.F. White Memorial Singing was held in memory of the former Mayor of Hamilton, B.F. White, (1865), and “Jake” Moon on the first Saturday in October at the Harris County Courthouse in Hamilton, Georgia. Steve Pace called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed Hugh McGraw to open the singing with a teaching session.

RECESS

Hugh McGraw called the class to order leading 161 (*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*). Jim Morgan offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Steve Pace; Vice Chairman—Dr. Harry Eskew; Secretary—Kathy Morris; Chaplain—Jim Morgan.

Leaders: Harry Eskew 34b, 128; John Plunkett 460; Blake Reese 278b; Lela Crowder 63, 283; Raymond Hamrick 27, 45t; Charlene Wallace 49b.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Steve Pace. Leaders: Rick Holmes 72b; Charlie Walker 209; Oscar McGuire 276; Sandra Wilkinson 282; Frank Strickland 84; Jason

Hollis 148, 36b; Robert Chambless 503; Linda Thomas 345b, 73b; Judy Chambless 81t, 159. Jim Morgan offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Steve Pace called the class to order leading 452. Leaders: Martha Almond 47b, 46; Ophelia Strickland 334; Henry Zittrouer 59, 490; Faye Hollis 99, 155; Andy Anderson 510; Margie Dietz 61, 121; Mickey Edwards 33b, 38b; Ann Webb 288, 142; Andy Morse 472, 454.

RECESS

Hugh McGraw called the final session to order in the recently renovated historic old courtroom currently serving Superior Court. Leaders: Hugh McGraw 310; Dr. Harry Eskew 535, 85 (a B.F. White tune).

Jim Morgan offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed at 2:30 p.m.

The officers met for an information session over dinner at the Copland House. Steve Pace hosted the meeting, and Dr. Eskew presented his paper entitled "The Georgia Origins of Sacred Harp Singing". Their recommendation was to hold an annual singing in Hamilton.

Chairman—Steve Pace; Vice Chairman—Dr. Harry Eskew; Secretary—Kathy Morris.

SANTA BARBARA REGIONAL SINGING **Montecito, California** **Saturday, October 1, 2005**

The tenth meeting of the Santa Barbara Regional Singing was held on the first Saturday of October in Wallin Studio in the hills above Montecito. The meeting was called to order by Tom Ostwald leading 47b. Leaders: Rick Russell 46; Larry Arnstein 299; Marilyn Murata 208; Pat Keating 302; Bruce Hayes 351; Norman Gholson 34; Marcia Tucker 504; Jeff Gauthier 217; Juanita Heyerman 287; Laura Boyd Russell 542; Duncan MacLeod 131; Tom Ostwald 268; Rick Russell 401; Larry Arnstein 297; Marilyn Murata 492; Pat Keating 536; Bruce Hayes 497; Normal Gholson 569b.

RECESS

Tom Ostwald brought the class back to order with 52t. Leaders: Marcia Tucker 454; Jeff Gauthier "Milwaukee" (his own composition); Juanita Heyerman 114; Laura Boyd Russell 384; Duncan MacLeod 345; Mary Lynn Bergstrom 424; Rick Russell 183; Larry Arnstein 163t; Marilyn Murata 321; Pat Keating 50t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Bruce Hayes with 348b. Leaders: Norman Gholson 147t; Marcia Tucker 143; Jeff Gauthier 362; Juanita Heyerman 191; Laura Boyd Russell 327; Duncan MacLeod 475; Tom Ostwald 186; Mary Lynn Bergstrom 570; Bettine Wallin 318; Rick Russell 269; Larry Arnstein 228; Marilyn Murata 278b; Pat Keating 245; Bruce Hayes 250.

RECESS

Pat Keating brought the class back to order with 270. Leaders: Erika Smith 344; Norman Gholson 503; Jeff Gauthier "Ketchum"; Juanita Heyerman 122; Laura Boyd Russell 538; Duncan MacLeod 442; Tom Ostwald 128; Mary Lynn Bergstrom 112; Rick Russell 99; Larry Arnstein 198; Pat Keating 189; Bruce Hayes 129; Norman Gholson 515; Jeff Gauthier 323t; Juanita Heyerman 70b; Laura Boyd Russell 42.

Following announcements, Duncan MacLeod led 83t as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tom Ostwald.

COOPER BOOK SINGING
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Dutton, Alabama
Saturday, October 1, 2005

The annual *Cooper Book* Singing at Shady Grove Baptist Church was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in October. Brother Tollie Lee brought the class together with 138t. Mark Brown did the introduction and welcomed everyone. Brother Johnny Lee offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Mark Brown 49b; S.T. Reed 509, 569; Robert Walker 525; Ed Thacker 450; Frank Hathaway 395b; Aubrey Barfield 365; Naomi Frick 199; Henry Johnson 336b; Brad Bahler 148; Ernestine Pipkin 171; Rex Wilks 53; Rodney Dalton 540; Ashley Brown 47t; Bill Holden 567; Joan Aldridge 572; Amy Lee 497; Tommy Spurlock 499; Betty Wright 225; Nate Green and Norma Green 436; Aaron Wootten 270; Tollie Lee 388.

RECESS

Mark Brown brought the class to order leading 155. Leaders: Cindy Tanner 559; Rodney Ivey 133; Lloyd Ivey 116; Michael Thompson 488b; Karen Clark 430; Marlon Wootten 99; Dennis George 300, 410; Myra Dalton 416t; Milton Oliver 54t; Don Clark 364; Syble Adams, Pam, Rhonda and Michael (her children) 505; Johnny Lee 46; Tim Dalton 543b; Bob Meeks 511t; Jenny Willard 563.

Mark Brown recognized several members of the *Cooper Book* Revision Committee who were in attendance, then led "It Is Well With My Soul" (WB), dedicated to the ones that have passed on.

LUNCH

Mark Brown brought the class back with 571. Leaders: Keith Willard 367; Shane Wootten 38t; John Etheridge 552.

After announcements, the class was dismissed with prayer.

Chairman—Mark Brown; Secretary—Syble Adams.

**ALEXANDER, HULLETT, LOWE, BROTHERS, HYATT,
PUTMAN, AND WOOTTEN MEMORIAL**
Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama
Sunday, October 2, 2005

The thirty-ninth session of the Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers, Putman, and Wootten Memorial was held at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Oneonta, Alabama on the first Sunday in October. Terry Hullett called the class to order leading 129. Elder Philip Gilmore offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairmen—Terry Hullett, Richard Hullett, Doyle Alexander, and Philip Gilmore; Secretaries—Jewel Wootten and Paula Gilmore.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 67; Philip Gilmore 68b, 76b; Jewel Wootten 58, 277; Bob Watkins 45t, 512; Hubert Nall 34b, 40; Willie Mae Moon 224, 228; James Wagner and George Hendricks 457, 47b; Bob Meeks 270, 490; Doyle Alexander and Joseph Alexander 63, 403; Carmon Brothers 480, 340; Jimmy Wadsworth 218.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Philip Gilmore leading 36b and 48t. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 361; Ernest Phillips 198, 203; Paula Gilmore 317 (in memory of her dad, Roie Alexander), 75; Milton Oliver 405, 384; Larry Ballinger 50b, 163b; Eloise Wootten 298, 441; Jackie Tanner 176b, 318; Elizabeth Keeton 445; Mary Ruth Stiefel 280; Mike Thompson 108b, 77t; Bud Oliver and Linda Thomas 39t (in memory of Linda's dad, Fred Battles), 42; Daphene Causey 223, 306; Harrison Creel 498, 530.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Terry Hullett leading 37b and 146. Leaders: Sharon DuPriest 222, 186; Cindy Tanner 436, 336; Rodney Ivey 389, 432; Mercy Watkins and Nathan Abernathy 335; Betty Wright 565, 138b; Verlon Stiefel 288; Nate Green and Norma Green 354t, 332; Shane Wootten 479, 334; James Walker 475; LaRue Allen 300, 200; Lisa Geist "Ashley"; Josh Keeton 268, 408; Elene Stovall 172, 556; Donna Wootten 74b; Andrew Farris 178, 120; Glenn Keeton "Joshua"; Willie Mae Moon 434; Rodney Ivey 486t (WB); Shane Wootten 501 (CB). Announcements were made. Terry Hullett, Doyle Alexander, and Philip Gilmore led 87 and 145b as the closing songs. Doyle Alexander offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairmen—Terry Hullett, Richard Hullett, Doyle Alexander, and Philip Gilmore; Secretaries—Jewel Wootten and Paula Gilmore.

TOM HARPER AND GANUS WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL **Old Sardis Church, County Road 17, near Lynn, Alabama** **Sunday, October 2, 2005**

The forty-seventh session of the Tom Harper and Ganus Wakefield Memorial was called to order by Steve Miles, leading 46 then offered the morning prayer. Steve Miles led 47b.

The class was organized for the day by voting to retain the following officers: Chairman—Steve Miles; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde; Arranging Committee—Willodean Barton and Margaret Keeton.

Leaders: Travis Keeton 75, 48t; Ila Ingle 500 (in memory of Tom Harper), 470 (in memory of Annie Harper); Samantha Spiller 101t, 282; Allen Barnett 303, 45t (in memory of Fletcher Sims); Jeanette Tidwell 336, 314; Daniel Miles 294, 143 (for Magel Miles); Juanita Beasley 32t; Larry Wakefield 569b, 339; Sharon Spiller 445, 108t.

RECESS

Steve Miles called the class back to order by leading 358 (In memory of Thomas Farris) and 163. Leaders: Faye Donaldson 40, 225t; Jon Tyler 39b; Lena Keeton 111b, 475 (in memory of John Hocutt); Wilton Donaldson 100, 426t (in memory of Ganus Wakefield); Cecil Wakefield 480, 208. The pastor of the church, Bryan Hutcheson, welcomed everyone, and asked Bill Jones to offer prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Steve Miles leading 234. Leaders: Amber Davis 391, 203; Gwenn Corneilus 235, 490; Max Berueffy 217, 439; Betty Baccus 373, 134; Marlin Beasley 138b, 37b; Willodean Barton 498, 454; Ozella Blackmon 145t; Josie Hyde 434, 309; John Hyde 297, 124; Steve Miles 388; Steve Adams 401, 101t; Kermit Adams 288, 270; Sandra Williams 276, 31t; Margaret Keeton 192, 213b; Amber Davis 216; Max Berueffy 196; Travis Keeton 460; Tim Tidwell and Joyce Hubbit 457; Jeanette Tidwell and Joyce Hubbit 84; Steve Miles 294 (for visitors from Hamilton, Alabama).

Steve Miles led 240 for the closing song. Homer Miles offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Steve Miles; Vice Chairman—Travis Keeton; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION

**Second Creek Primitive Baptist Church, near Five Points, Tennessee
October 8-9, 2005**

Saturday, October 8

The eleventh annual session of the Tennessee State Sacred Harp Convention was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Tim Reynolds leading 47t. Richard Mauldin offered the opening prayer. Selections of songs are from *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, 1992 Edition*.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 85; Clayton Ezell 300; Teddy Creel 87; Marjory Norwood, Amanda Denson, and Clayton Ezell 559; Mandy Burchett 229; Henry Guthery 450; Roberta Straus and Anne Drexler 330t; Debbie Sides and John Sides 451; Gary Smith 507b; Harrison Creel 54t; Doris Littrell 358; James M. Wagner 543b; Sandie Scott 408; Emily Creel 140; James S. Wagner 571; Wanda Capps 505.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Tim Reynolds leading 508 and 38t; Gordon Wilkinson 220; Richard Mauldin 36b; Sarah Beasley 519b; Angelia Finley, Jessica Finley, J.D. Finley, and Gordon Ezell 572; Heidi Nolan 68t; Danny Creel 355; Henry Guthery 292; Doris Littrell 40; Sarah Smith, Gary Smith, and James M. Wagner 393; Flarce Creel and Wanda Capps 573; Teddy Creel 268t; Danny Creel and Emily Creel 133; Amanda Denson, Richard Mauldin, and Mike Hinton 522, 392; Debbie Sides and John Sides 128; Clayton Ezell "Angel Band" (church book-*The Good Old Songs*) (by request).

Thelma Elliott, Jean Durham, Mina Belle Gillespie, Wanda Beard, and Tim Reynolds led 132 as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, October 9

The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition was used during the Sunday session of the Convention. Chairman Tim Reynolds called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 49t. Rev. John Edmondson offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Gordon Wilkinson; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 34b; Gordon Wilkinson 35, 73t; Clayton Ezell 66; Marlin Beasley 75, 448t; Sandie Scott 86, 168; David Carlton 344, 103; Clayton Ezell, Mina Belle Ezell Gillespie, Thelma Ezell Elliott, Jr., Jean Ezell Durham, and Wanda Durham Beard 358, 340; Wilton Donaldson 490, 229; Amanda Denson, Richard Mauldin, and Mike Hinton 319, 333.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Gordon Wilkinson leading 101t. Leaders: Teddy Creel 335, 477; Doris Littrell 405, 143; John Edmondson 59; John Edmondson and Marcia Edmondson 174; Anne Drexler 63, 45t; Larry Ballinger 84, 384; Margie Norwood 100, 452; Velton Chafin 355.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Tim Reynolds leading 192. Leaders: Roberta Straus 47b, 569b; Clay Mattox 124; Glenn Keeton "Joshua", 163b; Henry Guthery 380, 568; Marilyn Burchett 108t, 277. Mike Hinton offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Tim Reynolds leading 148. Leaders: Juanita Beasley 32t, 61; James Wagner 480, 112; Emily Creel 542, 196.

The memorial lesson was conducted. David Carlton led 303 for the following deceased: Kelly Beard—Texas; Phil Tabor and Austin Burchett—Tennessee; Ivalene Donaldson, John Hocutt, Sherry Guthery, and Hershell King—Alabama. Doris Littrell led 294 for the following sick and shut-ins: Francis Mattox, Thelma Ezell, and Larry Olszewski—Tennessee; Ophelia Matthews, Myra Palmer, and Edith Owens—Texas; Edith Tate, John Hyde, Josie Hyde, Charlotte McCarn, Julietta Haynes, Elsie Beasley, Dick Mauldin, Charles Creel, and Clarence McCool—Alabama; Carroll Lunsford—California; Brenda Merritt—Mississippi; Pauline Childers—Michigan; Bob Meeks—Kentucky. The memorial was concluded. Leaders: Richard Mauldin 43 (in honor of John Hyde and Josie Hyde), 129 (in memory of Ivalene Donaldson); Sarah Smith 73t (for Edith Tate); Sarah Smith and Seth Holloway 274t; Harrison Creel, Emily Creel, Danny Creel, Teddy Creel, Flarce Creel, Wanda Capps, and Lucy Heidorn 342; James S. Wagner 159, 300; Lisa Geist 327, “Ashley”; Danny Creel 269; Marcia Edmondson 457; Judy Caudle 564, 345b; Lucy Heidorn 217; Wanda Capps 203; Wanda Capps and Flarce Creel 475; Don Kent and Darlene Kent 268, 178; Gary Smith 225t (in honor of Dr. Bill Reynolds); Gravis Ballinger 120; Seth Holloway 145b, 388; David Carlton 551 (by request of the Clayton Ezell family); Harrison Creel “Mercy Seat”. Tim Reynolds led 62 as the closing song. Glenn Keeton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Timothy Reynolds; Vice Chairman—Gordon Wilkinson; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett.

WALKER CATES AND HERBERT BROWN MEMORIAL Muscadine Methodist Church, Muscadine, Alabama Sunday, October 9, 2005

The annual singing in memory of Walker Cates and Herbert Brown was held on the second Sunday in October at Muscadine Methodist Church in Muscadine, Alabama. The class was called to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 32t. Lonnie Rogers offered the morning prayer. Jeff Sheppard led 61; Stanley Edwards 56t, 76b; Shelbie Sheppard 186, 202; Pearl Guier 59, 122.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee—Pearl Guier.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 123t; Bud Oliver 145b, 30t; Pam Nunn 212 (in memory of Louise Brown Allen), 224; Oscar McGuire 283, 276; Judy Chambless 28t, 28b; Andrew Greene and grandmother, Rene Greene 155; Mary L. Smith 335 (in memory of Mildred Johnson who died October 8, 2005), 134 (in memory of Curtis McClendon); Lonnie Rogers 141, 225t; Charlene Wallace 373, 379; Robert Chambless 147t, 62b (in memory of Preston Warren).

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Stanley Edwards leading 204. Leaders: Jeremy Shipp 267 (in honor of Larry Olszewski), 210; Teenie Moody 274t, 275b; Oscar Brown 339, 334; Carlene Griffin 70t, 448b; Bobby Jackson 480, 499; Karleen Williams 45t, 136; Jimmie Denney 313t, 154.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Jeff Sheppard leading 121. Leaders: Richard DeLong 511 (in memory of Buford McGraw and Henry Kerr), 513 (in memory of his grandmother, Dolly Hudgins and Kenneth DeLong); Virginia Dyer 137, 193; John Plunkett 195, 297; Bridgett Hill 129, 440; Earlis McGraw 93, 568; Corene Laminack 340, 405; B.J. Harris 303, 503; Rene Greene 192, 142; Evelyn Harris 378t, 39b; Bud Oliver 406; Pam Nunn and Rene Greene 269 (in memory of

their grandmother, Lessie Cates); Jeremy Shipp 495; Bobby Jackson 112; Bridgett Hill 448t; Oscar McGuire 485; Teenie Moody 73b (for Alice Edwards); John Plunkett 278t; Pearl Guier 49t.

Announcements were made. Jeff Sheppard and Stanley Edwards led 46 as the closing song. Donald Payne, pastor of the church, offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jeff Sheppard; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard.

HARPER MEMORIAL SINGING **Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church, Nauvoo, Alabama** **Sunday, October 9, 2005**

The annual Harper Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Old Flatwoods Primitive Baptist Church on the second Sunday in October. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Jimmie Gilmore extending greetings to everyone, then leading 36b and 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Lewis Gilmore. Jimmie Gilmore led 39b.

The class was organized, and voted to retain the following officers: Chairlady—Jimmie Gilmore; Vice Chairman—Arthur Gilmore; Secretary—Jimmie Gilmore; Arranging Committee—Arthur Gilmore.

Leaders: Arthur Gilmore 59, 30b, 47b, 49b; Ashley Keeton 30t, 108t, 111b; John Hyde 61, 43, 63, 73t, 313t; Lewis Gilmore 48t, 34t; Estelle Gilmore 318; Travis Keeton 343, 129, 179, 496.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Arthur Gilmore leading 101t and 147t. Leaders: Pamela Gilmore 81t, 127, 146, 124; Ila Ingle 335, 87, 145t.

The Harper Memorial was led by Jimmie Gilmore, Ashley Keeton, and Pamela Gilmore leading 45t for the deceased, 68b for the sick and shut-ins. Dwight Ingle offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Josie Hyde leading 167, 144, and 47t. Leaders: Kermit Adams 39t, 37b, 28b; Margaret Keeton 147t, 138t, 138b; Dwight Ingle and Amy Ingle 294, 457, 445, 235, 410b; Steve Adams 101t, 401; Steve Adams and Margaret Keeton 309; Travis Keeton 321; Ashley Keeton 288 (for her grandmother, Jimmie Gilmore), 168, 300; Ashley Keeton and Jimmie Gilmore 282; Jimmie Gilmore 143; John Hyde 297, 104, 275b; Travis Keeton 44.

Announcements were made. Arthur Gilmore, Jimmie Gilmore, and Pamela Gilmore led 46 as the closing song. Arthur Gilmore invited everyone to come back next year then dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairlady—Jimmie Gilmore; Vice Chairman—Arthur Gilmore; Secretary—Jimmie Gilmore.

CHESTNUT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH **Ider, Alabama** **Sunday, October 9, 2005**

The seventy-ninth 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 in this area, Henry Ott. Co-Chairs Loretta Smith and Amy Smith called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 37b. Billy Thompson offered the morning prayer. Loretta Smith and Amy Smith led 39t.

Leaders: S.T. Reed 39b, 42; Sarah Jenkins 30t, 101t; Lauren Hall 29t, 146; Paul Figura 410t, 97; Billy Thompson 335, 445; Steve Lea 128, 551; Ed Thacker 140, 437; Henry Johnson 141, 288.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Joel Jenkins leading 82t. Leaders: Drew Smith and Isaac Akes 277, 385b; Shirley Figura 145b, 565; Mike Thompson, Susan Huff, and Ann Wallin 45t, 159; Jackson Harcrow 448t, 274t; Karen Ivey 171, 144; Jackie Tanner 36b, 73t; Betty Wright 347, 348b; Brenda Carroll 270, 299; Susan Harcrow 186, 192; Aaron Wootten 480, 48t.

Loretta Smith and Amy Smith conducted the memorial lesson and led 452 for the following deceased: Billy Jack Dalton, Bob Greeson, Willene York, Lawson Smith, Homer Thompson, Glen Ivey, Eunice Hicks, Roland Gann, Ollie Dell Harris, William Haney, Donald Kilgore, Ruby Kerby, Othell Kilgore, Bill Gifford, Gerald Wootten, Jewell Beaty, Philip Alderman, Floyd Peters, and Ronnie Meadows. Loretta Smith and Amy Smith led 457 for the following sick and shut-ins: Eliza Harris, Paul Honea, Preshis Honea, Mack McCurdy, Hubert Carroll, Fay Earwood, Jeanette Lowry, and Buddy Little. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer by Jeffrey Wootten.

LUNCH

Lavon Wootten brought the afternoon session to order leading 32t. Leaders: Cheyenne Ivey 282; Jackie Tanner, Dathan Finlay, Angela Finlay, Jessica Finlay and Joey Finlay 47b, 388; Joey Finlay and David Ivey 87; Blake Sisemore 30b, 283; Alex Makris 405; Chris Carroll, Shawn Carroll, and Mackenzie Carroll 163t; Jared Wootten 572 (CB); Wayne Wootten 203; Reba Windom 182, 373; Norma Green 105; Eloise Wootten 99; Linda Sides 328, 225t; Marty Wootten 546; Robert Walker 393t (CB); Charles Stiefel 47t; Milton Oliver 403, 505 (CB); Cindy Tanner 269, 76b; David Ivey, Winnie Blevins, and Rodney Ivey 571 (CB), 492 (WB); Coy Ivey 486t (WB).

Following announcements, Loretta Smith and Amy Smith led 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer.

Co-Chairs—Loretta Smith and Amy Smith; Secretary—Amy Smith.

SAVANNAH ALL-DAY SINGING **First Christian Church, Savannah, Georgia** **Saturday, October 15, 2005**

The first annual Savannah All-Day Singing was held at First Christian Church, Savannah, Georgia, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October. The singing was co-sponsored by the Savannah Folk Music Festival and local Savannah Sacred Harp singers. Gene Pinion brought the class together by introducing a one-hour singing school taught by Hugh McGraw. The class received instruction in major and minor scales; modes of time, and directing those modes; keying the music in comfortable range; practicing songs as examples; and the history of the Sacred Harp tradition. The following songs were used for practice: 49t, 217, 48t, 168. Leaders: Tom Ivey 49b, 186; Frank DeBolt 45t; Hugh McGraw 200; Shari Laist 452.

RECESS

Hugh McGraw called the class back together leading 87. Wayne Robbins offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Gene Pinion; Vice Chairman—Frank DeBolt; Chaplain—Wayne Robbins; Secretary—Kathy Williams; Arranging—Tom Ivey; Treasurer—Jane Bridges.

Leaders: Gene Pinion 31t; Frank DeBolt 569b; Kathy Williams 68b, 208; Jane Bridges 473, 63; Janet Burnette 133, 40; Mollie Melvin 58, 268; Bob Cook 46, 457; Lucille Gunnels 310, 218; Sharon Strong 178, 112; Shari Laist 84; Tom Ivey 86, 290; Gene Pinion 99, 276; Hugh McGraw 232, 224. Wayne Robbins returned thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing resumed for the afternoon session with Gene Pinion leading 101t. Leaders: Frank DeBolt 155, 64; Kathy Williams 515, 108t; Wayne Robbins 146, 277; Bob Cook 459; Lucille Gunnels 136, 137; Mallory Pearce 180, 300; Sharon Strong 479, 284; Shari Laist 282; Tom Ivey 66, 32t; Janet Burnette 117, 163b; Lucille Gunnels 34t, 269; Hugh McGraw 91, 154, 369; Gene Pinion 480, 503.

RECESS

Frank DeBolt called the class back to order with 361 and 334. Leaders: Kathy Williams 285t, 77b; Bob Cook 523, 524; Mallory Pearce 191, 181; Sharon Strong 89, 501; Janet Burnette 335, 145b; Tom Ivey 497, 547; Hugh McGraw and Kathleen McClellan 72b, 159; Gene Pinion 327, 448b; Susan Trimble 380; Julia Pearce 47b; Hugh McGraw 81b.

In a short business session, singers voted to continue an annual singing in Savannah on Saturday before the second Sunday in October.

Gene Pinion, Frank DeBolt, Kathy Williams, and Wayne Robbins led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Wayne Robbins, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Gene Pinion; Vice Chairman—Frank DeBolt; Secretary—Kathy Williams.

MCWHORTER MEMORIAL

Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Cleburne County, Alabama Saturday, October 15, 2005

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. Mary L. Smith brought the class to order leading 40 and 37t. Cecil Roberts offered the opening prayer. Mary L. Smith led 52t; Teenie Moody 144, 145t; Donna Bell 53, 512.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Mary L. Smith.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 138b (in memory of his uncle, Luke Allen), 68b; Lonnie Rogers 75, 112; Reba Norton 72b, 274t; Carol Chapman 317; Corene Laminack 345t, 405; Stanley Edwards 42 (dedicated to all the Cleburne County, Alabama Sacred Harp singers—past, present, and future).

RECESS

Stanley Edwards brought the class back together leading 340. Leaders: Ed Thacker 548, 549; Karen Rollins 489 (for Felton Denney), 178; B.M. Smith 313t, 318; Henry Johnson 515, 341; Shelbie Sheppard 139 (for Margie Smith, Myrtle Smith, and Nancy Allen), 28b (for Bill Windom); Hester Edwards, Eunice Webb, and Pauline Deese (Kerr descendents) 338 (in memory of Winfred Iverson); Eunice Webb 73b, 436; Oscar McGuire 336 (in memory of J.T. Pruitt), 155; George Garner 64; Jimmie Denney 101t, 348b; Bernice Holcombe 126, 426b; Eugene Forbes 143 (for his sister, who had surgery last week), 400; Judy Chambless 157, 490; John Plunkett 330b, 125.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Cecil Roberts leading 335. Leaders: Aadress Gurley 325, 36b; Robert Chambless 303, 145b; Jeff Sheppard 287, 192 (in memory of his

father); Shirley Hardy 452; Lou Cotney 172, 222; Lonnie Rogers 225t; Henry Johnson 330t; Eugene Forbes 186; Oscar McGuire 573; Ed Thacker 176b; Karen Rollins 503; Judy Chambless 531; John Plunkett 516; Jimmy Denney 159; Eunice Webb 499; Robert Chambless 63; Cecil Roberts 388 (by request, in honor of Jud Wheeler).

Announcements were made. Cecil Roberts and Stanley Edwards led 56t as the closing song. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Donna Bell.

COLUMBIA SINGING **Trinity Presbyterian Church, Columbia, Missouri** **Saturday, October 15, 2005**

The eleventh annual Columbia singing was held at the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Columbia, Missouri on Saturday before the third Sunday in October. Lou Kujawinski called the class to order leading 47b, followed by prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Lou Kujawinski; Secretary—Cindy Stone; Arranging Committee—Penny Kujawinski; Treasurer—Cindy Pepmiller; Chaplains—Cherry Hinderberger and Tim Von Engeln; Hospitality Committee—Carla Pepmiller.

Leaders: Wendy Hofmann 479; Carla Pepmiller 59; Cindy Pepmiller 159; Cathy Schubert 128; Mary Barile 496; Cindy Stone 39t; Tim Von Engeln and Gayle Von Engeln 13 (MH); Cherry Hinderberger 361; Kathy Kaiser 106; Rex Armstrong 34b; Shirley Figura 37b; Joan Aldridge 71; Dave Ressler 19 (MH); Presley Barker 8 (MH); Paul Figura 127 (MH); Melody Von Engeln 268; Emily Gruber 34 (MH); Penny Kujawinski and Alisa Watkins 56 (MH); Jan Ketelle 89 (MH); Susan Green 177 (MH).

RECESS

Syd Caldwell called the class back to order leading 36b. Leaders: Karen Isbell 142; Kathy Schubert 535; Dan Brittain 167 (MH); Jeanette Lowry 191; Roberta Strauss 569b; Bill Caldwell 217; Lou Kujawinski 42 (MH); Wendy Hofmann 45 (MH); Kathy Kaiser 384; Mary Barile 40; Rex Armstrong 385t; Carla Pepmiller 117; Joan Aldridge 385b. Cherry Hinderberger offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Presley Barker called class back to order leading 155. Leaders: Cindy Pepmiller 53; Paul Figura 77 (MH); Cherry Hinderberger 99; Dave Ressler 260; Susan Green 551; Tim Von Engeln and Gayle Von Engeln 113 (MH); Syd Caldwell 75 (MH); Emily Gruber 68 (MH); Shirley Figura 122; Jan Ketelle 36 (MH); Melody Von Engeln 178; Karen Isbell 135 (MH) (she spoke briefly about the recently published 2005 edition of the *Missouri Harmony*, last revised in 1846); Bill Caldwell 240; Roberta Strauss 32t.

RECESS

Alice Moran and Norma Dickerson called the class back to order by leading 480. Leaders: Jeanette Lowry 168; Syd Caldwell 318; Dan Brittain 138 (MH); Presley Barker and Melody Von Engeln 481; Kathy Kaiser and Dave Gardner 368; Dave Ressler 436; Jan Ketelle 430; Rex Armstrong 370; Susan Green 474; Paul Figura 457; Alice Moran 163b; Joan Aldridge 137.

Lou Kujawinski thanked all for attending from various states, including Missouri, Iowa, Arkansas, Wisconsin, Kansas, and Alabama. Gratitude was expressed for those who prepared the food and for Wendy Hofmann, Dave Ressler, and Dan Brittain for sharing in pitching songs. Tim Von Engeln offered a closing prayer and Lou

Kujawinski led 347 as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed.

Chairman—Lou Kujawinski; Secretary—Cindy Stone.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION - OREGON

Mississippi Rising Ballroom, Portland, Oregon

October 15 -16, 2005

Saturday, October 15

The thirteenth annual session of the Oregon portion of the Pacific Northwest Convention was held at the Mississippi Rising Ballroom in Portland, Oregon, on the third Sunday and Saturday before in October. Chairman Matthew Sellens called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 448b. Matthew Sellens and Co-Chairman Dan Thoma welcomed everyone. Mary MacDonald Lewis offered the invocation.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Matthew Sellens; Co-Chairman—Dan Thoma; Secretary—Sarah Hauser.

After a brief business meeting, David Wright introduced the singing teacher, Richard DeLong. Richard DeLong began the class by quoting A.M. Cagle, "Sacred Harp will get down in your soul and make you so happy." He spoke about time, tune, accent, and the importance of having all three come together. With his melodious Georgia accent and gracious manner, he taught a singing class that emphasized these elements as well as the tradition and joy of Sacred Harp. He led us in his current favorite, 411.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Richard DeLong leading 458. The singing school continued as Richard shared his personal life-changing experience of being critically ill, and how Sacred Harp aided his recovery. He brought the class to a close by leading 278b, and exhorting us to practice our scales as we go about our daily chores. Matthew Sellens thanked Richard DeLong and led 39t. Chaplain Mary MacDonald Lewis offered the noon blessing for the food.

LUNCH

Dan Thoma opened the afternoon session with 68b. Leaders: Sarah Hauser 46; Kathy Vlach 84; Jack Lofton 319; Philip Gerrie 321; Alberta Hardy 333; Martha Johnson 480; Jessica Beer 383; Ethan Hardy 66; David Hough 33b; Shelby Sampson 31b; Gary Plouff 101b; Arcana Ferschke 192; Bridgett Hill 276; Joanne Hoover 477; Tom Gerber 277; Sally House 503; Tammi Ziola 282; David Wright 424; Katharine Hough 236; Zeek Chambers 288; Mark Miller 183; Tom Payne 300; Connie Stanton 99; Mary MacDonald Lewis 171; Marie Zaworski 245.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Dan Thoma leading 85. Leaders: Suzanne Denker 318; Eric Schwab 207; Alice Poinier 473; Susan Fetcho 106; Rachel Foster 335; Karen Willard 349; Susan Helf 112; Jill Accetta 505; Jane Grant 350; Caleb Hardy 523; John Carson 163t; Anne Huckins 384; David Fetcho 356; Steven Helwig 274t; Molly Whedbee 535; James Brock 72b; Bruce Rowland 426b; Tigre Lusardi 65; Carolyn Gilkey 142; Jim Friedrich 163b; Jenn Dolan 157.

Fran Ross led 198 as the closing song. Chaplain Mary MacDonald Lewis offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

A social and informal singing was held Saturday evening at the home of Jessica Beer and Emily and Vasilios Gletsos.

Sunday, October 16

Dan Thoma called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 479. Mary MacDonald Lewis offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Greg Saue 147t; Meg Larson 147b; Scott

Kennedy 146; Lara Eilhardt 47b; Leon Janssen 38b; Lucinda Saue 186; Jean Murphy 106; Ken Cofield 324; Pat Nida 457; Erica Wilson 547; Eric Holt 344; Tamara Harris 56b; Vasilius Gletsos 497; Martie Hoadley 330b; Marcia Cutler 361; Thom Fahrback 122; Leta Marshall 127; Matthew Sellens 126; Lyle Lindsey 40; Myles Alexander 448t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Dan Thoma leading 77t. Leaders: Kathy Vlach 510; James Brock 100; Tigre Lusardi 29t; Mark Miller 217; Carolyn Gilkey 528; David Hough 496; Sarah Hauser 452; Susan Fetcho 475; Bob Schinske 530; Dan Thomas 148; Bridgett Hill 209; Martha Johnson 430; John Carson 312b; Alice Poinier 162; Richard DeLong 395; Philip Gerrie 227; Susan Helf 61; Connie Stanton 438; Tom Payne 362.

Molly Whedbee conducted the memorial lesson. She read the names of the sick and shut-ins, wishing them rest and release from pain, and led 61 in their honor. Those remembered were Dick Sarpola and Agnes—New York; De Moreland—Nebraska; Reed Schilbach, Rosella Helf, David McCullough, and Darlene Simpson-Brown—Washington; Jack Accetta—Pennsylvania; Sally Campbell—Illinois; Kay Smith—Iowa; Everen Lacy Miller—Wisconsin; Didie Kenna—Texas; Danna Lytchen, Robert Thoma, Laura Henderson, and Jill Firriend—Oregon.

Molly Whedbee told a moving story of a personal encounter with the death of a young friend earlier this year. “We know that death is always walking with us, always waiting just around the corner, in the unseen potential for loss, in the real losses we grieve, and in the knowledge of our own mortality. I feel that singing about this keeps us mindful, that it can remind us now while we’re alive that we are all on fire, all burning with that mystery that is ourselves, our time here.” She then led 86 in memory of those who have died this year: Mabel Mayer, Leslie Close, and John Seitz—New York; Dottie Jones—Florida; Lorna Burkett—Michigan; Dean Slaton—Indiana; Al Frank, Vi Stark, Ario Teoli, and Rudy Ross—Illinois; Bill Trevarrow—Texas; John Hocutt—Alabama; Steven Hough—California; Jim Tremann—Washington; Terry Vitale, Diane Lewis-Moles, Michael Loving, Kathleen Cotton, Marjorie Wolfe, and Terry McMenamin—Oregon. The memorial was concluded. Leaders: Katharine Hough 269; Arcana Ferschke 376; Karen Willard 478. Mary MacDonald Lewis offered the noon blessing.

LUNCH

Matthew Sellens brought the class back to order leading 49t. Leaders: Marie Zaworski 142; Gary Plouff 328; Shelby Sampson 30b; Jessica Beer 384; Anne Huckins, 178; Fran Ross 455; Audrey Carabinus 74t; David Fetcho 296; Jack Lofton 53; Steve Helwig 285t; Mary MacDonald Lewis 268; Jill Acceta 445; Ruby Bloom 168; David Wright 391; Emily Gletsos 315; Myles Alexander 107; Caleb Hardy 143; Jenn Dolan 182; Meg Larson 323b; Lara Eilhardt 48t; Erica Wilson 128; Jean Murphy 380; Cindy Reuter 138t; Thom Fahrback 300; Richard DeLong 276.

RECESS

Matthew Sellens brought the class back to order with 26. Leaders: Lyle Lindsey 34t; Jim Friedrich 454; Tom Gerber 81t; Bridgett Hill 383; Joanne Hoover 365; Tamara Harris 67; Mark Miller 176; Bruce Rowland 282; Erika Wilson 503; Ken Caufield 49b; Jill Accetta 278b; Leta Marshall 155; Greg Saue 31t; Scott Kennedy 235; Molly Whedbee 267; Susan Fetcho 203; Lucinda Saue 532; David Fetcho 481; Matthew Sellens 74b.

Matthew Sellens conducted the business meeting, and announced that 209 people had attended the convention, and 142 songs had been led.

David Zaworski announced that the expenses of the convention had been met.

Lyle Lindsey presented the Resolutions. Thanks were given to all who traveled to attend. Special recognition was given to Bridgett Hill who came from Alabama at the invitation of Connie Stanton. The two women met this year at Camp FaSoLa. Thanks were given to all who helped with the arrangements of the convention, especially to Cindy Reuter for the organization of the food and Thom Fahrback for coordinating housing.

A Sacred Harp quilt, made by Carolyn Gilkey with a design representing the hollow square and themes from various songs, was gratefully presented to our excellent singing teacher, Richard DeLong, along with locally made nuts and chocolates. Matthew Sellens expressed his joy at having been the Chairman of the convention for the last three years, and his gratitude in announcing next year's Chairman, Dan Thoma. He also thanked Jessica Beer for her on-going dedication to the work of the North West Convention and Sacred Harp singing. The business meeting was closed. Announcements were made. The song on page 36b was sung as all who wished took the parting hand. Mary MacDonald Lewis offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Matthew Sellens; Co-Chairman—Dan Thoma; Secretary—Sarah Hauser.

REID MEMORIAL **County Line Church, Corner, Alabama** **Sunday, October 16, 2005**

The eighty-sixth session of the Reid Memorial was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Harrison Creel leading 335. Earl Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

The following officers are permanently organized: Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairlady—Kathleen Robbins; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn.

Leaders: Henry Guthery 101t, 123t; Terry Hullett 144, 192; Velton Chafin 488; Betty Wright 97, 569b; Daphene Causey 172, 327; Ozella Blackmon 436; Eugene Forbes 495, 328; Karen Ivey 208, 182; Marlin Beasley 63, 137; Jessica Finley 282, 47t; Henry Johnson 230, 418; Elizabeth Keeton 504, 163b; David Ivey 498.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 269. Leaders: LaRue Allen 556; Seth Allred 209, 30b; Linda Thomas 391; Glenn Keeton 64; Milton Oliver 403, 270; Willodean Barton 454; Sharon DuPriest 189; Jonathon Thompson 300; Jerry Ryan 145t; Beth O'Dell 186; Willie Mae Moon 225t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Kathleen Robbins leading 37b. Leaders: Max Berueffy 532 (for Edith Tate); S.T. Reed 568; Allison Ivey 215; Kermit Adams 99; Brenda Merritt 434, 336; Bea Carnathon 204; Elene Stovall 542; Samantha Spiller 100; Travis Keeton 179; Brett King 282; Jewel Wootten 103; Ed Thacker 466; Lisa Geist 304; Gordon Wilkinson 380; Harrison Creel led 111b. Marlin Beasley offered grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Harrison Creel leading 512. Leaders: Earl Ballinger 177; Bud Oliver 39b; Nathan Finley and Jackie Tanner 388; Denise Kania 217, 171; Nate Green and Norma Green 76b; Cassie Franklin 442, 440; Amanda Denson and Lisa Geist 365, 320; Mike Thompson 89; Chris Ballinger 410t; Jennifer Allred 362; Richard Mauldin 143 (for Charlotte McCarn), 378t (for Dick Mauldin); Jackie Tanner 112; Elsie Moon 74b; Jim Pfau 203, 480; John Merritt 118, "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"; Amber Davis 398 (for Paula Springfield); Lucy Heidorn 460;

Larry Ballinger 224; Teddy Creel 124; John Hyde 297; Rodney Ivey 540; Nathan Blackwood 168.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Harrison Creel and his granddaughters (Cassie Franklin and Emily Creel) leading 378b. Leaders: Steve Adams 309, 401; James Wagner 375; Amelia O'Dell 384; Kathy Robinson 546 (for Kathleen Robbins); Josie Hyde 507; Wanda Capps 299; Gravis Ballinger 78; Emily Creel 196; Margaret Keeton 276; Danny Creel 222; Nellie Alexander 81t; Cindy Tanner 344 (for Elsie Moon), 198 (for Ann Jett).

After announcements were made, Harrison Creel and Henry Guthery led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Don Ellis, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Harrison Creel; Vice Chairlady—Kathleen Robbins; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn.

COY PUTNAM MEMORIAL **Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Arab, Alabama** **Saturday, October 22, 2005**

The Coy Putnam Memorial singing was held at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church in Arab, Alabama on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. David Light called the class to order leading 101t. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Matt Jordan.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—David Light; Vice Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Arranging Committee—Judy Caudle; Secretary—Eunice Kimbrell.

Leaders: David Light 274t, 176b (in memory of Hershell King); Judy Caudle 177, 193, 202; J.L. Hopper 203, 34b; Matt Jordan 565, 569b, 480; Eugene Forbes 317, 36b; Brandon Thompson 39b, 335; Juanita Beasley 32t, 270.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with David Light leading 172. Leaders: Jonathon Thompson 84, 276; Marlin Beasley 348b (for Wilton Donaldson), 73t, 63; Sandra Light 143, 354b; Nathan Blackwood 35, 67; Herby Bailey 489, 503; Daniel Hopper 450, 451; Ramona Light 436, 40.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by J.L. Hopper leading 138t. Leaders: Eugene Forbes 208; Michael Likos and Judy Caudle 81t, 45t; Heath Williams 30b, 31t; Judy Caudle 282 (by request of Charles Wright); Brandon Thompson 68b; Ramona Light 192; Jack Jordan 323b (in memory of Sharon Jordan Leach), 49b; Nathan Blackwood 33t; Daniel Hopper 269; Jonathon Thompson 300; Marlin Beasley 144; Herby Bailey 47t.

J.L. Hopper led 46 as the closing song. Prayer was offered by Nathan Blackwood, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Light; Vice Chairman—J.L. Hopper; Secretary—Eunice Kimbrell.

SEED AND FEED SACRED HARP SINGING **Emory Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia** **Saturday, October 22, 2005**

The twenty-ninth annual Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October at Emory Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia. The class was called to order by Cathy White leading 65. John Plunkett

offered the opening prayer. Cathy White led 146; Debora Grosse 171; Laura Akerman 421.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chair—Debora Grosse; Vice Chair—Elise Eskew; Secretary—Laura Akerman.

Leaders: Debora Grosse 200; John Plunkett and Susan Scott 475; Jeannette DePoy 32t; Earlis McGraw 225t; Kelly Morris 114; Helen Bryson 542; Dan Huger 102; Judy Mincey 503; Bill Scott 85; Joan Durdin 148.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with 148. Leaders: Andy Morse 189; Elizabeth Carroll 40; Andy Anderson 31b; Margie Dietz 47t; Stanley Edwards 321; Donna Bell 317; Henry Slack 535; Lela Crowder 186; John Redman 502; Shirley Hardy 452; Tony Hammock 441; Susan Scott and Jo Grudziak 300; George Burnette 101t; Karen Morris 299; Scott DePoy 274t; Nancy Yeager 68b; Martha Ann Stegar 84; David Yeager 515; Charlene Wallace 99; Susan Firestone 178; Matt Hinton 77t; Lee Rogers 332.

LUNCH

Debora Grosse called the class back to order with 155. Leaders: Kelly Morris 159; Elise Eskew 107, 454; John Hollingsworth 408; Jeremy Shipp 210, 313b; Ellie Soler 504, 277; Bob Goodman 497, 34b; Cecil Roberts 37b, 285t; Jane Spencer 480, 390; John Whittemore 209.

RECESS

The class returned with Malinda Snow leading 476. Leaders: Karen King 384; Earlis McGraw 284; Tony Hammock 283; Judy Mincey 229; Stanley Edwards 42; Susan Firestone 147t; Dan Huger 320; Helen Bryson 522; David Yeager 523; Jeannette DePoy 436; George Burnette 128; Andy Anderson 282; Lee Rogers 573; Margie Dietz 100; Laura Akerman 532; Harry Eskew 81t.

Debora Grosse led 62 as the closing song. John Plunkett offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Debora Grosse; Vice Chair—Elise Eskew; Secretary—Laura Akerman.

MR. AND MRS. JOE MYERS AND W.A. PARKER MEMORIAL New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Walker County, Alabama Sunday, October 23, 2005

The annual Sacred Harp singing held in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers and W.A. Parker was held at New Hope Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading 31b. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin. Marlin Beasley welcomed everyone and led 40.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers:

Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Nora Parker; Arranging Committee—Sarah Smith.

Leaders: Richard Mauldin and Ruby Mauldin 317, 145t; Sarah Smith 129, 290; John Hyde 43, 124; Elizabeth Keeton 535, 67; Travis Keeton 421, 475; Amanda Denson and Ruby Mauldin 63, 146; Juanita Beasley 39b, 61.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Marlin Beasley leading 344. Leaders: Bea Carnathan 80b, 336; Max Berueffy 225t, 439; Becky Briggs 460, 33b; Samantha Spiller 282; Teddy Creel 335, 143 (for his father, Charles Creel); Ozella Blackmon 212, 192 (for Elsie Myers Beasley, who was unable to attend); Henry Guthery 205, 568; Judy Caudle 291, 283; Josie Hyde 454, 470.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Marlin Beasley leading 318. Leaders: Sharon Spiller and Josie Hyde 108t, 565; Gary Smith 31t, 50b.

A memorial lesson was held with Marlice Ray (granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers) leading 371 and 517 (WB) in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers. Nora Parker and Sue Aaron led 276 and 36b in memory of W.A. Parker, Ruth Aaron, and Yaunil Cruce.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 349, 300; Elsie Moon 348t, 207 (for Elsie Beasley); Amber Davis 68b, 402; Larry Ballinger 489, 215; Jennifer Allred 145b, 170; Nellie Alexander 176t, 176b; Velton Chaffin 487; Margaret Keeton 517; Latrive Bailey 345t, 345b; Harrison Creel 512; Lisa Geist 377, 327; Elene Stovall 436, 196; Richard Mauldin 144 (in memory of John Hocutt), 84 (for his father, Dick Mauldin); Charles Kitchens 332; Velton Chafin 333.

Marlin Beasley and Richard Mauldin led 323b as the closing song. Harrison Creel dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Nora Parker.

JORDAN'S CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH **Newell, Randolph County, Alabama** **Sunday, October 23, 2005**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Jordan's Chapel Methodist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in October. Lonnie Rogers called the class to order leading 176t. Rev. Julian Murphy offered the opening prayer. Stanley Edwards lead 56t, 61; Charlene Wallace 79, 81t.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Committee—Donna Bell and Evelyn Harris.

Leaders: B.M. Smith 101t, 76t; Robert Chambless 72b, 68b; Henry Johnson 125, 416; Shirley Hardy 452, 274t; Bud Oliver 145b, 73t; Rita Haley 268, 122; Hugh McGraw 404; Floy Wilder 214, 217; Eugene Forbes 203, 80b; Judy Chambliss 82t, 159.

RECESS

Stanley Edwards called the class back to order leading 340. Leaders: Milton Oliver 155, 314; Lela Crowder 138b, 300; Earlis McGraw 435, 544; Glenda Collins 124, 282; Wesley Haley 34b, 198; Jenny Acton and Jacob Acton 108b, 112.

Frank Bell Reaves spoke of his grandfather, Frank Bell, who helped organize this singing and how much this church and singing meant to him and his family. Frank Bell Reaves and Pam Williams (a Bell descendent) led 339 and 274t in memory of their family.

Leaders: Bridgett Hill 129, 440; B.J. Harris 303, 503; Audress Gurley 36b, 145t; John Plunkett 308, 133.

Stanley Edwards introduced Rev. Julian Murphy, retired former pastor, who welcomed and thanked everyone for their support for this singing in the past thirty-two years. Rev. Murphy then introduced the current pastor, Rev. Brian Moore, who also welcomed everyone and spoke of how wonderful it was to witness people of all denominations coming together to sing praises to the Lord. Stanley Edwards then introduced Penny Pool from "The Randolph Leader" who was writing an article for the newspaper about Sacred Harp Singing.

Leaders: Geraldine Rice 196, 222; Ed Thacker 534, 88b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session resumed with Stanley Edwards and Lonnie Rogers leading 318. Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 142 (for Shelbie Sheppard), 340; Nell Estes 560 (for her father, H.R. Avery), 551.

Sherry Lovvorn and Henry Johnson conducted the memorial lesson. Sherry Lovvorn read the names of the sick and shut-ins: Myrtle Smith, Nancy Allen, Shelbie Sheppard, George Garner, Lucy Garner, Bernelle Amason, M.B. Forbes, Bob Meek, Wilton Donaldson, I.V. McWhorter, Alice Edwards, and Hester Edwards. Ed Thacker led 143 in their honor.

Sherry Lovvorn read the names of the deceased. Those remembered were Elder Marshall Avery, Scottie Nobbly, and Bill Braswell. Henry Johnson led 338 in memory of the deceased. Rev. Brian Moore closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 344, 371; Jean Payne 99, 496; Brandon Acton 53, 40; Bobby Jackson 436, 499; Charlotte Bishop 335, 358; Herby Bailey, 569b; Cecil Roberts 135; Ruth Daniel 127, 378t; Tabatha Hancock and Evelyn Harris 126, 47t; Donna Bell 75, 97.

Announcements were made. Lonnie Rogers, Frank Bell Reaves, and Stanley Edwards led 45t and 343 as the closing songs. Henry Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Lonnie Rogers; Vice Chairman—Stanley Edwards; Secretary—Donna Bell.

BLOOMINGTON ALL-DAY SINGING **Friends Meetinghouse, Bloomington, Indiana** **Saturday, October 29, 2005**

The second annual Bloomington area all-day singing was held at the Bloomington Friends Meetinghouse on Saturday, October 29, 2005. Bill Shetter brought the class together with 34b. David Rust offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were previously elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bill Shetter; Arranging Committee—Stephanie Fida; Finance Committee—Marlen Rust; Secretary—Ariel Weinberg.

Leaders: Ariel Weinberg 163b; Stephanie Fida 63; David Rust 68b; Marvin Miller 178; Eloise Clark 475; Donald Baker 510; Joan Aldridge 155; Bob Meek 571 (CB); Peggy Brayfield 504; John Bealle 196; Liz Meitzler 131b; Buddy Ballinger 405; Sharon Hill 31t; Janis Harrell 56b; Michelle Cull 511 (CB).

RECESS

Ariel Weinberg called the class back together with 148. Leaders: Donald Baker 312b; Eloise Clark 171; David Rust 112; Bob Meek 574 (CB); Peggy Brayfield 481; Marvin Miller 236; Bill Shetter 47b (in memory of deceased singers in the region); Stephanie Fida 547; Joan Aldridge 71; John Bealle 543; Liz Meitzler 89; Buddy Ballinger 354b; Michelle Cull 393 (CB); Sharon Hill 33b; Janis Harrell 198; Ariel Weinberg 522; Donald Baker 284; Eloise Clark 209; David Rust 81. Donald Baker offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing resumed for the afternoon session with Bob Meek leading 47b. Leaders: Peggy Brayfield 48t; Marvin Miller 48b; Janet Fraembs 335; Doug Trent 66; Joan Aldridge 515 (CB); Darryl Swarens 432; Liz Meitzler 67; Bill Shetter 474; Michelle Cull 448t; Sharon Hill 569b; Janis Harrell 68t; Ariel Weinberg 216; Donald Baker 74b; Eloise Clark 276; David Rust “Bosold”; Bob Meek 505 (CB); Peggy Brayfield 455.

RECESS

The class was brought back by Stephanie Fida leading 410t. Leaders: Marvin Miller 277; Janet Fraembs 186; Doug Trent 59; Joan Aldridge 572 (CB); Darryl Swarens

457; Liz Meitzler 114; Bill Shetter 336t (CB); Michelle Cull 454; Sharon Hill 117; Janis Harrell 268; Ariel Weinberg 200; Donald Baker 133; Eloise Clark 128; David Rust 480; Bob Meek 38t (CB); Peggy Brayfield 540; Janet Fraembs 146.

Announcements were made. Marlen Rust reported that the Finance Committee had been able to meet the expenses of the convention.

Stephanie Fida reported from the Arranging Committee that seventy-two lessons had been led by attendees from five states.

Bill Shetter led 347 as the closing song, and those who wished to take the parting hand did so. The closing prayer was offered by Bob Meek, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Shetter; Secretary—Ariel Weinberg.

**SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION
(COOPER BOOK)
Georgetown, Texas
October 29-30, 2005
Saturday, October 29**

The fall session of the Southwest Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Chairman Leon Ballinger at 9:30 a.m. with 353t. The opening prayer was offered by Curtis Owen.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Leon Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Scott Curran; Secretary—Patricia Blundell. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 442t; Scott Curran 99; Patricia Blundell 467; Robert Vaughn 269; Alexia Gilmore 38t; Robert Handel 544; Brennen Leigh 270; Gaylon Powell 486; Crystal Meadows 505; Joshua Martin 61; Jessica Garris 63; James Mason 512; Doris Hanks 450; Sonny Erwin 44b; Terre Schill 414; David McPherson 449; Mickie Sheppard 384; Kris Wiggins 192; Linda Booker 138t; Al Rogers 336t; Lindsey Wiggins 548.

RECESS

Scott Curran called the class back with 68t. Leaders: Curtis Owen 81; Amanda Blevins 573; Billy Huckaby 217; Jo Pendleton and Jonathan Taft 348t; Bruce Coates 511; Don Ross 338; Olivia Powell 522; Dick Steil 268b; Cheryl Foreman 132; Daniel Allcock 159; Amanda Owen 168; Ryan Ross 395t; Ayne Ray 559; Kevin Powell 365; Liz Owen 98; Bill Bailey 478; Diane Ross 332; Jeb Owen 288; Beverly Coates 225t; John Baker 40; Kevin Lee 300; Cassandra Baker 323b; Robert Handel 546; Mickie Sheppard 239; David McPherson 449. Lunch prayer was given by Bruce Coates.

LUNCH

Leon Ballinger called the afternoon back to order with 507b. Leaders: Amanda Blevins 148; James Mason 574; Doris Hanks 422b; Sonny Erwin and Lea Waters 45t; Crystal Meadows 36b; Daniel Allcock 42; Terre Schill 218; Joshua Martin 137; Sharon Kermiet 142; Ryan Ross 408; Lindsey Wiggins 155; Kevin Powell 383; Cassandra Baker 49t; Bill Bailey 38b; Jo Pendleton 72; Robert Vaughn 477; Jessica Garris 335; Jeb Owen 75; Ayne Ray 571; Kris Wiggins 508.

RECESS

Scott Curran called the class back with 47b. Leaders: Liz Owen 404; Don Ross 211; Sarah Huckaby 331b; John Baker 110; Alexia Gilmore 133; Curtis Owen 111b; Brennen Leigh 492; Al Rogers 575; Amanda Owen 416t; Kevin Lee 53; Cheryl Foreman 203; Dick Steil 146; Beverly Coates 106; Billy Huckaby 421; Linda Booker 515; Bruce Coates 39; Gaylon Powell 196; David McPherson 451; Sharon Kermiet 82; Robert Handel 140; Mickie Sheppard 424; Sonny Erwin 572.

Leon Ballinger led 28b as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Kevin Powell.

Sunday, October 30

Chairman Leon Ballinger called the class together with 212. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Sonny Huckaby.

Leaders: Leon Ballinger 155; Scott Curran 444; Pat Blundell 164; James Mason 553; Lindsey Wiggins 343; Bill Bailey 422b; Diane Ross 299; Robert Vaughn 521; Amanda Owen 182; Kris Wiggins 171; Jessica Garris 488t; Tom Owen 546; Ayne Ray 76b; David McPherson 500; Liz Owen 497; Ryan Ross 406; Olivia Powell and son, Garret 348t; Reed Coates 65; Sharon Kermiet 216; Kevin Powell 240; Katy Moseley 264b; Bruce Coates 336t; Linda Booker 410; Robert Handel 41; Alexia Gilmore 215.

RECESS

Donald Ross led 541 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Amanda Blevins 143; Al Rogers 54t; Mickie Sheppard 574; Billy Huckaby 68t; Doris Hanks 355; Jeb Owen 144; Crystal Meadows 276; Kevin Lee 192; Joshua Martin 392; Cheryl Foreman 567; Daniel Allcock 416b; Terre Schill 298; Dick Steil 122; Sara Huckaby 64; Gaylon Powell 532; Brennan Leigh 319.

Robert Vaughn conducted the memorial lesson and read from I Peter 3:1-5, then read the list of the deceased: Mrs. Don Barker, Kelly Beard, Billie Beard, Robbie Nowlin, Joe Owen, Frances Daniels, and Ammon Reeves. He then led 128 in their memory.

Beverly Coates spoke of those unable to attend the singing any longer and how we each have our favorite song. She then read the list of sick and shut-ins: Verna Powell, Ophelia Matthews, Ovilla Summers, Myra Palmer, Nannie Pearl Woods, Edith Owen, Esther Huckaby, Harold Lackey, and Leland Owen. Beverly then led 488 in their honor. The memorial service was closed with prayer by Robert Vaughn.

Leaders: Tom Owen 145t; Sharon Kermiet 129; Reed Coates 73t; Diane Ross 379; Kris Wiggins 282; Ryan Ross 285t. Prayer for lunch was offered by Jeb Owen.

LUNCH

Scott Curran called the class back together with 142. Leaders: David McPherson 71; Liz Owen 376; Dick Steil 508; Doris Hanks 230; Bruce Coates 563; Cheryl Foreman 470; Kevin Powell 300; Sarah Huckaby 224; Kevin Lee 99; Crystal Meadows 277; Al Rogers 449; Mickie Sheppard 511t; Jeb Owen 270; Amanda Blevins 450; Joshua Martin 172; Terre Schill 536; Billy Huckaby 424; Jessica Garris 268t; Robert Handel 268b; Linda Booker 572; Sharon Kermiet 375; Daniel Allcock 207; Lindsay Wiggins 138b; Robert Vaughn 411; Cissy Moseley 507b; Alexia Gilmore 384; Gaylon Powell 77; Amanda Owen 198; Bill Bailey 559; James Mason 393t; Olivia Powell and Garrett Powell 45t. The day was closed with prayer by Elder Billy Moseley. Chairman—Leon Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Scott Curran; Secretary—Patricia Blundell.

UNION MUSICAL SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **Sweetwater Memorial Chapel, Lawrenceville, Georgia** **October 29-30, 2005**

Saturday, October 29

The one hundred thirty-seventh session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by Chairman John Plunkett leading 52t. John Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 47t; Lela Crowder 37b, 171; Helen Bryson 68b, 568; John Hollingsworth 138t, 489b; Andy Anderson 28t, 28b; Sandra Wilkinson 49b, 129;

Judy Mincey 50b, 474. Richard DeLong led the introductory lesson: 399b, 72b, 316, 375, 74b, 109, 395.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Judy Mincey leading 77t. Leaders: Tony Hammock 326, 101b; Judy Chambless 569b, 490; Jeremy Shipp 108b, 95.

On orderly motion, the convention entered into a business session. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Judy Mincey, Vice Chairman—Scott DePoy, Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson; Memorial Committee—Richard DeLong and Jeannette DePoy; Finance Committee—Jeremy Shipp; Arranging Committee—Andy Anderson, John Hollingsworth, Sandra Wilkinson, and Tony Hammock; Resolutions Committee—John Plunkett and Lela Crowder.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 186; Russ Hanson 460, 61; Jeannette DePoy 387, 567; Matt Hinton 146, 42.

LUNCH

Scott DePoy called the afternoon session to order with 201. Leaders: Joan Durden 448b, 178; Kelly Morris 159, 147t; Taylor Krebs 163b, 503; Karen Clark 187, 501; Mark King 82t, 155; Robert Chambliss 225t, 145b; Karen Morris 168, 454; Martha Harold 569t, 542; Don Clark 99, 34t; Carol Hanson 222, 47b.

RECESS

Judy Mincey called the class to order leading 30t. Leaders: Gaston White 40; Mary Brownlee 163t, 66; Charlene Wallace and Carlene Griffin 276, 283; Scott DePoy 277.

Announcements were made. Judy Mincey led 323t as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, October 30

The day of singing began with Scott DePoy leading 32t. John Plunkett offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 145t; Helen Bryson 213t; Tony Hammock 75; Andy Anderson 155; Jeannette DePoy 39t; Sandra Wilkinson 311; Jeremy Shipp 495; Malinda Snow 34t; John Plunkett 93; Lela Crowder 421; Oscar McGuire 441; Scott DePoy 283 (for Don Bowen); Karen Clark 28b; Richard DeLong 530; John Hollingsworth 236; Susan Posey 454; Taylor Krebs 282.

RECESS

Scott DePoy called the class to order by leading 410t. Leaders: Don Clark 31t; Russ Hanson 137; Matt Hinton 503; Mike Castleberry 59; Bridgett Hill 107; Tony Hammock 72b; Andy Anderson 276; Judy Mincey 279.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Richard DeLong and Jeannette DePoy.

Richard DeLong led 390 for the following deceased: Charlie Wellman, Cora Lou Wagner, and Berta Hanson—Georgia; Ivalene Donaldson—Alabama; Kelly Beard—Texas; Tom DePoy—Indiana.

Jeannette DePoy led 510 in honor of the following sick and shut-in: Loy Garrison, Dorothy Garrison, Wilton Donaldson, Violet Thomason, and Bill Windom. John Plunkett closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Scott DePoy began the afternoon of singing with 179. Leaders: John Plunkett 182; Helen Bryson 522, 45t; Jeannette DePoy 362; Erica Hinton 178; Sandra Wilkinson 384; Jeremy Shipp 210; Malinda Snow 198; Lela Crowder 328; Oscar McGuire 573; Karen Clark 475; Scott DePoy 74b; Richard DeLong 395, 411; John Hollingsworth 460; Susan Posey 547; Taylor Krebs 47b; Don Clark 171; Alice West 146; Russ Hanson 112; Mike Castleberry 354b; Bridgett Hill 68b, 168.

The business session reconvened for the purpose of hearing reports.

The following Resolutions Report was given: Sacred Harp singers find solace in tradition. We cherish the words, the sounds, and the act of making this music that brings us together. We find satisfaction in the same words and tunes that people have been singing for more than a century, and we should remember that they, too, lived lives full of joy and sadness, uncertainty and delight; and this music brought them comfort then just as it does now, for us. The Union Musical Convention has met for 137 sessions, and we should remember that those who founded this convention taught us how to sing, how to find reassurance in the words, and how to thrive because of this tradition. Therefore, the Resolutions Committee expresses its thankfulness to:

- Sweetwater Chapel and Camp Creek Church for the use of the grounds and for hosting the convention this year.
- The officers, committee members, and organizers for their efforts to see that the convention ran smoothly;
- Everyone who contributed to the lunch;
- Singers who traveled from both near and far to lend their voices;
- Those singers who were able to support us in thought and prayer because they were unable to attend;
- Those who have taught and continue to teach us how to appreciate and keep the tradition of Sacred Harp singing.
- We are especially thankful for God's Grace that allows us the freedom to gather together to meet and sing so that we can continue to enjoy this music.

We hope that we may remember the comfort that Sacred Harp singing brings us and keep it in our hearts until we all meet again.

Respectfully submitted by Lela Crowder and John Plunkett.

The Finance Report was made—Balance on hand prior to the convention—\$4957.78; Expenses—\$360.00; Amount collected for both days—\$216.45. Total on account—\$4814.25

Location Committee Report: Convention of 2006 will tentatively be held at Sweetwater Chapel as Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church will be unavailable.

Announcements were made. Judy Mincey and Scott DePoy led 62 as the closing song, and John Hollingsworth dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Scott DePoy; Secretary/Treasurer—Helen Bryson.

VELTON CHAFIN BIRTHDAY SINGING **Old Sardis Church, Lynn's Park, Alabama** **Saturday, November 5, 2005**

The Velton Chafin Birthday Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November at Old Sardis Church in Lynn's Park, Alabama. Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading 32t and 30t. The opening prayer was offered by John Merritt.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 35; Travis Keeton 99, 203; Corene White 314; Cecil Sanders and Winell Sanders 225t; Cecil Sanders 390, 569b; Gary Smith 50b, 565; Uel Freeman 64, 65; Willodean Barton 270, 498 (in memory of John Hocutt).

RECESS

Velton Chafin brought the class to order leading 160t. Leaders: Ozella Blackmon 234 (for Josie Hyde, who is in the hospital), 280; Sarah Smith 108t, 137; Teddy Creel 124 (for John Hyde), 319; Bridgett Hill 68b, 129 (in memory of Ivalene Donaldson); Lisa Geist 273, 202; Elene Stovall 215, 216; Elizabeth Keeton 317, 542; Amber Davis 380 (for her mother), 276; Larry Ballinger 277, 157; Harrison Creel 378b, 111b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order. The *Cooper Book* was used for the remaining part of the singing.

Leaders: Velton Chafin 225t; John Merritt 564, 455t, 455b; Ann Jett 573, 229; Max Berueffy 410, 511t; Glenn Keeton "Joshua", 505; Elsie Moon 559, 404; Richard Mauldin and Dick Mauldin 43, 358; Bill Hogan 133, 567; Billy Williams 54t, 286b, 500; Uel Freeman 571, 388; Travis Keeton 395b; Glenn Keeton 522, 468; Bill Hogan and Nancy Hogan 143, 490; John Merritt 519b; Velton Chafin 140; Harrison Creel 355; Brenda Merritt 478, 497, 450; John Merritt and Bridgett Hill 292b.

The class was dismissed with prayer by Richard Mauldin.

Chairman—Velton Chafin; Secretary—Willodean Barton.

DENNEY MEMORIAL

Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia Saturday, November 5, 2005

The Denney Memorial singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church. The class was brought to order by Bernard Denney leading 60, 100, and 59. Philip Denney offered the morning prayer. Philip Denney led 40, 82t, 84; Charlene Wallace 49t, 79.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bernard Denney; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Secretary—Mary L. Smith; Arranging Committee—Charlene Wallace; Memorial Committee—Karen Rollins.

Leaders: Bernard Denney 75; Mary L. Smith 176b, 167; Lee Denney 164; Judy Chambless 159; Dylan Denney 178; Jimmie Denney 147t, 313t, 276; Jerry Creason 569b, 107; Teenie Moody 78, 32t.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Bernard Denney leading 335. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 186, 141; Stanley Edwards 275b, 166; Casey Atkins 405, 87; Robert Chambless 45t, 503; Jeremy Shipp 232, 495; Earlis McGraw 345t, 132; Karen Rollins 36b, 34b (in honor of Sherrie Edwards); Oscar McGuire 155, 171; Cecil Roberts 452, 30b; Lou Cotney 222, 384.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Bernard Denney leading 112.

Leaders: Laura Frey 358, 163b, 408 (for Mary Hackney and in memory of Naomi Sailors); Hugh McGraw 409, 339; Eris Muse 159 (in memory of Wilford Naomi), 340 (in memory of her husband); Lee Denney 63; Jeff Sheppard 127 (in memory of Preston McClendon), 315, 436; Stanley Edwards, 85; Lonnie Rogers 389 (in memory of Nell Denney); Jeremy Shipp 240; Jimmie Denney 101t; Laura Frey 358 (by request); Oscar McGuire 54; Mary L. Smith 441 (in memory of Everette Denney and Dana Jackson); Jerry Creason 268, 47b; Judy Chambless 570, 81t; Earlis McGraw 225t (for the sick and shut-ins); Lou Cotney 300; Robert Chambless 68b; Cecil Roberts 312b; Jeff Sheppard 211.

Announcements were made. Bernard Denney led 98 as the closing song. Lonnie Rogers dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Bernard Denney; Vice Chairman—Philip Denney; Secretary—Mary L. Smith.

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO/HYDE PARK
ANNIVERSARY SINGING
Quaker House, Chicago, Illinois
Saturday, November 5, 2005**

The seventh annual University of Chicago/Hyde Park Anniversary Singing was called together at 10:00 a.m. by Jim Helke who led 565, then extended a welcome to everyone. Songs would be led from the *Missouri Harmony* as well as *The Sacred Harp*. Chaplain Jim Swanson offered the opening prayer with 560.

Leaders: Clare Cardy 128; Cathryn Baker Bearov 475; Ginny Landgraf 538; Ted Mercer 77; Martha Beverly 218; Peter Bradley 163b; Jeremy York 455; Bruce Holmes 146.

A business meeting was held with the following officers elected or appointed: Chair—Cathryn Baker Bearov; Co-Vice Chairs—Sam Farwell and Lisa Cohen; Secretary—Clare Cardy.

Leaders: Cathryn Baker Bearov 480; Suzanne Flandreau 128 (MH); Nick Pasqual 173; Penny Kujawinski 13 (MH); Lou Kujawinski 281; Lisa Cohen 84; Herb Schroeder 151 (MH); Sam Farwell 273; Doug Stapleton 362; Ann Heider 268; Anne Miczulski 71; Karen Swenson 182; David Barford 474.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Melanie Hauff leading 148. Leaders: Judy Hauff 98 (MH); Rachel Edelstein 160 (MH); Will Fitzgerald 86; James Paige “Experience” (his composition); Bill Beverly 19 (MH); Marjorie Matthews 198; Jim Helke 89 (MH); Clare Cardy 142; Cathryn Baker Bearov 196; Ginny Landgraf 197; Ted Mercer 148 (MH); Jim Swanson 411 (for Bill Windom).

The memorial lesson was held. Nick Pasqual read the names of the sick and shut in, and led 33b in their honor. The following were remembered: Amanda Denson, Wilton Donaldson, Jeff Sheppard, and Shelbie Sheppard—Alabama; Felton Denney—Georgia; Ted Johnson and Marcia Johnson—Illinois; Ariel Weinberg—Indiana; Bob Meek—Kentucky; Pauline Creel Childers, Loretta Coghlan, Henry Schuman, Philip Tokken, and Bill Windom—Michigan; Shirley Figura—Missouri; Doris Littrell—Tennessee; Bob Anderson, Bob Scorgie, and Danica Smullen—Wisconsin.

In memory of the deceased, Suzanne Flandreau led 236, speaking especially of Al Frank. The following deceased were remembered: Ivalene Donaldson and John Hocutt—Alabama; Alfred Dole and William C. Spohn—California; Bennie Jones and Howard Jones—Iowa; Al Frank and Violet Stark—Illinois; Dean Slaton—Indiana; Florence Schroeder—Maryland; Jack Berger and Tom Gibney—New Jersey; Phyllis Flandreau—New York. Martha Beverly led 28b in memory of the deceased. The lunch blessing was offered by Sam Farwell.

LUNCH

Ted Mercer called the class to order leading 87. Leaders: Peter Bradley 228; Melanie Hauff 84 (MH); Lisa Cohen 528; Sue Kessell 454; Jeremy York 138 (MH); Rochelle Lodder 36b; Bruce Holmes 178; Suzanne Flandreau 472; Nick Pasqual 187; Penny Kujawinski 377; Lou Kujawinski 350; Lisa Cohen 504; Herb Schroeder 332; Sam Farwell 442, 31t; Doug Stapleton 99; Mark Miller 162; Anne Heider 192; Ann Miczulski 312b; Karen Swenson 51; David Barford 56b; Judy Hauff 80 (MH); Rachel Edelstein 266.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Jim Swanson leading 29t. Leaders: Will Fitzgerald 75; James Paige 67 (MH); Bill Beverly 162 (MH); Marjorie Matthews 485; Lisa Cohen 171; Rochelle Lodder 372; Lisa Grayson 448t; Sue Kessell 265; Mark

Miller 556; Melanie Hauff 542; Bill Beverly and Martha Beverly 203; Penny Kujawinski and Lou Kujawinski 352; Karen Swenson 290; Rachel Edelstein 112; James Paige 68 (MH); Marjorie Matthews 299; Ann Miczulski 569b; Ryan Wheeler 30b.

- A Resolution to thank Quaker House for the use of their facilities was given.
- The Finance Committee reported that money received was enough to cover expenses.
- The Arranger, Ginny Landgraf, reported singers in attendance were from fifteen states.
- The Secretary, Clare Cardy, reported seventy-one songs were led.

After future singings were announced, Chair Cathryn Baker Bearov led 347 as the class took the parting hand. Sam Farwell led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Jim Helke; Vice Chair—Cathryn Baker Bearov; Secretary—Clare Cardy.

B.I. WOOD AND ALVIS BROTHERS MEMORIAL Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Attalla, Alabama Saturday, November 5, 2005

The annual singing in memory of B.I. Wood and Alvis Brothers was held at Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church in Attalla, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Ron Crocker leading 31b. The morning prayer was offered by Elder Dan Hopper.

A business session was held with the class voting to retain the following officers: Chairman—Ron Crocker; Secretary—Gloria Hutchens; Arranging Committee—Billie Dean Hornsby and Gloria Hutchens.

Leaders: Ron Crocker 47t; Glenda Hopper 56t, 108t; Jewel Wootten 82t, 32t; Willie Mae Moon 39t, 47t; Bobby Watkins 440, 203; Elder J.L. Hopper 295, 496; Ron Crocker 147t; Elder Dan Hopper 113, 129; Milton Oliver 270, 314; Herby Bailey 569b; Nathan Blackwood 276, 145b.

RECESS

Ron Crocker brought the class back to order leading 168. Leaders: Judy Caudle 33b, 48t; Andrew Crocker 201; Helen Lambert 108b, 285t (in memory of her mother and father); Debra Ritch 288, 294; Willouise Malone 164, 354b (in memory of her father); Carmon Brothers 348b, 68b; Michael Likos 59, 81t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Ron Crocker leading 74b. Leaders: Billy Dean Hornsby and Gloria Hutchens 490, 77t; Glenda Hopper 461, 81b; Jewel Wootten 97, 100; Willie Mae Moon 225t; Bobby Watkins 146, 460; Elder J.L. Hopper led 45t as a memorial to all the deceased; Ron Crocker 396; Elder Dan Hopper 223, 186; Milton Oliver 155; Herby Bailey 489; Judy Caudle 135; Carmon Brothers and Ruby Brothers 340, 166 (in celebration of their sixty-fourth anniversary); Michael Likos 105; Billy Dean Hornsby and Gloria Hutchens 112. Ron Crocker led 62 as the closing song. Elder J.L. Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ron Crocker; Secretary—Gloria Hutchens.

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIAL
South of Bremen, Georgia, off Highway 27 and I-20
Sunday, November 6, 2005

The annual all-day Sacred Harp Memorial singing at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in November. Charlene Wallace called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 59. The morning prayer was offered by Eric Tweedy. Leaders: Carlene Griffin 97, 81t; Mildred Patterson 141, 119; Bobby Jackson 290, 499; Cindy Gray 64, 76b; James S. Wagner 542, 101t; Henry Guthery III 189, 39b; Judy Chambless 565, 70t; John Shippee 117, 159; Andy Anderson 384, 40; Karen Rollins 143, 178; Ruth Wyers 229, 206.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairlady—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairlady—Carlene Griffin; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Hugh McGraw and Judy Henry.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Judy Henry leading 225t (for Gladys McGraw) and 283. Leaders: Tim Cook 342, 347; Richard DeLong 417, 396; John Plunkett 489, 50t; Shelbie Sheppard 242, 142; Judy Caudle 188, 291; Earlis McGraw 442, 358; Henry Johnson 111b, 230; Henry Guthery 240, 108b; Max Berueffy 271t, 564; Jeff Sheppard 355, 140; Terry Wootten 320, 430; Stanley Edwards 224, 85; Lela Crowder 385b, 166.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Phillip Langley leading 216 and 546. Leaders: Elene Stovall 36b, 558; Amanda Denson and Judy Henry 269, 196; Lonnie Rogers 373, 348b; Tony Hammock 112, 441; Jeremy Shipp 313b, 210; James M. Wagner and Kenneth Duke 399b, 47b; Bea Carnathan 568, 80b; Linda Thomas 474, 131b; Robert Chambless 303, 72b; Ed Thacker 220, 354t; Jeannette DePoy 101b, 318.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Charlene Wallace and James S. Wagner leading 186. Leaders: Eric Tweedy 131t, 311; Sheri Taylor 148, 496 (for Mary Hackney); Scott DePoy 56b; Donna Bell 168, 282; Bob Goodman 145b, 569b; Mildred McElroy 436; Laura Frey 401, 163b; B.J. Harris and Evelyn Harris 503, 47t; Jerry Creason 86; Junior Robinson and Paul Robinson 45t.

Announcements were made. Charlene Wallace and Elder Homer Benefield led 56t as the closing song. Elder Homer Benefield offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairlady—Charlene Wallace; Vice Chairlady—Carlene Griffin; Secretaries—Hugh McGraw and Judy Henry.

MT. EBRON CHURCH MEMORIAL SINGING
Near Double Springs, Alabama
Sunday, November 6, 2005

The one hundredth session of the annual Mr. Ebron Church Memorial Singing was held on the first Sunday in November. Richard Mauldin called the class to order leading 30t and 36b. Glenn Keeton offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Wilton Donaldson (in absentia); Richard Mauldin—Vice Chairman; Arranging Committee—Margaret Keeton; Secretary—Jayne Fulmer.

Leaders: John Hyde and Sharon Spiller 63, 297; Jon Tyler Baccus 39b, 108; Samantha Springer 100, 101t (for Wilton Donaldson); Sarah Smith 385b, 73t; Jayne

Fulmer 454, 335; Sharon Spangler 408, 421; Kermit Adams 418, 31b; Sharon Spiller 565; Roma Rice 569b, 517; Don Robertson 127, 276.

RECESS

Richard Mauldin called the class to order by leading 168. Leaders: Travis Keeton 452, 34t; Betty Baccus 396, 134; Stella Pratt 155, 40; Gravis Ballinger 384, 91; Faye Donaldson 430, 124; Linton Ballinger 144, 146; Teddy Creel 87 (for Danny Creel and family), 477 (for the other Creel family members); Marlin Beasley 349 (for Clarence McCool), 348b (for Wilton Donaldson); Elizabeth Keeton 568, 29t; Debbie Wakefield 432, 426b.

LUNCH

Richard Mauldin called the class to order for the afternoon session by leading 129 (in honor of Wilton Donaldson and in memory of Ivalene Donaldson). Leaders: Lisa Geist 171, 394; Larry Wakefield 317, 339; Glenn Keeton "Ashley", 504; Gary Smith 225t, 50b; Amber Davis 224, 142 (for Paula Springfield); Larry Ballinger 345t, 345b; Juanita Beasley 73t, 270; Steve Adams and Sharon Spiller 401, 43 (for Josie Hyde); Cecil Wakefield 480, 208; Loretta Whitman 176b, 81t; Bobby Robbins 294, 38b; Quinn Cornelius 143, 45t; Dawson Adams 68b, 77t; Lisa Geist 198 and 234 (for Josie Hyde); Margaret Keeton 57, 177; Marlin Beasley 172 (for Julietta Haynes); Richard Mauldin 49b (for Wilton Donaldson), 559 (in memory of Ivalene Donaldson).

Richard Mauldin led 62 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Wilton Donaldson; Vice Chairman—Richard Mauldin, Secretary—Jayne Fulmer.

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL DAY SINGING

Plum Grove Church, Folklore Village Farm, Dodgeville, Wisconsin Saturday, November 12, 2005

The nineteenth annual Southern Wisconsin all-day singing was held at Plum Grove Church, Folklore Village Farm, Dodgeville, Wisconsin, on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Jan Ketelle leading 52t. Carol Enseki offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Kathy Kaiser 49b; Val Dunagan 171; Johanna Fabke 150; Julie Vea 532; Marjorie Matthews 218; Rachel Adelstein 351; Peter Bradley 228; Laurie Skayer 503; Francis Gurtz 59; Nancy Koester 290; Jim Page "Plum Grove Church"; Cathryn Bearov 542; Gordon Olsen 277; Paul Wyatt 406; Katie Moore 384; Grace Scrimgeour 287; Bob Meek 270; Lou Kujawinski 212.

A business meeting was held. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chair—Marjorie Matthews; Chaplain—Carol Enseki; Arranging Committee—James Page; Memorial Committee—Johanna Fabke and Joan Yeatman; Secretary—Val Dunagan.

RECESS

Marjorie Matthews called the class to order leading 84. Leaders: Clare Cardy 457; Colette Miller 524; Midge Olsen 66; Melanie Hauff 445; Michael Moore "Invitation" (Jeremiah Ingalls's *Christian Harmony*); Gary Gronau 362; Jeff Bell 48b; Penny Kujawinski 76b; Karen Swenson 168; Ted Johnson 506; Carol Crawford and Jim Crawford 350; Becky Browne 411; Joan Yeatman 147t.

A memorial lesson was held with Joan Yeatman leading 68b for the sick and shut-ins: Liz Meitzler, Susan Hall—Kentucky; Bobby Jackson—Georgia; Wilton Donaldson—Alabama; Michelle Walters—Connecticut; Jeanette Lowry and Shirley Figura—Missouri; Danica Smullen, Kelly Smullen, Bob Scorgie, and Bob Anderson—Wisconsin; Dick Berky—Iowa; James Z. Bell—Pennsylvania.

Johanna Fabke led 122 for the deceased: Vi Stark, Al Frank, Dale Eddington, and Orville Senger—Illinois; Dean Slaton—Indiana; Regina Kania and Darlene McDonough—Minnesota; Ken Breckner and Phillip Alderman—Missouri; Dave Franklin—Kentucky; Lewis Brown—Iowa; Irene Nelson, Adrian Karsten—Wisconsin; Melva Neal—California; Victims of tragedy, everywhere. The memorial was concluded.

LUNCH

Marjorie Matthews called the class to order leading 29t and 155. Leaders: Eleanor Haase 352; Matt Wells 106; Lisa Cohen 146; Christine Stevens 379; Ted Mercer 383; Denise Kania 208; Jim Helke 512; Martha Henderson 550; Marcia Johnson 260; Peter Bradley 319; Jeanette Nelson 348b; Steven Levine 496; Jim Pfau 475; Judy Hauff 245; Bob Meek 490; Laurie Skayer 24b.

RECESS

Marjorie Matthews called the class to order leading 452. Leaders: Francis Gurtz 448t; Cathryn Bearov 269; Nancy Koester 141; Katie Moore 300; Lou Kujawinski 297; Jim Crawford and Euphonia Wiczorek 186, 47b; Grace Scrimgeour 547; Michael Moore 232; Penny Kujawinski 102; Carol Crawford 486; Becky Browne 203; Melanie Hauff 216; Karen Swenson 549; Gary Gronau 192; Midge Olsen 112; Ted Johnson 419; Eleanor Haase 99.

RECESS

Marjorie Matthews called the class to order leading 454. Leaders: Gordon Olsen 178; Jeanette Nelson 143; Johanna Gorman-Baer 274t; Marcia Johnson 485; Martha Henderson 189; Judy Hauff 536; Denise Kania 474; Jim Helke 135; Ted Mercer 376. Following announcement and thanks, Marjorie Matthews led 347 as the closing song. Carol Enseki dismissed the class with prayer. Chair—Marjorie Matthews; Secretary—Val Dunagan.

STAPLEFORD SACRED HARP SINGING **Stapleford, Nottingham, United Kingdom** **Saturday, November 12, 2005**

The annual Stapleford Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Ian West leading 54t (CB). Helen Brown offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Margaret Gillanders 171; Dave Richardson 48t; Bernard Collard 362; Rachel Jordan 36b; Chris Brown 38b; Steve Fletcher 29t; Matt Wojcik 29b; Judy Whiting 159; Nick Hall 496; Sheila Girling Macadam 497; Rosie Wojcik 129; David Moore 236; Cath Tyler 497 (CB); Rosalind Oldham 488t (CB); Phil Tyler 68t (CB); Jill Thompson 551; Ian West 312b.

RECESS

Dave Richardson called the class back to order leading 56t. Leaders: Margaret Gillanders 573 (CB); Bernard Collard 63 (CB); Rachel Jordan 501; Chris Brown 31b; Steve Fletcher 272; Helen Brown 68b; Matt Wojcik 450 (CB); Judy Whiting 34t; Nick Hall 143; Sheila Girling Macadam 474; Carmel Wood 503; David Moore 449 (CB); Rosie Wojcik 567 (CB); Cath Tyler 542; Rosalind Oldham 199 (CB); Phil Tyler 98 (CB); Jill Thompson 504; Ian West 500. Cath Tyler gave thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Margaret Gillanders leading 228. Leaders: Bernard Collard 454; Rachel Jordan 269; Ruth Steggles 38t (CB); Chris Brown 511t (CB); Steve Fletcher 140 (CB); Matt Wojcik 350 (CB); Helen Brown 559 (CB); Judy Whiting 178; Nick Hall 45t; Sheila Girling Macadam 515.

Bernard Collard conducted the memorial lesson, and Sheila Girling Macadam led 122 for the following deceased: Barbara Foster, John Hocutt, Wilma Elliott, Peter

Whitehall, Mick Brooks, Sid Long, Kelly Beard, Lesley Freeman, Liese Brown, Alec Brown, Mary Kellaway, Stan Whiting, Jim Kenyon, Dorothy Elkins, Laurette Elizabeth Wojcik, Lisa, Eddie Thompson, Dave Hollingsworth, John Birmingham, Joe Scurfield, Keith Morris, Sharon Smith Stephenson, Gladwys Carlin, Joan Piggott, and Christopher Walker.

Ruth Steggles led 107 for the following sick and housebound: Ivy Moore, Mike and Hazel Walker, Mick Whiting, Vivienne Davinson, Briana Bean Hirsch, Val Wallace, Dwight Diller, James Oss, Suzi Hughes, Tom Hodgkinson, Ann Parker, Hilary Tomlin, and Joan Stocks. The memorial was concluded.

RECESS

Ian West reconvened the class with 479. Leaders: Carmel Wood 268; David Moore 299; Rosie Wojcik 32b; Cath Tyler 318; Dave Richardson 138t (CB); Jill Thompson 441; Phil Tyler 428; Margaret Gillanders 336t (CB); Bernard Collard 70t; Rachel Jordan 82t; Ruth Steggles 478 (CB); Chris Brown 40; Steve Fletcher 148; Matt Wojcik 424; Helen Brown 282.

Announcements were made. Ian West and Ruth Steggles led 198 as the closing song. Ruth Steggles offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ian West; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING **Nashville, Tennessee** **Saturday, November 12, 2005**

The twenty-first annual Sacred Harp singing at Immanuel Baptist Church was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Tim Reynolds leading 59. Darrell Holley offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett; Arranging—David Carlton.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 159; Clayton Ezell 145b, 300; Sandie Scott 128, 146; Bob Simmons 171, 313t; Gordon Wilkinson 81t, 475; Laurens Blankers 155, 122; Hibbard Thatcher 107, 49b; Darrell Holley 63, 354b.

RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class back to order leading 108b. Leaders: Gary Smith 503, 565; Heidi Nolen 148, 569b; Dr. William J. Reynolds 457, 268; David Hamrick 72b, 73b; William Paris 479, 89.

RECESS

Marilyn Burchett brought the class back together leading 335 and 145t. Leaders: Caleb Dillehay 373, 163b; Sarah Smith 290, 108t.

LUNCH

David Carlton called the class back to order leading 274t and 142. Leaders: Lewis Frost 34b, 452; Eric Wilson 82t, 186; Seth Holloway 294, 388; Nancy Paris 37b, 209; John Hammond 389, 64; Jessica Findlay and Sandie Scott 282, 551; Darlyne Kent 117; Darlyne Kent and Don Kent 84; Anna Laura Reeve and David Carlton 178, 155; Marlon Crow 147t, 147b; Jill Franks and Tim Reynolds 40, 203; Sophie Belvue and Lewis Frost 154, 312b, 313b; Thomas Cook, Gerald Turner, Frank Walton, and Tim Reynolds 192.

After announcements, Tim Reynolds led 270 as the closing song. Bob Simmons dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Timothy J. Reynolds; Secretary—Marilyn Burchett.

DALLAS COUNTY SINGING
First Primitive Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
Saturday, November 12, 2005

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 Bruce Coates leading 49t and 34t. Gary Rogan offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Bruce Coates; Vice Chairman—Ben Brown; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Lee Waters and Sonny Erwin.

Leaders: Ben Brown 84; Sonny Erwin 569b; Owen Ross 528; Lynette Howard 31t; Robert Vaughan 504; Tim McClain 192; Catherine Rogan 344; Liz Owen 273; Billy Huckaby 198; Lindsey Wiggins 99; Donn Howard 178; Reed Coates 39t; Vivian Rogan 282; John Beard 171; Diane Ross 455; Sarah Huckaby 454.

RECESS

Ben Brown called the class back by leading 148. Leaders: Joshua McClain 127; Gaylon Powell 272; Albano Tayengo 88t; Jeb Owen 475; Kevin Lee 112; Tom Owen 532; Nancy Powell 85; Kris Wiggins 522; Beverly Coates 499; Donald Ross 338; Gary Rogan 318; Chris Adams 179; Seth Howard 163b; Avon Miller 260; Scott Curran 328; Ryan Ross 172.

Sarah Huckaby read the names of the sick and shut-in and led 86 in their honor. Owen Ross conducted the memorial lesson, read text from John 14, and led 69t. The memorial was concluded.

Leaders: Leon Ballinger 313b; Trevor Howard 168; Zach Rogan 319; H.P. O'Mary 35; Cheryl Foreman 556; Drew Crocker 47t. Clifford Gowen offered prayer for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Bruce Coates called the class to order by leading 56t. Leaders: Jerry Ryan 145t; Josh Rogan 270; Terre Schill 434; Michelle Rogan 110; Caitlin Bruce 480; Doris Hanks 448b; Owen Ross 503; Lynette Howard 32t; Tim McClain 143; Leon Ballinger 142; Chris Adams 288; Nancy Powell 397; Jeb Owen 208; Kevin Lee 448t; Lindsey Wiggins 383; Joshua McClain 45t; Diane Ross 34b; H.P. O'Mary 323b; Sarah Huckaby 183; Scott Curran 460; Donald Ross 481; Terre Schill 212; Donn Howard 147t; Drew Crocker 75; Billy Huckaby 47b; Doris Hanks 34t; Ben Brown 40; Reed Coates 65; Cheryl Foreman 546; Jerry Ryan 111t; Beverly Coates 548; Kris Wiggins 235; Caitlin Bruce 385t; Gary Rogan 384; Liz Owen 430; Josh Rogan 436; Vivian Rogan 535; Sarah Huckaby 76b; Avon Miller 518; Tom Owen 294; Sonny Erwin 59; Beverly Coates 358.

Bruce Coates and Ben Brown led 549 as the closing song. Tom Owen dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Bruce Coates; Vice Chairman—Ben Brown; Secretaries—Lee Waters and Sonny Erwin.

OLD KNOXVILLE DAYS
Knoxville, Georgia
Saturday, November 12, 2005

The second all day Sacred Harp singing for Old Knoxville Days was called to order by Oscar McGuire leading 33t. The morning prayer was offered by David Grant.

The class was organized for the day with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Charlene Wallace; Arranging Committee—Oscar McGuire.

Mr. Frank Holmes, on behalf of the Crawford County Historical Society, welcomed everyone to the Old County Courthouse to celebrate Old Knoxville Days.

Oscar McGuire led 59. Hugh McGraw explained the methods of singing Sacred Harp and the history of Sacred Harp in Georgia.

Leaders: Charlene Wallace 49t, 47b; Martha Harrell 39t, 515; Robert Chambless 72b, 303; Jason Hollis 358, 40; Helen Bryson 217, 68b; Martha Almond 490, 298.

RECESS

The class was called together by Oscar McGuire leading 145t. Leaders: Sharon Hamrick 276, 460; Donna Scott and Judy Chambless 569b, 323b; David Grant 130, 266; Lela Crowder 49b, 277; Bentley McGuire 300, 457; Lauren Harrison 282, 63; Darien Merritt 479, 112.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Oscar McGuire leading 57. Leaders: Rita Haley 137, 268; John Plunkett 77t, 312t; Mary Brownlee 38b, 66; Hugh McGraw 185, 184; Faye Hollis 155, 99; Rosemund Watson 503, 34t; Wesley Haley 34b, 198; Richard James 31t, 45t; Lela Crowder and Mary Crowder 186; Hugh McGraw 495 (for Raymond Hamrick); Helen Bryson 151; Judy Chambless 420; Raymond Hamrick 225t; Wayne Watson 480; John Plunkett 510; Lauren Harrison 236.

After announcements were made, Oscar McGuire led 56t as the closing song. David Wilkins offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Charlene Wallace.

JAMES RIVER CONVENTION **Varina Masonic Lodge, Richmond, Virginia** **November 12-13, 2005**

Saturday, November 12

The fourteenth annual James River Convention was held on the second Sunday and Saturday before in November at the Varina Masonic Lodge in Richmond, Virginia.

Chairman Blake Morris brought the class to order, welcomed everyone, and led 141. Craig Baughan offered the morning prayer. Pat Temple led 34b; Don Polaski 73b; Mary Wright 35; Stephen McMaster 77b; Craig Baughan 178.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Pat Temple; Vice Chairman—Don Polaski; Treasurer—Blake Morris;

Secretary—Mary Wright; Chaplain—Craig Baughan; Memorial—Beth Todd;

Arrangements—Stephen McMaster, Jim Strube, and Phil Rubin; Resolutions—Joan Aldridge; Pitching—Blake Morris, Paula Picton, Doron Henkin, and John

Feddensen; Kitchen—Pat Temple, Judy North, and Laura Densmore;

Forms/flyers—Judy North; Registration—Norma Morris.

Leaders: Gail Doss 79; Jim Wantland 107; Sandra Hack Polaski 142; Jim Glaser 207;

Joe Todd 373; Frances Schutz 112; Mary Chris Harrison 71; Phil Rubin 32b; Mary

Langley 159; Mary DeNys 285t; Jim Strube 148; Leyland delRe 296; D.J. Hatfield

430; Kathy Tucker 299; Hank Schutz 503.

RECESS

The class was called together by Chris Sepic leading 163. Leaders: Kelly Macklin

428; Marty DeNys 232; Paula Picton 135; Chris Sepic 350; Kathy Manning 475;

John delRe 58; Laura Densmore 102; Tom Ivey 196; Joan Aldridge 228; Doron

Henkin 377; Tim Slattery 32t; Beth Todd 319; Sharon Strong 89; Miriam Kilmer

378b; Bev Yaeger 203; Blake Morris 103; Pat Temple 473; Don Polaski 332; Mary

Wright 290; Craig Baughan 42; Gail Doss 191; Jim Wantland 84; Sandra Hack

Polaski 495; Joe Todd 179; Frances Schutz 504; Greg Freeman 160b; Stephen

McMaster 362. Pat Temple led 49t as the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

D.J. Hatfield called the afternoon session together with 376. Leaders: Jim Glaser 282; Tom Tucker 267; Chris Sepic 276; Mary DeNys 229; Hank Schutz 183; Lucy Roberts 186; Frank Evans 312b; Miriam Kilmer 344; Laura Densmore 370; Kelly Macklin 392; D.J. Hatfield 222; Paula Picton 572; Marty DeNys 454; Kathy Tucker 385; John delRe 348b; Blake Morris 532; Beth Todd 284; Greg Freeman 567; Tom Ivey 198; Kathy Manning 371; Tim Slattery 120; Sharon Strong 479; Jim Strube 66.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Stephen McMaster leading 31t. Leaders: Joan Aldridge 150; Leyland delRe 505; Bev Yeager 192; Mary Chris Harrison 315; Mary Langley 492; Doron Henkin 95; Phil Rubin 457; Kathy Tucker 480; John delRe 113; Beth Todd 225t; Greg Freeman 288; Tom Ivey 268; Kathy Manning 300; Tim Slattery 171; Sharon Strong 335; Jim Strube 354b; Marty DeNys 269; Blake Morris 30b; Pat Temple 347; Don Polaski 270.

Sunday, November 13

The Sunday session was called to order by Pat Temple leading 27. The opening prayer was offered by Craig Baughan. Leaders: Blake Morris 297; Gail Doss 99; Phil Rubin 426b; Laura Densmore 76b; Judy North 515; Craig Baughan 144; Don Polaski 220; Joe Todd 65; Jim Strube 313b; Sharon Strong 334; Doron Henkin 193; Beth Todd 39t; Tom Ivey 163t; Lucy Roberts 352; Guy Banks 556; Leslie Alperin 163b; Ina Henkin 162; John Feddersen 412; Frank Evans 49b; Joan Aldridge 445.

RECESS

John Feddersen brought the class together leading 385b. Leaders: Pat Temple 33t, 400; Blake Morris 111b, 415; Gail Doss 112, 114; Phil Rubin 235, 126; Laura Densmore 328, 365; Stephen McMaster 77t, 446; Craig Baughan 122, 569b; Doron Henkin 456, 133.

Beth Todd conducted the memorial lesson and led 82t for the deceased. The deceased remembered were Sushila Peterson and Kelly Beard—Texas; Dean Slaton—Indiana; Greg Stark—Maryland; Shirley Toner—Maine; Diane Knippers—Virginia; Maxine Roberts—South Carolina; Tom Gibney—New Jersey; Phil Tabor—Tennessee.

The sick and shut-ins were remembered in the singing of 340: Pat Walthers, Carole Vance, and George Tutwiler—Virginia; Margaret DeBolt—Georgia. The memorial was concluded.

Leaders: Don Polaski 408, 384; Ina Henkin 29b, 339; Joe Todd 124, 442; Jim Strube 47b, 332; Mary Wright 270, 390; Tom Ivey 212, 254; Sharon Strong 358, 29t; Guy Banks 151, 189. Craig Baughan gave the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought together by Beth Todd leading 501 and 436. Leaders: Hannah Polaski 299; John Feddersen 472, 528; Sandra Hack Polaski 198, 497; Lucy Roberts 410t, 53; Frank Evans 178, 186; Laura Densmore 369, 538; Guy Banks 391, 351; Blake Morris 45t (by request), 298, 57; Leslie Alperin 268, 228; Joan Aldridge 546, 474.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Joe Todd leading 81t. Leaders: Lucy Roberts 547; John Feddersen 362; Tom Ivey “Martial Trumpet” (SoH) (his arrangement); Leslie Alperin 38b; Joan Aldridge 273; Jim Strube 84.

The treasurer expressed thanks for the financial support that enabled the convention to meet its expenses.

Joan Aldridge gave the Resolutions Report thanking all of those without whom the convention would not have been a success: all officers and committees; those who cooked, brought food and worked in the kitchen; those who took care of registration,

forms and flyers; and those who opened their homes to visitors. Thanks were given to God for the good weather, fine fellowship, and glorious music.

Announcements were made. Following the singing of 62, a prayer of dismissal by Craig Baughan concluded the convention.

The James River Convention will meet next year on the second Sunday in November and the Saturday before, November, 11-12, 2006.

Chairman—Pat Temple; Vice Chairman—Don Polaski; Secretary—Mary Wright.

OAK HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Oxford, Alabama

Sunday, November 13, 2005

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Oak Hill Baptist Church on the second Sunday in November was called to order by B.J. Harris leading 32t and 47t. The morning prayer was offered by S.T. Reed.

The class was organized and voted to retain the following officers: Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—B.J. Harris; Secretary—Hester Edwards; Acting Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard; Arranging Committee—Pearl Guier.

Leaders: Jeff Sheppard 208, 73b (for Alice Edwards, who is being buried today); Stanley Edwards 568, 499; Floy Wilder 120, 187 (for Bobby Jackson); Henry Johnson 138t, 138b; Charlene Wallace 77t, 79; Bud Oliver 76b, 39b; Allison Ivey 89, 440; Richard Mauldin 490 (for Wilton Donaldson), 43 (for Josie Hyde); Eunice Webb 480, 340; S.T. Reed 78, 428.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with B.J. Harris leading 82t. Leaders: Louis Hughes 57, 350 (for Shirley Figura); Judy Chambless 28t, 83t; Michael Thompson 99, 179; Bridgett Hill 107, 203; George Garner 318; Reba Norton 441, 192; Milton Oliver 171, 155; Judy Caudle 528, 489; Robert Chambless 70t, 225t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by B.J. Harris leading 303. Leaders: Max Berueffy 456, 439; Donna Bell 512, 481; Malik Williams 354b, 128; Daphene Causey 196, 434; Ed Thacker 234, 152; Brittany Lea 313t, 45t; Cecil Roberts 30b, 37b; Sharon DuPriest 216, 142; Jeremy Shipp and Eric Cobbs 232, 48t; Lou Cotney 218, 172; Jerry Creason 178, 569b; Richard Ivey 209, 182; Evelyn Harris and Dale Harris 358, 294; John Plunkett 295, 540; Robert Walker 510, 377.

Announcements were made. B.J. Harris led 46 as the closing song. Louis Hughes dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—B.M. Smith; Vice Chairman—B.J. Harris; Secretary—Hester Edwards; Acting Secretary—Shelbie Sheppard.

WEST YORKSHIRE SACRED HARP DAY

Haworth Methodist Church, Haworth West Yorkshire

United Kingdom

Saturday, November 19, 2005

The third annual West Yorkshire Sacred Harp Day was held at Haworth Methodist Church in the United Kingdom, on Saturday before the third Sunday in November. The day began with a one-hour singing school taught by Cath Tyler. The class received instruction in major and minor scales and sang 47t for practice.

RECESS

Chris Brown called the class back together leading 34b. Rev. Paul Sanderson led the opening prayer. Leaders: Judy Whiting 49b, 107; Mick Verrier 106, 272; Benny Ross 535, 173; Anna Baldini 299, 86; Phil Tyler 495, 330t; Sarah Pinney and Cath Tyler

74b; Helen Brown 48t, 278t; Paul Sanderson 268, 276; Cath Tyler 155, 448b; Mick Verrier 201, 148; Anna Baldini 159, 40. Helen Brown gave thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The singing resumed with Chris Brown leading 503. Leaders: Chris Brown 441; Judy Whiting 569b, 474; Benny Ross 209, 178; Diane Sanderson 66, 117; Phil Tyler 442, 566.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Bob Schofield, who read the names of the deceased and led 28t in their memory: Stan Whiting, Mary Kellaway, Liese Brown, Alec Brown, Jim Kenyon, David Hollingsworth, John Birmingham, Joe Scurfield, Keith Morris, Barbara Foster, Wilma Elliot, Peter Whitehall, Brenda Anfield, Bob Boyes, Imogene Rose Giles, Lillian Biggs, Bill Rocken, Stanley Kos, Mary Turner, Peter Sumner, and Frank Wallace.

Judy Whiting spoke for the sick and housebound, read the names, and led 33b in their honor: Mike Walker, Hazel Walker, Vivienne Davinson, Christine Hopkinson, Dwight Diller, Jim Oss, Mark Jones, Sarah Bacon, Jessica Lloyd, and Pat's mum.

Cath Tyler closed the memorial and led 499b. Helen Brown led 354t and 99.

RECESS

Chris Brown called the singing back to order with 38b. Leaders: Phil Tyler 122; Paul Sanderson 198; Cath Tyler 430; Diane Sanderson 344; Benny Ross 291; Helen Brown 186.

In a short business session, singers voted to continue an annual singing in Haworth on the Saturday before the third Sunday in November.

Judy Whiting led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Rev Paul Sanderson, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Brown; Secretaries—Judy Whiting and Cath Tyler.

CROSS ROADS MEMORIAL North of Tallapoosa, Georgia Saturday Night, November 19, 2005

The thirty-eighth session of the annual Cross Roads Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Donna Bell leading 31b. Lonnie Rogers offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairlady—Donna Bell; Vice Chairlady—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Belinda Stansbury; Arranging Committee—Charlene Wallace.

Leaders: Miranel Swafford 155, 203; Karleen Williams 100, 40; Robert Chambless 127, 68b; Mildred McElroy 61, 318; James Hughes and Cecil Roberts 159, 49b; Paul Robinson 45t, 128; B.M. Smith 222, 313t; Hugh McGraw 223; Judy Chambless 512, 544; Junior Robinson 569b.

RECESS

Donna Bell called the class together leading 87. Leaders: Lonnie Rogers 186, 176b; Cynthia Fielder 348b, 59; Earlis McGraw 475, 568; Stanley Edwards 275b, 425; George Garner 274t; Corene Laminack 405, 503; Eric Robinson 101t; Paige Harrod, Lonnie Rogers, and Karleen Williams 112; Inez Chandler and Ceford Woods 490, 457.

Announcements were made. Donna Bell led 46 as the closing song. Dorsey Newman dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairlady—Donna Bell; Vice Chairlady—Miranel Swafford; Secretary—Belinda Stansbury.

**WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL
(GANUS, WILFORD, CLIFFORD, AND GENE)**

**Mt. Vernon Church (King Schoolhouse), Natural Bridge, Alabama
Sunday, November 20, 2005**

The thirty-fifth session of the Wakefield Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Vernon Church on the third Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Travis Keeton leading 48t. The morning prayer was offered by Richard Mauldin. Travis Keeton led 217.

The class was organized for the day by the class voting to retain the following officers: Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—John Hyde; Arranging Committee—Faye Donaldson; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

Leaders: John Hyde 73t, 61; Willodean Barton 480 (for Wilton Donaldson), 270; James Wagner 282, 490; Sharon Spiller 565, 108t; Leon Ballinger 313b, 441; Jon Tyler 31b, 317; Ozella Blackmon 196, 35 (for Edith Tate); Kermit Adams 157, 99; Juanita Beasley 59, 77t; Velton Chaffin 225b, 173.

RECESS

John Hyde called the class back to order leading 63. Leaders: Ila Ingle 434, 436; Clarence McCool 349, 428, 328; Elene Stovall 389, 440; Lisa Geist 532, 50b; Richard Mauldin 100 (for Wilton Donaldson), 43 (for John Hyde and Josie Hyde); Samantha Spiller 30t, 445; Henry Guthery 39b, 304.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Travis Keeton leading 566. Leaders: Elizabeth Keeton 497, 504; Gravis Ballinger 84, 91; Marlin Beasley 89, 111b; Max Berueffy 517, 439; Larry Ballinger 234, 535 (for Clarence McCool); Earl Ballinger 430, 224; Steve Adams 101t, 309; Latriva Bailey 384, 318; Wesley Donaldson 45t, 30t; Margaret Keeton 171, 137; Debra Wakefield 183, 477; Glen Keeton “Joshua”, 117; Steve Miles 426t, 240; Sharon Spangler 454, 408; Wendell Wakefield, Wayne Wakefield, Larry Wakefield, Nadene Willis, Faye Donaldson, Helen Langston, Betty Baccus, Clara Stults, Julie Poston, Debra Wakefield, and Josie Hyde (children of S.L. and Catherine Wakefield) 333, 124, 143 (in memory of their parents).

Travis Keeton led 235 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Travis Keeton; Vice Chairman—John Hyde; Secretary—Josie Hyde.

**ELDER AND MRS. JASON DAVIS MEMORIAL
Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, Calhoun, Georgia
Sunday, November 20, 2005**

The annual singing at Harmony Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in November was called to order by Judy Mincey leading 59. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer. Judy Mincey led 73b (in memory of Alice Edwards and I.V. McWhorter).

Leaders: Ed Smith 112, 222; Lee Rogers 131b, 475; John Plunkett 381 (in memory of Floyd Peters), 474; Jeannette DePoy 338 (for Catherine Lee), 235; Laura Akerman 73t, 280; Juniper Hill 569b, 163b; Jennifer Kearns 358 (for Bill Kearns), 155; Charlene Wallace 49t, 186 (for Sherrie Edwards).

RECESS

Judy Mincey brought the class to order leading 145t. Leaders: Sandra Wilkinson 289, 388; Jane Spencer 86 (for Mike Spencer), 421.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Ed Smith; Secretary—Lee Rogers; Finance Committee—Don Bowen.

Leaders: Don Bowen 229, 157; Melanie Hardy 491, 84; Andy Anderson 510 (for all women who hold a special place in our hearts), 146; Dan Huger 254, 32; John Hollingsworth 147t, 68b.

LUNCH

Judy Mincey opened the afternoon session leading song 81t. Leaders: Russ Hanson 313t, 61; Richard DeLong 74t (in memory of I.V. McWhorter), 123b, 340 (for Violet Thomason); Mike Thompson 30b, 111b; Liz Bryant 542, 142; Coy Coggins 354b (in memory of Pastor Jimmy Williams); Eddie Marsh 63, 40; Juniper Hill 276, 183; Jane Spencer 280; Dan Huger 182; Eddie Marsh 481; Lee Rogers 556; Don Bowen and Tottie Harken 45t; Ed Smith 209, 150.

Judy Mincey led 62 as the closing song. Ed Smith dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Judy Mincey; Vice Chairman—Ed Smith; Secretary—Lee Rogers.

ALABAMA SACRED HARP MUSICAL CONVENTION **Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church** **Birmingham, Alabama** **November 26-27, 2005**

Saturday, November 26

The one hundred-sixth session of the Alabama State Sacred Harp Musical Convention met at Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in November. Chairman Max Berueffy called the class to order at 9:00 a.m. leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Louis Hughes. Leaders: Vice Chairman Larry Ballinger 84; Elene Stovall and Linda Thomas 556; Cassie Franklin Allen and Bud Oliver 270; Rodney Ivey and Don Bowen 283; Shelbie Sheppard 216; John Plunkett 492; Mike Thompson 436; Travis Keeton 179; Sandra Wilkinson 405; Robert Walker 145b; James S. Wagner 384; Aubrey Barfield 480; Steve Duff 189; Charlene Wallace 99; John Hyde 73t; J.A. Mosley 282; Russ Hanson 299; Dan Hopper 171; Clayton Ezell 300; John Bayer 399b; Arlon Gardner 454.

RECESS

Larry Ballinger and Allison Ivey led 144 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Brittney Duff 155; Hans Bayer 385b; Will Allred 87; Alex Makris 168; Jubal Bayer 128; Caleb Allred 196; Jerry Creason and Charlotte Gentry 47b; Penina Kane 61; Edward Howton 434; Lomax Ballinger 101t; Lela Crowder 430; John delRe 433; Loraine Bayer 38b; Warren Steel 36t; Velton Chafin 463; Phillip Langley 411; Carlene Griffin 448b; Stanley Smith 151; James M. Wagner 490; Floy Wilder 183.

RECESS

Danny Creel brought the class to order leading 222. Leaders: Jewel Wootten and Shane Wootten 441; Chris Holley 81t; Lou Cotney 218; Eugene Forbes 426b; Jeannette DePoy 522; Henry Johnson 29b; Kelly Macklin 444; Glenn Keeton and Elizabeth Keeton 178; Cheryl Foreman 107; Tommie Spurlock 442; Phillip Ashworth and Clayton Ezell 108b; Jim Carnes 209; Leland delRe 468; Jeff Adcock and Charlotte Gentry 354b; Regina Bayer 475; Flarce Creel, Ann Jett, Wanda Capps, Cindy Tanner, Cassie Allen, Danny Creel, and Harrison Creel 546, 342.

LUNCH

The class was brought together for the afternoon session by Earl Ballinger leading 331. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 318; Ken Tate 532 (for Edith Tate); Elder J.L. Hopper 250.

It was moved and seconded to go into a business session for the purpose of electing officers. The following officers were elected and committees were appointed: Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Chaplain—Richard Mauldin; Secretary—Linda Thomas; Arranging Committee—Cassie Allen, Allison Ivey, Bud Oliver, and Linton Ballinger; Memorial Committee—Henry Johnson and Shelbie Sheppard; Finance Committee—Rodney Ivey and Don Bowen; Resolutions Committee—David Ivey, Lisa Geist, and Elizabeth Keeton. A motion was made and seconded to close the business session.

Leaders: Leon Ballinger 297; Jennifer Allred 500; Joan Aldridge 228; Jerry Enright 51; Lisa Geist 273; Daphene Causey 223; Teddy Creel 124; Sarah Jenkins 217; Amber Davis 440; Charles Franklin 74b; Betty Shepherd 137; Karen Freund 319; Richard Mauldin and Dick Mauldin 358; Rachel Allred 142; Liz Meitzler 274t; Jeff Sheppard, Hans Bayer, and Jubal Bayer 388; Anne Steel 348b; Seth Allred 383; Karen Ivey and David Ivey 371.

RECESS

Allison Ivey and Cindy Tanner brought the class to order leading 76b. Leaders: Jonathon Thompson 91; Nathan Blackwood 24; Matt Hinton 147t; Herby Bailey 34b; Gary Smith 569b; Buell Cobb 131b; Roberta Strauss 496; William Shetter 540; Sharon DuPriest 186; Bob Meek 198; Louis Hughes 448t; Ed Thacker 470; Judy Mincey 497; Marilyn Burchett 29t; Marlin Beasley and Juanita Beasley 438; Nate Green and Norma Green 418.

Announcements were made. Chairman Larry Ballinger led 45b for the closing song. Chaplain Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, November 27

The Sunday morning session began at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Larry Ballinger leading 319. Chaplain Richard Mauldin offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Vice Chairman Danny Creel 327; Elene Stovall and Linda Thomas 186; Richard Mauldin 146; Bud Oliver, Cassie Allen, Allison Ivey, and Linton Ballinger 306; Henry Johnson and Shelbie Sheppard 70b; Rodney Ivey and Don Bowen 503; David Ivey, Lisa Geist, Elizabeth Keeton, and Anne Drexler 59; Sandie Scott 472; Sarah Smith 129 (in memory of Ivalene Donaldson and in honor of Wilton Donaldson); Bobby Watkins 203; Ila Ingle 530; Eddie Mash 347; Julietta Haynes 216; Sonya Cobbs Sipe 30b; Adrian Nall 358; Benny Green 144; Seth Holloway 388; Jan Ketelle 168; Roberta Strauss 45t; Susan Allred 77t; Gravis Ballinger 112; Larry Ballinger 215.

RECESS

Milton Oliver brought the class back to order leading 314. Leaders: Daryl Chesney and Richard Chesney 114; Hubert Nall 324; Chris Green 301; J.D. Findley and Angelia Findley 282; Ron Farris 145b; Richard Ivey 182; Ted Mercer 132; Harrison Creel 498; John Etheridge, Tim Jones, and Wayne Jones 378b; Nora Parker 276; David Carlton 332; Delone Cobbs 39b; Richard DeLong 395; Leon Ballinger and Lisa Geist 269; Terry Hullett and Jewel Wootten 421; Jessica Findley 430; Bob Meek and Adrian Eldridge 384; Liz Meitzler and Olivia Taylor 245; Jerry Creason 50t; Chris Holley 268; Nancy Banks 111t.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Allison Ivey leading 155. Leaders: Caleb Allred 312b; Alex Makris 222; Jessica Ivey and Cheyenne Ivey 128; Rachel Allred 442; James S. Wagner 46; Will Allred 454; Jennifer Allred 362; Nathan Blackwood 270; Jonathon Thompson 448t; Emily Creel 196; William Shetter 171; Eloise Clark and John Bealle 475.

Henry Johnson and Shelbie Sheppard conducted the memorial lesson. Henry Johnson read the names of the sick and shut-ins and the deceased. Shelbie Sheppard and Henry Johnson led 179 in honor of the sick and shut-ins.

The following names of the sick were included: Dr. William Reynolds, Martha Howell, Bobby Jackson, Bill Windom, Violet Thomason, Dale Meitzler, M.B. Forbes, Gib Amason, Vernelle Amason, Shirley Figura, Elsie Beasley, Jeanette Lowry, Linda Coppock, Wilton Donaldson, Josie Hyde, Carroll Lunsford, Larry Olszewski, Rebecca Lowman, Clarence McCool, and Mike Spencer.

Henry Johnson, Shelbie Sheppard, and Cassie Allen led 312t in memory of the following deceased: Jap Walton, Ivalene Donaldson, Nadine Franklin, Marian Wallace, Sylvia St. Clair, Alice Edwards, Maxine Lacy, John Hocutt, Hershell King, Ruth Aaron, Carolyn Whitten, and Sherry Guthery—Alabama; Mark Lincoln Seiler and Marie Burt—New York; Floyd Peters and I.V. McWhorter—Georgia; Kelly Beard—Texas; Dean Slaton—Indiana; Tom Gibney—New Jersey; Adelaide Hollez, Myle Hollez, and Travis Fuller—Massachusetts; Austin Burchett—Tennessee; Barbara Foster (Helen Brown's mother) and Wilma Elliott—United Kingdom. Henry Johnson led 338 to conclude, and Chaplain Richard Mauldin closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

The class was brought together by Larry Ballinger leading 50b: Leaders: Betty Shepherd 299; David Light 200; Bridgett Hill and Mike Thompson 426b; Karen Freund 454; Daphene Causey and Sharon DuPriest 434; Lynne deBenedette 542; Max Berueffy 377; Cindy Tanner 208; Jerry Enright 300; Joan Aldridge 198; Jackie Tanner 477; Jeannette DePoy 328; Jeff Sheppard 556; Karen Ivey 192; Glenn Keeton and Elizabeth Keeton 349; Wanda Capps 142; Marlin Beasley 318; Bea Carnathan 568; Teddy Creel 337; Judy Mincey 344; Charles Franklin 278b; Louis Hughes 512; Coy Ivey, Cassie Allen, Allison Ivey, and Richard Ivey 559 (CB), 384.

RECESS

J.C. Rutledge led 501 (CB) to bring the class back to order. Leaders: James M. Wagner, Ron Fleming, and Judy Fleming 480; Rodney Ivey, John Etheridge, and Linda Thomas 39t; Robert Walker 143; Eugene Forbes 405; Willie Mae Moon 225t; Nate Green and Norma Green 473; Marilyn Burchett 551.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports from various committees.

The Resolutions Committee Report was given as follows: Whereas the people of the 106th session of the Alabama State Sacred Harp Musical Association have been richly blessed with singing, fellowship, refreshments, and spirit. Be it resolved that we thank:

- The community for its physical support of the convention;
- Mt. Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church for again graciously opening its doors to the convention;
- The singers from across the country and this state for traveling to make this a vital and strong singing convention;
- The forefathers of this convention—the many who worked and sacrificed to keep and preserve the Sacred Harp tradition and the Alabama State Sacred Harp Association;
- And, foremost, we thank God for his generous blessings and the mercy and love he continues to show us. Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth Keeton, Lisa Geist, and David Ivey, Resolutions Committee.

A plaque was presented to Nora Parker by Max Berueffy on behalf of the Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention for the twenty-five years of dedicated service in

compiling and publishing the Minutes Book that she and her husband, Walter A. Parker, so lovingly and faithfully fulfilled for the convention.

The Finance Committee Report was presented by Linda Thomas. A balance of \$3,449.10 was brought forward; a collection for two days was received in the amount of \$1,646.95, for a total of \$5,096.05. Expenses were: food and supplies, \$1,209.18; gift to the church, \$250.00; cleaning of the church, \$75.00; minutes, \$60.00. Total expenses were—\$1,594.18. The balance, after expenses, is \$3,501.87.

The Secretary Report was presented by Elene Stovall stating that there were 184 registered guests from eighteen states. There were 123 leaders who led 102 songs on Saturday and 124 leaders led 92 songs on Sunday. A total for the two days resulted in 247 leaders leading 194 songs.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the reports as given and adjourn the business meeting.

Announcements were made. Larry Ballinger and Danny Creel led 62 as the closing song as the class took the parting hand. Richard Mauldin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Larry Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Linda Thomas.

SACRED HARP MUSICAL HERITAGE ASSOCIATION **Annual Meeting** **Saturday, November 26, 2005**

The annual meeting of the Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA) was held at Mount Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday, November 26th. Approximately 50 members were present.

President Jeff Sheppard called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., welcomed the assembly, and thanked the members for their support this past year.

Secretary David Ivey provided the following report to the assembly.

The Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association was delegated the responsibility for the publication, printing, and distribution of the *Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings* by the Alabama State Sacred Harp Convention in 1999. Approximately 3,000 copies were distributed in 2005. The “Historical Memorial” section, which lists the names of deceased singers, places of burial, and their dates of birth and death, will continue to be included in the 2006 book. We encourage you to submit this information for deceased singers who are not presently included. This information will be printed in a separate publication in the future. Joan Aldridge, Judy Caudle, and Elene Stovall were recognized for their support of Shelbie Sheppard, General Secretary of the Directory and Minutes publication.

The secretaries of singings and conventions were thanked for their work in recording minutes and submitting them on time. It was requested that minutes be submitted electronically when at all possible.

It was announced that the fourth annual Camp Fasola will be held at Camp Lee in 2006 on July 3rd—July 7th. For more information, <http://fasola.org/camp>

Thanks were expressed to the organizations and individuals who have made contributions in support of SHMHA and Camp Fasola over the past five years: Alabama State Council on the Arts; the Joe Beasley Memorial Foundation; the Sacred Harp Publishing Company; memorial gifts; and donations from many individuals. Jerry Enright and Karen Freund contributed a portion of the proceeds from the 1972 New Year’s Eve at the Iveys CD to SHMHA.

The 2005 financial report was presented with handouts provided to all members present. All receipts and expenses were itemized. An overview of the financial status

of SHMHA was presented. The report recognized contributors and a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

Several members made positive and encouraging remarks about the activities and projects of SHMHA.

President Jeff Sheppard made concluding remarks and adjourned the meeting. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Richard Mauldin.

SHMHA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, incorporated in Alabama, whose purpose is the perpetuation and preservation of Sacred Harp singing and its traditions. SHMHA's interests include singing schools, singings/conventions, traditional singing practices, and the history and traditions of Sacred Harp.

We encourage you to help SHMHA with your time, talents, and financial support. All contributions are tax deductible. Without your support, SHMHA projects would not be possible.

President—Jeff Sheppard; Secretary—David Ivey.

HOUSTON HEIGHTS ANNUAL SINGING **Heights Church of Christ, Houston, Texas** **Saturday, December 3, 2005**

The second Houston Heights Annual Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in December at the Heights Church of Christ in Houston, Texas.

Chairlady Crystal Meadows brought the class to order, welcomed everyone, and led 59. Dr. Lynn Mitchell offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Crystal Meadows 45t; Gaylon Powell 317, 67; Kevin Powell 163t, 163b; Joshua Martin 448t, 448b; Kris Wiggins 99 (CB), 505 (CB); Frank Price 571 (CB), 135 (CB); Wade Price 84 (CB), 497 (CB); Barbara Newell 147t, 84; Amanda Blevins 148, 168; Robert Vaughn 479 (CB), 477 (CB); Crystal Meadows 133 (CB), 171 (CB).
RECESS

Crystal Meadows bought the class together leading 507b (CB). Leaders: Evelyn Lamb 146, 159; Gaylon Powell 81b, 223; Kevin Powell 442, 300; Joshua Martin 107, 178; Kris Wiggins 384, 143; Frank Price 127, 43; Wade Price 40 (CB), 192 (CB); Barbara Newell 49b (CB), 128 (CB); Amanda Blevins 573 (CB), 270 (CB); Robert Vaughn 269 (CB), 468 (CB). Dr. Lynn Mitchell offered the lunch prayer.

LUNCH

Crystal Meadows brought the afternoon session together leading 186. "Happy Birthday" was sung for Charlotte Powell. Dr. Lynn Mitchell gave a short talk about the history of shape note singing.

Leaders: Crystal Meadows 383; Larry Hall 86, 276; Evelyn Lamb 47b, 277; Gaylon Powell 98 (CB), 225 (CB); Kevin Powell 306 (CB), 68t (CB); Kris Wiggins 522, 318; Wade Price 189 (CB), 155 (CB); Barbara Newell 63 (CB), 49t (CB); Amanda Blevins 358, 480; Joshua Martin 112, 74b; Robert Vaughn 432, 569b; Crystal Meadows 218, 105; Larry Hall 268; Gaylon Powell 244 (CB); Kevin Powell 273; Joshua Martin 38t; Kris Wiggins 574 (CB); Wade Price 522 (CB); Amanda Blevins 559 (CB); Barbara Newell 288 (CB).

Crystal Meadows led 52t (CB) as the closing song. Dr. Lynn Mitchell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairlady—Crystal Meadows; Secretary—Barbara Newell.

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK)

Holiday Inn, Panama City, Florida

December 3-4, 2005

Saturday, December 3

The thirty-eighth session of the Florida State Convention was called to order by Chairman Russ Scholz leading 313, 52t, and 166. The opening prayer was offered by Ernest Cockcroft.

The officers of the convention were as follows with committees appointed:

Chairman—Russ Scholz; Vice Chairman—Mike Jones; Second Vice Chairman—John Etheridge; Secretary—Jewell Rowland; Memorial Committee—Stanley Smith and Agnes Farris.

Leaders: Mike Jones 182; John Etheridge 186; Victoria Aplin 159; Jewell Skaggs 143; Aubrey Barfield 220; Teddy Creel 319; Ed Thacker 54t; Frank Strickland 358; Bud Oliver 377t; Faye Jones 47b; Bill Hogan 567; Sue Bunch 511b; Paul King 528b; Elsie Moon 544; Ernest Cockcroft 553; Karen Swenson 336t.

RECESS

The singing continued with Russ Scholz leading 31t. Leaders: Leon Ballinger 424; David Roberson 384; Marie Guthrie 192; Wayne Jones 270; Eva Padgett 224; John Merritt 240; Nancy Hogan 388; Danny Creel 355; Velton Chafin 86; Liz Bryant 392; Wilburn Ellison 393; Janet King 148; Nate Green and Norma Green 455.

RECESS

The singing continued with Russ Scholz leading 299. Leaders: Kennon Smith 189; Lera Ellison 47t; Bob Goodman 500; Brenda Merritt 450; Morgan Bunch 306; Juanita Hill 84; Frank Hataway 32t; Margaret Spurlock 112; Joe Nall 543; Tommie Spurlock 503; Loretta Jones 38t; Ernestine Pipkin 276; Bill Farris 401. Russ Scholz led 369. Tommie Spurlock asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Russ Scholz leading 39. Leaders: Ellen Gwynn 282; John Etheridge 133 (by request); Teddy Creel 475; Mike Jones 76b; B.J. Gordon 559; Ed Thacker 229; Frank Strickland 505; Bud Oliver 563; Faye Jones 481; Bill Hogan 516; Elsie Moon 414; Danny Creel 404; Wayne Jones 51t; Eva Padgett 536; John Merritt 507t; Agnes Farris 410; Wilburn Ellison 447t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Russ Scholz leading 499. Leaders: Velton Chafin 373; Karen Swenson 243b; David Roberson 498t; Lera Ellison 225t; Leon Ballinger 489; Robin Marqules 45t; Sue Bunch 72; Paul King 395b; Brenda Merritt 98; Bob Goodman 293b; Janet King 111b; Kennon Smith 239; Nate Green and Norma Green 436t; Liz Sheppard 60; Loretta Jones 497; Joe Nall 272; Frank Hataway 336b; Morgan Bunch 571; John Etheridge 488 (by special request).

Announcements were made. Chairman Russ Scholz led 323b as the closing song, and Joe Nall dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, December 4

The convention was called to order by Chairman Russ Scholz leading 574 and 49t. The opening prayer was offered by Paul King.

Leaders: Mike Jones 175b, 544; John Etheridge 477; Jewell Rowland 405, 341; Victoria Aplin 337, 122; Aubrey Barfield 168, 36b; Tommie Spurlock 203, 183; B.J. Gordon 478, 500; Ernest Cockcroft 49b, 435; Marie Guthrie 113, 434; Ed Thacker 55, 387; Faye Jones 285t, 225t; Bill Aplin 567.

RECESS

Russ Scholz led 376 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Tim Jones 120, 424; Brenda Merritt 274t, 282.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Stanley Smith and Agnes Farris. Stanley Smith led 283b for the following deceased who had passed away this past year: Mamie Riley and Alice Williams—Florida; Kelly Beard—Texas; Hershell King, Sherry Guthery, Ivalene Donaldson, Elvin Guthrie, Homer Whitworth, and John Hocutt—Alabama; Charles Jargensen—Arizona; Floyd Peters—Tennessee. Agnes Farris led 378t in honor or the following sick and shut-ins: Hubert Barfield—Florida; Anne Willis, Wilton Donaldson, Bill Green, Beufa Green, Ginny Whitworth, Coy Ivey, Harold Jacobs, Catherine Jacobs, Harrison Creel, and Flarce Creel—Alabama; Edith Owens—Texas; Bill Windom and Reba Windom—Michigan. The memorial lesson was concluded.

Leaders: David Roberson 101t, 275b; Loretta Jones 54t, 138t; Leon Ballinger 137, 384; Sue Bunch 444t, 38b; Bud Oliver 73t, 42. The class sang 369, and Aubrey Barfield offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Russ Scholz leading 82. Leaders: John Merritt 486, 174; Velton Chafin 127, 222; Robert Walker 501, 505, 393; Janet King 82, 76b; Chip Westbrook 72, 45t; Nate Green and Norma Green 541; Agnes Farris 345t, 229; Morgan Bunch 30t, 375; Karen Swenson 512, 99; McKenzie Smith 559.

RECESS

Russ Scholz called the class to order leading 28b. Leaders: Paul King 77t; Joe Nall 171, 461; Bill Farris 358, 111b; Stanley Smith 288 (for Irma Shiver); John Merritt 466 (for Bill Aplin); Karen Swenson 282 (by request).

The officers were appointed, and those who served this year were thanked for their contribution to help make this singing a success. Next year's officers are as follows: Chairman—Mike Jones; Vice Chairman—John Etheridge; Second Vice Chairman—Stanley Smith.

Announcements were made. All the officers led 495b and 527 as the closing songs.

The convention was closed with prayer by Joe Nall.

Chairman—Russ Scholz; Vice Chairman—Mike Jones; Second Vice Chairman—John Etheridge; Secretary—Jewel Rowland.

JOE BEASLEY MEMORIAL SINGING **Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield, Alabama** **December 10-11, 2005** **Saturday, December 10**

The eleventh annual Joe Beasley Memorial Singing was called to order by Marlin Beasley leading 32t. Elder J.L. Hopper led the morning prayer. Marlin Beasley explained the order of singing for the day. First, the class would sing from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*; second from *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Revised Cooper Edition*; third, from the *Christian Harmony*; fourth from the *Lloyd Hymnal* and last, from the *New Harp of Columbia*.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—John Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Schmeidler; Secretary—Sandie Scott.

Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 66; John Beasley 68b; Sandie Scott 317; J.L. Hopper 320; Sarah Beasley Smith 213b; Hubert Nall 49b; Cathryn Bearov 273; Velton Chafin 225t; Brenda Peña 77b; Tim Cook 355; Julietta Haynes 222; Brenda Merritt 336; Jeremy Shipp 48t; Glenda Hopper 306; Gary Smith 565.

RECESS

John Beasley brought the class back with 335. Leaders: Jayne Fulmer 186; Becky Beasley Briggs 318; Travis Keeton 340; Cora Beasley Sweatt 145b; John Hyde 297; Ruth Wyers 176b; Lee Bradley 46; Josie Hyde 223; Nathan Blackwell 43; Fran Ross

532; John Merritt 176t. From the *Cooper Edition*: Joan Aldridge 559; Jim Helke 571; Martha Beverly 38t; Hubert Nall 515; Cathryn Bearov 393t; Marlin Beasley, Sarah Smith, and Richard Schmeidler presented a plaque to Lee Bradley for services to the Beasley Foundation.

LUNCH

Marlin Beasley brought the afternoon session together with 505. Leaders: John Merritt 422 (for Marilyn Burchett); John Merritt 138t; Lee Bradley 574; Becky Briggs 229; Chris Chandler 115; Alex Chandler 577; Jeremy Shipp 58; John Merritt 400; Brenda Merritt 478; Sandie Scott, John Merritt, Chris Chandler, and Alex Chandler 392; Henry Schuman 522, 216. From the *Christian Harmony*: Mako Cook 70b; Tim Cook and Mako Cook 372; J.L. Hopper 374; Ruth Wyers 264 Nathan Blackwell 76b; James M. Wagner 109; Bill Beverly and John Merritt 81; John Merritt, Marlin Beasley, and Ruth Wyers 85b. From the *Lloyd Hymnal*: Jim Helke 305; Ruth Wyers 300, 490 Becky Briggs 330; Jeremy Shipp 514. >From the *New Harp of Columbia*: Jeremy Shipp and Cora Sweatt 144, 38; Sandie Scott, Jeremy Shipp, and Cora Sweatt 108; Richard Mauldin 29t (SH).

Announcements were made. John Beasley and Richard Schmeidler led 146 as the closing song. John Merritt dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, December 11

The Sunday session was called to order by Marlin Beasley with 59. Danny Creel led the morning prayer. Leaders: Richard Schmeidler 34b; Sandie Scott 223; John Beasley 47b; Becky Briggs 405; James M. Wagner 490; Juanita Beasley 73t; David Carlton 102; Martha Beverly 383; Danny Creel 532; Cathryn Bearov 472; Jim Helke 512; Sarah Smith 568; Teddy Creel 477; Lisa Geist 546; Richard Mauldin 551; Margaret Keeton 217; Jayne Fulmer 454.

RECESS

Ricky Beasley brought the class to order with 39b. Leaders: Fran Ross 455; Warren Steel 214; James S. Wagner 53; Julietta Haynes 211; Earl Ballinger 208; Josie Hyde 507; Samantha Spiller 30t; Harrison Creel 498; Elizabeth Keeton 497; Wilton Donaldson 229; Brenda Peña 325; Jon Tyler Baccus 31b; Amanda Denson and Margaret Keeton 276; John Hyde 544; Virginia Douglas 155; Buell Cobb 303; Betty Baccus 396; Kermit Adams 157; Gary Smith 225t; Lee Bradley 49t. Richard Mauldin and Virginia Douglas gave a presentation on the Beasley Foundation.

Martha Beverly and Cathryn Bearov conducted the memorial lesson. Martha spoke about those that are sick and shut-in then led 218. The sick and shut-in included: Elsie Beasley, Delores Beasley, Lucian Howell, and Edith Tate—Alabama; Carroll Lunsford—California; Miriam Sincere—Florida; Shirley Figura and Jeanette Lowry—Missouri; William Reynolds—Tennessee; Bob Scorgie—Wisconsin. Cathryn Bearov talked about those who have gone before, and led 114 in their memory. Those remembered included: Ivalene Donaldson, Sherry Guthery, John Hocutt, and Hershell King—Alabama; Phillip Dodson—Georgia; Al Frank and Vi Stark—Illinois; Dean Slaton—Indiana; Mark Seiler—New York; Larry Olszewski and Austin Burchett—Tennessee; Barbara Foster—United Kingdom. The memorial was concluded.

LUNCH

David Beasley called the class to order leading 47t. Leaders: John Merritt 499; John Merritt and Steve Adams “Nothing But the Blood of Jesus”; Charlotte Ehrman 569b; Larry Ballinger 50b; Brenda Merritt 430; Clarence McCool 349, 328; Ann Ballard 460; Bunk Beasley and Brooke Beasley 72b; Emily Creel 384; Glenn Keeton 365; Cora Sweatt and Brooke Beasley 143; Gravis Ballinger 300; Bea Carnathan 204; Charlie Ballard 45t; Marilyn Burchett 108b; Bridgett Hill 107; Cecil Wakefield 79; Brenda Peña 288; Warren Steel 245 (by request, in memory of Joe Beasley); Freddie

Briggs 388; Bill Beverly 106; Joan Aldridge 306; Henry Guthery 549; Fran Ross and John Bredesen 254; Travis Keeton 290; Henry Schuman 426; Seth Holloway 145b; Cora Sweatt, Marlin Beasley, Sarah Smith, Ann Ballard, Bunk Beasley, Becky Briggs, and John Beasley 274t.

Announcements were made. Chairman John Beasley and Vice Chairman Richard Schmeidler led 46 as the closing song. Earl Ballinger dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—John Beasley; Vice Chairman—Richard Schmeidler; Secretary—Sandie Scott.

SACRED HARP SINGERS

HISTORICAL MEMORIAL PROJECT

This is an ongoing project to document the names of prominent, lifelong Sacred Harp singers and supporters with their dates of birth and death and location of burial. Please send your contributions to Shelbie at: minutes@fasola.org. (Please note that this historical project is not extended to family members and friends who are not Sacred Harp singers and supporters.)

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Rev. Everetta Aaron

d. May 17, 1978
New Hope Cemetery
Walker County, Alabama

Ruth Parker (wife of Rev. Everetta) Aaron

b. June 3, 1912
d. August 8, 2005
New Hope Cemetery
Walker County, Alabama

Homer Abney

b. September 8, 1892
d. September 16, 1975
New Harmony Baptist
Cemetery
Albertville (Marshall Co.),
Alabama

J.L. Abrams

b. January 9, 1905
d. January 10, 1997
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Leslie Abrams

b. April 7, 1908
d. September 19, 1964
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Andrew W. Adams

b. December 3, 1884
d. October 30, 1965
Shady Grove P.B.Church
Double Springs, Alabama

E. Elcaney Adams

b. January 14, 1863
d. November 15, 1934
Shady Grove P.B.Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Jamima Adams

b. September 8, 1859
d. December 20, 1939
Shady Grove P.B.Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Jessie A. Adams

b. October 1, 1890
d. December 7, 1973
Shady Grove P.B.Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Maude Godsey Adams

b. April 8, 1896
d. May 24, 1985
Shady Grove P.B.Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Merrell B Adams

b. October 8, 1924
d. August 4, 1944
Shady Grove P.B.Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Mina Godsey Adams

b. October 11, 1886
d. November 11, 1967
Shady Grove P.B.Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Ralph Adams

b. September 8, 1922
d. August 4, 1988
Shady Grove P.B.Church
Double Springs, Alabama

W.E. Adams

b. October 18, 1882
d. May 26, 1961
Rock Creek Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Tressie Chafin Adkins

b. November 30, 1913
d. December 21, 1902
Oak Hill Cemetery
Jasper, Alabama

Grady Albright

b. August 17, 1916
d. November 17, 1994
Muscadine Cemetery
Muscadine, Alabama

Matthew Lane Albritton

b. January 26, 1924
d. December 25, 2001
Bethlehem P.B.C. Cemetery
Chicora, Florida

Allie Mae Aldridge

b. 1909
d. May 14, 2003
Oak Hill Cemetery
Jasper, Alabama

D.M. Aldridge

b. August 17, 1901
d. July 28, 1986
Johnson School House
Fayette Co., Alabama

Marie Creel Aldridge

b. March 22, 1917
d. August 6, 2000
Tri-Cities Mem. Garden
Florence, Alabama

Alvin Alexander

b. May 26, 1911
d. September 23, 1990
Weaver Family Cemetery
(Escambia Co.)
East Brewton, Alabama

Della Blakeley Alexander

b. April 29, 1884
d. April 25, 1967
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

J.B. Alexander

b. January 14, 1862
d. September 11, 1894
Moodys Chapel Cemetery
Etowah County, Alabama

John Monroe Alexander

b. October 4, 1882
d. June 29, 1966
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

Maudine Daniel Alexander

b. May 12, 1926
d. October 3, 1989
Oakhill Cemetery
Oneonta, Alabama

Roie Alexander

b. July 31, 1923
d. September 19, 2001
Oakhill Cemetery
Oneonta, Alabama

Savannah Harris Alexander

b. January 28, 1863
d. July 18, 1944
Moody's Chapel Cemetery
Etowah County, Alabama

Colbie Allen

d. November 26, 1995
Alabama

**Louise Jones Brown
(daughter of George O.
Jones) Allen**

b. December 2, 1908
d. July 15, 2005
Muscadine Cemetery
(Cleburne Co.)
Muscadine, Alabama

Maudie Anderson

b. July 15, 1904
d. November 20, 1974
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Conola (Okie) Austin

b. May 30, 1924
d. November 8, 2001
Pleasant Ridge B.C.
Whiteplains, Calhoun Co.,
Alabama

Harvey E. Austin

b. May 11, 1925
d. September 5, 2003
Pleasant Ridge B.C.
Whiteplains, Calhoun Co.,
Alabama

Ben Avery

1916-1988
Bacon Level (Randolph Co.)
Roanoke, Alabama

Bill Avery

1912-1974
College Park, Georgia

Elder H.R. (Roy) Avery

1906-1999
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

**Elder Marshall Douglas
Avery**

b. April 30, 1918
d. October 29, 2004
Meadoway Garden
LaGrange, Georgia

Elma Duck Avery

1910-2003
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

J.A. (Jim) Ayers

b. February 28, 1905
d. December 3, 1987
City Cemetery
Bowdon, Georgia

Lilly Belle Ayers

b. January 12, 1906
d. January 25, 2001
City Cemetery
Bowdon, Georgia

B**Basha Baines**

b. August 17, 1903
d. March 28, 1963
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Charlie W. Baines

1898-1992
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

John T. Baines

b. December 22, 1894
d. August 20, 1973
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Marion Baines

b. October 23, 2896
d. 1957
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Suley A. Baldy

b. December 21, 1891
d. December 25, 1958
Antioch Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Troy Dan Baldy

b. July 22, 1915
d. December 25, 1986
Antioch Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

William D. Baldy

b. August 13, 1888
d. March 24, 1967
Antioch Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

James Lavaughn Ballinger

b. January 25, 1928
d. April 22, 2003
Bethel Baptist Church
Fayette, Alabama

Etma Barton

b. October 23, 1903
d. July 25, 2004
Poplar Springs Primitive
Baptist Church
Lamar Co. (near Millport),
Alabama

Lydia Phillips Baswell

b. June 10, 1916
d. November 29, 2001
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

Fred Cecil Battles

b. April 12, 1909
d. November 16, 1989
Bethlehem B.C. Cemetery
Gallant, Alabama

Hettie Brothers Battles

b. April 24, 1910
d. November 11, 1977
Bethlehem B.C. Cemetery
Gallant, Alabama

**Helene Rita (Fink) (wife of
Kelly) Beard**

b. August 9, 1916
d. December 17, 1991
Body donated to science
Texas

Kelly Olaf Beard

b. September 16, 1918
d. March 16, 2005
Body donated to science
Texas

Emma Keeton Beasley

b. July 9, 1909
d. August 12, 1967
Winfield City Cemetery
Winfield, Alabama

J. Belton Beasley

b. February 17, 1902
d. January 20, 1977
Winfield City Cemetery
Winfield, Alabama

Joseph (Joe) Beasley

b. March 15, 1929
d. October 5, 1995
Winfield City Cemetery
Winfield, Alabama

Elder Arthur Lee Beckett

b. February 29, 1920
d. August 26, 1996
Evergreen Cemetery
Sylacauga, Alabama

Lera Sellers Beckett

b. April 29, 1921
d. June 7, 2005
Evergreen Cemetery
Sylacauga, Alabama

J.T. (Tom) Bell

Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Hattie Berry

b. February 5, 1900
d. June 7, 1988
Winston Memorial
Haleyville, Alabama

Willie Berry

b. October 7, 1896
d. May 10, 1968
Winston Memorial
Haleyville, Alabama

Wynelle Morris Birchfield

1930-1992
Resthaven Mem. Gardens
Lanett, Alabama

Ms. Jessie Lee Bishop

1893-1977
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

Alpha Ophelia Black

b. 1912
d. July 25, 2003
Liberty Cemetery
Helicon, Alabama

Dura C. Blackmon

b. February 8, 1902
d. October 4, 1994
Holly Springs PBC
Near Bremen, Georgia

Fannie Blackmon

b. August 16, 1886
d. April 7, 1981
Holly Springs PBC
Near Bremen, Georgia

H. Martin Blackmon

b. December 23, 1888
d. February 24, 1996
Holly Springs PBC
Near Bremen, Georgia

Newton D. Blackmon

b. May 2, 1886
d. September 10, 1958
Holly Springs PBC
Near Bremen, Georgia

Bura Phillips Blackwood

b. December 21, 1908
d. April 13, 1983
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

Robert M. Blackwood

b. September 30, 1904
d. January 16, 1994
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

**Catherine Cornelius
Blakeley**

b. April 1, 1859
d. December 11, 1933
Antioch Methodist Church
Oneonta, Alabama

John Blakeley

b. March 4, 1867
d. March 16, 1930
Antioch Methodist Church
Oneonta, Alabama

Gedie Blaylock

1881-1976
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Ruth Dorris Blaylock

1896-1976
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Gladys Bonds

b. April 14, 1921
d. August 25, 2004
Shady Grove Primitive
Baptist Church
Double Springs (Winston
Co.), Alabama

Ezra C. Bowen

b. May 25, 1905
d. July 9, 1993
Napeolon Church of Christ
Woodland, Alabama

Lawrence Boyd

1877-1952
Antioch Methodist Church
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Jencie Barker Boyd

b. June 18, 1890
d. February 20, 1958
Antioch Methodist Church
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Mollie Obara Bradford

b. March 13, 1896
d. January 28, 1976
Gum Pond Church Cemetery
Eva, Alabama

Myrtle Alexander Brothers

b. February 21, 1907
d. July 1, 1987
Bethlehem P.B. Church
(Etowah Co.)
Gallant, Alabama

Virgil Brothers

b. November 2, 1901
d. October 9, 1991
Bethlehem P.B. Church
(Etowah Co.)
Gallant, Alabama

Joe Thomas Brower

b. March 7, 1890
d. October 12, 1966
Memorial Park
Ada (Pontotoc Co.),
Oklahoma

John Sanders Brower

b. April 3, 1838
d. September 14, 1923
Hopewell Cemetery
Pinevalley (Yalobusha Co.),
Mississippi

Leman B. Brown

b. May 16, 1907
d. May 27, 1992
Hillcrest Cemetery
Jacksonville, Alabama

Ruth Burnham Brown

b. August 4, 1910
d. May 20, 2003
Hillcrest Cemetery
Jacksonville, Alabama

William Howard Burdett

b. January 7, 1821
d. August 18, 1884
Old City Cemetery
Heflin, Alabama

Julia Ann Prather (wife of William Howard Burdett)

b. September 22, 1826
d. January 27, 1908
Greenwood Cemetery
Cedartown, Georgia

Mary Lou Jackson Burks

b. February 28, 1900
d. December 18, 1990
New Harmony Cemetery
Lomax, Alabama

Jerry M. Burnes

b. September 23, 1887
d. March 27, 1967
Antioch Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Frank Burns

b. October 1, 1876
d. January 28, 1968
Old Flatwoods Cemetery
Nauvoo, Alabama

Hattie Burns

b. October 6, 1897
d. October 27, 1981
Old Flatwoods Cemetery
Nauvoo, Alabama

Nannie J. Burnham

b. June 23, 1873
d. June 7, 1952
Hillcrest Cemetery
Jacksonville, Alabama

Robert H. "Uncle Bob" Burnham

b. May 3, 1870
d. July 14, 1964
Hillcrest Cemetery
Jacksonville, Alabama

Agnes Beasley Burns

b. May 17, 1905
d. May 5, 1992
Winfield City Cemetery
Winfield, Alabama

John Henry Busby

b. 1914
d. February 26, 2003
Concord Cemetery
Henagar, Alabama

C**Alfred Marcus Cagle**

b. October 5, 1884
d. December 19, 1968
New Georgia Church
Cemetery
near Villa Rica (Pauling Co.),
Georgia

Hazel Morris Cagle

1928-1996
Resthaven Mem. Gardens
Lanett, Alabama

Inez Lee (2nd wife of A.M.) Cagle

New Georgia Church
Cemetery
near Villa Rica (Pauling Co.),
Georgia

John Manuel Cagle

b. September 20, 1900
d. April 25, 1988
Rock Creek Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Maggie Denson Cagle

Oak Hill Cemetery
Jasper, Alabama

W. K. (Kim) Cagle

1921-1998
Resthaven Mem. Gardens
Lanett, Alabama

Essie Russell Calvert

b. March 26, 1920
d. March 5, 1999
Prospect Cemetery
Cullman, Alabama

Luther Calvert

b. April 26, 1900
d. June 3, 1977
Addington Chapel Cemetery
Cullman, Alabama

Vernice A. Calvert

b. January 6, 1923
d. January 11, 1998
Prospect Cemetery
Cullman, Alabama

Colie Rogers Campbell

b. April 25, 1920
d. February 14, 1979
Macedonia Baptist Church
(Carroll County)
Sand Hill, Georgia

Remus A. (taught many singing schools) Canant

b. August 16, 1883
d. May 22, 1984
Elmwood Cemetery
Birmingham, Alabama

Ovada Phillips (daughter of George) Carr

b. June 13, 1925
d. October 28, 2004
Crestview Cemetery
East Gadsden, Alabama

Willie Mae Carroll

b. May 25, 1908
d. October 31, 1971
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Lessie Albright Cates

b. January 8, 1913
d. February 11, 1995
Muscadine Cemetery
Muscadine, Alabama

Walker B. Cates

b. February 11, 1908
d. February 23, 1984
Muscadine Cemetery
Muscadine, Alabama

Jimmy Causey

b. September 13, 1925
d. February 18, 1997
Hillview Memorial Park
Alexander City, Alabama

Elder J.C. Champion

1855-1930
Winfield City Cemetery
Winfield, Alabama

A.D. Chandler

d. June 5, 2005
Friendship Primitive Baptist
Church
Winston County, Alabama

Annie Chandler

b. January 3, 1902
d. May 15, 1981
Cross Roads Baptist Church
Tallapoosa (Harlson Co.),
Georgia

J.E. Chandler

b. February 19, 1895
d. April 4, 1982
Cross Roads Baptist Church
Tallapoosa (Harlson Co.),
Georgia

Edna "Roxie" Chesser

b. 1908
d. October 30, 2003
Sardis Cemetery
Chesser Island, Okefenokee
Swamp, Georgia

Susie L. Harmon Christian

b. January 29, 1878
d. October 13, 1955
Macedonia P.B.C.
Chambers Co., Alabama

Andrew Alexander Clay

b. March 16, 1902
d. January 26, 1971
Oak Grove Cemetery
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Odell Cleveland

b. 1912
d. December 13, 1995
Evergreen Cemetery
Sylacauga, Alabama

Clellan Cobb Cobb

Alabama

Forney Cobb

d. June 1, 1995
Alabama

Pauline Hopper Cobbs

b. December 18, 1919
d. March 19, 1990
Gum Pond Church Cemetery
Eva, Alabama

George Elliot Cox

b. August 23, 1921
d. January 31, 2002
Memorial Hill Gardens
Cemetery
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Mary Newlyn Caig

b. March 31, 1917
d. December 3, 2003
Craig Cemetery
Oakland (Rusk Co.), Texas

Charlie Oliver Creel

b. October 1, 1890
d. June 26, 1981
Alabama

Thomas Hayden Creel

b. June 15, 1930
d. March 6, 1998
Oakwood Cemetery (Masonic
section)
Gardendale, Alabama

Aver Crider

d. October 31, 1995
Alabama

Lindsey Crider

d. October 31, 1994
Alabama

Silas Curtis

b. December 29, 1899
d. January 1, 2002
Union Grove Church
Double Springs, Alabama

D**Lillian Ruth Northcutt Daffron**

b. May 26, 1916
d. August 8, 2002
Tuscaloosa Memorial Park
Cem.
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Floyd Davis

1896-1978
Old Flatwoods Cemetery
Nauvoo, Alabama

Wilma Keeton Davis

b. January 13, 1907
d. April 30, 1971
Old Flatwoods Cemetery
Nauvoo, Alabama

Ananias Davisson

b. February 2, 1780
d. October 21, 1857
Massanutten Cross Keys
Cemetery
Cross Keys (Rockingham
Co.), Virginia

Ann Deason

d. October 17, 2003
Centerville, Alabama

J.C. Deason

b. December 25, 1910
d. February 11, 1992
Little Hope PBC Cemetery
Eoline, Alabama

John Deason

b. December 30, 1905
d. July 30, 1975
Old Pleasant Hill
Cumberland Presbyterian
Church Cemetery
Eoline, Alabama

Mary Sovella Elam Deason

b. September 9, 1884
d. November 19, 1968
Little Hope PBC Cemetery
Eoline, Alabama

Wiley Ezra Deason

b. March 9, 1879
d. September 24, 1962
Little Hope PBC Cemetery
Eoline, Alabama

Doris W. DeLong

b. February 1, 1906
d. February 10, 1986
Ebenezer PBC Cemetery
Dunwoody, Georgia

Horace R. DeLong

b. February 1, 1906
d. January 10, 1999
Ebenezer PBC Cemetery
Dunwoody, Georgia

Kenneth R. DeLong

b. December 27, 1939
d. September 4, 2002
Greenwood Cemetery
Cedartown, Georgia

Amilla Mae Robinson Denney

b. April 30, 1882
d. November 23, 1928
Hopewell P.B.C. (Heard Co.)
Ephesus, Georgia

C.R. (Charlie) Denney

b. June 3, 1873
d. November 6, 1945
Hopewell P.B.C. (Heard Co.)
Ephesus, Georgia

James (Jimmy) Denney

b. November 23, 1863
d. March 26, 1938
Georgia

Jdefferson Franklin Denney

b. April 7, 1894
d. August 14, 1977
Emmaus P.B.C.
Carrollton, Georgia

Laura I. Denney
b. July 18, 1868
d. October 31, 1925
Georgia

Lewis Everette Denney
b. November 1, 1915
d. December 29, 2002
Carroll Memory Garden
Carrollton, Georgia

Lewis Garvey Denney
b. March 20, 1890
d. December 17, 1973
Emmaus P.B.C.
Carrollton, Georgia

L. Wilburne Denney
b. September 23, 1888
d. November 23, 1968
Hopewell P.B.C. (Heard Co.)
Ephesus, Georgia

Newman E. Denney
b. November 13, 1885
d. April 16, 1976
Emmaus P.B.C.
Carrollton, Georgia

Raymond Howard Denney
b. December 3, 1917
d. April 6, 1965
Oakgrove Baptist Church
Cemetery
Carrollton, Georgia

Wilford Edgar Denney
b. April 18, 1919
d. February 9, 2002
Carroll Memory Garden
Carrollton, Georgia

**Willie Myrt Shadinger
Denney**
b. May 8, 1899
d. February 13, 1984
Emmaus P.B.C.
Carrollton, Georgia

**Amanda Burdette (1st wife
of T.J.) Denson**
b. January 7, 1861
d. September 19, 1910
Fairview M.B. Church
Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

Colonel Paine Denson
b. October 8, 1882
d. January 30, 1955
Fairview M.B. Church
Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

Howard Denson
b. August 4, 1897
d. July 17, 1950
Fairview M.B. Church
Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

**James M. (brother of Levi)
Denson**
1816-1855
Unknown Location
Bienville Parish, Louisiana

Levi Phillip Denson
b. 1819
d. December 22, 1889
Arbacoochee
Arbacoochee, Alabama

**Lola Mahalia Akers (2nd
wife of T.J.) Denson**
b. May 29, 1878
d. September 17, 1971
Oak Hill Cemetery
Jasper, Alabama

Owell W. Denson
b. December 6, 1912
d. January 24, 1969
Nesmith Methodist Church
Winston County, Alabama

Robert E. "Bob" Denson
b. August 12, 1892
d. August 30, 1983
Pisgah Church Cemetery
Addison (Winston Co.),
Alabama

S. Whitt Denson
b. February 25, 1890
d. May 17, 1964
Nesmith Methodist Church
Winston County, Alabama

**Seaborn McDaniel (son of
Levi) Denson**
b. April 9, 1854
d. March 19, 1935
Mt. Pisgah (Winston Co.)
near Nesmith, Alabama

**Sydney Burdette (wife of
S.M.) Denson**
b. October 11, 1853
d. May 2, 1928
Mt. Pisgah (Winston Co.)
near Nesmith, Alabama

**Thomas Jackson (son of
Levi) Denson**
b. January 20, 1863
d. September 14, 1935
Fairview M.B. Church
Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

Lois Dodson
b. November 21, 1891
d. April 27, 1981
Winfield City Cemetery
Winfield, Alabama

Bessie Donaldson
b. October 24, 1907
d. May 30, 1943
Liberty Grove Missionary
Baptist Church
Haleyville, Alabama

**Ivalene (Berry) (Wife of
Wilton) Donaldson**
b. April 12, 1927
d. April 18, 2005
Memorial Gardens
Haleyville, Alabama

Wiley Donaldson
b. April 9, 1905
d. September 24, 1975
Liberty Grove Missionary
Baptist Church
Haleyville, Alabama

Adeline E.B. Dorris
b. February 13, 1855
d. January 1, 1923
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Rev. W.M. Dorris
b. June 1, 1863
d. March 27, 1920
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Lazarus "Lay" Dowling
b. February 27, 1829
d. February 17, 1919
High Bluff Church Cemetery
Big Creek (Brantley Co.),
Georgia

Jesse Franklin Dryden
b. September 23, 1895
d. October 10, 1969
Muscadine Cemetery
Muscadine, Alabama

Joseph Vaughn Dryden

b. 1948
d. July 4, 2003
Muscadine Cemetery
Muscadine, Alabama

Roxie Haney Duffey

b. August 18, 1958
d. January 18, 1999
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Harry Dumas

d. November 3, 1994
Georgia

C.C. Dyer

b. June 1, 1900
d. November 21, 1990
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Carrie Lee Dyer

b. October 16, 1895
d. April 29, 1927
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Esther G. Dyer

b. January 24, 1907
d. May 26, 1964
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

W.A. Dyer

b. October 6, 1893
d. June 28, 1969
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

E**Edgar Smith Easley**

b. April 3, 1897
d. March 4, 1975
Oak Springs Church
Calhoun County, Mississippi

Ruby Easley

b. January 3, 1921
d. May 4, 2004
Oak Springs Church
Calhoun County, Mississippi

Virginia Myers Easter

b. November 27, 1940
d. January 15, 2004
Oak Hill Cemetery
Jasper, Alabama

Alice Edwards

b. November 11, 2005
d. September 22, 1915
Lower Cane Creek Cemetery
Near Heflin, Cleburne Co.,
Alabama

Cecil Edwards

b. July 23, 1912
d. February 21, 2001
Pine Grove Cemetery
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Ruth Denson Edwards

b. July 3, 1893
d. April 25, 1978
Fairview M.B. Church
Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

Joseph W. Elder

b. March 22, 1831
d. November 8, 1913
Union Cemetery
Cheaha Mountain (Clay Co.),
Alabama

Rosa Ann Elizabeth

DeLoach Hill Elder
b. November 12, 1844
d. May 24, 1917
Union Cemetery
Cheaha Mountain (Clay Co.),
Alabama

Sarah Jane Manning Elder

b. April 1, 1834
d. August 12, 1886
Union Cemetery
Cheaha Mountain (Clay Co.),
Alabama

Elder Vernon Estes

1934-2000
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

F**Myrtice Mann Faircloth**

1926-2000
Columbus, Georgia

Allen Fannin Fannin

b. November 1, 1939
d. September 12, 2004
Body was Cremated
New York

Colonel Franklin Fannin

b. March 10, 1868
d. June 28, 1954
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Harvey Lee Fannin

b. September 18, 1900
d. July 14, 1979
Columbia, Tennessee

Lougaina Adams Fannin

b. November 18, 1888
d. October 6, 1981
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Ora Lee Adams Fannin

d. September 20, 2005
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Raymond Otis Fannin

b. May 1, 1912
d. November 21, 2000
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Haleyville, Alabama

Robert Misseldine Fannin

b. April 2, 1902
d. August 28, 1997
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Sara L. Fannin

b. September 25, 1875
d. January 7, 1918
Pleasant Ridge P.B.C.
Russellville, Alabama

Clinton Faulkner

1915-1998
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

**Hazel Estelle Sheppard
Flowers**

b. April 28, 1916
d. April 22, 2004
Pleasant Grove Cemetery
Moultrie, Georgia

Annie Wallace Forbes

1893-1960
Mt. Zion P.B. Church
Ashland, Alabama

Betty Rosser Forbes

1936-2000
Mt. Zion P.B. Church
Ashland, Alabama

Byron Forbes
1924-1968
Mt. Zion P.B. Church
Ashland, Alabama

Chester Forbes
1890-1975
Mt. Zion P.B. Church
Ashland, Alabama

Foy Federick
b. January 16, 1906
d. July 6, 1974
New Hope Cemetery
Sipsey, Alabama

Al Frank
d. August 22, 2005

Martha Myers Frederick
b. August 30, 1919
d. January 19, 2003
New Hope Cemetery
Sipsey, Alabama

Paul Frederick
b. July 8, 1922
d. April 20, 2002
Maple Hill Cemetery
Huntsville, Alabama

Thomas LaFayette Futural
b. November 28, 1921
d. November 16, 2003
Smyrna Cemetery
Goodwater, Alabama

G

Alice Merritt Gant
b. January 15, 1904
d. May 19, 2003
Woodlawn Cemeter
Nashville, Tennessee

Carrie Pope Garner
b. December 26, 1907
d. May 14, 2003
Cross Roads Baptist Church
Tallapoosa (Harlson Co.),
Georgia

Lola Akers Denson Gibbs
1878-1971
Oak Hill Cemetery
Jasper, Alabama

Ruby Sheppard Gibson
b. April 19, 1913
d. October 14, 1995
Garden Hills Cemetery
Opelika, Alabama

T.A. (Thurman) Gibson
Garden Hills Cemetery
Opelika, Alabama

Will Gifford
Mountain Home Cemetery
Henagar, Alabama

Lavada McGough Gilmore
b. June 6, 1940
d. January 31, 1994
New Flatwoods Cemetery
Nauvoo, Alabama

Runie Glover
b. October 24, 1901
d. January 13, 1994
Mabson Methodist Church
Ozark, Alabama

Ada Fannin Godsey
b. December 12, 1907
d. September 16, 1998
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Clinton L. Godsey
b. December 4, 1907
d. February 15, 1993
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Emley J. Godsey
b. October 25, 1863
d. January 28, 1919
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Era T. Godsey
b. June 17, 1897
d. February 14, 1986
Fairview Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

George Ann Godsey
b. May 6, 1878
d. October 4, 1934
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Herbert H. Godsey
b. May 22, 1908
d. January 14, 1981
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Hollis K. Godsey
b. February 25, 1915
d. February 11, 1990
Friendship Primitive Baptist
Church
Winston County, Alabama

Howard H. Godsey
b. December 16, 1909
d. March 2, 1991
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Jasper Godsey
1883-1948
Fairview Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Joseph Acey Godsey
b. March 20, 1901
d. January 23, 1974
Pleasant Hill B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Levi W. Godsey
b. November 25, 1884
d. September 9, 1974
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Louis Godsey
b. November 26, 1875
d. August 9, 1941
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Lucretia Adams Godsey
b. September 12, 1886
d. July 4, 1965
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Martha J. Fannin Godsey
b. November 12, 1905
d. June 23, 1968
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Palmer Godsey
b. September 11, 1898
d. August 17, 1983
Fairview Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Robert W. Godsey
b. May 2, 1865
d. May 3, 1932
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Ruthie E. Godsey
1889-1974
Fairview Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Ted A. Godsey
b. October 9, 1933
d. February 15, 1995
Friendship Primitive Baptist
Church
Winston County, Alabama

Ira W. Gray

b. August 21, 1896
d. January 9, 1981
Antioch Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Herbert Chester Green

b. November 17, 1894
d. April 19, 1960
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

Lois Majorie Green

b. May 8, 1929
d. February 18, 1995
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

Nettie Alcedora Phillips Green

b. June 9, 1897
d. November 12, 1984
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

Rev. William David Green

b. September 14, 1872
d. June 1, 1964
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

Sherry Guthery

b. March 27, 1944
d. January 29, 2005
Prospect Church of Christ
Cullman Co., Alabama

Edis D. Guthrie

b. September 29, 1968
d. November 23, 2002
Oak Level Cemetery
Cullman, Alabama

Elvin D. Guthrie

b. April 24, 1965
d. November 29, 2003
Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist
Church
Cullman, Alabama

Harley R. Guthrie

b. July 11, 1917
d. November 17, 1988
Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist
Church
Cullman, Alabama

H**Lalla Lorena Hammock**

b. April 20, 1906
d. May 14, 1981
Hurricane Methodist Church
Cemetery
Near Heflin, Cleburne Co.,
Alabama

Maudie A. Hammonds

b. August 29, 1916
d. February 11, 2005
Munford City Cemetery
Munford, Alabama

Ada (wife of John Newton) Hamrick

b. July 2, 1893
d. February 3, 1975
Mars Hill Cemetery
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Eldora P. (wife of Isaacs T.) Hamrick

b. July 24, 1916
d. December 2, 1997
Mars Hill Cemetery
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Horace C. Hamrick

b. October 18, 1912
d. September 24, 1993
Sardis Church Cemetery
Macon, Georgia

Isaac T. Hamrick

b. April 12, 1912
d. November 29, 1965
Mars Hill Cemetery
Cleburne Co., Alabama

John Newton Hamrick

b. July 30, 1886
d. August 25, 1972
Mars Hill Cemetery
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Willa Mae Lacy Haney

b. March 31, 1934
d. June 23, 1997
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

J.C. Harden

b. February 3, 1906
d. May 20, 2004
Ramah Baptist Church
Banks, Alabama

Annie Harper

b. September 27, 1905
d. July 4, 1989
Elmwood Cemetery
Birmingham, Alabama

Arthur M. (Mack) Harper

b. October 22, 1901
d. September 27, 1984
Winston Mem. Cemetery
Haleyville, Alabama

Grady Harper

b. July 22, 1915
d. August 13, 1971
Old Flatwoods Primitive
Baptist Church Cemetery
Nauvoo, Alabama

Joe Harper

b. April 13, 1895
d. March 23, 1949
Old Flatwoods Primitive
Baptist Church Cemetery
Nauvoo, Alabama

Martha Keeton Harper

b. January 9, 1898
d. March 4, 1962
Old Flatwoods Primitive
Baptist Church Cemetery
Nauvoo, Alabama

Minervia Harper

b. September 1, 1901
d. April 29, 1996
Winston Mem. Cemetery
Haleyville, Alabama

Tom Harper

b. September 1, 1903
d. November 21, 1996
Elmwood Cemetery
Birmingham, Alabama

Cleo Cook Hawkins

b. March 5, 1907
d. August 21, 1998
Bruce Cemetery
Bruce, Mississippi

Lydia Avery Hawkins

b. November 30, 1907
d. December 7, 2002
Wehadkee Cemetery
Rock Mills, Alabama

Ralph Heath

b. January 22, 1914
d. June 19, 1999
Mabson Methodist Church
Ozark, Alabama

Kizzie Beasley Henderson

b. February 1, 1895
d. August 18, 1987
Winfield City Cemetery
Winfield, Alabama

Nelda Henry

b. April 12, 1936
d. September 4, 2004
Hillview Memorial Park
Alexander City, Alabama

Bertha Parker Henson

b. July 29, 1904
d. June 4, 1995
Walker Memorial Gardens
Jasper, Alabama

Otis Hester

b. July 22, 1912
d. December 28, 2004
Evergreen Cemetery
Fitzgerald, Georgia

Jack Hicks**Viola Hicks**

d. April 11, 1994

Eddie Hill

b. July 12, 1911
d. January 3, 2002
Macedonia M.B. Church
Webster County, Mississippi

Grove Lebron Hinton

b. 1913
d. May 3, 2004
Oak Hill Cemetery
Jasper, Alabama

Violet Denson Hinton

b. February 13, 1915
d. August 7, 1989
Oak Hill Cemetery
Jasper, Alabama

Carlton Hitchcock

d. December 1, 1994
Georgia

John Hocutt

b. February 28, 1917
d. February 16, 2005
Pleasant Grove Primitive
Baptist Church
Boldo, Alabama

Vena Holley

b. 1906
Rabbittown Baptist Church
Rabbittown (Calhoun Co.),
Alabama

Annicc Hyatt Holmes

b. April 18, 1904
d. June 14, 1963
Bethel Methodist Church
Cemetery
Eva, Alabama

Buddy Holt

1880-1953
Old Flatwoods Cemetery
Nauvoo, Alabama

Della Holt

1883-1974
Old Flatwoods Cemetery
Nauvoo, Alabama

Myrtice Godsey Hood

b. June 17, 1914
d. February 24, 2000
Friendship Primitive Baptist
Church
Winston County, Alabama

Izella Nickles Hopper

b. September 5, 1901
d. April 26, 1978
Bethel Methodist Church
Cemetery
Eva, Alabama

Lama E. Hopper

b. July 14, 1894
d. November 26, 1985
Bethel Methodist Church
Cemetery
Eva, Alabama

Marvin W. Hopper

b. March 16, 1922
d. May 17, 1989
Bethel Methodist Church
Cemetery
Eva, Alabama

Willard O. Hopper

b. September 15, 1927
d. May 19, 2000
Gum Pond Church Cemetery
Eva, Alabama

Lona Godsey Horton

b. March 19, 1894
d. August 12, 1984
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Robert J. Horton

b. June 10, 1890
d. November 5, 1965
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Karen E. House

b. March 18, 1968
d. June 12, 2000
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Dr. James Levert Howell

b. June 16, 1917
d. May 23, 2002
Tuscaloosa Memorial Park
Cem.
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Elman Howton

b. May 5, 1918
d. December 8, 2004
Memory Hill Chapel
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

**Dollie Corley DeLong
Hudgins**

b. June 6, 1918
d. November 28, 1999
Ebenezer PBC Cemetery
Dunwoody, Georgia

J.C. Hughes

b. December 3, 1909
d. December 2, 1990
Cross Roads Baptist Church
Tallapoosa (Harlson Co.),
Georgia

Kathleen Hughes

b. July 10, 1915
d. March 17, 1993
Cross Roads Baptist Church
Tallapoosa (Harlson Co.),
Georgia

J.C. (Jimmy) Hullett

b. February 7, 1922
d. October 5, 1974
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

Arville Hyatt

b. November 19, 1927
d. January 2, 1995
Bethlehem P.B. Church
(Etowah Co.)
Gallant, Alabama

I**Andrew Ivey**

b. June 1, 1903
d. August 10, 1987
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Eulas Ivey
b. January 7, 1907
d. February 23, 1981
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Helen Ivey
b. January 14, 1906
d. March 19, 1995
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

J
Augustus Jackson
b. March 25, 1858
d. December 24, 1929
Old Harmony P.B. Church
Abernathy, Alabama

Carl Jackson
b. August 30, 1899
d. January 7, 1965
Ephesus Church Cemetery
New Site, Alabama

Dana Jackson
b. May 21, 1904
d. March 15, 1994
Carrollton City Cemetery
Carrollton, Georgia

Elizabeth Gammill Jackson
b. November 27, 1936
d. July 11, 1901
Columbia Co., Arkansas

Henry (Doc) Jackson
d. June, 1995
Alabama

John Andrew Jackson
b. April 9, 1818
d. February 2, 1860
Columbia Co., Arkansas

L.D. "Dovy" Jackson
b. 1905
d. July 17, 2002
Shady Grove (Keeton
Cemetery)
Winston County, Alabama

Pearl Jackson
b. March 10, 1901
d. June 20, 1993
Ephesus Church Cemetery
New Site, Alabama

Seaborn Joseph Jackson
b. November 3, 1881
d. November 10, 1957
Carrollton City Cemetery
Carrollton, Georgia

Thomas Jefferson Jackson
b. December 24, 1863
d. January 2, 1931
New Harmony Cemetery
Lomax, Alabama

Ira James

Joseph S. James, Jr.

Joseph Stephen James
b. March 20, 1849
d. 1931

Eula Smith Johnson
b. March 20, 1910
d. September 20, 2001
Anniston Memorial Gardens
Anniston, Alabama

Erma Mann Jones
b. 1906
d. January 14, 1995
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

George W. Jones
b. January 4, 1898
d. April 3, 1977
Heflin Cemetery
Heflin, Alabama

William Lee Jones
b. June 3, 1915
d. October 23, 1987
Lower Cane Creek Cemetery
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Addie Junkin
b. September 2, 1887
d. July 19, 1948
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Arthur Junkin
b. May 15, 1888
d. November 21, 1969
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Lucille Sudduth Junkin
b. October 22, 1914
d. March 16, 2003
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Mattie T. Junkin
b. March 19, 1882
d. October 29, 1977
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Milton Junkin
b. January 15, 1883
d. August 22, 1954
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

K

Ben Keeton
b. December 25, 1901
d. July 26, 1993
Keeton Cemetery
Nauvoo, Alabama

Cornelius Benjamin (Bennie) Keeton
b. February 26, 1887
d. January 6, 1972
Keeton Cemetery
Nauvoo, Alabama

Mary E. Keeton
b. August 15, 1876
d. September 20, 1955
Old Flatwoods Cemetery
Nauvoo, Alabama

Simeon A. Keeton
b. June 26, 1873
d. August 7, 1932
Old Flatwoods Cemetery
Nauvoo, Alabama

Colonel Gipson (Uncle Tobe) Keith
b. June 4, 1852
d. December 5, 1926
Mountain Home Cemetery
Sand Mountain (DeKalb Co.),
Alabama

Andrew J. "Uncle Jack" Kerr
b. August 24, 1872
d. March 23, 1970
Mars Hill Cemetery
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Henry Kerr
b. May 12, 1896
d. March 30, 1994
Upper Cane Creek M. Cem.
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Elias L. King
1828-1876
Columbia, Georgia

Hershell King
b. May 22, 1920
d. January 25, 2005
Mt. Oak Methodist Church
Cemetery
Arab, Alabama

Joel King
1809-1871
Columbia, Georgia

Edna Mae Knowles
Rest Haven Mem. Gardens
Lanett, Alabama

L

John M. Lacy
b. November 10, 1869
d. January 24, 1958
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

L.C. (Lindbergh) Lacy, Jr.
b. August 29, 1932
d. July 9, 1999
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Leonard C. Lacy
b. October 25, 1902
d. February 3, 1993
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Margie Peek Lacy
b. August 20, 1911
d. October 8, 1993
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Maude Lacy
New Home Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Noah Lacy
b. April 11, 1908
d. July 12, 1993
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Nora Ivey Lacy
b. March 21, 1905
d. September 11, 1967
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Maxine Lacy
b. March 30, 1925
d. September 8, 2005
Ada, Oklahoma

Wallace Lacy
New Home Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Harrison Newton Lambert
b. June 21, 1878
d. October 15, 1967
Holly Springs Cemetery
near Bremen, Georgia

Homer N. Lambert
b. August 24, 1900
d. October 17, 1959
Holly Springs Cemetery
near Bremen, Georgia

Ludie McWhorter Lambert
b. December 21, 1898
d. May 13, 1976
Holly Springs Cemetery
near Bremen, Georgia

Maggie H. Lambert
b. December 30, 1882
d. May 22, 1953
Holly Springs Cemetery
near Bremen, Georgia

**Elvera Dowling (wife of
Silas) Lee**
b. 1914
d. March 26, 2005
High Bluff Church Cemetery
Hoboken, Georgia

James T. (Jimmy) Little
b. February 3, 1910
d. February 18, 1980
Bethlehem Baptist Church
Oxford, Alabama

Willie E. (Bill) Little
b. January 15, 1908
d. February 16, 1990
Bethlehem Baptist Church
Oxford, Alabama

Cora Tee Livingston
b. December 17, 1913
d. October 20, 1993
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Lois S. Livingston
b. August 12, 1908
d. April 21, 1982
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Murry L. Livingston
b. June 9, 1908
d. January 13, 1985
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

M.W. Lovvorn
b. September 7, 1881
d. May 31, 1983
City Cemetery
Carrollton, Georgia

Oscar Lowe
b. January 8, 1901
d. October 14, 1984
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

Vera Alexander Lowe
b. October 23, 1904
d. October 24, 1976
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

M

Alonzo A. Malone
b. December 6, 1915
d. September 23, 2003
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Evie W. Malone
b. June 15, 1901
d. January 21, 1984
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Jones R. Malone
b. November 25, 1873
d. February 13, 1964
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

W.D. Malone
b. September 24, 1899
d. March 4, 1982
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Annie Mann
1892-1990
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

Hoyt Mann

1918-1979
Garden Hills Cemetery
Opelika, Alabama

J.B. "Tobe" Mann

1861-1962
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

Moses Lee Mann

1888-1982
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

Maxine Mann Marlett
1922-2002

Garden Hills Cemetery
Opelika, Alabama

James F. Martin

b. June 29, 1890
d. June 2, 1979
Antioch Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

James Verble Martin

b. August 3, 1914
d. March 8, 1993
Pleasant Hill B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

John Homer Martin

b. February, 1880
d. April 17, 1963
Antioch Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Mary Evie Martin

b. June 26, 1893
d. June 16, 1976
Antioch Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Mary Jane Martin

b. March 13, 1850
d. July 17, 1943
Antioch Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Oneal Mathis

1910-1991
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

W.B (Bill) Matthews

Pauling Co. between
Dallas & Villa Rica, Georgia

Tommye Denson Mauldin

b. August 6, 1916
d. September 6, 2001
Oak Hill Cemetery
Jasper, Alabama

Iris Mann Mayfield

1921-1969
Garden Hills Cemetery
Opelika, Alabama

Evie Lee Sheppard May

b. May 21, 1910
d. August 15, 1945
Pleasant Grove Cemetery
Moultrie, Georgia

Martha Beasley Mays

b. December 12, 1893
d. December 3, 1982
Winfield City Cemetery
Winfield, Alabama

Bessie Denney McClendon

b. May 29, 1892
d. March 22, 1980
Emmaus P.B.C.
Carrollton, Georgia

Gaines Preston McClendon

b. October 14, 1904
d. May 31, 2005
Holly Hill Cemetery
Fairburn, Georgia

Thomas S. McClendon

b. February 15, 1876
d. July 1, 1965
Oakgrove Baptist Church
Cemetery
Carrollton, Georgia

Warner Cleveland McClendon

b. November 21, 1892
d. April 7, 1970
Emmaus P.B.C.
Carrollton, Georgia

Elder J.W. McCool

b. December 18, 1885
d. October 14, 1957
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Elizabeth McCool

b. March 3, 1849
d. February 24, 1913
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

F.M. McCool

b. October 10, 1844
d. August 15, 1922
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Lizzie McCool

b. September 17, 1886
d. November 9, 1940
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Lyda Abrams McCool

b. December 24, 1891
d. April 21, 1975
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

M. Ida McCool

b. June 7, 1879
d. May 22, 1972
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Mabel E. McCool

b. February 6, 1909
d. July 15, 1990
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Robert L. McCool

b. September 29, 1906
d. May 12, 1970
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Sarah Springer McCool

b. June 21, 1913
d. June 28, 1999
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Thomas Floyd McCool

b. March 3, 1909
d. July 16, 1989
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Walker McCool

b. October 30, 1893
d. February 6, 1942
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Will N. McCool

b. December 10, 1880
d. October 9, 1962
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Zelma Dyer McCool
b. December 30, 1901
d. April 1, 1936
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Dewey McCullar
b. June 11, 1898
d. December 28, 1970
New Hope Cemetery
Sipsey, Alabama

Ellen McGarity
b. August 8, 1906
d. February 27, 1995
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Henry McGarity
b. January 22, 1900
d. October 1, 1970
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Ila Mann McGhee
1903-1998
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

A.C. McGough
b. February 20, 1927
d. January 8, 2001
Old Flatwoods Primitive
Baptist Cemetery
Nauvoo, Alabama

Ethel Harper McGough
b. March 9, 1924
d. January 20, 2002
Old Flatwoods Primitive
Baptist Cemetery
Nauvoo, Alabama

Buford McGraw
Mt. Zion Methodist Church
Mt. Zion, Georgia

Henry Newton (Bud) McGraw
b. November 18, 1884
d. January 27, 1969
Mt. Zion Methodist Church
Mt. Zion, Georgia

Octavia Bishop (wife of T.B.) McGraw
West View Cemetery
Atlanta, Georgia

Thomas Beatrice (Tom) McGraw
b. July 15, 1892
d. November 13, 1970
West View Cemetery
Atlanta, Georgia

Ellen Lorene Ayers McGuire
b. February 13, 1910
d. May 25, 1976
City Cemetery
Bowdon, Georgia

Euckled Ivy McGuire
b. March 17, 1901
d. May 18, 1981
City Cemetery
Bowdon, Georgia

Amma McLendon McWhorter
b. May 28, 1899
d. May 5, 1990
Stripling Chapel
Carrollton, Georgia

Jessie Pearl Groover McWhorter
b. August 30, 1903
d. November 6, 1990
Antioch Cemetery
Abernathy, Alabama

John Clyde McWhorter
b. September 8, 1887
d. December 16, 1954
Buttram Family Cemetery
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Luther McWhorter
1908-1965
Cross Roads Baptist Church
Tallapoosa (Harlson Co.),
Georgia

Martha Jane McWhorter
b. March 14, 1861
d. October 3, 1931
Mt. Paran Cemetery
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Millard F. McWhorter
b. July 5, 1902
d. April 21, 1981
Antioch Cemetery
Abernathy, Alabama

Millard Filmore McWhorter
b. November 21, 1858
d. March 16, 1946
Mt. Paran Cemetery
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Carrie Wakiefield (daughter of J.J.) Mobley
b. September 9, 1891
d. November 11, 1969
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
(King School House)
Natural Bridge, Alabama

Vivalene Guthrie Moon
b. October 14, 1943
d. January 28, 1979
Liberty (McCormick)
Primitive Baptist Church
Jefferson County, Alabama

Camilla Yates Morris
1889-1977
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

Elder Arnslo W. Morris
1908-1985
Resthaven Mem. Gardens
Lanett, Alabama

Elvin Deason Morris
b. July 31, 1913
d. September 20, 2003
Memorial Hill Gardens
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Janie Yates Morris
1882-1948
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

Kenneth L. Morris
1915-1978
Resthaven Mem. Gardens
Lanett, Alabama

Lon Morris
1931-1884
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

Sinie F. Morris
1917-1980
Resthaven Mem. Gardens
Lanett, Alabama

Robert (Willie Bob) Morrison
b. April 19, 1918
d. April 17, 1978
Green Hill Memorial
Gardens
Childersberg, Alabama

Rodger Morrison
b. September 15, 1943
d. January 5, 1997
Pratville Cemetery
Prattville, Alabama

Joe Myers

b. March 10, 1887
d. November 19, 1965
New Hope Cemetery
Sipsey, Alabama

N**R.G. (Gerstle) Nail**

b. July 14, 1915
d. February 17, 2005
Sardis Church Cemetery
Jefferson County, Alabama

Lutie Denney Neighbors

b. March 12, 1909
d. October 15, 1999
Myrtle Hill Cemetery
Hogansville, Georgia

Bud Nix

b. September 16, 1893
d. August 24, 1985
Old Flatwoods Cemetery
Nauvoo, Alabama

Lera Arnivas (Webb) Norton

b. October 9, 1909
d. June 9, 1995
Lower Cane Creek Cemetery
Near Heflin, Alabama

Arvie M. Norton

b. December 13, 1915
d. October 12, 2003
Forestlawn Gardens
Mausoleum
Anniston, Alabama

Garnett Norton

b. October 7, 1914
d. May, 1983
Forestlawn Gardens
Anniston, Alabama

Vera Denson Nunn

b. October 17, 1913
d. June, 1989
Oak Hill Cemetery
Jasper, Alabama

O**Emma Oliver**

b. November 11, 1871
d. April 3, 1966
New Bethel
Near Collinsville (Cherokee
Co.), Alabama

Laura Oliver

b. August 6, 1894
d. March 24, 1960
New Bethel
Near Collinsville (Cherokee
Co.), Alabama

W.A. Oliver

b. May 28, 1893
d. February 20, 1962
New Bethel
Near Collinsville (Cherokee
Co.), Alabama

W.S. Oliver

b. June 24, 1866
d. October 18, 1948
New Bethel
Near Collinsville (Cherokee
Co.), Alabama

P**Alvin Parker**

b. November 22, 1908
d. August 14, 1997
Fellowship Cemetery
Cullman Co., Alabama

Asberry Parker

b. September 2, 1897
d. January 16, 1969
Odom Memorial Cemetery
Parrish, Alabama

Charles D. Parker

b. January 20, 1881
d. April 2, 1978
Elmwood Cemetery
Birmingham, Alabama

Irene Kitchens Parker

b. May 30, 1924
d. March 23, 1987
Odom Memorial Cemetery
Parrish, Alabama

Leldon Parker

b. April 3, 1913
d. April 1, 1987
Fellowship Cemetery
Cullman Co., Alabama

Luther Parker

b. November 25, 1900
d. May 11, 1992
Fellowship Cemetery
Cullman Co., Alabama

Nathaniel (Nat) Parker

b. October 21, 1880
d. December 3, 1965
Brushy Pond Cemetery
Cullman Co., Alabama

W.A. Parker

b. October 3, 1889
d. April 1, 1991
Elmwood Cemetery
Birmingham, Alabama

Elder Ira M. Patty

b. November 23, 1924
d. October 21, 1967
Mars Hill Cemetery
Cleburne Co., Alabama

Earl David Pelfrey

b. August 12, 1907
d. January 14, 1985
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Artie Brothers Phillips

b. January 12, 1889
d. November 5, 1968
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

George D. Phillips

b. December 7, 1887
d. July 6, 1970
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

Jane Peoples Phillips

b. February 17, 1932
d. September 5, 2003
Oak Hill Cemetery
Oneonta, Alabama

Ruby Phillips

b. February 22, 1919
d. August 16, 2000
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

Virgil Phillips

b. August 10, 1916
d. March 29, 2000
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

Bessie Pearl Fannin Pinkard

b. August 31, 1894
d. June 29, 1960
Russellville, Alabama

E.A. "Gus" Pope

b. August 3, 1881
d. January, 1957
Cross Roads Baptist Church
Tallapoosa (Harlson Co.),
Georgia

Etta Pope

b. May 1, 1884
d. February, 1967
Cross Roads Baptist Church
Tallapoosa (Harlson Co.),
Georgia

Gilbert Pope

b. September 28, 1910
d. November 16, 1966
Cross Roads Baptist Church
near Tallapoosa, Georgia

Mattie Lou Pope

b. June 2, 1915
Cross Roads Baptist Church
near Tallapoosa, Georgia

Edward (Leon) Price

b. February 26, 1918
d. June 3, 1995
Valley Grove Cemetery
Cullman, Alabama

Mavis Calvert Price

b. May 15, 1920
d. April 23, 2004
Valley Grove Cemetery
Cullman, Alabama

Jonie L. Pugh

b. March 2, 1904
d. April 19, 1985
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Eula Shaddix Pulliam

b. June 23, 1894
d. May 1, 1983
Mt. Ebron Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

**Ola Hicks (wife of J.T.)
Pruitt**

b. September 11, 1908
d. January 15, 1996
Mars Hill Cemetery
Cleburne Co., Alabama

J.T. Pruitt

b. September 15, 1903
d. March 25, 1986
Mars Hill Cemetery
Cleburne Co., Alabama

R**Emmie Wallace Ray**

1896-1974
Mt. Zion P.B. Church
Ashland, Alabama

Ida Dorris Ray

Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Lloyd Redding

b. October 13, 1915
d. November 13, 1985
Holly Springs PBC
near Bremen, Georgia

J.D. Reed

b. October 31, 1891
d. July 23, 1963
Rocky Mount
Near Collinsville (DeKalb
Co.), Alabama

Martha Reed

b. 1866
d. December 25, 1938
Rocky Mount
Near Collinsville (DeKalb
Co.), Alabama

W.T. Reed

b. 1862
d. November, 1950
Rocky Mount
Near Collinsville (DeKalb
Co.), Alabama

Beulah Reese

b. 1908
d. July 29, 2003
Anniston Memorial Gardens
Anniston, Alabama

Annie Denney Reeves

b. October 3, 1900
d. December 16, 1960
Emmaus P.B.C.
Carrollton, Georgia

Hoyt Renfroe

d. July 24, 1995
Alabama

Gaines W. Rice

b. December 6, 1881
d. October 29, 1967
Orange Baptist Church
Russellville, Alabama

**Velma H. Sheppard
Richardson**

b. July 10, 1926
d. December 17, 1998
Rome, Georgia

Charlie F. Rogers

b. September 5, 1883
d. July 14, 1956
Hopewell P.B.C. (Heard Co.)
Ephesus, Georgia

**George Franklin, Sr.
Rogers**

b. March 12, 1885
d. January 29, 1969
Ephesus Cemetery
Ephesus, Georgia

George W. Rogers

b. August 24, 1910
d. August 12, 2002
Ephesus Baptist Church
Cemetery
Ephesus, Georgia

J. Harrison Rogers

b. November 18, 1852
d. October 1, 1919
Hopewell P.B.C. (Heard Co.)
Ephesus, Georgia

Lizzie Copeland Rogers

b. May 14, 1859
d. December 27, 1943
Hopewell P.B.C. (Heard Co.)
Ephesus, Georgia

Newton Alvin Rogers

b. May 15, 1905
d. January 30, 1957
Franklin Cemetery
Franklin, Georgia

Tessie Word Rogers

b. September 25, 1887
d. May 27, 1969
Ephesus Cemetery
Ephesus, Georgia

Vivian Denney Rogers

b. July 15, 1917
d. December 12, 2002
Ephesus Baptist Church
Cemetery
Ephesus, Georgia

T. H. Ross

d. May 29, 1994
Haines City, Florida

Verla (Mrs. T.H.) Ross

d. January 24, 2000
Haines City, Florida

Ina Wallace Rosser
1913-1995
Garden Hills Cemetery
Opelika, Alabama

S

Naomi W. Sailors
b. December 27, 1914
d. March 1, 2005
Wilson's Chapel Cemetery
Carrollton, Georgia

Ola Maria Jackson Scott
b. April 28, 1891
d. December 25, 1910
Chilton Co., Alabama

Alta Mae Hopper Self
b. May 23, 1935
d. October 3, 1998
Hartselle Memory Gardens
Hartselle, Alabama

Mae Howton Seymour
b. March 10, 1919
d. June 9, 1998
Tuscaloosa Memorial Park
Cem.
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Alton Smith Shaddix
b. January 20, 1910
d. February 28, 1983
Mt. Ebron Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

Andrew Clinton Shaddix
b. December 3, 1888
d. November 15, 1953
Mt. Ebron Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

Mary Patricia Shaddix
b. January 29, 1943
d. August 22, 1996
Mt. Ebron Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

Ranzy Shaddix
b. April 3, 1887
d. April 7, 1954
Mt. Ebron Cemetery
Double Springs, Alabama

Carrie Ellen Henley Sheppard
b. April 14, 1890
d. December 31, 1941
Pleasant Grove Cemetery
Moultrie, Georgia

George Frank Sheppard
b. March 1, 1885
d. September 21, 1942
Pleasant Grove Cemetery
Moultrie, Georgia

Jerry Franklin Sheppard
b. April 4, 1922
d. June 19, 1998
Roanoke Memorial Gardens
Roanoke, Alabama

Mozelle McWhorter Sheppard
b. May 31, 1924
d. February 26, 2004
Forest Lawn Memorial Park
Bremen, Georgia

William James Shirey
b. November 17, 1863
d. October 30, 1950
Fairview Cemetery
Albertville (Marshall Co.),
Alabama

Gladys Johnson Simmons
b. May 31, 1913
d. December 9, 2003
Lower Cane Creek Cemetery
Heflin, Alabama

Flora Leona Skinner
b. August 20, 1908
d. August 10, 2002
City Cemetery
Heflin, Alabama

Dean Slaton
b. November 27, 1956
d. June 7, 2005
Creameted

Clara Deason Smith
b. May 11, 1908
d. August 19, 2003
LittleHope PBC Cemetery
Eoline, Alabama

Elder Donald Smith
b. January 16, 1936
d. July 2, 2003
LittleHope PBC Cemetery
Eoline, Alabama

Elder Virgil C. Smith
b. September 4, 1911
d. May 29, 1986
LittleHope PBC Cemetery
Eoline, Alabama

James Lamar Smith
b. August 22, 1918
d. June 24, 2003
Mt. Pleasant Church
near Crossville, Alabama

Leola Green Bailey Smith
b. January 9, 1915
d. January 23, 2003
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

Mattie L. Harmon Smith
b. November 15, 1882
d. January 2, 1952
Macedonia P.B.C.
Chambers Co., Alabama

Rev. A.J. Snider
b. October 14, 1905
d. February 5, 1959
Jacksonville, Alabama

Dr. J. Sam Snoddy
b. March 15, 1899
d. April 30, 1964
Fairview Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Era Lillian Snow
b. April 8, 1903
d. November 1, 1958
City Cemetery
Carrollton, Georgia

Forrest Stallings
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Margie Ivey Stallings
b. March 27, 1895
d. April 30, 1981
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Alvin Willard Stanson
b. 6254
d. June 29, 1998
Garden Hills Cemetery
Opelika, Alabama

Sharon Smith Stevenson
b. 27666
d. November 9, 2005
Union Chapel Cdmtery
Near Van, Texas

Alice Estella Smith Sudduth
b. February 4, 1879
d. August 26, 1961
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Alvin Lee Sudduth
b. January 10, 1917
d. October 26, 1973
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Everett L. Sudduth
b. November 24, 1910
d. March 13, 1974
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Icie M. Sudduth
b. January 18, 1920
d. March 5, 1988
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

J.P. "Bud" Sudduth
b. April 17, 1901
d. March 12, 1978
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

J.W. Sudduth
b. December 1, 1905
d. June 4, 1971
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Jarrett Sudduth
b. January 5, 1884
d. July 13, 1956
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Julia Sudduth
b. August 17, 1883
d. April 1, 1960
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Liza Sudduth
1886-1968
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Monroe Sudduth
1882-1950
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Mose O. Sudduth
1880-1952
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Ovella Sudduth
b. April 27, 1908
d. October 9, 1991
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

W.J. Sudduth
b. February 29, 1878
d. January 24, 1947
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

T

Boyd Tanner
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Inez Wallace Thomaston
1911-1996
Moultrie, Georgia

Rev. Loyd E. Toney
b. September 22, 1911
d. December 17, 2003
Carrollton City Cemetery
Carrollton, Georgia

**Bertha Lee Jackson
Traywick**
b. February 14, 1896
d. February 23, 1913
Chilton Co., Alabama

**Mattie Eliz Jackson
Traywick**
b. January 8, 1890
d. March 17, 1935
Chilton Co., Alabama

Florence (Dude) W. Turner
b. January 14, 1914
d. February 13, 1965
Holly Springs PBC
near Bremen, Georgia

V

Erskine Vandegrift, Jr.
b. 1921
d. October 22, 2003
Birmingham, Alabama

W

**Betty Fayrene Hogan
Wakefield**
b. December 22, 1934
d. March 31, 2000
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
(King School House)
Natural Bridge, Alabama

Eugene (Gene) Wakefield
b. April 17, 1930
d. September 12, 2000
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
(King School House)
Natural Bridge, Alabama

Henry Clifford Wakefield
b. July 2, 1935
d. April 26, 1998
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
(King School House)
Natural Bridge, Alabama

**Lyaid Cathrine Ward (wife
of Sim) Wakefield**
b. May 15, 1905
d. July 7, 1979
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
(King School House)
Natural Bridge, Alabama

**Rev. Ganua (son of Walter)
Wakefield**
b. March 3, 1924
d. March 3, 1973
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
(King School House)
Natural Bridge, Alabama

Rev. J.J. Wakefield
b. August 30, 1859
d. February 11, 1928
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
(King School House)
Natural Bridge, Alabama

**Julie Moon (wife of Rev.
J.J.) Wakefield**
b. May 11, 1865
d. July 3, 1957
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
(King School House)
Natural Bridge, Alabama

**Luther Andrew (son of Rev.
J.J.) Wakefield**
b. May 18, 1895
d. February 19, 1956
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
(King School House)
Natural Bridge, Alabama

Martha J. Ward (wife of Walter) Wakefield
b. June, 1897
d. October, 1965
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
(King School House)
Natural Bridge, Alabama

Mary J. Ward (wife of Luther) Wakefield
b. December 9, 1897
d. November 21, 1980
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
(King School House)
Natural Bridge, Alabama

Simion (Sim) Lee (son of Rev. J.J.) Wakefield
b. August 16, 1898
d. August 22, 1983
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
(King School House)
Natural Bridge, Alabama

Walter J. (son of Rev. J.J.) Wakefield
b. February 26, 1889
d. April, 1965
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
(King School House)
Natural Bridge, Alabama

Wilford Lee Wakefield
b. September 14, 1928
d. August 10, 1994
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
(King School House)
Natural Bridge, Alabama

Effie M. Walker
b. August 17, 1919
d. October 20, 1993
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Woodie Lacy Busby Walker
b. August 25, 1911
d. December 17, 2000
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Alton Wallace
1905-1975
Dadeville, Alabama

Bartow Wallace
1903-1987
Big Springs Baptist Church
Ashland, Alabama

Clanton Wallace
1921-1976
Dadeville, Alabama

Marshall Wallace
1901-1959
Mt. Zion P.B. Church
Ashland, Alabama

Mary Wallace
1876-1933
Mt. Zion P.B. Church
Ashland, Alabama

Maude H. Wallace
b. November 18, 1888
d. February 20, 1975
Holly Springs PBC
near Bremen, Georgia

Melton Wallace
1919-1996
Hillcrest Cemetery
Jacksonville, Alabama

Mitchell B. Wallace
1871-1954
Mt. Zion P.B. Church
Ashland, Alabama

Virgil Wallace
1897-1954
Mt. Zion P.B. Church
Ashland, Alabama

W. Manuel Wallace
1892-1969
Holly Springs PBC
near Bremen, Georgia

Walter E. Wallace
b. April 27, 1881
d. October 5, 1969
Holly Springs PBC
near Bremen, Georgia

Angie Jackson Walters
b. November 7, 1901
d. June 6, 1996
Macedonia P.B.C.
Chambers Co., Alabama

Jasper Asbury (Jap) Walton
b. November 2, 1916
d. June 16, 2005
Forest Lawn Memorial
Gardens
Bremen, Georgia

Alice Estella Smith Warren
b. June 3, 1904
d. May 30, 1982
Old Harmony Cemetery
Abernathy, Alabama

Louella Warren
b. May 11, 1910
d. August 2, 1991
Forestlawn Gardens
Anniston, Alabama

Spencer Preston Warren
b. May 4, 1906
d. February 16, 1985
Forestlawn Gardens
Anniston, Alabama

William Chester Warren
b. November 24, 1900
d. August 4, 1952
Old Harmony Cemetery
Abernathy, Alabama

Eloise Lowe Watkins
b. March 2, 1932
d. January 3, 2001
Hopewell P.B.C.
Oneonta, Alabama

Delia Godsey Watts
b. September 18, 1891
d. January 29, 1970
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Milford Watts
b. February 11, 1915
d. April 13, 2002
Antioch Baptist Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Arlin W. Webb
1900-1978
Forestlawn Garden &
Mausoleum
Anniston, Alabama

Dula Webb
b. 1902
d. August 6, 1995
Forestlaw Gardens &
Mausoleum
Anniston, Alabama

Hardy B. Welborn
1865-1951
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

Martha A. Welborn
b. January 16, 1867
d. February 5, 1948
Shady Grove P.B. Church
Double Springs, Alabama

B.T. Wheat

b. December 15, 1852
d. August 17, 1935
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

J.G. Wheat

b. June 7, 1892
d. May 13, 1985
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Mamie Wheat

b. May 13, 1900
d. February 1, 1991
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Naomi Wheat

b. January 20, 1896
d. March 20, 1995
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Nelson Wheat

b. July 7, 1897
d. September 29, 1967
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

S.B. Wheat

b. January 17, 1852
d. May 18, 1930
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

T.L. Wheat

b. November 24, 1889
d. February 17, 1965
Zion P.B. Church
Kennedy (Pickens Co.),
Alabama

Joy Wheeler

d. April 17, 2004
New York

Benjamin Franklin White

b. September 20, 1800
d. December 3, 1879
Oakland Cemetery
Atlanta, Georgia

Pauline Denney White

b. September 9, 1904
d. July 11, 1989
Myrtle Hill Cemetery
Hogansville, Georgia

Elijah Wilks

b. December 23, 1882
d. March 17, 1969
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

J. Bonard Wilks

b. February 20, 1907
d. September 10, 1973
Liberty Baptist Church
Henagar, Alabama

Dewey Williams

d. November 11, 1995
Ozark, Alabama

Revy D. Wallace

Williamson
b. January 20, 1916
d. November 7, 2002
Carroll Memory Gardens
Carrollton, Georgia

Irene Mitchell Willoughby

b. 1916
d. March 12, 2004
Waco Cemetery
Waco, Georgia

Shannon Wilson

1958-2000
Rocky Mt. P.B. Church
Daviston, Alabama

A.M. "Monroe" Wood

b. May 1, 1889
d. November 15, 1966
Cross Roads Baptist Church
Tallapoosa (Harlson Co.),
Georgia

Azilee Wood

b. December 27, 1893
d. January 3, 1975
Cross Roads Baptist Church
Tallapoosa (Harlson Co.),
Georgia

Carlton Freeman Wood

b. April 20, 1922
d. December 8, 1993
Cross Roads Baptist Church
Tallapoosa (Harlson Co.),
Georgia

Florence Wood

b. January 18, 1932
d. April 6, 1999
Poplar Springs Baptist
Church
Tallapoosa (Harlson Co.),
Georgia

Martha Woodard

b. July 5, 1913
d. June 28, 2005
Cullman City Cemeter
Cullman, Alabama

Chester D. Wootten

b. July 22, 1910
d. April 2, 1988
Shady Grove Baptist Church
Dutton, Alabama

Freeman Wootten

b. June 12, 1921
d. November 7, 2001
Antioch Baptist Church
Ider, Alabama

**Gerald (son of Mack)
Wootten**

d. July 30, 2005

James Carnice Wootten

b. February 18, 1918
d. May 10, 1986
Antioch Baptist Church
Ider, Alabama

Jesse M. Wootten

b. May 1, 1888
d. June 20, 1971
Shady Grove Baptist Church
Dutton, Alabama

Postell Wootten

b. July 8, 1913
d. January 14, 1979
Antioch Baptist Church
Ider, Alabama

Thomas MacDonald

"Mack" Wootten
b. August 22, 1915
d. July 8, 1988
Green Haven Memorial
Gardens
Henagar, Alabama

Walter T. Wyers

b. July 23, 1928
d. March 23, 2000
LittleHope PBC Cemetery
Eoline, Alabama

Y**William Yates**

1876-1941
Langdale Cemetery
Valley, Alabama

2004 AND 2005 DEATHS

This list is compiled from the names submitted for the Memorial Lessons in the 2004 and 2005 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 2004

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 2004 minutes.

Listed by Date

01-15-04	Virginia Myers Easter	Alabama
01-26-04	Ben Brady	Georgia
02-26-04	Mozelle McWhorter Sheppard	Georgia
03-03-04	Dennis Phillips	Alabama
03-12-04	Irene Mitchell Willoughby	Alabama
03-00-04	Dave Franklin	Kentucky
04-17-04	Joy Wheeler	New York
04-22-04	Estelle Sheppard Flowers	Georgia
04-22-04	Barbara DePoy	Georgia
04-23-04	Mavis Price	Alabama
05-03-04	Grover Lebron Hinton	Alabama
05-20-04	J.C. Hardin (98)	Alabama
05-24-04	Alonzo Edwards	Alabama
07-25-04	Etma Barton	Alabama
08-25-04	Gladys Bonds	Alabama
09-04-04	Nelda Henry	Alabama
09-10-04	Billie Beard	Texas
09-12-04	Allen Fannin	New York
10-20-04	Ronnie Meadows	Alabama
10-28-04	Ovada Phillips Carr	Alabama
10-29-04	Elder Marshall Avery	Georgia

Listed by State (* — see above list for date)

Alabama

Ethel Hill Adams	*Alonzo Edwards	Louise Haynes
Nathan Aldridge	Jolly Edwards	*Nelda Henry
Willie Mae Argo	Martha Ellis	Arbie Hill
*Etma Barton	Kitty Foster	*Grover Lebron Hinton
Edna Betts	Thomas Futrual	Pauline Hulsey
*Gladys Bonds	Gerlene Gilbert	Roger Humphrey
Mae Bryan	Tolbert Godsey	Oscar Jones
William Bryan	E.R. Graves	Paul Mastranzio
*Ovada Phillips Carr	Paul Greeson	Susan McKathan
Clara Cobbs	Walter Gurley	Ruby McMunn
Dexter Cobbs	Talmage Guthrie	*Ronnie Meadows
David Cospier	*J.C. Hardin	Dena Morgan
Florence Doss	L.O. Harper	J.L. Noland
*Virginia Myers Easter	J.R. Hart	Reba Warren Norton
	Roxie Hart	Danny Pace

F.L. Parnell
Gesnee Driver Pate
Cathalene Pearson
*Dennis Phillips
*Mavis Price
Bruce Randolph
Clearcy Rutledge
Lanie Shelton
Dock Shirley
Nanne Lou Shirley
Kenneth Simmons
Jack Springer
Avery Strickland
Elsie Sweatt
Molene Thompson
Warren Thompson
Alma Warren
Thomas Whitman
Laverne Williams
*Irene Mitchell
Willoughby
Charley Wright

Arkansas

Betty Haas

Arizona

Bill Burke
Nancy Schapper

California

Neal Borstein
Edward Ford
Lorraine Forry
Ruth Carolyn Fuhr
Brenda Davidson
Barbara Lewis
Ford Lewis
Robin London
Ishwer Ojha
Jeff Robinson
Livia Rodriguez
Mark Rodriguez
Robin Rodriguez
Mildred Segal
Sharon Smenk
Martyn Stanley
Margy Thomas

Connecticut

Jake Jacobson
Doris Morganson
Laurette Wojcik

Florida

Patsy Cirkus
Margaret Hodges
Bill Holt
Donald Lipp
Mac Tarrou

Georgia

George Anderson
Mercedes Anderson
*Elder Marshall Avery
Darrel Beasley
Reynaldo Blalock
*Ben Brady
Bob Conner
Marie Conner
Charles Crawford
Kate Daniel
Floyd Faith
Mollie Gable
*Barbara DePoy
Linnie Denney
*Estelle Sheppard

Flowers
George Forster
Ruth Hitchcock
Barbara Johnson
Phyllis Jordan
Hannah Ingham
Robert Kendrick
Mike Nickels (Mikels?)
Nick Pender
Alline Robinson
*Mozelle McWhorter
Sheppard
Bob Shivers
Carolyn Snow
Mary Sorrells

Illinois

Harry Cullins
Betty Dickey
John Erickson
Mike Fleischer
Ada Godsey
Bertha Hoeflin
Ruth Kellam
Thomas Moore
Mary Palmer
Coleridge-Taylor
Perkinson
Sharon Rogers

Lt. Col. John Henry
Stein
Hazel Williams

Indiana

Carl Massanari
Jennifer Pomfret
Barbara Taylor

Iowa

Bothilda Cleveland

Kentucky

Bethany Anderson
*Dave Franklin
Wilma Furgason
Will Sommer
Rachel Sutherland
Elva Carl Wagoner

Louisiana

Hermon Lasyone

Maine

Charlene Cain
Perley Langley
Ken Meyer
Joseph Talbot
Nick Tucker

Maryland

Althea Forman

Massachusetts

Marcelo Burjato
Howard Johnson
Barbara Kamar
Lisa Maisels
Kristen Malone
Corey McFadden
Lawrence Pearlman
Daniel Pentlarge
Sharon Powers
Wayne Rasmussen
Elizabeth Roberts
Lynn Snyder

Michigan

Maggie Cayhill
Janice Kerwin
Teresa Russell

Minnesota

Irene Austin

Bill "Tony" Blodgett
Waldo Bunge
Verna Carr
Hilmer Iverson
Roland Kirk

Mississippi

Alma Allen
Gloria Neill
Virgil Wise
Ruth Wortham
W.T. Wortham

Missouri

Chester Embeck
Laura Van Gorp
Mildred Krueger
Jeanette Soloil

Montana

Doug Anthony

Nebraska

Orville Svingen
Sharon Walker

New Hampshire

Jane Brownlow

New Jersey

Arthur Burtis
Cheryl Doehler
Joan Hill
Robert Martin
A.J. May
Betty Nikelsky

New York

Stanley Brown
Albert Ciampi
Ione Collins
Linda Crump-Stenberg
*Allen Fannin
Phyllis Flandreau
Agnes Jeannopoulos
Abraham Kaufman
George Moore
Tomislav Podreka
John Pomfret
Barbara Quirk
David Sadler
Helen Sadler
Lillian Wesolowski
*Joy Wheeler

North Carolina

Robert Batchelor
Art Broadus
Sterling Grant
Bonnie Peterson
Herbert White

Ohio

Mary Flickinger
Ada Mergus

Oregon

Sarah Bishop
Mike Christy
Fred Franguero
Sebastion Garrido
Ernie Goertzen
Chris Gum
John Hartman
Merritt Herring
Gene Lander
Elbert Little
Craig Miller
Randy Owen
Marge Perry
Leah Polachek
Valerie Poust
Sherrie Schulke
Roy Settlemyer
Joyce Zemplak

Pennsylvania

Worth Brown
Catharine Elder
Ruth Hohenstein
Robert Langston
Cindy McKee
Thomas L Miller, Jr.
Betty Rudolph
Kenneth Russell
Elvira Rychlak
Horace Taylor
Archie Wasson
Evelyn Wasson
Elizabeth Werner

Rhode Island

Raymond Grandidge

South Carolina

Mark Ayers

Tennessee

Howard Cherry
Laura Collins
Donald Durham
Tom Watson

Texas

Kathleen Allen
Essie Arnold
Ben Ayers
Vernie Barber
Billy Barlow
*Billie Beard
Veta Casey
Lee Omi Davis
Elder O.H. Griffith
Dick Haase
Cpt. Andy Houghton
Gene Magee
Lovena Owen
Jack Whitehead
Jeff Wise

Utah

Dean May
Linda Ann Snow

Vermont

Victor Barreda
David Dellinger
Frank Heinrieck
Virgil McCarty
Alice Peabody
Sue Wanner

Virginia

Sue Cowen
Jon Eklund
Malcom Morrison
Jay Pace
Carin Pomeroy
Margaret Rennie
Glenn Ruby
Anne Marie Serio
Bill Willingham

Washington

Noel Gray
David Hotaling
Wayne Iverson
Virginia Keeting
Leona LePenske

Leslie Moynan
Livija Verzemnieks
Washington, D.C.

Nancy Mullenex
Mary Ann Williamson

Wisconsin

Dave Egelhoff
Earl Homuth
Virginia Leuke
Christine Lipo
Helen Snowberg

Wyoming

Elvira Tippettes

State Unknown

Zilpha Booth
Nancy Gilbert
Ed Lindsay
Lella Lindsay
Sushia Peterson
Marie Sidel

Africa

Rhonda Fraser

Canada

Camillus Baker
Matt Dolmage
Heather Fisher
Annie Furlotte
David Graham

Dane Harrison
Irene Harrison
Joe Harrison
Myrtle Holmlund
William Holmlund
Jean Johnson
Ada Keays
Barney Keenan
Marg Keogh
Sarah Marie Kinsley
Dorothy Kuchta
Bettle Liota
Mary Logsdon
Pat Lowry
Blake Lloyd
Annie Molnar
Olga Pavlovsky
Dorothy Yeramian

England

Olive Anderson
Tina Bowen
Dennis Brown
John Claxton
Judy Colclough
Bob Copper
Wayne Cussen
John Davidson
Yvonne Earle
Mary Finch
Henry Ford
Fred Greenwood

Ron Hamlin
Marian Irvine
Colin Isted
Margaret Jackman
Louise Johnson
Derek Lamprell
Sheila Lamprell
Irene Land
Jack Leonard
Venice Manley
John Mason
Margaret McLeod
Margaret Page
Terence Pamplin
John Peel
Elizabeth Mary Phillips
Gladys Reynolds
Ken Robinson
George Sadler
Roberta Seaton
Wendle Smith
David Spencer
Gordon Summers
Eddie Thompson
Mark Tindall
Win Tyler
E. Wahlman
Ron Walmsley
Anna Marie Wheeler
Trevor Withall
Anna Young

DEATHS 2005

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 2005 minutes.

Listed by Date

01-02-05	Mel Thompson	Oregon
01-03-05	Marie Hanss	New York
01-17-05	Cliffie Robinson Windom	Michigan
01-19-05	Roxanna Mennella	New York
01-21-05	Steve Susskind	California
01-25-05	Hershell King	Alabama
01-29-05	Sherry Guthery	Alabama
01-30-05	Katy Lee	Oregon
01-00-05	Ruth Recker	Indiana
02-11-05	Maudie Hammonds	Alabama
02-16-05	John Hocutt	Alabama
02-16-05	Cathy Thaler	Oregon

02-17-05	R.G. (Gerstle) Nail	Alabama
02-17-05	Gary McGraw	Georgia
02-20-05	Diane Lewis-Moles	Oregon
02-00-05	Phil Tabor	Tennessee
03-01-05	Naomi W Sailors	Georgia
03-16-05	Kelly Beard	Texas
03-26-05	Elvera Dowling Lee	Georgia
04-09-05	Tom Gibney	New Jersey
04-09-05	Phillip Alderman	Missouri
04-12-05	Steven Hough	California
04-18-05	Ivalene Donaldson	Alabama
05-14-05	Floyd Peters	Georgia
05-31-05	Gaines Preston McClendon	Georgia
06-05-05	A.D. Chandler	Alabama
06-07-05	Lera Sellers Beckett	Alabama
06-07-05	Dean Slaton	Indiana
06-07-05	Ruth White	Illinois
06-16-05	Jasper (Jap) Walton	Alabama
06-28-05	Martha Woodard	Alabama
07-15-05	Louise Brown Allen	Alabama
07-30-05	Gerald Wootten	Alabama
08-22-05	Al Frank	Illinois
08-26-05	Nancy Levy	New York
09-08-05	Maxine Lacy	Alabama
09-20-05	Ora Lee Adams Fannin	Alabama
10-08-05	Mildred Johnson	Georgia
10-08-05	Ruth Aaron	Alabama
11-04-05	Leonard Price	Alabama
11-05-05	I.V. McWhorter	Georgia
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Oleta Campbell	Bill Gifford	Gimble Johnson
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Milton Kerr
Donald Kilgore
Othell Kilgore
*Hershell King
*Maxine Lacy
*R.G. (Gerstle) Nail
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Zelda Phillips
David Pollard
*Leonard Price
Ella Lee Robertson
Lawson Smith
Sylvia Stl Clair
Lecil Stewart
Gladys Tally
Earline Taylor
Doris Lowe Thomas
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Kathleen White
Mary White
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Dottie Jones
Mamie Riley
Anne Shea
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Ronald Crews
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Robert Garner
Berta Hanson
Essie Fielder Holcombe
Hannah Ingram
*Mildred Johnson
Howard Key
*Elvera Dowling Lee

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*Gaines Preston
McClendon
*Gary McGraw
*I.V. McWhorter
Evelyn Newman
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Hoyt Pope
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Mae Ragsdale
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Julie Stanford
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Maggie Wood

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Pat Craig
Dale Eddington
*Al Frank
Nancy Granda
Francis Hennigan
John Hennigan
June Porter
Aaron Primas
Orville Senger
Vi Stark
*Ruth White

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Lois DePoy
Tom DePoy
*Ruth Recker
*Dean Slaton

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Lewis Brown
Bernie Jones
Howard Jones
Wilson Murley
Steve White

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Pat Mudd
Art Stamper

Maine

Emmanuel Fomtana
Shirley Toner
Craig Welch

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Mary Chyba
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Florence Schroeder
Harold Stallings
Julian Stanley
Greg Stark

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Walter Hohmann
Helen Holland
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Jennie Long
Merton Pomfret
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Steve Gordon
Elizabeth Hawkins
Robbie Nowlin
Joe Owen
Sushila Peterson
Ammon Reeves
*Sharon Smith Stevenson
Bill Trevarrow
Dr. Percy Young
Ann Weisenfeld

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Adrian Karsten
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Myrt Buffington
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McCoy
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Stan Whiting

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Brother Roger

Germany

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Georgio Garelli

New Zealand

Winnie Winston

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